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Upgrade will allow students to book visits with doctor online

By DAN SMITH
staff writer

Administrators at the Student Health and Wellness Center (SHWC) recently upgraded its medical records system from paper charts to computer-based, electronic filing.

"There are a couple things that are by-products of the electronic medical record," said Dr. Jim Davis, executive director of Student Health Services. "One is electronically being able to schedule appointments."

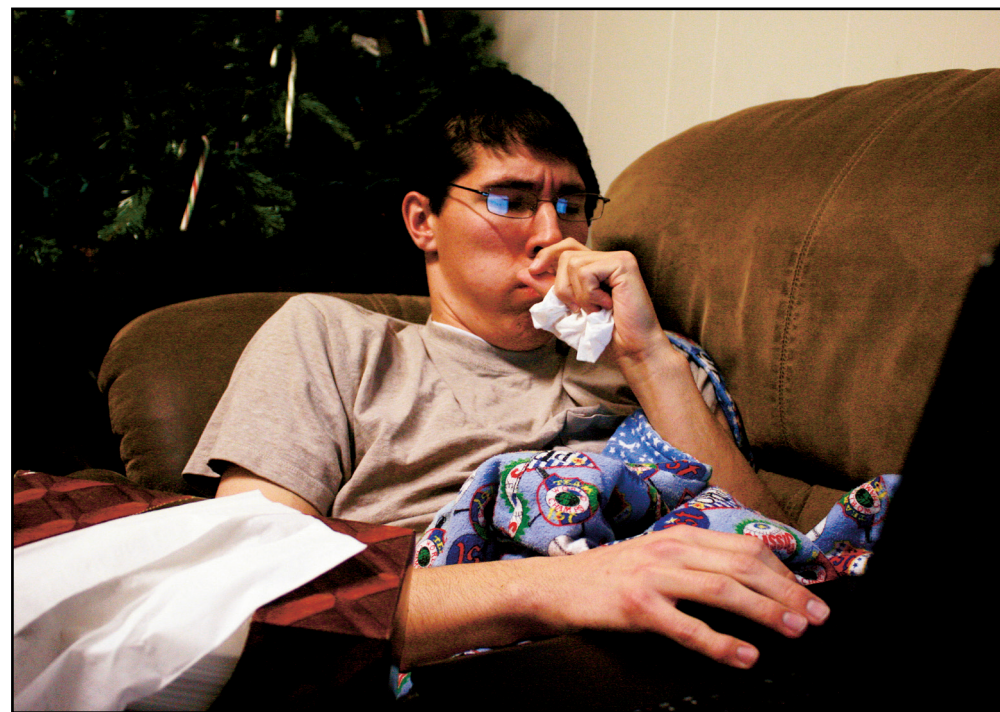
"If you wake up in the middle of the night and you feel ill, you can go online and schedule your appointment. It'll be confirmed first thing in the morning," he said.

In the future, he said the program may even produce a printable parking pass so students can avoid getting a parking ticket if they forget to sign in.

The health center offers health care to all students, their spouses and their children. The fees are included as part of the tuition costs USU students pay each semester.

"We were fortunate enough to find a spot in the market ... where we got a favorable bid," Davis said. "So we're really happy that we were able to do it as inexpensively."

Saving income from student fees over the course of five years made the \$55,000



SCHEDULING DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENTS will be made easier through the Health and Wellness Center's website. The software purchased was a total of approximately \$100,000. BRANDEN FONDA photo illustration

software purchase possible, he said. After hardware costs are finalized, the project's total pricetag will be in the range of \$100,000.

"In the future, I would expect that these kinds of software programs will be accompanied by some decision-making soft-

ware," Davis said. "It may present you a list of diseases to consider, or a list of tests you should run."

The software, called "Point-n-Click," allows health center staff to quantify medi-

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Council alters compensation to match budget

By JESSICA SWEAT and ROB JEPSON
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Tuesday's ASUSU executive council meeting, two resolutions were proposed concerning tuition waivers for members of the council and members of the academic senate.

The resolutions propose a change in compensation from full tuition waivers to a set dollar amount. The resolutions state that the current method of compensation, tuition waivers, has placed the budget at a deficit of nearly \$80,000.

The resolutions also state, "The budget shortfall has created the necessity to award the position and not the individual."

Currently, all members of the executive council and all academic senators receive full tuition and fee waivers as well as a \$200 monthly stipend. The first resolution, which was sponsored by Executive Vice President Brent Crosby and co-sponsored by Academic Senate President Tanner Wright, proposed that members of the academic senate receive cash scholarships of \$2,150 each semester with no additional stipend.

The second resolution, also sponsored by Crosby and Wright, proposed the ASUSU president receive a cash scholarship of \$3,000 each semester and a stipend of \$300 five times per semester. It also proposed that all other members of the council, including all director-level positions, receive a cash scholarship of \$2,500 each semester with a stipend of \$200 four times a semester, approximately each month. All compensation may be placed on top of any existing scholarships.

The proposed resolutions will not affect the graduate student senate.

Wright said each senator does as much work as executive council members. He said senators also represent the whole student body, but through their own colleges, and he feels it may be disrespectful to compensate the senators less. Wright also said even compensation of any amount would be better. Engineering Senator Cami Lyman said she agrees with Wright.

In regards to executive council members receiving more compensation, Crosby said,

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Kennedy's position filled by alumnus

By CATHERINE MEIDELL
news editor

After former USU director of government relations, Michael Kennedy, was hired as Sen. Orrin Hatch's chief of staff, Neil Abercrombie was hired to fill the position in order to be prepared for the approaching legislative session.

Abercrombie has connections to government officials in Utah cities and towns due to his involvement with the League of Cities and Towns, USU spokesman John DeVilbiss said,

which will benefit USU in the coming legislative session.

Kennedy's hire as Hatch's chief of staff was a surprise to USU officials, but USU President Stan Albrecht spent much of his time since the government relations position opened finding a comparable new faculty member to fill it, said Brent Miller, vice president of research.

The hope is that Abercrombie will be able to positively impact the fate of USU funding in coming years.

"He will help us obtain appropriate funding for research which is made up partly from

earmarks, but also from stimulus funding," Miller said.

It is uncertain whether earmarks will occur the same way they have in the past because the "political climate is changing," he said.

"Articulating our needs for funding support to key legislators was an essential responsibility of Michael Kennedy as it will be for Abercrombie," DeVilbiss said.

The hope is that Abercrombie will be a

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Chamber choir on list for Grammy nomination

Members shocked by classical album's national recognition

By RHETT WILKINSON
staff writer

USU's Chamber Singers, a choral ensemble in the music department, was selected to be placed on a list as a possible nominee for three Grammy awards for its new CD, "Show Me Thy Ways: Choral Music of Daniel E. Gawthrop."

The Chamber Singers were placed on the entry list for Best Classical Album, Best Choral Performance, and Best Engineered Album of the classical genre.

"It's nice to be validated in terms of knowing you're doing it (making music) the right way," said Cory Evans, director of choral activities for the Caine College of the Arts. "It's more than just your mom telling you, who always says, 'oh, that sounds nice.'"

Choir members were also pleased with the nomination entry.

"We were all blown away," said senior

Kristen Amundsen, who is a member of the choir. "When we went into it, we said we would make (the CD) for family and friends as a Christmas present, but we had no idea it would rise to this level. It was just like, 'holy crap, we actually did this.'"

Evans said the accomplishment is not easily attained.

"In this profession, to get a Grammy nomination is almost like winning a Grammy," he said.

Caine College of the Arts Dean Craig Jessop, former conductor of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, served as executive director of the project.

The disc was recorded by Grammy award-winning engineer Bruce Leek, who regularly records for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

The recordings took place between Feb. 25

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THE USU CHAMBER CHOIR'S CD "Show Me Thy Ways," has been selected for a possible Grammy nomination and was recorded by Grammy award-winning engineer Bruce Leek.

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Nat'l Briefs

Student who held peers hostage dies

MARINETTE, Wis. (AP) – A 15-year-old student who held two dozen students and a teacher hostage for several hours in a classroom at a Wisconsin high school died Tuesday at a hospital from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, authorities said.

Samuel Hengel shot himself after police stormed a classroom at Marinette High School Monday night, said police chief Jeff Skorik. Hengel had been holding most of the students and their social studies teacher hostage for several hours. No one else was wounded.

The teenager allowed one of his hostages free a short time after he took over the classroom.

Five more of his hostages were let out after about six and a half hours, and finally the other students and their teacher Valerie Burd emerged unharmed.

Man arrested for kidnapping sons

MORENCI, Mich. (AP) – The father of three young brothers who have been missing since Thanksgiving was charged with their kidnapping on Tuesday, hours after police said it's unlikely the boys will be found alive.

John Skelton, 39, was arrested after his release from a medical facility in Lucas County, Ohio, where he had been being treated since attempting to hang himself on Friday.

Skelton was charged in Lenawee County, Mich., across the state border, with three counts of parental kidnapping, Morenci Police Chief Larry Weeks said during a brief news conference.

Nine-year-old Andrew, 7-year-old Alexander and 5-year-old Tanner Skelton have not been seen since Thanksgiving, when they were with their father in Morenci.

LateNiteHumor

Top 10 Things Overheard at Larry King's Birthday Party – Nov. 19, 2010

10. "When can we leave?"
9. "You got him suspenders? I got him suspenders!"
8. "Hey, a piñata full of Lipitor."
7. "Someone tell Wolf Blitzer to put on a shirt."
6. "Clear!"
5. "No, Larry, Nixon is not here."
4. "Larry couldn't join us, so we're celebrating with special guest host Ryan Seacrest!"
3. "Larry thinks everyone at the party is Paul Anka."
2. "Do the candles represent his age or his marriages – HI-OOOO!"
1. Larry keeps shouting, "Lowell, Massachusetts, you're on the air."

Memo leaks complicate picture in Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) – A top South Korean official dismisses China's nuclear negotiator as "incompetent." A Chinese envoy mocks North Korea as a "spoiled child."

After a major escalation of sporadic skirmishes between the rival Koreas, an international effort is trying to rein in rising tensions. But U.S. diplomatic memos leaked this week call into question whether regional powers – most notably China – have any insight into or influence over enigmatic and defiant North Korea.

South Korea's military drill last week from an island along a disputed maritime border sparked a North Korean artillery attack that killed four South Koreans and wounded 18 others. U.S.-South Korean war games are threatening to draw a new round of North Korean fire. Those drills, set to end Wednesday, include the USS George Washington nuclear-powered supercarrier in waters to the south of the disputed border.

Tokyo and Washington have backed Seoul, and the three powers arranged to meet in Washington next week to discuss North Korea in a move that clearly underlined the fault line in the "six-party" negotiations.

U.S. officials said Washington was ruling out the six-party talks for the time being. The United States wants "China to urge North Korea to stop the destabilization," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said. "But I think there has to be a seriousness on the



SOUTH KOREAN MARINE VETERANS burn photos of North Korean leaders during a rally denouncing last Tuesday's North Korean bombardment on a South Korean border island, Nov. 30. AP photo

part of the North Koreans to get back to these talks."

All parties will have competing ideas on how to resolve the tension, said Kim Keun-sik, a North Korea analyst at South Korea's Kyungnam University.

"North Korea and China will want to resolve the matter through dialogue, while South Korea and the U.S. will say, 'Why negotiate at this time?' and think about pressure and punitive measures," he said.

Consensus may be hard to reach, if secret U.S. diplomatic cables posted online by the website WikiLeaks are any indication.

China is Pyongyang's closest ally: Beijing fought on the northern side of

the Korean War, its aid props up the current government and its actions have often insulated North Korea from foreign pressure. It has repeatedly opposed harsh economic sanctions and responded to North Korean provocations by repeating calls for a return to denuclearization talks.

China would appear to have little ability to stop a collapse and less influence over the authorities in Pyongyang than is widely believed, South Korea's then-Vice Foreign Minister, Chun Yung-woo, is quoted as telling U.S. Ambassador Kathleen Stephens in February.

China lacks the will to push North Korea to change its behavior, according

to Chun, who said the choice to keep Wu as nuclear envoy was "a very bad thing" and indicative of Beijing's disregard for the process.

Still, Chun predicted Beijing wouldn't oppose the U.S. and South Korea in case the North Korean government collapsed.

China "would be comfortable with a reunified Korea controlled by Seoul and anchored to the U.S. in a 'benign alliance' as long as Korea was not hostile towards China," Chun said.

One diplomatic cable lauded South Korean President Lee Myung-bak's courting of the Chinese as "noteworthy successes," added that he met with President Hu Jintao an unprecedented three times in his first year in office.

However, another memo painted a different picture of their relationship, saying Hu pointedly ignored one request on North Korean refugees and "pretended not to hear" a question about a contingency plan for the collapse of North Korea.

Another cable hinted at a South Korean strategy to remain at odds with the North to encourage such a collapse – even at the risk of heightened tensions.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says WikiLeaks acted illegally in posting the leaked documents online. Officials worldwide say the disclosures jeopardize national security, diplomats, intelligence assets and relationships between foreign governments.

Elizabeth Smart defendant suffers seizure in court

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) – A former street preacher on trial for kidnapping and assaulting Elizabeth Smart suffered an apparent seizure in the courtroom Tuesday and was rushed to a hospital.

The judge adjourned the case for the day after defendant Brian David Mitchell was removed on a stretcher and put in an ambulance.

Paramedics took Mitchell to a hospital, but neither court officials nor defense attorneys would identify it. His condition could not immediately be determined.

However, court officials said later in the day the trial would resume Wednesday.

The incident occurred as the jury was about to be called into the courtroom for another day of testimony.

Mitchell was sitting between two of his defense

attorneys when he stopped his daily hymn singing and slumped over slightly in his chair. He cried out as his body twisted to the left.

"Judge, I think he's having a seizure," defense attorney Wendy Lewis said, reaching for her client.

Mitchell remained shackled as paramedics lifted his slight body onto a stretcher. Wearing an oxygen mask, he appeared pale and frightened. His eyes, which are usually closed in court, were wide and round, and both of his fists were clenched.

Mitchell's former stepdaughter, Rebecca Woodridge, said the defendant has had seizures in the past and recently has been housed in a medical unit at the Salt Lake County Jail.

Jail spokesman Lt. Michael DeNiro said privacy rules kept him from commenting on medical

issues of inmates.

Smart testified earlier in the trial that Mitchell suffered a seizure during the nine months she was his captive.

"He was in the middle of raping me and he experienced a seizure," Smart said in response to a question from the defense about whether she had seen Mitchell lose consciousness.

Mitchell's attorneys don't dispute that Smart was abducted from her home at knifepoint and held captive, but they contend Mitchell is mentally ill and can't be held responsible for the crimes.

Mitchell has been disrupting court proceedings on a daily basis with hymn singing.

Smart has testified that she was forced to enter a polygamous marriage with Mitchell, endured near daily rapes, was forced to use drugs and alcohol, and was taken to California against her will.

More charges in foiled subway plot

NEW YORK (AP) – Federal prosecutors have brought additional charges against the father of an al-Qaida associate who plotted to use homemade bombs for a suicide attack on New York's subway system, according to an indictment made public Tuesday.

The updated indictment accuses Mohammed Wali Zazi of witness tampering and lying to the FBI in an alleged cover-up of the foiled scheme.

The 54-year-old Zazi previously pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to obstruct justice. He's due back in federal court in Brooklyn on Dec. 9 for arraignment on the new charges.

"From our perspective, this does not change anything," said defense attorney Deborah Colson, adding that Zazi intends to plead not guilty again.

"We intend to fight it, to take the case to trial," she said. "He is looking forward to his day in court."

The Afghan immigrant's son, Najibullah Zazi, has pleaded guilty and is cooperating in an ongoing investigation of the plot and its roots in Pakistan,

where Zazi said he went with former high school friends in 2008 to seek terror training from al-Qaida.

Zazi admitted that once back from Pakistan, he tested peroxide-based explosive materials in a Denver suburb before traveling by car to New York intending to attack the subway system to avenge U.S. military involvement in Afghanistan.

The would-be attacks were timed for days after the eighth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The plot was disrupted in early September when police stopped Zazi's car as it entered New York.

The new indictment has additional obstruction counts, along with a charge alleging the elder Zazi lied when he denied having a telephone conversation with a Queens imam about his son being in trouble. It also alleges he supplied false information for an asylum application for his nephew.

Ahmedzay has pleaded guilty. Medunjanin is fighting terrorism charges.



MOHAMMED WALI ZAZI LEAVES the federal courthouse in Denver with U.S. Marshals in this Sept. 24, 2009 file photo. AP photo

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Diversity on extension campus brings in grant

By MEGAN BAINUM
news assistant editor

The College of Eastern Utah San Juan campus has one of the highest Native American enrollment populations in the country and, as a result, has received the Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions (NASNTI) grant to help improve the campus in becoming more culturally sensitive.

Heather Young, director of distance learning technology, said because 60 percent of their students are Native American, the campus has to be more sensitive to their culture.

"We have to do things a little different than other colleges, we try to make things culturally more appropriate to our students," Young said.

San Juan Campus physically covers 33,000 square miles and encompasses the

largest Native American population in the United States, which includes Navajo, Ute, Mountain Ute, Southern Ute, and Hopi Nations. San Juan campus also copes with a 31 percent poverty rate, twice the national average.

Because of the diverse population and lower standard of living, Young said San Juan has the responsibility to adjust according to the needs of students.

Young said family is very important to the Native American students and sometimes they have to miss school for ceremonies,

some that last for days, and because of this, they "attempt to accommodate the best they can."

Virgil Caldwell, director of distance education and program development, said it is important to remember who the school is trying to serve, and find the best way to go about improving the school.

"As a small rural community college we have been working and developing our campus over 30 years. We operate as a

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— Virgil Caldwell,
director of distance
education and
program development

regional college and the majority of students are Native American, and by recognizing our position in the population we serve, we very much focus and strive to constantly enhance our service," Caldwell said.

Young said the main thing she is looking forward to with this new grant is the chance to improve retention and graduation rates for the school. She said once students get to school, they struggle and have a hard time staying enrolled. She said with this new grant, the school

will implement an "early alert" system that will notify them when a student is struggling earlier on so the student can receive help before it is too late.

"We have retention issues just like any school," Young said, "but with new tutoring programs we can help retain students and get graduation rates up."

Young said three years ago their graduation rate was only 14 percent, but because of "beefed up tutoring programs" the graduation rate has gone up to 60 percent. Even with the large increase, Young said they "still have a lot of room for improvement."

Caldwell said retention rates are only one of the things he hopes to see improve from the grant.

"The outcomes we are seeking to develop and improve from the grant are: increasing enrollment rates, graduation rates, retention rates and professional development of faculty and staff as well as developing a greater cultural aesthetic for the campus," Caldwell said.

Caldwell was one of the writers and "strategic planner" of the grant. Grant writers

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Online: Scheduling system to accommodate more students

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cal statistics at the touch of a button.

Citing a recent Diagnosis Frequency Report, Davis said some of the top reasons students come into the health center — besides cold and flu symptoms — are depression, anxiety and attention deficit disorder (ADD/ADHD).

"There's a vast amount of information that can come out of this for helping the practice better meet the needs of the students," he said.

According to an Appointment Summary report — a feature of the new software — the health center accommodates 60 to 80 patients a day.

Several hours of filing work has been eliminated. Health history forms can be done electronically before the patient arrives, which will make visits shorter and more concise, Davis said.

Work-study receptionist Alyssa Owen said that prior to the change her job included using a typewriter to complete charts.

"I love it. It cuts our work especially," Owen said. "I think they said it makes a lot more work for the nurses, but ours is so easy."

There used to be three work-study receptionists and now Owen is the only one. She said the extra time allows her to do a better job.

Davis said, "It helps me with staffing. How many staff do I need? And when I see the numbers start to dwindle, do I send somebody home?"

The software also makes directly billing insurance companies an option, thereby reducing out-of-pocket expenses for things such as lab fees, X-rays, and prescriptions.

In the past, patients with insurance would have to pay

up front and have to wait to get reimbursed by their insurance provider.

Davis said he thinks the new system increases efficiency, but some members of his staff are a little upset about the change, because the new software requires a steep learning curve.

"It sucks," said Licensed Practical Nurse Dinnene Jensen. "Not only me but the other nurses too, we're not real knowledgeable on the computers. It seems like it takes more time, so we don't have the one-on-one association with the patient."

The new system is not a complete hindrance, Jensen said. Adapting to the change has been a struggle for the nurses, but they no longer have to worry about lost or misfiled charts.

Jensen said the receptionists at the front desk probably appreciate the new software and hardware

more, because the patients can now check themselves in.

Davis said his staff has been "super" and has been working hard to adapt to the change. The staff took electronic training courses early in the semester to learn the software.

"I would hope that students understand what the health center is. It's a doctors' office, plus a lot of other things," Davis said. "We specialize in students. We know what your schedules are, we know what illnesses befall you and we know how to take care of you as a student."

"Let them know that we're working on trying to improve that with electronic scheduling and electronic medical records," he said.

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Evans: USU musicians lead choir to create noteworthy album

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and March 1 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Hyde Park, Utah.

Evans said with the nomination, the choir is now stacked up against the professional likes of The Kings Singers, the Minnesota Orchestra and the Utah Symphony.

All the nominations were whittled down from thousands of applications. According to Evans, the entry level list for Best Classical Album now includes about 300 organizations; Best Choral Performance, about 70; and Best Engineered Album-Classical, about 200.

"It is a testament to the quality of students at Utah State," he said, while adding that hopefully a greater measure of respect can come to the university's music program as a whole due to the nomination entry.

"Sometimes we feel we are not valued as much as other schools in the state and nation," Evans said. "This shows that we can basically hang with anybody."

One of Evans' students, senior Jacob Calderwood, said, "This shows the amount of things that we can achieve in a small department, in a largely undergrad program."

The choral education major said while many universities with larger music programs, like BYU and the University of Utah, operate their music programs entirely with graduate students.

Large-scale recognition like the Grammy nomination entry will go a long way toward improving the image of USU's music department, Amundsen said.

"The music department is on the cusp of growing a lot, with some of the attention it's getting and with the stellar teachers we have here," she said.

This attention attracts those not-yet Aggie singers, Calderwood said.

"(The entry nomination) paves the way for excellence, both now and in the future," he said. "Having this momentum ... is a great recruitment tool."

Choir member Linda Linford said the road to the entry-level nomination was marked by a different outlook on the choir's body of work, even going back to last year.

"From Day One of fall semester (2009) I could feel a difference. There was a lot more unity in

the choir," said Linford, who, along with other choir members and Evans, cited a performance at Yale University in November 2009 as a major turning point for the choir's approach to their music-making.

"There was so much more of a sense of professionalism," she said. "You could tell the energy that (Evans) gave off (this year), that we fed off more. We took it upon ourselves to improve and know we could go there, and make an awesome quality CD that people will love forever. We needed to be more particular and picky about what we did and didn't let slide."

Evans said the trip to Yale and entry list recognition last month was also a beneficiary of the choir's efforts in previous years, although this year's version needed to raise their game in a hurry.

"We had two months to become a profession-

al-quality ensemble," Evans said. "And we did it."

"We had to train ourselves to have this very mature, rich sound to make the CD," said choir member Chelsea Andrus.

Attaining that level is something that ought to only further motivate students to enjoy the entertainment the choir can provide, Amundson said.

"When it comes to a choral concert, sometimes people think it's boring classical music," Amundson said. "And sometimes it is. But Dr. Evans works hard to make sure to provide entertaining music."

"It's great to be a part of something that will last forever," Evans said. "It will last a lot longer than we do. It's a validation to see that others value our music."

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CORY EVANS, USU CHAMBER CHOIR director, conducts the professional choir and said he is proud to be part of a Grammy nomination, which is something that will last forever. Photo courtesy Utah State Today

Briefs

Campus & Community

Designers win an award in showcase

Two instructional designers from Utah State University's Faculty Assistance Center for Teaching (FACT) were recently recognized at the Southwest Technology Showcase at Nevada State College. John Louviere received Best of Show in the Assessment track, and George Joeckel received Best of Show in the Design track.

"We are very proud that FACT brought home two of the four awards from a competition in which 20 professionals from 11 institutions presented and were judged by members of the Blackboard Southwest Vista Users Group," said Robert Wagner, associate vice provost and interim director of FACT. "When we attend these sorts of events, we are often reminded that the type of work we are used to seeing every day at USU is considered quite innovative elsewhere."

Louviere's presentation, "Full Immersion American Sign Language Training in an Online Environment," featured a groundbreaking course developed with Curtis Radford, instructor in the Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education Department in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services.

Joeckel's presentation, "PDF-based Online Assignments: Free Software, Accessibility Tools and More!," demonstrated how free software can be used to create online assignments that are accessible. Accessibility was the showcase's theme, with the opening keynote delivered by Jared Smith, associate director for WebAIM services at USU's Center for Persons

Christmas show stars songwriter

"The Forgotten Carols," a Christmas production, will be held Dec. 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kent Concert Hall. The songs are written by Michael McLean and tickets range from \$13-25.

The show is about the story of Constance, a rigid yet competent nurse, too practical to be bothered by Christmas. She is assigned to care for an aged gentleman with alleged psychiatric tendencies over the holiday season. Then an unlikely patient, John, is nothing like the person she expected.

CAC to support funding for cancer

Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) is in its third year at Utah State University, and is working to make a difference in the fight against cancer.

"Our club has three goals," said club president Mariah Noble, "Celebrate survivors, remember those we've lost, and to fight back against this terrible disease."

The club's signature fundraising event, Relay For Life, is getting ready to kickoff its 2011 season. CAC invites all to stop by on Thursday, Dec. 2 at their table in the TSC in front of the bookstore. All new and returning teams will be given an early bird commitment fee rate of \$10 for their entire team. After this date, the normal team commitment fee of \$50 will be required. For those who can't attend on Thursday, the early bird rate will be available on-line at www.relayforlife.org/utahstateuniversityut until the end of the day.

Relay For Life is a chance for clubs, friends, and the entire campus to take up the fight against cancer. It is a symbolic event that represents a cancer patient's journey. One member of each team is asked to take turns walking the track throughout the overnight event to symbolize that cancer never sleeps and that those who fight cancer do so 24 hours a day. Participants walk in a circle to symbolize that there is no end until a cure is found.

Relay For Life will take place this year on April 15, 2011 in the Nelson Field House. Last years event raised over \$18,000 and the club hopes to hit a new record of \$25,000 this year.

■ Compiled from staff and media reports

Use of USU police escort service declining

By BLAZE BULLOCK
staff writer

The USU Police Department's escort service is used less every year, and in 2010 a total of 24 people called in to use the service, according to police records.

In 2008, there were 82 calls for the escort service. In 2009, that number dropped to 48.

Police Chief Steven Mecham said the exact reason for the decrease of the service is unknown, but part of it could be because in previous years people have called daily for the service in the winter because they didn't want to walk in the cold.

"We walk a fine line," said Capt. Steve Milne. "We want to be there to provide a service but we don't want to be abused as a taxi service."

When someone feels uncomfort-

able or unsafe going from one spot to another on campus they can call USUPD and an officer will escort the person to where they need to go on campus, Milne said.

Students may feel uncomfortable because of ex-boyfriends or because someone is lurking around their car or just because they have a bad feeling they can ask for a police escort.

"We tell people all the time to pay attention to that weird feeling," Milne said.

When students request the service, all they need to do is give their

name, where they are and where they'd like to be escorted to, Milne said.

"We walk a fine line. We want to be there to provide a service but we don't want to be abused as a taxi service."

— Capt. Steve Milne,
USU Police

When students request a police escort they don't have to explain why they want the escort but it's suggested that they do, Milne said.

Milne said officers don't ask for the reason the service was requested because they don't want to discourage students in any way from using it.

"They don't need to give us the specifics," Milne said. "We certainly encourage that if there is specifics, let's get it documented and let's follow up on it."

The reason USUPD likes to get the specifics on the situation is because certain problems can often be solved, Milne said.

Milne described a situation in which a girl keeps getting phone calls from a guy and he won't stop calling her. In this situation the officer can call the man and tell him the girl wants him to stop calling her. Often times in this situation the girl may be instructed to tell the man that she doesn't want him to keep calling her and the problem is solved, Milne said.

Mecham said another possible reason for the decrease in the request of the service could be because people just feel safer.

"There's not any big cases," Mecham said. "People are just feeling safe."

Mecham and Milne both said

another reason for the drop could be because there's no one like a "Logan Lurker" like there has been in years past.

"We haven't had any big issues like that going on," Mecham said.

Mecham said it might be a good thing that people are using the service less.

"I guess it's good in the fact that people are feeling safe. But we want people to be safe," Mecham said. "We encourage people to use it."

Milne said the escort service is limited strictly to around campus because USUPD doesn't have the manpower to escort people around town.

The service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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Session: Abercrombie prepares to represent USU in legislation

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successful link between Utah legislature and express the need for these earmarks.

USU officials including Albrecht and Miller believe Abercrombie will be capable of this due to his network and knowledge of political process. Miller said beyond these aspects, Abercrombie also has a deep commitment to see public policy become effective.

Because of his statewide connections, Abercrombie will be essential in find the "right legislators that hold the purse-strings," DeVilbiss said.

Abercrombie's preparation for the government relations position was in some ways opposite Kennedy's preparation, Miller said, because he worked for six years with state government affairs prior to USU employment while Kennedy worked with federal government.

"We are confident that Neil Abercrombie is capable of doing everything Michael Kennedy did," Miller said.

President Albrecht said he is pleased about the decision to hire Abercrombie into the faculty because he won't need any "start-up time."

An alumnus of USU who received his master's degree in 2002 in political science, Abercrombie worked directly with academic institution policy issues while working with the Utah Policy Advisory Committee and Utah Benchmarking Committee.

Abercrombie will adopt all the responsibilities Kennedy had as the director of government relations, which may involve teaching political science courses.

With Abercrombie's experience working as an intern in Washington D.C., as well as his involvement with the League of Cities and Towns, the Capitol Club and Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, Albrecht said he

believes Abercrombie will "hit the ground running."

"Abercrombie's work with the League of Cities and Towns has heightened his awareness of the value that higher education plays in the lives and economies of citizens in our rural areas," DeVilbiss said. "He knows and appreciates the impact of our branch campuses and education centers around the state."

He is currently working toward a Ph.D in public administration at the University of Utah, which Miller said is unusual.

Abercrombie views the business of public policy as something he wants to understand in a serious academic way, he said.

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NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Senate: VP proposes compensation match level of council position's responsibility

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"It's about where the responsibility ultimately is."

Programming Vice President Tom Atwood said compensation should be equal, but at the amount of \$2,500.

Athletics Vice President Alex Putnam said he can see both perspectives, and the responsibility aspect is a good point, but budgets need to be considered.

"We should award fairly," Putnam said.

The idea that stipend compensation for senators could come from their individual colleges, possibly from each college's dean, was swiftly dismissed by the council.

Wright said, "One aspect you have to look at is what are they elected for? To represent students or the dean?"

Wright then said that if stipends were

being allotted from each college's dean, senators might feel pressure to act for the dean.

The discussion concluded with minor amendments to the bill to address wording and phrasing, however, no major changes were made to the resolutions.

The resolutions were then tabled and will be brought up again in next week's meeting. If passed, the resolutions will be passed on to Vice President for Student Services James Morales who will then decide whether or not to enact the proposed legislation.

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Campus: Grant supports Native American students

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watch for announcements that pertain to their institution, and when a writer comes across one that "seems like a good fit" they put together a team and work on it. The NASNTI grant took about a year, Young said. Caldwell said San Juan works on about two to three major grants a year and have about a 50 percent success rate, which he said in the competitive nature of the work, is "pretty good."

Young said learning centers brought about by the grant will provide better technology to reservations. The distant education centers cover 40,000 square miles and 65 smart classrooms. The grant states the focus will be on students who are pursuing careers in "high-need, high-growth industries," particularly those in the health

care professions. It states the project will "expand current successful programming in these areas to develop 'home-grown' talent that will reduce employee turnover and better represent the indigenous population."

Caldwell said he hopes to see the grant help further increase enrollment of Native American students and a programming system that fits the goals of the students in the region. He also said he hopes to see additional resources provided for different learning styles and cultural sensitivity.

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Armenian students give back

Group has organized more than 20 service projects

By JESSICA BLACK
staff writer

While some students are busy figuring out next semester's class schedules and how they're going to manage all their finals, the Armenian Student Association (ASA) has been working hard on more than 20 different humanitarian service projects for the community and throughout the world.

Gagik Melikyan, senior in political science and economics, is the president and founder of the Armenian Student Association and said the main goals of the club are to do service and make the world, both local, and non-local, a better place to live for everyone.

This year they have already sent more than 65 shirts and 16 blankets to Zatik Orphanage in Armenia. The shirts were donated by the USU bookstore while 28 blankets were bought and given to the group by Dr. Vijay Cannon. The bookstore donated a total of 440 game day T-shirts to the club so that they could be sent to people who needed them in other countries.

"The T-shirts were the game-day shirts from 2008 and 2009 that we just weren't using anymore," said Celestyn Hollingshead, the marketing manager for the USU Bookstore, "so because we couldn't sell them anymore we gave them to Gagik."

The other 370 shirts along with the remaining 12 blankets were recently given to the Red Cross Armenian Organization to be given out and distributed among other orphanages and places where they were needed.

Heidi Harris, costumer service representative, said Melikyan had been working for her and when he found out about the extra T-shirts that the book store couldn't get rid of, offered to take them off her hands by finding places where they were needed. Harris said she thought this sounded like a good idea and started looking into ways the bookstore could make this happen for the club.

Harris said she's been impressed with the organization and said, "Every one of these students are on time, hard workers, and fun to work with."

The group has a special tie with the Zatik Orphanage because this last summer, 12 of their members went there to do service at the



MEMBERS OF THE ARMENIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION distribute game-day T-shirts to children at the Atik Orphanage in Armenia. This year they have already sent more than 65 shirts and 16 blankets to the orphanage. photo courtesy GAGIK MELIKYAN

orphanage along with several other service-oriented clubs from schools all across the nation.

Mher Petrosyan, senior in business administration and the club's vice president said, "We went there and renovated the orphanage, played with the kids, and it was a really great group project because we got to work with so many other groups."

The group is currently associated with the Huntsman School of Business, and 26 of their members are Huntsman scholars. John Huntsman is a well-known name in Armenia,

Harris said. Melikyan said Huntsman has built a hospital, a high school and apartments in Armenia and has worked in Armenia to help people gain a better way of life. Petrosyan said Huntsman's interest in Armenia was sparked after an earthquake which devastated many Armenians.

The group is currently planning an anti-genocide day for April 24. Their goal, according to Petrosyan, is to raise awareness so people can see the harm it did in the past, and therefore prevent it from happening in the future.

Though the club does special service projects for the people in Armenia, Melikyan said the majority of their projects and activities are services that provide for the local community.

"The whole idea was to have our own Armenian Student Association that could help support and promote service," Petrosyan said. "That's the majority of what we do, helping the community and creating a better place to live."

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USU student to have novel published

By KATE MARSHALL
staff writer

The fear and rejection that discourage so many writers could not halt Alec Bryan, junior in range management, in his quest for success. After submitting his work multiple times to magazines and online publications, succeeding with six of his short stories, Bryan decided it was finally time to publish one of his books. "Night on the Invisible Sun" will be published by Aqueous Books.

"I had to be really proactive throughout the whole process. I did whatever I could to become familiar with publishers, book editors and journalists. I don't have an agent, so I've had to be responsible for all of my own advertising," Bryan said. He created his name mainly through writing short stories and submitting them online.

Bryan has three college degrees already: Two bachelor's degrees, in English and geology, and a master's in English.

"I change my mind a lot about what I want to do. Even now I'm not sure if I'm headed in the right direction," Bryan said.

Bryan said he didn't start writing until he was 21. His first piece was a memoir about his Grandpa's death, which will be published online in January.

Bryan said the book has been in the works for six years. He has written three other novels that he says are "waiting to be published." Publishing his first novel will be a catalyst toward that goal because "published books show that you have an audience," he said.

Bryan said Cynthia Reeser, editor-in-chief of the online journal "Prick of the Spindle," and Publisher of Aqueous Books, became acquainted with him and first published parts of the book online before deciding to publish the whole thing.

Aqueousbooks.com describes "Night on the Invisible Sun" as an allegorical masterpiece. Bryan categorizes the novel into three different genres: allegory, myth and literary fiction. He said the allegory refers mostly to the contrast between life and death, and light and darkness.

"The yin and the yang are in constant motion in all of my works. It's a theme in life, even," Bryan said. "We're always faced with opposites. It has to do with darkness being the opposite of light, and the difference between presence and absence."



ALEC BRYAN, junior in range management, is the author of the book "Night on the Invisible Sun." Bryan also has three other novels waiting to be published. KATE MARSHALL photo

Bryan said the book is a picaresque, where the narrator is not the main character but the story is really about the people he or she interacts with. Each character is in a different stage of life. The stages are defined within the novel.

"I have a fascination with death. It must be a constant

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e-Club changes name to promote broader vision

By NATASHA BODILY
guest writer

Utah State University's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Council wants students to know that everyone can adopt an entrepreneurial spirit and benefit from the Council's activities and competitions. The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Council (IEC) recently changed names from the Entrepreneur Club, or e-Club, to more effectively promote a broad vision of entrepreneurial spirit.

The IEC focuses on aiding students in evaluating their ideas and in providing the necessary tools to transform their creative ideas into successful businesses.

Paul Rossiter, IEC president, has been involved with the organization for three years.

"The IEC is a great organization for any student to become involved with," Rossiter said. "Not only business students benefit from the activities and competitions we put on. There are so many ideas out there; I think that this change to the IEC allows us to put more focus on helping all students to realize their ideas."

According to the council's website, the IEC, Utah State's local chapter of the national organization of the Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization (CEO), has a mission to provide students a platform to network with successful entrepreneurs, refine business plans and ideas, apply and gain business and leadership experience, provide internship opportunities and allow interaction with other students who also have entrepreneurial spirit.

IEC faculty advisor David Clark said the transition from the e-Club to the council is to "allow inclusiveness, spread entrepreneurial spirit and encourage all students to pursue the creation of value."

He said, "By changing our format to a council instead of a

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Holiday dangers and how to avoid them

The holidays bring bright lights and delicious food. However, these items may not always be merry and bright. Learn how to avoid a catastrophe this holiday season.

Christmas lights

The Danger:
Christmas lights generally don't start fires anymore, especially if they are the newer kind that have fuses in the plugs. Lights can still cause a fire if it shorts out, the bulb gets too hot or a piece of the glass is broken and the element inside gets too hot.

How to avoid it:
Resist the temptation to tape up electrical Christmas lights around the apartment, and if your roommate insists, check the lights for any exposed wiring where there should be rubber, and be sure not to leave them on for long periods of time. Same goes for Christmas trees.

Don't Snog the Nog

The Danger:
Traditional eggnog recipes work with raw eggs that can lead to foodborne illnesses especially in young children, people with weakened immune systems and pregnant women.

How to avoid it:
Use commercially-prepared eggnog, which contains pasteurized eggs. Or if you still want to make it from scratch, in place of raw eggs, look up recipes that make eggnog with cooked eggs or pasteurized eggs.

Over-eating

The Danger:
The average person gains five pounds around the Christmas holidays due to the overeating, drinking and lack of general exercise.

How to avoid it:
Don't fall into the pattern of getting full, sleeping and repeating the cycle. Eat only until you're full, and engage in activities that will exert energy, such as going sledding, going for a brisk walk or even playing an intense round of Wii with the cousins. Afterwards, if your body is still hungry, it will tell you so.
Also, be sure to set a limit for yourself on how many treats you will have, such as deciding you will only have two chocolates after dinner, and three in the evening when everyone else is snacking again. Don't worry, the food will still be there when you get back. Christmas leftovers are always available for the next few days' consumption.

Turkey Poisoning

The Danger:
Undercooked turkeys are quite common during the holidays and can cause painful food poisoning effects. This is often caused by improper thawing techniques such as thawing a turkey at room temperature, which falls in the danger zone between four degrees and 60 degrees Celsius where common bacteria thrive.

How to Avoid it:
The preferred method for defrosting a whole turkey is to place it on a tray to prevent raw juices from dripping onto other foods, and thaw completely in the refrigerator. Allow 10 hours per kilogram (five hours per pound). Or if time is short, place the turkey in a large container or the sink and completely cover with cold water. Change the water every 45 minutes to an hour. Allow two hours per kilogram (one hour per pound). Once thawed, refrigerate immediately and cook within 48 hours.

Fry and Die?

The Danger:
Deep frying a turkey can be a lot of fun, but if you don't do it properly it can start a deadly fire. Not paying attention to proper oil levels and letting the turkey thaw out for too long can lead to the turkey exploding and causing a deadly fire.

How to Avoid it:
Make sure the turkey is completely thawed and dried. Then, place it in the empty fryer pot and add water to test where the oil should be. Remove the turkey and make sure it dries completely, after draining the pot and drying it thoroughly, add the oil to the same level the water was at.

Santa bringing coal instead of presents

The Danger:
You slacked off in your good deeds this year due to the stress of school work and the pressures of finals week. Therefore, the jolly Saint Nick fills your stocking with coal.

How to Avoid it:
You could learn witchcraft or wizardry quickly and put a hex on Saint Nick to make him think you were a saint. But in the event that doesn't work out, you could always booby trap the old man.

information gathered by JESSICA BLACK

Chicken and meeting a man named Carlos

"Food is essential to life; therefore, make it good."
I'll be honest; I stand in front of a long line of people who share the sentiment that an official-sounding quote could be the lamest way to ever start off an article. It just screams "I'm a writer, and I'm needy."



This aside, the beautifully spoken words of S. Truett Cathy ring true to every body of life, and I'm sure even a few bodies of water.
The splendor that is sustenance is more than a stepping stone of survival, but also a booster seat to an indispensable realm of unspeakable joy. No wonder fast food is the staple of every main street, and the microwave is touted as one of the most influential discoveries in modern America. Through endless walks of life we search for the triumphant symbols of food that, if shown us in the right way, will bring us an endless and most fulfilling level of happiness - akin to finding the love of your life.

Call me crazy, but I think I found mine - and her name is Chick-Fil-A.

I was living in south Texas when I was first introduced to Chick-Fil-A at the young, spry age of 19. It wasn't long before I discovered a taste I can only describe with the word "intergalactic." My choice of words come to mind because a) I'm a Beastie Boys fan, and b) I'm positive there is no way they use ingredients from this earth to form something so insurmountably delicious.

This alone was why I was so thrilled to hear Chick-Fil-A was building a restaurant in Cache Valley. For months I awaited its arrival, being swooned by this stirring in my heart, and, as well-renowned philosopher Winnie the Pooh once penned, a "grumbly in my tummy."

I, of course, had experienced the wonder of Chick-Fil-A before, but there was something special about this one - something so pure and lovingly convincing I had to know for myself just how resoundingly lightly-battered chicken can change a life.

It was a snowy Saturday afternoon when Mike, my trusty culinary steed, and I walked into an incredibly crowded restaurant, assuming a less-than-speedy stay. We were greeted by a smiling employee who directed us to the fourth cash register marked by a pink balloon. Excited for, if nothing else, some slammin' good chicken, I made my order and I took the routine four steps back to wait for my food to be ready. Before I even got my receipt my chicken, sewn together with golden crisped morsels of pure love, was already in my hands. Shocked by such speedy service, Mike and I made our way to a booth.

This was Mike's first encounter with the eating establishment, which was well labeled by him exuberantly exclaiming "oh, my" at his first bite of the greatest chicken strips this side of the Pecos. The place was crowded but somehow seemed tranquil, not a crying child in sight, and to top it off we were greeted four times, by warm-hearted employees whose sole purpose was to ensure we were having a great experience. The last of these

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Book: Student writes book about life

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for life to be a constant. Without death you would have no ritual - wedding ceremonies, and birthdays wouldn't mean anything, death makes life beautiful," Bryan said. "You die to live, and you live to die. This is the idea my book explores."

Bryan said this particular contemplation began with the death of his grandfather. At that time 12 years ago, he felt he needed to get out on paper all the feelings he and his family experienced, and now, he said, "I have so many ideas and thoughts that eat at me until I have no choice but to write them down."

Bryan said the authors or works he is most influenced by are Thomas Mann's "Death in Venice," Herman Melville's "Bartleby, the Scrivener," Franz Kafka and Marcel Proust.

"Utah isn't really a hotbed for writers. But I feel like there is a rising generation for

artists here, especially because of the counter-culture forming in Salt Lake City," Bryan said.

"I change my mind a lot about what I want to do. Even now I'm not sure if I'm headed in the right direction."

Alec Bryan,
junior,
range management

Bryan said if you want to be published you must stay very active. He encourages meeting new people, Facebooking about things, creating a website, reviewing for a publisher and submitting work until you find a publication that it meshes with.

"I don't do it for the money. The main person you care for when you write is yourself, of course - but when you're published it feels like a validation for your hard work. Especially when you see it on a shelf somewhere," Bryan said.

Bryan's book can be pre-ordered on www.aqueousbooks.com, and in a month will be available on amazon.com in paperback and for Kindle.

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Street Speak

What do you love or hate about winter?



"I love the snow when it's on the other side of the glass and I hate driving in it."

- Michael Unruh,
junior, creative writing



"I hate when the bottom of your jeans gets wet."

- Haley Johnson,
junior, social work



"I love looking at all the Christmas decorations that are up."

- Caitlin Moffit,
sophomore, communicative disorders



"I hate the cold. I love the snow."

- David Ingram,
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Making Christmas cookies this season with style

Every year at this time, cookies start showing up in every form. Most commonly you'll see sugar cookies with red and green frosting, gingerbread men and squares of chocolate fudge. Though delicious, these classics can be overdone, and definitely won't stand out on a table full of Christmas goodies. That's why I'm recommending these two stylish recipes that not only taste great but look pretty amazing, too. These cookies will not go unnoticed and people will appreciate the chance to try something with a little flair.



Chocolate Almond Pinwheel Cookies

If you take your time when preparing the dough, these beautiful swirly cookies won't let you down.

- 2/3 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 3/4 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup ground almonds
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
- 1/4 cup cocoa

- In a medium mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar with a hand mixer until light and fluffy.

- Beat in egg and vanilla until thoroughly blended.

- In a separate bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda and salt.

- Add flour mixture to butter mixture a little bit at a time, beating well after each addition, until totally incorporated.

- Divide dough in half and put each half, about one cup each, into separate bowls.

- Fold almonds and almond extract into one bowl and stir cocoa powder into the

other.

- Form the almond dough into a ball and place onto a sheet of waxed paper. Cover with another sheet of waxed paper and use a rolling pin to flatten the dough between them. Roll the dough into a rectangle that is 8 by 16 inches. To do this, use a pizza cutter to cut the dough when necessary and press the cut piece back into the center of the dough.

- Do the same thing with the chocolate dough. This part can be tedious, but the closer your two rectangles of dough are to matching each other, the easier your cookies will be to make and the prettier they will turn out.

- Refrigerate the two rectangles for 30 minutes before removing them from the waxed paper and placing the almond dough exactly on top of the chocolate dough.

- Roll the stacked dough up into a tight jelly roll from the longer side.

- Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

- When you are ready to bake the cookies, cut into the jelly roll into slices about 1/4 inch thick. Bake at 350 degrees on ungreased baking sheets for 7-9 minutes, or until set.

Pumpkin Whoopie Pies with Maple Marshmallow Filling

These brightly colored cookies are an eye-catching twist on traditional pumpkin pie flavors.

- Filling:
- 1 cup powdered sugar
 - 1 cup butter, at room temperature
 - 1 (7 oz.) jar marshmallow cream
 - 2 teaspoons maple extract

- Cookies:
- 3 cups flour
 - 2 teaspoons cinnamon
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
 - 3/4 teaspoon salt
 - 3/4 teaspoon nutmeg



CHOCOLATE ALMOND PINWHEEL COOKIES are swirled cookies that take some time to make, but well worth the effort. *JENNELLE CLARK photo*

- 3/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 6 tablespoons butter, at room temperature
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 1 (15 oz.) can pumpkin puree
- 1/2 cup milk

- To make the filling, beat the sugar and butter in a medium bowl until fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add the marshmallow cream and maple extract and beat until blended and smooth.

- To make the cookies, whisk together the flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, salt, nutmeg and cloves in a large bowl.

- In a separate bowl, beat butter and both sugars with a hand mixer until blended. Add oil, eggs and pumpkin and beat well.

- Alternate adding the flour mixture and the milk, beating after each addition, until all incorporated.

- Cover dough and refrigerate 1 hour.

- Spoon batter onto lightly greased baking sheets and bake at 350 degrees until a toothpick inserted in the middle of a cookie comes out clean. Cooking time will vary depending on the size of your cookies. It's a good idea to measure the amount of batter you use for each cookie so that they will come out the same size for making the sandwiches.

- Once the cookies have cooled, spoon marshmallow filling onto half of them, and then top them with the remaining cookies to form sandwiches.

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Aggie Cat services keep cats alive during freeing months

By NOELLE JOHANSEN
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Having recently, perhaps narrowly, survived a life-threatening blizzard, one might wonder how outdoor creatures fare during the worst of the winter months. No need to worry, Aggie Cat Services has fed and prevented frozen felines for eight years.

With the help of Aggie Cat Services volunteers, feral cats are caught with live traps, spayed or neutered, released, and then fed and managed at one of several feeding stations. This four-step system; trap, neuter, release and manage (TNRM) builds healthy, non-reproducing cat colonies throughout campus.

"We're making a healthier environment for the cats but also a healthy environment for the people," volunteer Ilona Jappinen said. "We are not in the business of creating cat colonies. We're making the existing colonies healthier and less numerous."

Jappinen learned of Aggie Cat Services from a friend and joined after she retired from teaching at USU.

"The idea behind it is that once you have an established colony and they're not reproducing, they just maintain their number," Corey Vorel said. "It keeps cats from moving in because they're so territorial."

Vorel is the campus volunteer coordinator for Aggie Cat Services. She became involved as a volunteer about three years ago when she was a student and signed up at an Aggie Cat Services booth at Day on the Quad.

As part of the neutering step, cats are vaccinated and treated for any health problems they might have. Veterinary costs are high, despite the discount Aggie Cat Services receives, Jappinen said. With personal and community donations, the cats with high life expectancy are treated. Thus far, only two cats trapped by Aggie Cat Services have been so unhealthy that they needed to be euthanized.

"We don't want to do euthanasia unless it's absolutely necessary," Jappinen said. "When (the cats) are cared for, they have a good chance of having a perfectly normal life."

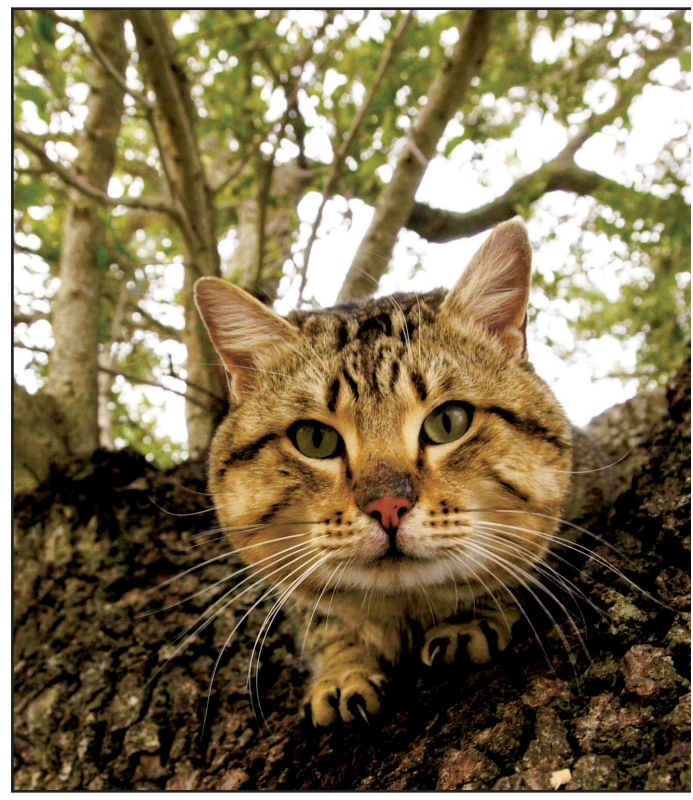
Those perfectly normal lives can be advantageous to their environment. According to the Aggie Cat Services website, feral cat colonies, when managed effectively, prove beneficial to communities by keeping local rodent populations under control. Most of the feral cats on campus were dumped or abandoned there, often the result of unprepared owners.

"People think, 'Oh, they're cats, they can fend for themselves,'" Vorel said, "but really it's not that simple." Though the cats become feral, they were bred to be domestic and therefore are not equipped to survive independently.

"These are domesticated animals," Jappinen said. "They need people. They depend on people for food and shelter. They live really horrible and short lives."

Aggie Cat Services offers a way of survival to the feral cat colonies through several feeding stations and insulated, weather-proof shelters on and around USU campus.

"We started out with 250-300 very unhealthy, very unhap-



AGGIE CAT SERVICES offer a way of survival to the feral cat colonies through several feeding stations and insulated, weather-proof shelters on and around USU campus. *STATESMAN file photo*

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Chicken: Story of a life-changing afternoon

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was an incredibly kind specimen by the name of Carlos, who walked toward us and ever-so gently asked, and I'm not kidding here, if he could "freshen my beverage."

Freshen my beverage. Am I Bruce Wayne? This is amazing.

Taken aback by service not even found at the Four Seasons, I slowly nodded and was swiftly given a new cup of Dr. Pepper and friendly conversation.

Mike and I stayed there for an hour and a half, eating, chatting, laughing and eating some more. We didn't want to leave. We literally giggled with euphoria on the drive home. It was so pleasant, so welcoming. Somehow a fast food chain felt like home. In one sit-down meal my

heart morphed from my urban-raised self to a member of the lovable Tanner family from "Full House." Somehow, in some miraculous way, breaded chicken and basket-cut fries made me feel loved.

You may wonder why I feel such a connection with a run-of-the-mill style eatery. In honesty, it's mainly because I am really, really weird, but also because on a frost-ridden afternoon I learned there are still loving people out there, full of integrity and a simple mind set on you enjoying life as it is. Yes, those people do exist, even in the back-biting industry of fast food.

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Felines: Keeping feral cats healthy

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py cats," Jappinen said. "We have been able to reduce and improve that population to about 48 very healthy, very happy cats."

In accordance with Logan City and animal control, Aggie Cat Services has been working to expand their efforts beyond USU campus and establish a TRNM program in Logan City, said Jappinen.

"If we catch them when they're young enough we can basically domesticate them and find them homes, but when they're older it's impossible to do that," Vorel said. However, Jappinen said regular feeders tend to bond with the cats.

"We make sure all of our cats have names," Jappinen said.

Aggie Cat Services functions solely by means of volunteers and donations. With a high student turnover rate each semester, new volunteers are always in high demand. Help is needed for on-campus feeding, something Vorel said requires as little a

half an hour each week.

Students are also needed to plan and implement a campus fundraising event still in the concept stage, a fancy-costume Puss 'n Boots Ball.

A third branch of volunteer work is in surveying Logan City for those who are willing to participate in future feeding stations.

"We're thinking of calling a meeting amongst the people who hate cats, because we're doing them a huge favor by reducing the numbers of cats," Jappinen said. "If you like cats, join us. If you hate or dislike cats, join too, because we're making them less of a nuisance."

Those interested in volunteering for Aggie Cat Services should contact Vorel at cory.vorel@usu.edu. Additional information can be found at <http://www.usu.edu/aggiocats/>.

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LAST YEAR'S RAIL JAM was hosted by the e-Club. The e-Club will now be known as the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Council. STATESMAN file photo

Club: Providing a platform to network

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club, we are trying to get the message out that our activities are open to everyone. We want people to be involved without any restrictions whatsoever."

Brianna Peterson, vice president of events for the council, said she is excited about the transition. "With us now a council instead of a club, students will hopefully be more interested in attending events," Peterson said, "If something is presented by a council, I am more inclined to go."

The council's website states the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Council provides students many opportunities to spark entrepreneurial spirit through competitions and activities like e-Week and Opportunity Quest. The website continues to explain that last year, the IEC gave away more than \$16,000 in cash prizes through entrepreneurial business competitions. Recently, applicants submitted their executive business summaries for Opportunity Quest to receive prizes.

The Awards Reception for Opportunity Quest will be held on Thursday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. in the Sky Room. The event will be catered and everyone can get in for the negotiable price of \$8. Everyone can bring cans of food to barter down their entrance fee.

The council agrees that this event is a great opportunity for business networking and resume-building. Regardless of whether students win prizes, all applicants can move forward to the statewide competition with their full business plan.

Aside from the impressive cash prizes, the council feels students can greatly benefit by becoming involved with the council and the competitions available.

"Being involved is one of the best ways to get ahead of the competition when looking for a job," said Trevor Fullwood, vice president of marketing. He said if students are interested in pursuing a business idea, the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Council can be a resource for understanding how to start and run a business.

"Our school motto is "Dare Might Things," said Troy Oldham, executive director of market-

ing and brand management for the Huntsman School of Business. "We want our students to have the courage to experiment with bold, innovative ideas and to aspire greatly. Fortunately, they do not have to look far to find great models of fresh, innovative thinking. Against the backdrop of a struggling economy, we are creating a business school that is more innovative and effective than ever before. It is gratifying to know that so many successful business leaders think our emphasis is in the right place and are willing to invest in our students."

Clark said, "Entrepreneurial spirit is a pillar of Utah State University. Every student that walks through the doors of this school should be aware of that fact," Clark said. "You need to be thinking like an entrepreneur. This means to think innovatively and think of ways to add value to your ideas."

The council's website states that for years, The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Council has helped to launch student's business ideas into successful companies. Some of the current working businesses include CupAd, The Big Water Raft Company, LocalWork.com, and NutraTrue. These successful businesses are proof that USU students can make their ideas tangible and lucrative.

"I see the IEC becoming the cornerstone of our entrepreneurial programs and I see it becoming an increasingly important organization in the business school. I see the council working more closely with the Business Council and with ASUSU to provide opportunities for learning to all students in our school and on USU's campus," Clark said.

"One of the pillars of the business school is entrepreneurial spirit. The purpose of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Council is to spread awareness about innovation and entrepreneurship throughout the campus," Fullwood said, "The council will take a strong role in promoting entrepreneurial spirit and we will continue to grow."

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SOPHOMORE CENTER BANNA DIOP grabs a rebound during Utah State's 63-56 comeback win over Southern Utah Tuesday night. Diop led the way for the Aggies, scoring 19 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. Her 11-point second half sparked USU's comeback, as USU trailed for much of the game. The Aggies are now 3-4 on the season and will play Utah Valley in Orem tonight. *STERLING BOIN photo*

Diop lifts USU to win over Southern Utah

By JACE MILLER
staff writer

The Utah State women's basketball team chalked up their first win of the season at home, facing in-state rival Southern Utah University in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum on Monday night. USU trailed almost the entire game but took the lead late in the game and never looked back, winning 63-56.

The Aggies were led by center Banna Diop, who had a double-double with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Diop was backed up by Alice Coddington, a senior from Canberra, Australia, who added nine points and five rebounds, and junior Ashlee Brown, who added eight points and six rebounds.

"We knew it was going to be a fight, it wasn't going to be the same team we've played in the past," said head coach Raegan Pebley.

The team started off slow and quickly fell behind the Thunderbirds 4-12. SUU was finding the holes in the defense and taking advantage of opportunities to grab the early lead. USU then seemed to wake up and fought back to even it up 20-20 behind the play of senior LaCale Pringle-Buchanan, who came off the bench and scored six points before going down with an ankle injury with 7:08 to play in the first half.

"She's a good player and we missed her, but we fought through it," Diop said. The Aggies had the better shooting percentage with 52 percent on field goals and 40 percent on 3-pointers to SUU's 43.8 percent field goals and 37.5 percent three pointers, but rebounds plagued the Aggies the whole half. USU only picked up 11 rebounds to the Thunderbirds 21, and the half ended 35-34 in favor of Southern Utah.

SUU player Challis Pascucci was seemingly unstoppable in the first half as she tore up the Aggie defense for 14 points on 5-8 shooting and 4-4 on free throws. Then, in the second

half, the USU defense kicked it up a notch and proved too much to handle for Pascucci, who only managed to get two more points for the rest of the game.

"She got into foul trouble and was a little gun-shy trying not to pick up her fifth, but she is a great player ... and I'm proud of her aggressiveness," SUU head coach JR Payne said.

The Aggies started off slow in the second half and SUU went up 46-38 before USU went on a 7-0 run to close the gap to 46-45. The Thunderbirds fought to keep the lead and every time USU got close, they seemed to play harder and increase their lead, this time going up 52-45. Despite this, Utah State never gave up. Banna Diop, who is only a sophomore, was determined to help the Aggies win and scored 11 points the second half and added seven rebounds.

"I wasn't thinking about the score too much, I focused on fighting for rebounds and playing defense and the offense took care of itself," Diop said.

With Diop's stellar play and the big defensive improvement, mixed with 15 turnovers by SUU in the second half, the Aggies finally dug themselves out of the hole they were in to snag the lead with 2:33 left to play in the game. They kept their foot on the the gas and ended on a 9-0 run, keeping SUU at 56 points for almost the last four minutes while storming ahead for the victory, 63-56.

"It was a game we absolutely had to fight for - Southern Utah is probably the most improved team in the state," Pebley said.

Utah State's next game is against Utah Valley this Wednesday in Orem. USU will look to go 3-1 vs. in-state rivals and 3-4 overall.

"Utah Valley had been struggling and their win is coming, we have to work really, really hard on rebounds and defense to make sure that it isn't against us," Pebley said.

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Aggies prepare to take on Denver Wednesday

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The Utah State Aggies (4-1) have a huge road test this week starting with the Denver University Pioneers tonight. The Aggies just barely squeaked out a win over the Northeastern Huskies on Saturday night, and they will need to improve their game on both ends of the court. The Pioneers (1-5) from the Sun Belt Conference are struggling to start the season, but Aggie head coach Stew Morrill hopes his squad won't look past the Pioneers with a huge match-up against Big East powerhouse No. 16 Georgetown looming.

"You look at their record and you say they won 17 homes games last year, but they are off to a rough start," Morrill said. "They have played some pretty good teams on the road, and they have only played two home games. I think their record is a little deceptive. Right now if our players look at that game before they look at Denver, they are not

very smart based on how they played the other night."

The way the Aggies played the other night against the Huskies was somewhat embarrassing. The Aggies shot 38 percent from the field and 16 percent from 3-point range. What leaves coach Morrill still scratching his head is that many of those shots were uncontested jump shots.

"We missed 16 wide-open jump shots, 13 of them were 3's and the others were jump shots inside the 3-point line," Morrill said. "It was real ironic to me that we had that many guys miss shots all in the same night, and still found a way to win. Obviously I thought we were lucky and didn't deserve to win necessarily, but we did win and I am going to remind those kids today that they did a

good job finding a way to win under the circumstances."

Both games this week will be televised, but what's even more intriguing is that both Denver and Georgetown play a similar type of offensive system. Not only is the offensive

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Stew Morrill,
USU head coach

system similar, but it is a complex system that the Aggies are not very familiar with.

"They do a great job of running you around and back-dooring you for lay-ups and setting flare screens for jumpers," Morrill said. "If they get a bunch of lay-ups, they're probably going to beat you. You really have to adjust your

defense to try and guard it. If you play standard defensive rules, they hurt you. It's kind of an odd preparation. They do such a good job of hurting non-

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Unlikely champs play with nothing to lose

By ADAM NETTINA
sports editor

There was a moment in late October when it looked like the season had passed the women of the Utah State volleyball team by. A month of close losses and questions of "what if" yielded to feelings that a season begun with great expectations was coming to an abrupt and disappointing end. An end not with the "bang" of a conference championship that the team's four seniors would have wanted to end their careers on, but a whimper of woulda, coulda, and shouldas.

A month later, that whimper is little more than a distant memory, as the four seniors of Utah State's volleyball team (24-8, 9-7) have rallied their team to win nine of the last ten matches, in the process shocking the nation by winning the Western Athletic Conference championship with an upset over No. 3 ranked Hawaii. Christine Morrill, Chelsea Fowles, Shantell Durant and Katie Astle helped to not only snap Hawaii's winning streak of 62 straight sets and 23 straight matches, but qualify their Aggies for the NCAA tournament.

"It's a great capstone for our seniors," said Aggie head coach Grayson DuBose. "They've come in and have played a lot of volleyball here and had a lot of success over the years, and it's nice to see their hard work get rewarded."

Senior libero Christine Morrill said the last month of play will go a long way toward solidifying the reputation of Utah State volleyball.

"I think for us as seniors being able to go (to the NCAA tournament) this year is really going to end things the way we wanted to coming into this program. Being here for all four years and just seeing it rise like this is really emotional, and I think being able to go is just really exciting for us."

Those seniors almost didn't have the chance to end on such a high note, despite beginning the season strong. They jumped out to a 13-0

record, in the process defeating in-state rivals Utah, Weber State and Brigham Young. The team garnered national attention and received votes in the Top 25 poll, and was poised to break into the ranks of the national elite when the school played host to a regional tournament in late September.

But an upset loss to Utah Valley began the Aggies' midseason slide, as the team lost six of the first nine matches in WAC play - including two straight set losses to nationally ranked Hawaii. With their season, and their careers, coming to a rapid conclusion, Utah State's seniors weren't about to let their legacies slip away, however, and rallied their younger teammates in an improbable late season run.

"I wouldn't say there was a spark or a moment, but I just think that we have just really come together and are really confident in each other right now," Morrill said of the past month of play for USU. "I think realizing that it's our last moment as seniors, and since there's four of us on the court, it's just showing."

DuBose said, "I think our seniors just started to figure out, 'hey, this could

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Denver: Aggies hit the road

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mal defensive rules. You have to adjust."

One huge adjustment will be for the Aggie guards who will be defending the Pioneer's guards in the post. Junior guards Brian Stafford and Travis Hallam lead with the Pioneers in scoring with 15 and 14 points a game respectively, and they will be a load for the Aggie backcourt.

"What is really interesting in the system is they post guards a lot," Morrill said. "Whether our guards can play post defense, first of all keep the ball out of there, and second of all guarding them without fouling them, and without letting them score it every time. Guards are not used to defending the post as much as the big guys. Both Stafford and Hallam are going to test our guards in that regard."

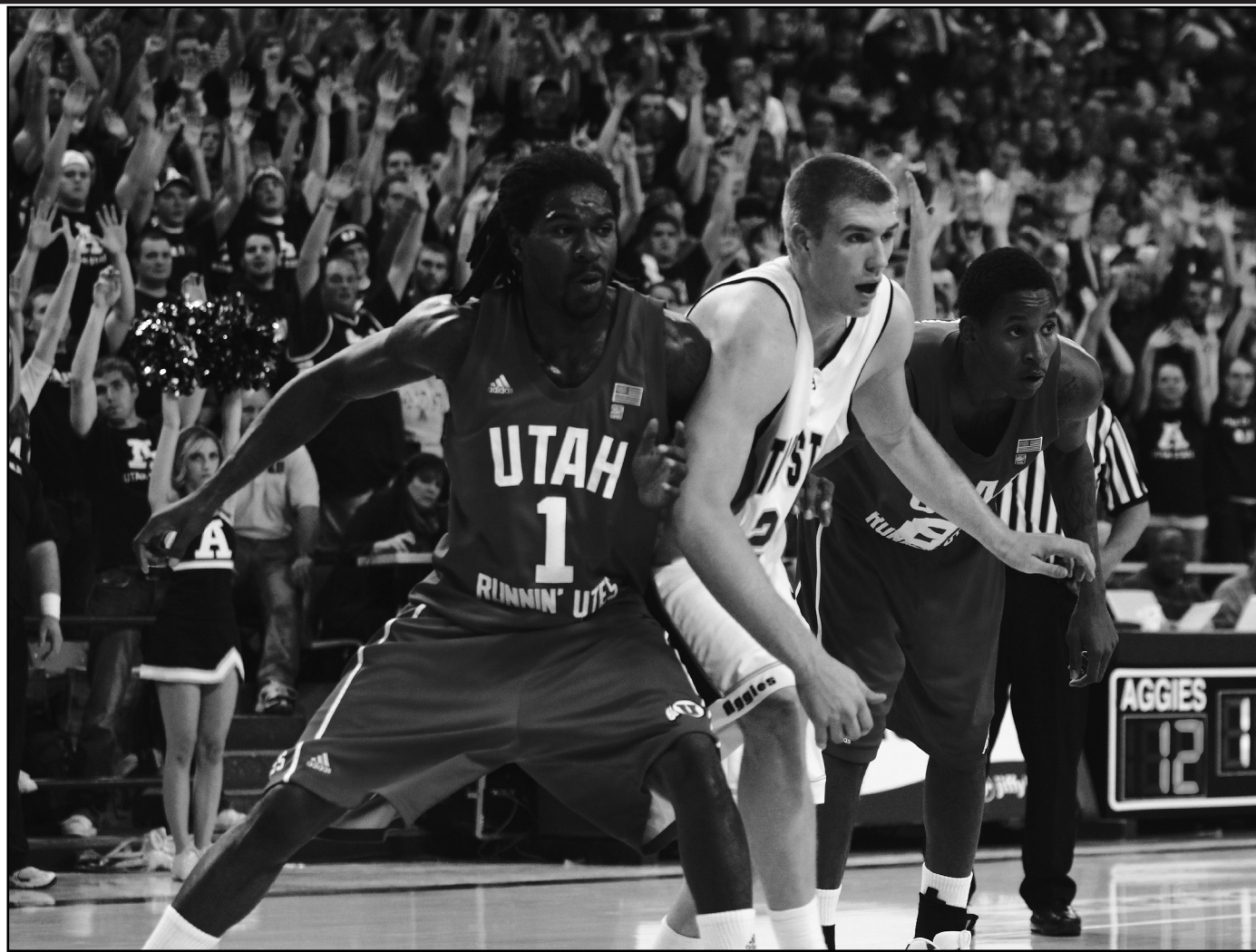
Sophomore guard E.J. Farris will be one of the Aggie guards who will need to brush up on his post defense. Farris saw his

first minutes of the regular season against Northeastern, and he took full advantage of that playing time as he finished 1-of-1 shooting from the 3-point line and 2-of-2 shooting from the free-throw stripe. After his confident shooting performance, coach Morrill will be playing Farris at the back-up point guard position above freshman guard James Walker.

"We will probably stick with him and especially when you consider that he is a very confident shooter, and we are having a little trouble shooting the ball," Morrill said. "It makes sense."

Game-time is slated for 7:05 p.m. from the Magness Arena in Denver, Colo. The game can be seen on Fox Sports Rocky Mountain. For a full breakdown of the game, visit utah-statesman.com.

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UTAH STATE FORWARD MORGAN GRIM attempts to box out Utah forward Jay Watkins during last Wednesday's 79-62 win. Grim came to Utah State after playing 16 games for the University of Utah as a sophomore in 2009, but decided to transfer to Logan after coaching changes shook up the Utah staff. Grim redshirted for USU last year, but made three free-throws against Utah. **TODD JONES** photo

USU needs big road win

And just like that, the series between the Aggies and Utes is done for the foreseeable future.



The View from Section F

MATT SONNENBERG

Sure, the Aggies stunk it up from the field, especially from behind the 3-point line, but plenty of credit still

After last week's game, it's understandable that Utah would want nothing to do with coming here to play the Aggies, but really nobody does.

And once again, just as when he hit a game-winning layup in Utah's last visit to the Spectrum, Tai Wesley had the last word against Utah as he buried a 3-pointer, his second of the game, as time expired to add one final grain of salt in the wound.

It is sad to see the series end, especially as abruptly as it did, and especially during a week when a team nearly came into the Spectrum and took down the Aggies.

Wednesday's Utah team came to Logan already afraid. You could see it on the faces of their players and coaches from the very beginning. Ute head coach Jim Boylen wanted nothing to do with that game. He wanted to go through the motions, tuning the crowd around him, and get out of there one last time only to never look back.

I'll never understand how or why somebody in the coaching world, with the typical competitive nature that most coaches have, would turn and run from a challenge as great as something like winning on the road in Logan, but that appears to be the route Boylen has chosen.

If only Boylen and his team would have taken notes, or at least possessed the kind of mentality that the Huskies of Northeastern brought to the Spectrum Saturday, things might not have ended so badly.

Northeastern was the exact opposite of Utah. The Huskies came to the Spectrum inspired, motivated, cohesive and most of all, fearless. The end result was the Aggies needing some serious late-game heroics to avoid loss No. 14 at home in the Stew Morrill era.

The last team that seemed to have the mentality that Northeastern had Saturday were the Gaels of Saint Mary's last year, the team that ended USU's 37-game winning streak at home.

goes to the Huskies for nearly pulling the shocker Saturday. They were a team that had some serious swagger, and Aggie fans had best hope that swagger sticks around all season, because Northeastern will turn out to be one of USU's best non-conference victories this season if the Huskies play like that all season.

Now though, it's USU's turn to be the fearless team from far away traveling to a big-time environment to face the Hoyas of Georgetown this Saturday.

Everyone knows Wesley is a big-time player, and Brockeith Pane has shown flashes of the ability to take control of a game. If Nate Bendall can shake some of the rust from finally getting back into game action this past week and if Brady Jardine can keep up the same level of play that earned him Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week honors, the Aggies could very well propel themselves into the top 25 with a win at Georgetown.

Each of the past two seasons has seen some kind of major defining victory for USU on the road. Two years ago it was the team's first victory against New Mexico State in Las Cruces since joining the WAC. Last year it was the overtime thriller at Nevada that put the bulk of the momentum behind what would become a 17-game win streak.

Georgetown would top them all. Georgetown could put the Aggies in prime position for a high-seed should USU make the NCAA Tournament this March. Georgetown could put USU right on the fringe, if not in the top-25 for possibly the rest of the season.

Now is where we really see what this team is made of.

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Grim gets last laugh against Utes

By **MATT SONNENBERG**
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Utah State's win over the University of Utah on the eve of Thanksgiving looks to be the last laugh for either team given the uncertainty surrounding the future of the in-state rivalry. That game also served as a last laugh for USU junior forward Morgan Grim, who has found himself on both sides of that rivalry over the past four years.

Considering the road that led Grim to Utah State, the Aggies' 79-62 win was especially sweet.

"I loved it," Grim said of the chance to play against his former team and coach. "I was waiting for that game every day since I first moved."

The reasons for that move occurring in the first place are what had Grim circling that date on his calendar.

Coming out of high school, Grim's commitment to the University of Utah was immediately put to the test. He was fresh off being named Mr. Basketball in the state of Utah, and the 5A Most Valuable Player had just led his Riverton High School team to a second straight appearance in Utah's 5A state championship game. Grim's stock heading into college couldn't have been higher, but his mind was made up going into his senior year. Grim was going to play for head coach Ray Giacoletti and the Utah Utes.

"Out of high school, I liked my coach at Utah," Grim said. "I wanted to stay in Utah and close to my house."

With those factors in mind, playing for the Utes was almost an obvious choice for Grim.

Then things got complicated.

Giacoletti, the coach that Grim had committed to at Utah, resigned after two subpar seasons. Utah hired Jim Boylen to replace Giacoletti as head coach. Remaining on staff, however, was one of Utah's assistants who played a key role in recruiting Grim. That was none other than former Utah and current USU assistant coach Chris Jones.

Despite entertaining the idea of reopening his recruitment in light of the coaching change, Grim remained committed to Utah and to play for Boylen.

"When coach Boylen came on, Morgan stayed with us and committed to us and we were committed to him," Jones said.

For the next two years though, Grim was buried on the bench, never earning favor from Boylen. He appeared in 26 games during his freshman season at Utah, playing just more than five minutes per contest and averaging just 0.9 points per game.

The next season didn't see much more opportunity for Grim either, as he checked into only 16 games and played fewer minutes as a sophomore than he did as a freshman.

Grim's search for a better fit for him began after that.

"The system just didn't fit Morgan and Morgan didn't fit their system or their need and so it was just kind of a mutual decision that he move on," Jones said.

Jones, who had departed Utah

after Grim's freshman season to join head coach Stew Morrill's staff at Utah State, kept in contact with Grim when he was granted his release from Utah, and made for an easy choice for Grim's next destination to play college basketball.

"After you get released, your name goes out and the whole recruiting process starts over again," Grim said. "But I pretty much knew I was coming here."

Jones is sure Grim's choice to come to Utah State was a good one, even if it was a bit belated.

"Morgan was made for the Utah State system," Jones said. "He should have come here out of high school. It would have been a better system for him basketball-wise."

Better late than never, though, Grim started his Utah State career with a bang, scoring nine points,

pulling down seven rebounds and blocking two shots — all career highs — in his first game as an Aggie. A start that is especially impressive considering how little basketball he's played since high school.

"What's hard for Morgan is basically he didn't play basketball for three years, because his first two years at Utah he played minimal minutes and then he had to sit out all of last year," Jones said. "So for three years, he didn't really play a lot and that's hard. Now he's coming in and without Nate (Bendall) here he's playing 15 to 20 minutes a game."

All of this looks like a tremendous upgrade for Grim when

comparing the two programs he has been a part of. Even though he was not allowed to play due to NCAA transfer rules, Grim was part of last season's Western Athletic Conference champion Aggies while his former team struggled to a 14-17 record.

A losing record was not the only problem for the Utes, though, as Grim suddenly looked like a trendsetter for his team. A year after Grim's departure, five more players from Utah's team, including two starters and the team's two leading scorers, also transferred away from the program. It's a mass exodus that Grim says he saw coming.

"Coaching styles and different kinds of players don't mix," Grim said of his and the other five players' departures. "I was the first one to be brave enough to leave and then once the new guys got a second year of the same thing then they probably just decided to leave too, but I can't speak for them."

As it stands though, Grim is pleased with where he has landed in his career, and is making the most of the opportunity to contribute to a team with as high of expectations as this year's Utah State team. Even with his productive start to the season, Jones, the coach who has been with Grim the longest of any member of the staff believes that Grim's production thus far is just the tip of the iceberg.

"We need him to be good for us," Jones said. "I think he's going to keep getting better and better for us."

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Champs: Aggie hitters ready for tournament

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be the end, and lets see if we can go out with a bang."

The entire nation had a chance to see USU's renewed confidence last Wednesday night, when the Aggies went into the WAC Title game as a heavy underdog to No. 3 Hawaii. Playing with what senior Chelsea Fowles described as a "relaxed" disposition, USU rattled the Rainbow Wahine, outhitting the girls from the Islands .301 to .235. It wasn't just the four USU seniors getting in on the action either, and according to Fowles, the renewed sense of confidence has had the greatest impact on the team's younger players.

"We were so relaxed," Fowles said. "Everyone thought we were going to lose that match. And we should have — technically speaking, we should have lost that match. But we were so relaxed, and I think that's a big deal with our team because we have a lot of young girls on the court. It helps a lot for them knowing they can play relaxed and it's not a huge deal if they make a mistake because we were supposed to."

Of course, it's easy to believe you can win when you've done it before, and despite losing to Hawaii in both match-ups this season, USU's seniors knew all along that the seemingly unstoppable Rainbow Wahine could be stopped. After all, they had beaten Hawaii on the road as freshmen in 2007, and knew the Aggie team of 2010 was even better than the one they played on back

then.

"We knew it was possible and I feel like we have a better team this year than when we beat them when we were freshman," Fowles said. "We're a lot more developed as seniors now, and I just think that we didn't spend too much time dwelling on the whole thing. It could have been our last match and we wanted to play well and it worked in our favor."

Having played so well during the last month, Fowles couldn't help but speculate how high the team could have risen in the national rankings had the girls played with the same sense of urgency all year. But what's done is done, she said, and the team isn't dwelling on the past. With their eyes now turned west toward a Friday showdown with seventh seeded and No. 4 California, the four seniors of USU will look to harness their renewed sense of confidence and turn it into another upset victory.

"It's just so exciting," Fowles said. "Everyone thinks that we're going to lose in the first round, but if we played like we played against Hawaii, we won't."

Utah State will play California at 8 p.m. MST. The game will be streamed for free at CalBears.com.

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Our View

How many votes are you worth?

Should some groups of people get more votes for their government representatives than others? The backers of a bill currently before the ASUSU Executive Council seem to think so. The bill, which would create a new vice president on the council, is in the process of being reworked before a vote.

The new position on the executive council, an elected body which handles hundreds of thousands of dollars of our student fees, would allow an International Vice President, voted in only by international students, to be part of that decision-making, power-wielding body that is half of our student government.

The executive council currently consists of several voting members – such as President, Athletics VP, Programming VP and Diversity VP – elected by the student body at large. There are also non-voting members, like the public relations director and administrative assistant, who are appointed rather than elected.

The other half of the student government is the Academic Senate, which consists of senators from each colleges, such as HASS, Engineering and Natural Resources. The senators are elected only by the students in their individual colleges, and therefore do not vote on executive council, although one senator does serve as a non-voting representative of the senate for the executive council.

Now, we know this is a lot to take in, but the point is simple: One group of students should not get to vote for their college senator as well as the officers of executive council AND get another vote for a separate representative that no one else has.

The International Student Council, whose president presented the bill to the Executive Council, feels underrepresented by the officer supposed to represent them, the Diversity VP. We feel, however, it is any group's responsibility to work with the executive council to ensure their needs as an organization are met, be it the international students or the ping-pong club. Yes, every club or association has the right to representation and the ability to request funding from the Executive Council or Academic Senate. There are simply too many organizations, big and small, for the council to guess what everyone needs – they need to be told before they can do something about it.

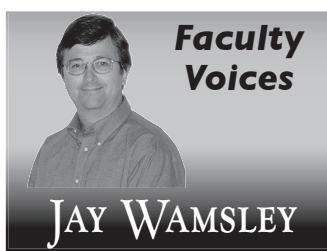
Some council members said they didn't see the need for the new position and suggested the bill's backers change the wording to make the proposed position a non-voting one. This then, is no different from the president of any club – because indeed, the International VP would also be the president of the ISC – coming to a council meeting and making its needs known. Anyone can speak at the council's public forum, a part of every meeting. We see no need for a new position, voting or non-voting, and would rather encourage student organizations to go to their representatives and start a dialogue.

It isn't fair to the student body that any group, regardless of affiliation, get more votes than another for their representation. Keep the members of Executive Council voted in by everyone, and keep the senators voted in by their colleges. At Tuesday's council meeting, Programming VP Tom Atwood said there are "still some discrepancies" in how the ISC wishes to proceed with the bill. We can only hope that council members, whether through votes or power of persuasion, recognize the ethically questionable nature of this proposal and keep student government an equal playing field.



Bow your head and be thankful

So, did you see the little news item a while back about the Virginia couple – Clyde and Edith Shinault – who won the state lottery ... for the second time?



Now wait a minute. We've been told for decades that the chance of winning the lottery are about the same as having space junk fall on us or being hit by lightning.

The odds of winning this one were calculated to be 1.2 million-to-one. The odds of winning two were, well, off the chart. The Shinaults will now receive quarterly checks worth \$13,000 before taxes. The couple continues to receive a \$335,000 check each May from their first jackpot.

Not long after hitting that jackpot, both were diagnosed with cancer but have now recovered. "Our doctors tell us we're cancer-free," Clyde Shinault said. "I'd rather hear that news than hit the lottery."

They admit they haven't given up on playing the lottery, though. "We could hit it again," Clyde said.

Wow, which was luckier – the lottery or the cancer in remission?

And speaking of being hit by lightning, how about Roy Sullivan, the Virginia forest ranger (wow, two weird stories both from Virginia ... what are the odds of that?) who figures he has been hit by lightning seven times, blaming the phenomenon on some sort of chemical magnetism. Weathermen tell us that about 150 people get hit by lightning each week during the summer in the United States. Should we consider ourselves lucky simply because we haven't? Should Roy consider himself unlucky because he has? Or lucky that he lives to talk about it? Can you be both lucky and unlucky at the same time, regarding the same event?

I bring up these obscure references because a while back, while playing basketball, I turned an ankle – actually tore some ligaments. As I was trying to get some blood back in my face, limping off, a well-meaning teammate came up to me and said, "You're lucky it wasn't your knee." Seems I was somehow supposed to feel lucky at this precise moment.

I wonder if this dutiful reaction to bad luck – insisting that it really is good luck, because it could have been worse – has its

roots in religion. Or is it just positive mental attitude? Is it part of an inborn desire to wish for things to turn out better?

Marie Trotter of Nashville was golfing and was hit by golf balls three times from three different fairways. One ball got her in the back, another in the shoulder and the third on the neck. And, sure enough, she was dutifully told she was "lucky she didn't need medical attention." One more fairway and it would have been fore, by the way.

A spry gentleman by the name of Oliver Anthony was golfing with his wife on hole No. 7 of the Davy Crocket Public Golf Course in Frayser, Tenn., when a man jumped out of some bushes on the edge of the course, wielding a gun. He wanted money and Oliver wanted to make him earn it. Oliver gripped the club in baseball bat fashion and told him he better move on "or I was going to wrap a club around his head." He took a swing and the shooter moved back and ran to the bushes, firing four times as he ran. When the couple returned to the clubhouse, they found one of the bullets had lodged in a golf ball that Oliver was carrying in his back pocket.

So, it was lucky the robber was there that day so Oliver could experience such luck or else the luck would have gone unused. Or something like that, right?

So as you surrounded your turkey last week, did you feel thankful, grateful ... or just plain lucky? Bigger rhetorical question: Is there a difference?

I must tell you, I felt lucky/thankful that I have never had to sit through an ice show at the Delta Center; that I have no interest in NASCAR; that I never have had hay fever. I feel lucky/thankful to live where there are four seasons, even though I feel lucky/thankful that this last snow storm was a half-hour behind me all the way home from Boise. I feel lucky/thankful that I have two neighbors with snowblowers.

I feel lucky/thankful that some newspapers are hanging in there, including this one. I feel lucky/thankful for the spirit of Section F. I feel lucky/thankful that my grandkids like coming over to my house. And I guess when it comes right down to it, I feel thankful that I have both good and bad luck, lest I get spoiled.

But I am grateful it wasn't my knee.

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Why this country needs Wikileaks

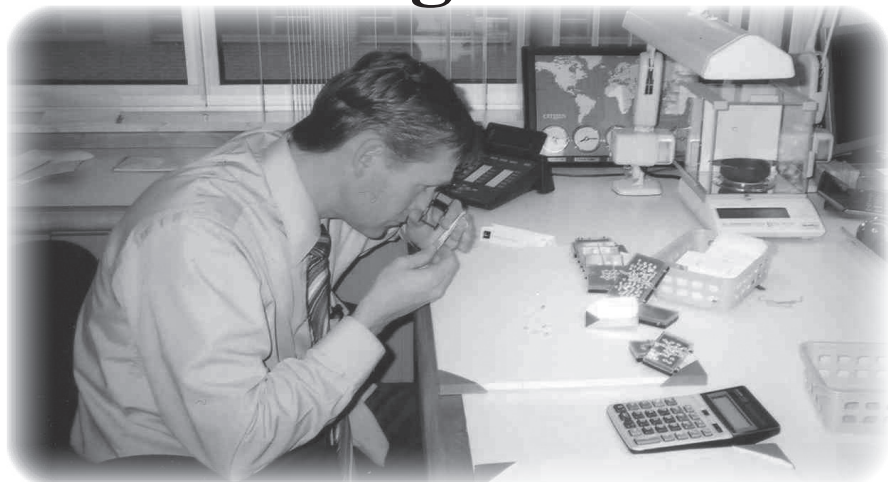
The beginning of a new era of U.S. foreign policy is upon us. At least, that is what the media has been saying these last few days as classified U.S. State Department cables were leaked Sunday night. The source of the leaks? Wikileaks.



Wikileaks is an international organization that publishes documents from anonymous sources. These State Department cables contain information from the mundane – analysis of political individuals – to dangerously serious – Israel prepared to launch a pre-emptive strike to prevent a nuclear armed Iran.

Some people called Wikileaks' actions dangerous and reprehensible. I believe those people are wrong. I fully support Wikileaks and believe that the services they provide are desperately needed. They provide the average

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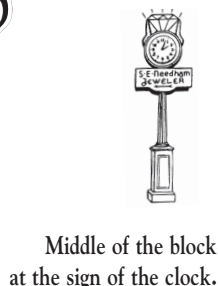
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American citizen access to information about how our government truly operates. When we provide men and women to fight in the military, when we give the government our tax dollars and when we place our trust in their hands, we as Americans have the right to know what is being done in our name. This is why the recent State Department leak so important.

What makes the leak so amazing is the amount of information being released. Wikileaks has stated that it has 251,287 State Department cables in their hands and is working to release them as fast as possible. The depth and scope of these classified documents will usher in a new reality of U.S. foreign policy.

Here are some of the reports coming out:

- Saudi King Abdullah has urged the United States to strike Iran's nuclear facilities.
- The United States has criticized the U.K. for its poor performance in Afghanistan.
- Secretary of State Hillary Clinton ordered U.S. diplomats to spy on U.N. top officials; including stealing passwords, DNA data, and computer passwords.
- Yemen's deputy Prime Minister lied to the Yemeni parliament about U.S. involvement in bombings.
- China readying itself to abandon their ally North Korea.

This information came from only 278 of the 251,287 State Department cables as of the time this article was written. The New York Times stated the issue best: "... the cables tell the unvarnished story of how the government makes its biggest decisions, the decisions that cost the country most heavily in lives and money."

This isn't the first time Wikileaks angered the American government by publishing classified information. On April 5, Wikileaks leaked classified military footage showing a U.S. gunship killing 12 people, including two Reuters news staff. On July 25, Wikileaks released 92,000 classified

documents about the Afghanistan war. It showed reports of a previously unknown, secret military unit known as Task Force 343. The unit's mission is to kill or capture senior Taliban and al-Qaida figures through extrajudicial means. And on Oct. 22, Wikileaks released 391,832 classified documents relating to the Iraq War.

Wikileaks works to bring about more accountability within our government. All too often, reports and documents are classified as secret and hidden from the public eye simply to avoid political embarrassment. It is from these leaks that we have begun to see positive change.

Before Wikileaks released the military footage showing a U.S. gunship killing two Reuters new staff, the military straight-up lied about the incident and covered up their mistake by refusing to admit any wrongdoing. Reuters was essentially left in the dark and had no idea that two of their employees have been accidentally killed. Wikileaks, by their own accord, brought accountability to the U.S. military and cleared these two innocent names. Names that otherwise would have been forever labeled, incorrectly, as "enemy killed in action."

During these next few months, Wikileaks will release the rest of the 251,287 State Department cables. During this time, new revelations and insights will show the true face of U.S. diplomacy. The media has done a piss-poor job informing the public about what is really happening. The only purpose they serve now is entertaining the ignorant masses with pundits such as Glenn Beck or Keith Olberman. Look at these documents yourself and see what real foreign policy is. I invite you to go to wikileaks.org and see what our government is doing yourself. Because after all, if the government isn't doing anything wrong, they have nothing to hide, right?

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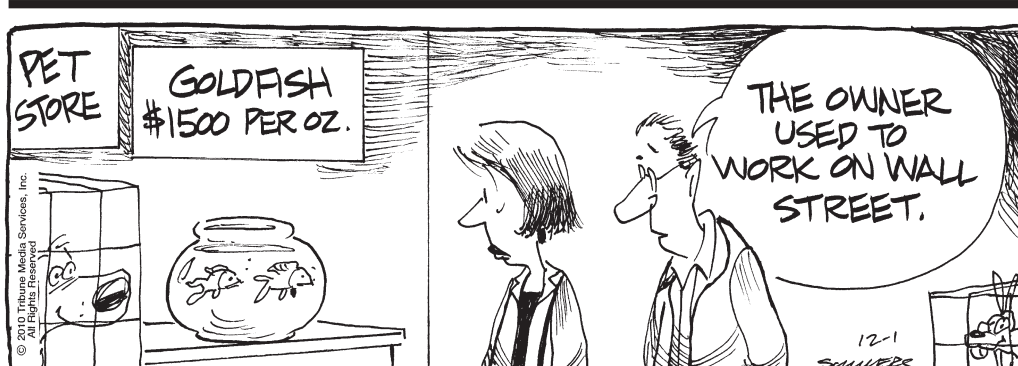
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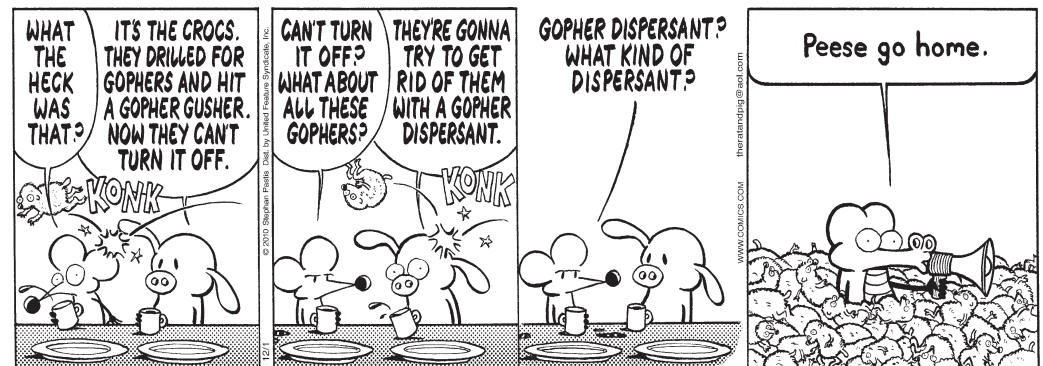
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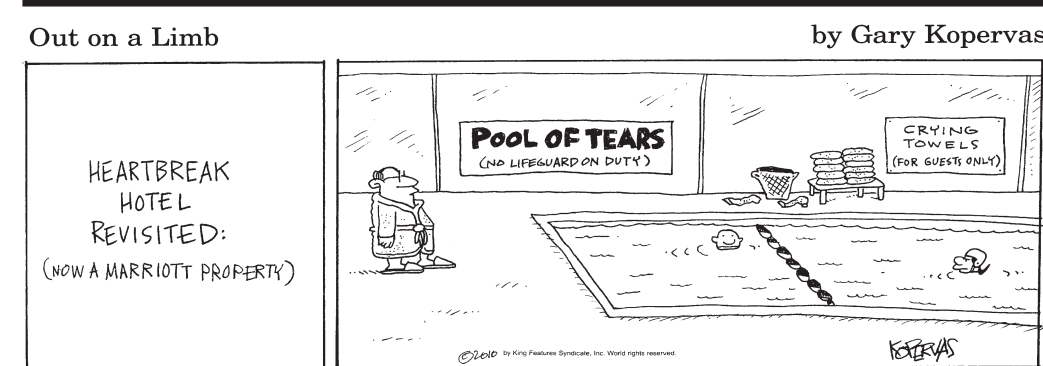
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Statesman **Back Burner**



Today is Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Scott Fielding, a sophomore majoring in nursing from Koosharem, Utah.

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Today in History: In 1955 Rosa Parks is arrested for refusing to relinquish her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama - an act that is in direct violation of a city ordinance requiring black people to ride in the rear of the bus. Three days after the incident, she was found guilty and ordered to pay a \$10 fine, plus an additional \$4 in court costs.

Weather

High: 38° Low: 22°
Skies: Rain and snow



Wednesday

Dec. 1

- World Aids Day, TSC Ballroom, All Day
- Churros for Charity, BUS, 12 p.m.
- Meditation Club, TSC 335, 12 p.m.
- ARC Workshop, TSC 335, 3:30 p.m.
- Out of the Blue Auditions, Chase Fine Arts Center, 4 p.m.
- SNC Wild Wednesday, Stokes Nature Center, 5 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Denver, 7 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at Utah Valley, 7 p.m.
- Candies Class at Macey's, 7 p.m.
- The Forgotten Carols, Kent Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Big Band Jazz Concert, Performance Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Dec. 2

- Realy For Life Kick-Off, TSC Main Floor, 12 p.m.
- Multicultural Student Group, TSC 315A, 12:30 p.m.
- Holiday Treats Class at Macey's, 7 p.m.
- Wintersongs 2010, Performance Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- A Midsummer Night's Dream, Caine College of Arts, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Dec. 3

- USU Bands Tri-State Symposium, Kent Concert Hall, All Day
- Live Nativity, Nibley Morgan Farm, 5 p.m.
- CVCA Gallery Walk, Downtown Logan, 6 p.m.
- Pre-Vet Closing Social, South Farm Area, 6:30 p.m.
- Worship Alive: A Non-denominational Concert, TSC Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- Holiday Flutes and Voices, Performance Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Fee deadline

The Registrar's Office would like to remind everyone of the following dates: Dec. 6-10 is No Test Week and Dec. 6 is the \$10 Graduation Fee Deadline for Spring 2011.

A-Team

Applications for the A-Team are due Dec. 1 in TSC room 310.

Biggest Loser

Aggie Health Club is hosting its 2nd annual "USU's Biggest Loser Competition!" Students and faculty compete while learning healthy eating and exercise habits. Applications due by Dec. 6. Email aggiehealth@aggiemail.usu.edu for applications or more information.

Deaf education

Deaf Education Student Association: "Teaching Deaf Childrean in Ghana" will be held Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. in Lillywhite 003.

Peter Breinholt

Songwriter Peter Breinholt brings A Peter Breinholt Christmas to USU to kick off his Christmas concert series. This heart-warming, bright, and entertaining performance will take place in the world class Performance Hall, 4 and 7:30 p.m., Dec. 4.

Charity Anywhere

Need something to do over the winter break!? Volunteer with the Charity Anywhere Foundation in Tijuana, Mexico! Dec. 26-Jan. 4. The cost is \$275 for students and \$475 for non-students. There will be an information meeting on Dec. 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Hub or email charityanywhereusu@gmail.com.

Anxiety workshop

Test Anxiety Workshop on Dec. 1 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in TSC 335. You do not have to register to attend. For information contact the Academic Resource Center at (435) 797-1128.

You need to know...

Churros for Charity, The Huntsman Marketing Association is sponsoring an event to raise money for Go Global for Children with Hearing Loss. Cafe Sabor Churros will be sold for \$1 and Hot Chocolate \$1. We will be located both inside and outside the business building from Nov. 30-Dec. 2 from 12-3 p.m.

A Midsummer Night's Dream is a wacky Shakespearean comedy about love. The play is set in an enchanted forest where humans and fairies come together under the mischievous light of the midsummer moon. Nov. 29-Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Free for USU students with ID. For more information please call 435-797-8022.

Wintersongs 2010 will be performed Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performance Hall. Tickets are \$8 for general admission and free for USU students.

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