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Hours extended for library during No Test Week

By BENJAMIN WOOD
news senior writer

Both bodies of the Associated Students of USU passed legislation in their meetings this week. A resolution extending the operating hours of the Merrill-Cazier Library was voted in unanimously by the Academic Senate and final approval was given to an Academic Senate bill regulating use of the ASUSU Information Desk. The Merrill-Cazier Library resolution, sponsored by Academic Senate President Ben Croshaw, mandates that the library remain open for an additional hour each day of the week prior to finals, known as No Test Week. The resolution states that multiple students expressed their desire for extra hours to members of the Academic Senate, spurning the legislation. The resolution also states that Dean of Libraries Richard Clement fully supports the hour extension.

Discussion of the resolution, the Senate's first for the year, was minimal and senators were in agreement at its passing in its Monday meeting. "Congratulations, our first resolution is in place," Croshaw said smiling as he struck his gavel to end the meeting.

In Tuesday's meeting of the Executive Council, members of ASUSU brought an end to a nearly month-long discussion on use of the ASUSU Information Desk, located on the first floor of the Taggart Student Center. A committee was formed during last week's meeting to address council concerns for the bill and Executive Vice President Spencer Lee informed the council that after deliberation and minor changes, the committee had unanimously passed the bill earlier Tuesday morning.

Effective Jan. 1, 2010, members of ASUSU will be required to spend one hour every week interacting with students at the information desk. The bill further limits use of the desk exclusively to those officials of student government and their organizations. Campus clubs and non-ASUSU groups will only be allowed access to the desk after receiving permission by the executive council.



JOHN RENTSCHLER LOOKS ON during the Academic Senate meeting Monday afternoon. Senate approved a resolution that will extend hours of the Merrill-Cazier Library during the week prior to finals. *TODD JONES photo*

A brief discussion was held prior to the council vote, in which clarification was requested regarding how campus clubs would receive authorization for use. Public relations director Allie Anderson suggested that the ASUSU administrative assistant, specified in the bill as the organizing entity behind the desk, could be granted authorizing power as to not burden the executive council.

"In my opinion the (administrative assistant) could do that," Anderson said.

Lee responded, saying receiving approval

from the council intentionally creates difficulty, in an effort to persuade campus clubs to pursue other options available to them, specifically tables and banners in the hallway that passes the USU Bookstore.

The bill was passed unanimously with no amendments.

In other ASUSU business, the executive council voted to change its meeting time for spring semester to 5 p.m. Tuesday. Traditionally the council's meetings have been held at that time but were changed in the fall to accommodate the

class schedules of council members.

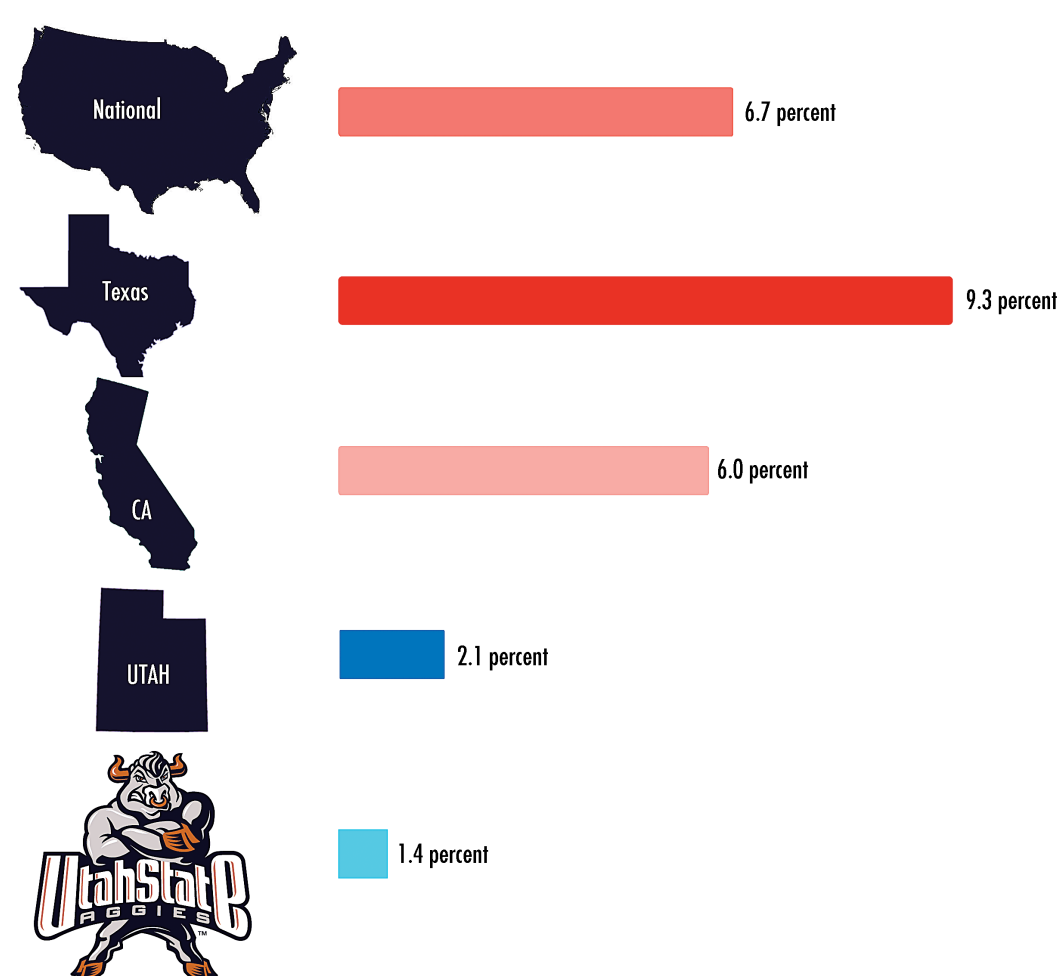
The council also reported on its student-fee committees. Most reported their fees to be in good financial health with only a handful – namely the bus, health, music, recreation and computer fee – possibly needing increases. Estimates for increases were speculative and numerically low.

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USU students among best in repaying loans

Official Cohort Default Rate

The U.S. Department of Education releases an annual report on defaulted student loans. Here's how Utah State University stack up.



Information taken from U.S. Department of Education

By BENJAMIN WOOD
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USU students are among the nation's best in repaying student loans, according to information released by the U.S. Department of Education.

The state of Utah had the lowest average default rate in the nation this year, with 2.1 percent of loans failing, well below the national average of 6.7 percent. In comparison, the Cohort Default Ratings, released annually by the department of higher education, listed USU as having a default rating of 1.4 percent, which was confirmed by Financial Aid director Steve Sharp.

Sharp said the Cohort ratings measure loans for two years, meaning the above numbers represent loans that were entered in 2007. In that way, the ratings do not account for all loan defaults but a fair representation.

"Most defaults occur traditionally early on," Sharp said.

Utah Board of Regents spokesman Spencer Jenkins said Utah typically ranks high on the national scale and the current rating of 2.1 percent is an all-time low for the state. In Utah, loans are distributed through the Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority (UHEAA), a nonprofit organization under the Board of Regents that partners with local banks and credit unions to provide funds to students.

The Cohort ratings are used to measure an institution's effectiveness in serving loans, Sharp said. If schools rate poorly for a number of consecutive years they are dropped from the federal program. USU has consistently yielded low numbers – 1.7 and 1.1 percent in 2005 and 2006, respectively – something that Sharp attributes to a low cost of education and a

conservative economic culture that discourages debt. Without these factors, Sharp speculates that more students would request loans, which would spurn more defaults.

"That's an untested presumption on my part," Sharp said.

Loans have been increasing, Sharp said. Currently 40 percent of USU students borrow money and the average recipient graduates with \$12,000 of debt, which translates into roughly \$140 monthly payments for 10 years.

Currently there is legislation in Congress that seeks to nationalize student loans, cutting out the involvement of the private sector. Under the current system, when students fail to repay their loans, UHEAA ensures that the lending entities receive their funds, guaranteeing a profit, Sharp said. With the new legislation, the federal treasury would act as the financial supply and repayments would likely continue to be conducted through state entities, like UHEAA. As is the case, the current financial crisis has caused many private entities to withdraw from participation nationwide and the federal government has been increasingly required to step in. Sharp said the national option has been talked about since the Clinton era and remains a contested issue.

"If you believe in federalism then a one-size-fits-all program will not work as good as a local government," Sharp said.

In a press release on the Utah Board of Regents' Web site, Senators Orrin Hatch and Bob Bennett were both reported as being against the national option. The release quotes Hatch as saying that Utah's low defaults do not come from Washington, D.C., but from local experience and personal attention.

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Celebs & People

Sonia Sotomayor heeded White House advice to paint her fingernails a neutral shade during her Supreme Court confirmation process — up to a point.



SOTOMAYOR

At a White House reception after her confirmation, Sotomayor showed her freshly painted red nails to President Barack Obama, along with her red-and-black semi-hoop earrings, according to an article in the new issue of *Latina* magazine to be released Nov. 17. Obama joked that Sotomayor had been briefed on proper nail color and earring size.

“Mr. President, you have no idea what you’ve unleashed,” Sotomayor replied, according to the article by her close friend Sandra Guzman, who was at the event.

News Briefs

Two dead in Oregon shooting

TUALATIN, Ore. (AP) — Oregon police say two people have been killed and two others wounded in a shooting at a suburban Portland office park.

The shooting at a drug-testing facility was reported at 11:48 a.m. Tuesday.

Police say the suspect is not at large but there are no additional details.

D.C. sniper executed for 2002 shootings

JARRATT, Va. (AP) — The mastermind of the 2002 sniper attacks that killed 10 in the Washington, D.C., region has been executed.

A prison spokesman says John Allen Muhammad died by injection at 9:11 p.m. Tuesday at Greensville Correctional Center.

Muhammad was executed for killing Dean Harold Meyers at a gas station during the spree that terrorized Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., over a three-week period.

Late Nite Humor

David Letterman, Nov. 9, 2009 — Top 10 Surprises In The Health Care Bill.

10. If your name is “Larry,” doctor’s name also must be “Larry.”
9. Each page coated with a thin film of Vicks Vaporub.
8. Puts 10-minute limit on amount of time doctor can keep you waiting in your underpants.
7. Peppered with ribald cartoons featuring surly doctor and his busty nurse.
6. Requires every hospital to employ at least one doctor as hunky as McDreamy.
5. Mostly it’s, “Blah blah blah blah ...”
4. Replaces X-rays with older, less expensive W-rays — you doctors know what I’m talking about.
3. Who cares — let’s take a look at that soccer player again.
2. Does not cover the Giants choking in the last minute against the Chargers.
1. Almost as tough to get through as Sarah Palin’s new book.

Vatican looks to heavens for signs of alien life

VATICAN CITY (AP) — E.T. phone Rome.

Four hundred years after it locked up Galileo for challenging the view that the Earth was the center of the universe, the Vatican has called in experts to study the possibility of extraterrestrial alien life and its implication for the Catholic Church.

“The questions of life’s origins and of whether life exists elsewhere in the universe are very suitable and deserve serious consideration,” said the Rev. Jose Gabriel Funes, an astronomer and director of the Vatican Observatory.

Funes, a Jesuit priest, presented the results Tuesday of a five-day conference that gathered astronomers, physicists, biologists and other experts to discuss the budding field of astrobiology — the study of the origin of life and its existence elsewhere in the cosmos.

Funes said the possibility of alien life raises “many philosophical and theological implications” but added that the gathering was mainly focused on the scientific perspective and how different disciplines can be used to explore the issue.

Chris Impey, an astronomy professor at the University of Arizona, said it was appropriate that the Vatican would host such a meeting.

“Both science and religion posit life as a special outcome of a vast and mostly inhospitable universe,” he told a news conference Tuesday. “There is a rich middle ground for dia-



POPE BENEDICT XVI admires the sky above Sydney, Australia, in this July 17, 2008 photo. The Vatican has hosted a days-long conference to study the possibility of alien life in the universe and its implication for the Catholic Church. AP photo

logue between the practitioners of astrology and those who seek to understand the meaning of our existence in a biological universe.”

Thirty scientists, including non-Catholics, from the U.S., France, Britain, Switzerland, Italy and Chile attended the conference, called to explore among other issues “whether sentient life forms exist on other worlds.”

Funes set the stage for the conference a year ago when he discussed the possibility of alien life in an interview given prominence in the Vatican’s daily newspaper.

The Church of Rome’s views have shifted radically through

the centuries since Italian philosopher Giordano Bruno was burned at the stake as a heretic in 1600 for speculating, among other ideas, that other worlds could be inhabited.

Scientists have discovered hundreds of planets outside our solar system — including 32 new ones announced recently by the European Space Agency. Impey said the discovery of alien life may be only a few years away.

“If biology is not unique to the Earth, or life elsewhere differs bio-chemically from our version, or we ever make contact with an intelligent species in the vastness of space, the implications for our self-image will be profound,” he said.

This is not the first time the Vatican has explored the issue of extraterrestrials: In 2005, its observatory brought together top researchers in the field for similar discussions.

In the interview last year, Funes told Vatican newspaper *L’Osservatore Romano* that believing the universe may host aliens, even intelligent ones, does not contradict a faith in God.

“How can we rule out that life may have developed elsewhere?” Funes said in that interview.

“Just as there is a multitude of creatures on Earth, there could be other beings, even intelligent ones, created by

God. This does not contradict our faith, because we cannot put limits on God’s creative freedom.”

Funes maintained that if intelligent beings were discovered, they would also be considered “part of creation.”

The Roman Catholic Church’s relationship with science has come a long way since Galileo was tried as a heretic in 1633 and forced to recant his finding that the Earth revolves around the sun. Church teaching at the time placed Earth at the center of the universe.

Today top clergy, including Funes, openly endorse scientific ideas like the Big Bang theory as a reasonable explanation for the creation of the universe. The theory says the universe began billions of years ago in the explosion of a single, superdense point that contained all matter.

Earlier this year, the Vatican also sponsored a conference on evolution to mark the 150th anniversary of Charles Darwin’s “The Origin of Species.”

The event snubbed proponents of alternative theories, like creationism and intelligent design, which see a higher being rather than the undirected process of natural selection behind the evolution of species.

Still, there are divisions on the issues within the Catholic Church and within other religions, with some favoring creationism or intelligent design that could make it difficult to accept the concept of alien life.

Marine reservist’s attorney claims self-defense

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A Marine reservist accused of attacking a Greek Orthodox priest with a tire iron after apparently calling him a terrorist was actually defending himself after being sexually attacked by the cleric, his defense attorney said Tuesday.

Jeff Brown said Lance Cpl. Jason Bruce, 28, had been followed into the parking garage of his Tampa apartment building about 6:30 p.m. Monday by the Rev. Alexios Marakis, who then made sexual comments and grabbed the reservist’s genitals. Brown denounced the Tampa Police Department’s account of the incident as “one-sided” and “tainted.”

“We are confident that the surveillance videos, the long 911 call, the eyewitnesses will all conclusively show that Lance Cpl. Bruce was attacked and was the victim in this case,” Brown said.

But the Tampa Police report offered a far different account, saying Marakis was lost when he followed Bruce into the garage and asked for help, then was struck with the tire iron and chased

several blocks. When officers arrived, Bruce called Marakis a terrorist and said the priest had shouted “Allahu akbar!” — Arabic for “God is great.”

Tampa Police spokeswoman Laura McElroy said Bruce’s charge of a sexual advance was one of several explanations he offered when officers arrived. “One was that he tried to rob him. The other was that he was an Arab terrorist and shouted ‘Allahu akbar’ and he explained that ‘That’s what they say before they blow you up.’ And then he said that he grabbed his genitals and wanted to have sex with him. He gave various accounts of what happened,” she said.

Bruce was charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and released from jail on bond.

Marakis was treated at an area hospital and released.

Marakis, 29, is visiting from Crete, Greece, and had attended a blessing just before the incident, according to police. Reached at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Tarpon Springs on Monday, he did not appear to

understand questions about the attack. “I don’t speak English. I don’t speak English,” he repeated.

Messages left for the spokesman for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America were not immediately returned.

In a four-minute statement to the press, during which Bruce stood silent, Brown referred to Marakis as a “bearded attacker” six times and used his client’s military rank 17 times, denying the very basis of the police allegations.

Brown said Marakis made crude sexual comments in English but also spoke a language his client didn’t understand. He rejected a police assessment of Bruce as uncooperative and portrayed the officer handling the case as a “Marine basher” who should be the subject of an internal affairs investigation. Bruce nodded when reporters asked if Marakis made sexual comments and shook his head when asked if he had called the priest a terrorist.

Ahmed Bedier, president of the Tampa Human Rights Council, called on police to investigate the incident as

a possible hate crime. He said he had spoken to Marakis, who told him he was shocked by Bruce’s allegations, which he said were untrue.

“I did not even touch him,” Bedier quoted Marakis as saying in broken English.

Bedier said he worried the incident was backlash from the shootings last week at Fort Hood, where Maj. Nidal Hasan is suspected in a rampage that left 13 people dead 29 others wounded.

Marakis has a long beard and at the time of the incident had been wearing a black clerical robe, both customary of Greek Orthodox priests.

“He perceived the guy to be Arab or a Muslim terrorist and he said that to police, and he attacked him,” Bedier said. “Before he could even say anything, the guy grabbed the iron rod and hit him twice on the right and twice on the left.”

Marakis fell while running away, Bedier said the priest told him, and when the Marine caught up with him, he hit him again.

Polygamist sect member sentenced for sexual assault

ELDORADO, Texas (AP) — The first polygamist sect member to face criminal trial following the raid of a West Texas ranch was sentenced to 10 years in prison Tuesday for sexually assaulting an underage girl with whom he had a so-called “spiritual marriage.”

Jurors who last week convicted Raymond Jessop, 38, handed down the sentence that includes an \$8,000 fine. His attorneys had sought probation for the conviction that could have brought him up to 20 years in prison.

Jessop, who prosecutors allege has nine wives, still faces a separate bigamy charge to be tried later. He is the first member of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to go on trial since authorities raided the sect’s Yearning For Zion Ranch in April 2008.

The girl in the assault case, now 21, was previously in a spiritual marriage with Jessop’s brother before being “reassigned” to Jessop when she was 15, according to documents seized at the ranch. She became pregnant at age 16.

An appeal, planned “as quickly as it can be filed,” will challenge the search warrants initially obtained with what authorities now acknowledge were false calls to a domestic abuse hot line, said Willie Jessop, an FLDS spokesman and Raymond Jessop’s distant cousin.

“We believe he will be released when the govern-



RAYMOND JESSOP, the first man to face criminal charges following the raid of a polygamist sect’s West Texas ranch. AP Photo

ment is held accountable,” Willie Jessop said in an interview Tuesday.

The weeklong ranch raid was hounded by mis-

steps early on. After scouring the ranch for days in April 2008 in search of a caller who claimed to be an abused girl, law enforcement acknowledged “Sarah Barlow” didn’t exist.

Forensic experts who testified during Raymond Jessop’s trial said there was a nearly 100 percent probability Jessop fathered the now 4-year-old daughter of the woman in the case. The woman was on the prosecution’s witness list at trial, but did not testify.

Eleven other sect members, including its jailed leader Warren Jeffs, still face separate trials for charges ranging from failure to report child abuse to sexual assault and bigamy.

The FLDS is a breakaway sect of the mainstream Mormon church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which renounced polygamy more than a century ago and does not recognize the FLDS.

Jeffs, revered by the FLDS as the group’s prophet, has been convicted in Utah as an accomplice to rape. He awaits trial in Arizona on charges related to underage marriages there. He’ll then face separate sexual assault and bigamy charges in Texas.

Jeffs led followers six years ago to buy a 1,700-acre Texas ranch, where they built a towering limestone temple and sprawling log cabin homes. They remained an insular group until Texas authorities raided the ranch and swept 439 sect children into foster care.

Appellate courts forced the return of the children to their parents or other relatives, but documents seized in the raid were used to build criminal cases against sect men.

Slam dunks with basketball and books



JAXON MYAER OF THE USU BASKETBALL TEAM, left, races to put on a wig, gym shorts and a water float and make a basket in a competition at Logan High School Tuesday. The competition was one of many activities of the Reading Slam! event, which helped raise used-book donations for Bridgerland Literacy. Holly Bingham, USU student and creator of the event, said there were activities for kids and adults alike. Games for the adults included activities like the ones seen at USU athletic events halftimes. Men's basketball teammates Jared Quayle, Modou Niang, Nate Bendall and Pooh Williams were at the event along with Myaer to share how reading has affected their lives. Bingham said she thinks these players will influence the young readers because "they're great role models and sports are really big in the community." *TYLER LARSON photos*



Briefs

Campus & Community

Free H1N1 clinic on campus canceled

Free H1N1 vaccinations will not be distributed on campus as planned Wednesday and Thursday as part of Student Health Week. Due to a national shortage, the Bear River Health Department has limited resources. The department decided to give these vaccinations to students in the public schools of Cache Valley.

The Student Health and Wellness Center will receive more vaccinations in about two weeks. Students can get free vaccinations from the center once they arrive.

The information session planned for Student Health Week will still take place Thursday at noon in the TSC Auditorium. The first 120 people to come will receive free pizza. The session will give information pertaining to the Student Health and Wellness Center and H1N1.

Guitar Ensembles plan fall program

The Guitar Ensembles at USU plan a fall concert with a program sure to please, said Mike Christiansen, head of the guitar program in the department of music and Caine School of the Arts. Christiansen is joined by his colleague and fellow guitarist Corey Christiansen to direct the concert.

Electric and acoustic ensembles are featured in concert Monday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m., at the Performance Hall.

Admission is \$8 for the public and free for USU students with current ID. Tickets are sold at the Caine School of the Arts Box Office in the Chase Fine Arts Center, Room 138-B, 797-8022 or online at boxoffice.usu.edu. Tickets will also be sold at the door the evening of the concert.

"Whether you are a guitarist or a guitar enthusiast, there will be something that will please the ear," Mike Christiansen said.

The guitar program and concerts by its ensembles have traditionally received strong support. USU was among the first universities in the country to instigate guitar ensemble performances, Christiansen said.

Members of the various ensembles include guitar majors and non-majors alike. The evening's program includes a variety of styles ranging from Bach to Brazilian.

One acoustic ensemble has five members, while a second group, known as "Guitarmeddon," is larger.

HASS series features JP Morgan director

The College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series features graduates who have distinguished themselves in careers since leaving USU. The series continues Friday, Nov. 13, with a lecture by Marshall Crawford, managing director for J.P. Morgan, where he oversees transportation infrastructure finance for the firm.

Crawford's presentation begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Eccles Conference Center, Room 303-05. The lecture is free and open to everyone. The title of Crawford's lecture is "The Way Forward."

College Dean Yolanda Flores Niemann invites members of the campus and Cache Valley community to attend and especially encourages students from the college to participate.

"The experiences of our accomplished alumni help students understand the connections between their educations and their lives," Niemann said.

Guests featured in the series represent the college's diverse departments and programs and return to campus to speak about their professional expertise and experiences.

For more information on the HASS Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series call Natalie Archibald Smoot at 797-2796.

Compiled from staff and media reports

Winter parking regulations start Nov. 15

By CATHERINE MEIDELL
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To secure campus and city roadways during the icy winter months, vehicles will not be allowed to park on Logan streets between the hours of 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. starting Nov. 15, and ending March 1.

The ordinance previously stated vehicles could not be parked between 1 and 5 a.m., but

an additional hour has been allotted for roadway crews to create safe winter road conditions. Those who do park their car on a Logan roadway during the restricted time will be fined \$15. Failure to pay this fine after 10 days will result in a fine of no more than \$30.

Manager of Logan Parking Authority Tanner Morrell said the ordinance is enforced to make sure all motorists are safe during the winter months. He said the ordinance was enforced even before he started working as a parking authority officer in 2004.

"It's a problem, especially when students leave their cars on the street, take the bus and then their vehicles accumulate on the roads. Two lane roads become one lane roads and it's a hazard," Morrell said.

Snow and ice removal crews must have access to the entire roadway to clear it, said Christine Christensen, Logan Public Works Department employee. The crews find that vehicles prevent them from doing their job the most, as do trash cans. She said when vehicles are parked on the shoulder of a road it becomes an issue because snow builds up and there is no room

to put the excess after plowing. When the parked cars are moved during the restricted hours, snow in the parking space is "frozen rock solid," she said.

"In places where there is snow buildup there is also black ice, which cars have hit and we've seen accidents caused by that," Christensen said.

When ice and snow are difficult to remove from the parking space used during restricted hours, it disables future motorists from parking there

during permissible hours, Christensen said. As a result, vehicles will park farther into the road to avoid the immovable ice. She said this creates narrow and dangerous roads. The more narrow the road, the harder it is for the snow plow to do its job, Christensen said. "It's just easier if they can do one pass and

get everything cleaned up," she said. Morrell said the area where USU students neglect the ordinance most is on 700 North between 1200 and 1500 East. This is dangerous because sidewalks covered in snow cannot be cleared and buses need to be aware of sidewalks to safely maneuver around them.

On winter days with clear skies and temperatures below freezing, the overnight parking ordinance will still be enforced and violators will be ticketed, Morrell said.

He said, "Some people don't seem to grasp the idea that we are taking preventative measures when we ticket and it is not snowing."

In Logan, vehicles are not allowed to be parked in the same spot for more than 21 hours. Morrell said because of this regulation, vehicles must be removed after being parked

"Some people don't seem to grasp the idea that we are taking preventative measures when we ticket and it's not snowing."

— Christine Christensen,
Logan Public Works
Department employee



PARKING ON ROADS OVERNIGHT during the winter creates a safety hazard, said Tanner Morrell, manager of Logan Parking Authority. *PATRICK ODEN photo*

for a long period of time anyway, so the overnight parking ordinance didn't change much.

Christensen said during the months the ordinance is in effect, vehicles are ticketed by parking authority employees almost every day for violating its regulations.

During the holiday season, many guests unfamiliar with Logan's

ordinances violate the law and are not exempt from paying fines, Christensen said. She said if family or friends come for the holidays, it is their hosts' responsibility to let them know they need to move their car.

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Police warn community of e-mail scams

BY USU MEDIA RELATIONS

The Logan City Police Department has noticed an increase in the number of e-mail scams involving money orders, bank checks and other financial tools. In an effort to prevent e-mail scams, USU Police Chief Steve Mecham sent The Statesman this list of cautions for students and community members to take note of.

"1. Be cautious of any persons or programs that require you to cash their checks and then send them the remaining money back. These scams come in many forms and the authors try to get you to send them money with promises that will make you money fast. A few examples of these are mystery shoppers, foreign lottery winnings, help wanted listings, etc.

"2. Be cautious of anyone who responds to your ad wanting to purchase your item with checks written out for hundreds or thousands more than what you

are asking for. Then asking you to be honest and send them the rest of their money back. No honest person, especially in today's economy, is going to send you more money than you ask for in hopes that you would send them their money back.

"3. Be cautious of persons asking you to send them money back via Moneygram, Western Union, traveler's checks, money orders or bank-to-bank wire transfers. This is difficult to trace, does not usually go to the locations you believe it is being sent and is usually not recoverable."

The police document stated, "Remember that if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is. Contact your local police department before you participate in any online programs that involve having to send money back to whomever you are in contact with."

USU Police can be reached by calling 797-1967, and the Logan Police Department can be reached by calling 716-9300.

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Showing respect for Veterans Day



AIRFORCE ROTC CADETS Isaac Fifield and Michael Rees, both juniors in aircraft maintenance, patrol on the Quad in honor of Veterans Day. ROTC cadets began guarding the flags set up in the middle of the Quad at 11 a.m. Tuesday and will continue to guard it for 24 hours until the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. This is done in recognition of the peace treaty signed on Armistice Day, now known as Veterans Day. *CODY GOCHNOUR photo*

Obama eyeing host of Afghan choices

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is considering four options for realigning U.S. strategy in Afghanistan, his spokesman said Tuesday, while military officials said the choices involve several ways the president could employ additional U.S. forces next year.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Obama will discuss the four scenarios

with his national security team on Wednesday. Speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One en route to Fort Hood, Texas, Gibbs would not offer details about those options. He insisted that Obama has not made a decision about troop deployments.

Gibbs said that anybody who says Obama has made a decision “doesn’t have in all honesty the slightest idea what they’re talking about. The president’s yet to make a decision” about troop levels or other aspects of the revised U.S. strategy in Afghanistan.

Obama and first lady Michelle Obama traveled to Killeen, Texas, Tuesday, where the president spoke at a memorial service for those killed in a shooting rampage at Fort Hood.

Military officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because the decision is pending, said the military services are developing presentations to explain how various force levels could be used in Afghanistan and how various deployment schedules could work, given recent promises to give soldiers more rest time at home.

Military officials have said Obama is nearing a decision to add tens of thousands more forces to Afghanistan, though probably not quite the 40,000 sought by his top general there.

Gibbs said Tuesday that a decision still is weeks away. He

had earlier said no announcement is expected until late this month, when the president returns from an extended diplomatic trip to Asia.

An Army brigade that had been training for deployment to Iraq that month may be at or near the vanguard. The brigade, based at Fort Drum in upstate New York, has been told it will not go to Iraq as planned but has been given no new mission yet.

Military officials said Obama will have choices that include a phased addition of up to 40,000 forces over some six months or more next year, based on security conditions and the decisions of NATO allies.

The Army would contribute the vast bulk of any new commitment, along with a large Marine Corps infusion. Both services are counting on plans for a large withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq to take place as scheduled next spring.

Even so, it is not clear that large numbers of new forces could go to Afghanistan before March. Administration officials have told The Associated Press that some of the expected deployment would probably begin in January with a mission to stiffen the defense of 10 key cities and towns.

Several officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because the decision has not been made also said Obama’s announcement will be much

broader than the mathematics of troop numbers, which have dominated the U.S. debate.

It soon will be three months since Afghan commander Gen. Stanley McChrystal reported to Obama that the U.S. mission was headed for failure without the addition of about 40,000 troops.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because final plans have not been disclosed, dubbed the likely troop increase as “McChrystal Light” because it would fall short of his request. They also said additional small infusions of troops could be dispatched next spring and summer.

The more gradual buildup, the officials said, would allow time to construct needed housing and add equipment needed for transporting the expanded force.

Besides being sent to cities and towns, the new forces would be stationed to protect important roads and other key infrastructure.

As he makes his decision, Obama told ABC News that he wanted to make sure “that if we are sending additional troops that the prospects of a functioning Afghan government are enhanced, that the prospects of al-Qaida being able to attack the U.S. homeland are reduced.”

Loan: Senators against national option

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Sharp said he has always been supportive of the state and private sector cooperation. Local issues like the two-year absence of LDS missionaries are familiar to Utah entities, he said, and the state has enjoyed a number of benefits in that the guaranteeing agency, UHEAA, is

nonprofit and reapplies any surplus into scholarships and lowering interest rates.

“We had the best deal in the nation,” Sharp said. “(UHEAA) provides great service. They’re terrific at it.”

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USU profs read at Helicon West

BY USU MEDIA RELATIONS

Michael Sowder and Jennifer Sinor will be reading at Helicon West at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at the True Aggie Cafe, 117 North and Main. This event is free and open to campus and community.

Sowder’s poetry collection “The Empty Boat” was chosen by Diane Wakoski to win the 2004 T.S. Eliot Prize, and his collection “A Calendar of Crows” won the New Michigan Press Award. His critical study of Walt Whitman titled “Whitman’s Ecstatic Union” was published by Routledge Press in 2005. His poetry and essays appear frequently in journals and magazines throughout the country. Most recently, his poem

“American Life in Poetry” will be featured on Ted Kooser’s syndicated newspaper column. An associate professor at USU and poetry editor of “Isotope: A Journal of Literary Nature and Science Writing,” he is currently working on a new collection of father-son poems, a collection of Buddhist poems and a spiritual memoir.

Sinor is the author of “The Extraordinary Work of Ordinary Writing.” Her essays have appeared in The American Scholar, Fourth Genre, Ecotone and elsewhere. Most recently, her work was nominated for a National Magazine Award and won the 2009 Utah Original Writing competition for nonfiction. She teaches creative writing at USU.



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From wooden sticks:

Warren Miller celebrates 60th anniversary of feature films

By TYLER LARSON
photo editor

It's been 60 years since Warren Miller showed his first personally narrated feature film to a couple of executives in Sun Valley, Idaho.

To celebrate the 60th anniversary, the new movie "Warren Miller's Dynasty" looks back at the last six decades to see where skiing was when Miller first strapped wooden sticks to his feet to where the sport is today.

Narrated by Jonny Moseley, "Dynasty" shows viewers footage captured around the country, as well as other parts of the world, including a trip to China.

Miller started out as "a ski bum," said Gary Nate, a retired camera man and producer for the films. For a couple years, Miller lived in a teardrop trailer in Sun Valley, skiing and filming, before he got his first chance to shoot a feature in 1949.

The first film was shot with a budget of \$16,000 and an 8-mm movie camera; and was personally narrated by Miller. He started showing the films to small groups and parties, where they grew in popularity, and now the latest movie is being shown in 240 cities across the country.

Since Miller's first film, he has helped capture the evolution of skiing. His movies were the first to show snowboarding in a feature film, Nate said. Originally called a "winter stick," Nate shot the footage at Snow Basin, Utah.

"I knew it was going to catch on right away," Nate said. "Snowboarders could do

things skiers only dreamed about and they're built for the powder."

Nate said, snowboarding took a few more years to catch on, but now it's as big if not bigger than skiing is today.

Skis have also become more advanced as well, Nate said. They have become fatter and curved.

"We did a test to see how today's skiers would do on old skis, and they looked just like they did back in the day," he said. "You can jump on a big fat pair of skis today, and someone like me can go back 10 years instantly, they're that much better."

Despite capturing the dramatic changes in the way people move down a mountain and the more advanced video equipment making the films look better, Nate said Miller's formula for making his films has stayed the same throughout the decades.

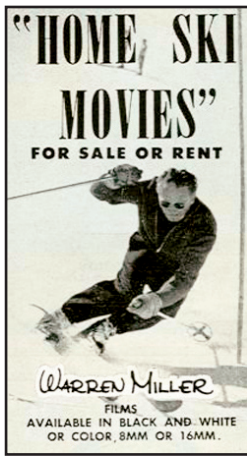
"Lots of people have captured amazing footage, but you have to break it up," he said. "Warren throws a little bit of everything into his movies but not too much. He then adds some humor."

People don't have to ski to enjoy the films, they're universal, Nate said. Families can enjoy the films just as much as any ski enthusiast. Miller stopped narrating the films in 2004.

The movie will be showing in the Kent's Concert Hall Nov. 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 in advance at Al's Sporting Goods, the CSA ticket office or the Fine Arts Center. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$18.

A free lift ticket for The Canyons will be given with each ticket and will be useable throughout the ski season. Door prizes will also be given away.

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JONNY MOSLEY IS PHOTOGRAPHED during the production of Warren Miller's new movie, "Warren Miller's Dynasty." The shot was taken in Lake Tahoe. photo courtesy KEOKI FLAGG

The quest for arts can begin at USU's art museum

By NOELLE JOHANSEN
staff writer

On a quest for fine arts, one might visit the likes of New York City or San Francisco. Or perhaps, on a tighter budget, catch a visiting display in a city closer to home. But look no further. Nestled adjacent to the Kent Concert Hall in this sprawling city called Logan is the Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art.

As one of the largest art collections in the Intermountain region, the museum houses work by many artists located in the

western United States. The collection attracts visitors for permanent installations, as well as visiting artists. Nearly half of the museum's 4,000-plus items remain in storage and out of the public eye.

However, recent modifications have allowed for more art to be displayed than ever before, including the extensive Nora Eccles Treadwell Harrison ceramics collection now lining the lobby. In addition, a study center on the museum's second floor provides a secluded, quiet atmosphere and viewing privileges to hundreds of works on paper stored in accessible files. With free admission and new hours - Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to

4 p.m. - the museum sits quietly at its corner of the sculpture-rich courtyard, waiting to be utilized to the fullest extent imaginable.

"As a student at USU, I'm impressed with the vast collection we have," said Kaari Rowberry, senior in interior design and museum staff member for nearly two years.

Rowberry enjoys her employment at the museum and, though it's relatively quiet, she describes it as exciting. Among other experiences, she occasionally helps install exhibitions. The museum's current installation, titled "Uses of the Real," has been on display since January 2008 and will conclude this December. "Uses of the Real" refers to the questioning of what qualifies as art and reality, and the artists' exploration of that question. Pieces from the museum's permanent collection are displayed with focus on artists' take on Realism throughout movements and history.

Throughout the gallery, the observer is subtly guided by means of grouping; the pieces are clustered by theme in the upper gallery and by history in the Marie Eccles Caine Gallery. Signs throughout the gallery and relay further explanations of the theme "Uses of the Real" - whether the art exists to mimic reality to the point of authenticity or to interpret it in a new and contemporary way.

While mostly centered on local and independent artists, the Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art hosts various traveling artists' work in the project gallery of the second floor. Until Dec. 11, African-American artist Robert Peppers' "Mixed Blessings" adorns the small room's four walls. It features several large icons of mixed media, designs from seashells and sand to broken glass and ceramic pieces.

Rowberry noted that visiting exhibits, though they don't linger for long, generally attract more visitors because the artists tend to be better known. Recognizable artists provide a channel for students who otherwise have little to no knowledge of the art museum to become familiar with it and its resources.

One star of the museum's permanent collection is Trimpin's "Klompfen," an artfully engineered percussion mobile made of 96 wooden Dutch clogs of varying sizes and decor. Suspended from the ceiling, each piece of foreign footwear holds a mallet in the toe and different alterations to create a specific pitch from each shoe; a quarter deposited in the designated box begins one of 20 compositions, each shoe combining in a rhythmic, musical and artistic experience. The quarters support the museum and public education.

On a quest for fine arts, one might choose to skip the bustling crowds and high fees of New York City or San Francisco. Instead, a relatively small detour up the canyon and to the Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art satiates the thirst for artistic transcendentalism or simple afternoon entertainment and does so in a quiet, private atmosphere allowing thought to reign free. Just don't forget a quarter.

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GERMAN SCULPTOR TRIMPIN stands next to his exhibit "Klompfen." The exhibit is an engineered percussion mobile made of 96 wooden Dutch clogs of varying sizes and decor. PATRICK ODEN photo

I dream of Q-U-A-D-S

Last night I had the best of dreams. You know the ones, the ones where you have giant quadriceps and, for some reason, you have the uncanny ability to bound across the ground in leaps of 30 feet or more.

Yes, it was one of those dreams, and oh my-lanta was it great. This one started with me lying down on my bed. I sat up and drooped my legs off the edge. Looking down, I was surprised to find that I was wearing tight, taut and tiny red shorts and my thighs were rippling and tan. The rest of my body was just as decrepit and thin as ever. But these thighs ... my oh my.

I bursted outside and ran across my yard into the street. Dawn was approaching and everything was bathed in light, shimmering with vivacity and life. I glanced down at my enlarged thighs with satisfaction and vaulted forward with Herculean power, then planted my next foot down and pushed off – leaping farther forward, increasing speed with each bound. Before long I was making strides of several yards at a time.

Forthwith I leapt fences, garages, small buildings and, eventually, I merged onto the highway and began my intrepid journey as a super-humanoid automobile. Smiling as the high velocity caused my blonde hair to billow and surge in the wind, I passed car after car as astonished drivers gave reproving, but impressed, glares. The wind

whipped at my face and the air was sweet as I wound through the canyon roads – the only man to ever achieve freeway speeds using merely his natural elements of biology.

And then, unexpectedly, I woke up, ripped from my dream like earphones from your head when the chord gets caught on something. I stared in disbelief, refusing to believe what was before me. I was wearing white soccer shorts. My quads were no longer Olympic. And, as with all dreams of that magnitude, I was only left with a sense of disappointment and a tinge of melancholy.

I've tried to extrapolate what this dream means in the macrocosm of my life. Dreams can be quite the puzzling animal. The only thing I can think of is that at some point in time, I'm going to have massive thighs. Yep, it's gonna be sweet.

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Insurance: Students avoid help

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cal no-man's land, often waiting until they're on death's door before seeking medical attention. Young adults are more likely than any other group to be uninsured, but even those with health plans sometimes forgo doctor visits because they don't have a primary care physician or they assume their young bodies can beat any ailment.

Seventeen percent of 18- to 29-year-olds reported needing but not receiving medical attention in the past year because they couldn't afford it, and that age group is the least likely to have seen a dentist, according to a special report published this year as part of the National Center for Health Statistics' annual "Health, United States" survey. While young adulthood is generally a healthy period, the study said, it also sets the foundation for future health behaviors and may be the time when health education and preventive care have the biggest effect.

"Everyone assumes (young adults) are all healthy, and that's just not true," said study author Amy Bernstein.

About 15 percent of young adults, defined by the study as 18- to 29-year-olds, suffer from chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes and cancer, according to the report. Twenty-four percent of them are obese. Young adults account for the most injury-related emergency room visits. Certain sexually transmitted diseases, such as gonorrhea and Chlamydia, peak during young adulthood, as do rates of smoking, alcohol and drug use.

"People aren't thinking about the things they're doing now that can hurt them in the long run," Bernstein said.

While mortality rates double between adolescence and young adulthood (70 percent of deaths among young adults are from suicide, homicide or accidents), young adults are more likely to be uninsured than any other group. Among 19- to 29-year-olds, 29 percent – or 13.2 million people – were uninsured in 2007, representing 30 percent of uninsured Americans, according to an August report from the Commonwealth Fund, a private foundation that advocates for a high performing health care system.

But even some young people with health insurance are strangers to the medical system.

Zoli Laczko, 35, said he hadn't been to the doctor in almost 20 years until three months ago, when he scheduled a visit because he was experiencing disconcerting heart palpitations. Though he's been paying for insurance through his employer for years, Laczko said he never felt sick enough that there was a point in going to the doctor, and he didn't know how to find a primary physician anyway.

"I didn't know how the system worked," Laczko said. "What do you do? Do you look in the phone book or online or something?"

The heart palpitations ended up being stress-induced, Laczko said, and they subsided when he reduced his workload. But now that he's found a doctor – through a referral by a family member – Laczko said he hopes to get an annual physical.

"It's probably a good idea, especially now that I'm getting older," Laczko said. "I'll make it a habit to go more."

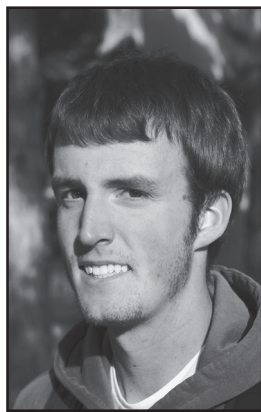
Street Speak

What is a recurring dream or nightmare you have?



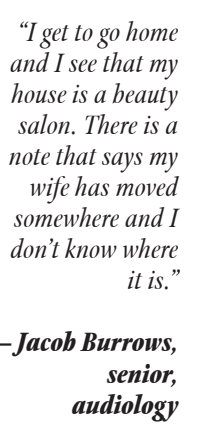
"I always dream of multiple tornadoes moving across the Salt Lake Valley. It's scary."

– Abbie Long, junior, environmental studies



"(I dream) that I get caught committing crimes. Then I wake up right before I'm about to be punished for my crime."

– Dustin Lambright, freshman, computer science



"I get to go home and I see that my house is a beauty salon. There is a note that says my wife has moved somewhere and I don't know where it is."

– Jacob Burrows, senior, audiology



"I have this dream where I'm in a secret passageway behind a house and I'm being chased by a doll and I can't see the doll's face. But if I see the doll's face, then I'm dead."

– Kayla Harris, junior, international studies and economics

photos and information gathered by Todd Jones

EatThat

Taking back the kitchen and all about it.

Out with the old, eating the new

The other day in one of my classes I overheard a girl talking about a craving she was having. Being interested in food, I strained my ears to hear what it could be. My heart sank when I heard the words grilled cheese sandwich and tomato soup. It seems like everyone craves tomato soup when they bite into a grilled cheese sandwich. Everyone except me.

When I was a kid, my mom got frustrated with all of the picky eaters in our family so she came up with a new rule. Each kid was allowed to pick three foods that he or she could absolutely not stand, and if they opted to they never had to eat those foods again. (All other food then became fair game. Good thinking, Mom.) Of all things, I picked pineapple, ham and tomato soup.

Although my tastebuds have changed drastically since then, I still cannot stomach tomato soup. Or I guess I should say I can't stomach tomato soup out of a can, just-add-milk style. It's just too reminiscent of ketchup.

So, needless to say, growing up I always felt a little left out by the renowned dipping of grilled cheese in a steaming bowl of tomato soup. But then one day everything changed. It was the day I made my own cream of tomato soup.

This recipe is easy and it's so much better than the canned stuff. So next time you get a craving for that comforting dinner combo, ditch the can and try this recipe instead:

Creamy Tomato Basil Soup

2 tablespoons olive oil

1/4 cup onion, minced

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 (15 ounce) can crushed tomatoes

1 (15 ounce) can tomato sauce

1 cup chicken or vegetable broth

dash or two of dried basil, oregano and thyme

salt and pepper

3/4 cup cream or half and half

– In a medium saucepan, heat the olive oil until it's warm.

– Add the onions and sauté, stirring often, until they're soft and clear, about five minutes.

– Add the garlic and sauté, continuing to stir, another two minutes, until the garlic is lightly browned and fragrant.

– Add the crushed tomatoes, toma-

to sauce and broth. Bring the mixture to a mild simmer.

– Add the spices and salt and pepper to taste.

– Cover and let simmer for at least 10 minutes. (The longer you let it simmer the more the flavor from the spices will sink in.)

– Remove from heat and whisk in the cream.

Note: If you prefer to use fresh spices you'll need to add more than you would if you were using dry. I usually substitute one teaspoon dried spice for one tablespoon freshly minced.

One great thing about this soup is that you can make it ahead of time (or make more than you need) and freeze it. Just put it in a Tupperware container with a lid and when you're ready to use it either defrost it in the microwave or just dump the tomato soup ice cube straight into a pot and reheat it on the stove.

This high-quality tomato soup deserves more than some lame grilled cheese sandwich. Here are a few tips to making a sandwich that is worthy of the soup:

Tips for a Classier Grilled Cheese Sandwich:

– Change things up by using different kinds of breads and cheeses. Sourdough, multigrain and focaccia are all fun options for the bread and sharp cheddar, Colby Jack, provolone and swiss are good cheese options.

– Use the lid of a pot to cover your sandwich while it's on the pan and cook it at a lower temperature. This helps prevent the all-too-common scenario of the bread turning black before the cheese has even started to melt.

– Add meat, grilled onions and or peppers, tomatoes, avocado or anything else you like, either before or after you grill it.

– Be sure to dunk it into your tomato soup and enjoy the winning combination that everybody (including me) has come to love and even crave.

Jennelle Clark is a junior majoring in psychology who isn't quite ready for the cold weather but likes the soups it brings.

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Game on

By TIM OLSEN
sports editor

Under the watchful eye of head coach Stew Morrill, the Utah State men's basketball program has revealed in unprecedented success during the past decade. That success has led to extremely high expectations from Aggie fans, and the 2009-10 year is no exception.

With a school-record 30-win season, a second consecutive WAC regular season title, a conference tournament title and with four returning starters from that record-setting squad, expectations are, again, high.

"We always have expectations at Utah State. That's something we've learned to live with and understand through the years," said Morrill according to the team's media guide. "When you are fortunate enough to go to 10-straight postseasons, fans expect you to have a quality basketball team, and we expect to compete for a WAC championship every year."

Heading into Friday's season opener at Weber State, however, it's not only USU fans that have high expectations for this season's Aggies. Utah State was tabbed as the No. 1 team in the conference by both the coaches and the media.

"We're excited. We're glad to be recognized," said senior Jared Quayle who was voted to the preseason WAC first-team. "We can't get big heads, we can't go off of last year's team or last year's accomplishments. We've got to come out and prove ourselves this year. It's a whole new team. We've just got to keep working hard and prepare ourselves for this year."

Along with Quayle, junior forward and two-year starter Tai Wesley was also recognized as he was voted to the WAC preseason second-team. Wesley averaged 12 points and six rebounds a game during his sophomore campaign.

"I think we need to not let it go to our head. It's definitely a compliment, something that we should be proud of but more about last year's accomplishments," said Wesley of the preseason accolades. "This year we haven't proved anything, and I think we need to go into each game with that mindset, prove ourselves each game and prove the critics right – that we can be that No. 1 team."

Returning to the starting rotation, along with Quayle and Wesley, will be junior swing-men Tyler Newbold and Pooh Williams. Newbold has played in 70 games since his freshman season, including starting in the last 60. Last year, the 6-foot-4-inch shooting guard led not only the

Aggies but also the nation to-turnover ratio (3.96). He averaged nine points and 4.2 per game.

Williams has been rec from a foot surgery this but could see time again: Wildcats after missing th two exhibition games. W only averaged 5.9 points rebounds as a sophomore came one strong toward of the season. He is the A most athletic small forward best lockdown defender.

The only spot on the f the Aggies don't return a – and their biggest quest heading into the season- ter position vacated by 21 Player of the Year Gary V The big red head left a 17 rebound hole in the start

The Aggies, though, h experience in replacing a the Year. Before last seasu paign, USU was presente replacing the school's all- scorer Jaycee Carroll.

"I think we do it the s: we did last year in replac Wesley said of replacing "We've got a lot of new gi going to have to step up a big roles – fill some big s think we've got the guys

One of those new guys most likely step in and fi JC transfer Nate Bendall. 9-inch, 245-pound junior to USU (he played for US man, appearing in 13 ga helping lead Salt Lake Cc College to a 31-6 record a NJCAA National Champi

"I always knew Nate w player," Morrill said. "I r watching him when he w school and I turned to m after warm-ups and said, him,' hadn't even seen hi game yet. It's nice to hav in an Aggie uniform."

The Bruins also provided the Aggies with another transfer who should contribute right away in



Ags ready to kick off 2009 season

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TouchBase

Spikers swept away by Rainbow Warriors

By CONNOR JONES
sports senior writer

The women's volleyball team fell to the No. 3 ranked team in the country, Hawaii, Sunday night in Honolulu.

With the loss, the Aggies slide to 14-13 on the season and 5-9 in WAC play.

While the Aggies stuck around early in the first set, the Warriors went on a 17-5 run to take the first set. USU had a .000 hitting percentage (4-4-23) while Hawaii hit .464 (17-4-28).

USU improved in the second and third sets with a .161 (8-3-30) and .250 (12-4-32) hitting percentages, respectively.

USU finished the match with a .153 (24-11-85) hitting percentage while Hawaii hit .426 (52-12-94). UH had six more service aces (7-1) in the match, while USU had 2.5 more team blocks.

Borel: USU's athlete of the week

BY USU ATHLETICS

Utah State football player Diondre Borel has been named the America First Credit Union Utah State Student-Athlete of the Week for the week of Nov. 2-8. It was announced on Monday. The award is voted on by a state media panel.

Borel, a junior quarterback from Oakley, Calif., (Freedom HS) threw for 344 yards on 25-38 passing, tying his career-best for completions and his second-best yardage total, Saturday in USU's 49-36 loss at Hawaii. He tossed two TDs but was also intercepted twice, snapping the nation's longest active streak for passes without an interception at 228, leaving as the third-longest streak this season. He also rushed for 18 yards and a TD, marking the second-straight game with a rushing and throwing TD in the same game, and it was the fifth time this season and seventh time in his career doing so.

Additionally, Borel topped the 1,000 career rushing yards, becoming the 21st Aggie player to do so and the first Aggie QB to reach that mark, as he is USU's career record holder for rushing yards by a QB, now with 1,002 yards. He now has 2,265 yards passing, becoming the 18th Aggie QB to hit the 2k milestone. Borel has moved into the No. 10 spot on the career passing list with 3,970, needing just 30 yards to reach 4,000 career yards and become the 10th USU signal-caller to reach that plateau.

Borel will lead the Aggies (2-7, 1-4 WAC) into action Saturday, Nov. 14, vs. San Jose State (1-7, 0-4 WAC). Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m. (MT) from USU's Romney Stadium.

For Aggie football ticket information, contact the USU Ticket Office at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum by phone by calling 1-888-USTATE-1 or 797-0305 or online at www.UtahStateAggies.com and clicking on the "buy/renew tickets" under the "tickets" drop-down menu.

CROSS COUNTRY

Running a winning tradition at USU

By STEVEN CLARK
staff writer

USU has always been known for its winning tradition in men's basketball, but the Spectrum isn't where all of the magic at USU takes place. October marked the Western Athletic Conference championships for cross country where the Aggie men's team took home the hardware by finishing in first place overall. The women came away with second place honors.

This is the fifth-straight WAC title for the men, as they have won every title since coming into the WAC in 2005. The women have had similar success, finishing in the top four each year and bringing home two titles of their own since the change from the Big West.

What is the secret to the Aggies' success over these past five years?

"Great athletes," said USU head coach Gregg Gensel. "These kids are the ones who run and work really hard in practice. That's the thing that I enjoy the most: watching these kids grow and have success. When they train hard good things like this happen."

The Aggies performed extremely well while competing in the Big West conference and obviously found no problems in their transition to the WAC.

"The Big West was a different kind of a conference. It had more teams so the first adjustment was to get used to not as many teams, but the quality of the competition was just as good," Gensel said.

Since making the move to the WAC, the Aggies have had great student athletes come through the program. Sophomores Brian McKenna and Jessie Chugg have been big contributors to USU's winning. Along with five other

USU men, both McKenna and Chugg were placed on the All-WAC first team.

"We always try to recruit really good athletes," Gensel said. "Coming into the WAC with a new facility helped out a lot."

What gets high school seniors to want to come to USU and join the cross country team? Chugg had the answer.

"First off, I came to a basketball game, and I thought that our school has a lot of school spirit, and I just thought that it'd be fun to have that much pride in my school," she said. "I also had a teammate from high school come up here, and she said that she really loved it and she had a lot of success (with the cross country team)."

McKenna had a similar answer.

"I like Utah State because it has good balance. It gives you support but lets you do your own thing," he said. "I knew that USU had a balanced team. I just knew that I would fit in. Our program is patient, yet it pushes you to be the very best you can."

Each season brings new runners and new personalities to the team, but Gensel has found a way to win with everyone.

"One consistent thing is that everyone works very hard," said USU's longtime coach. "They know that if they work hard then good things will happen."

Gensel mentioned there has been one factor this season that has made an impact on his team: friendship.

"This year's team, both on the men's and on the women's side, seems to be a lot closer and work together and everything," he said. "I'm not saying that I haven't had other teams that have done that, but that is what stands out in particular for this team."

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USU'S KYLE MOFFET competes in an event earlier in the year. CATHERINE URIE photo

Wedding cakes, Winchestersters and volleyball



CHELSEA FOWLES (ABOVE) AND CHRISTINE MORRILL (BELOW) captain the 2009 women's volleyball team. With no seniors on this year's roster, the two juniors have stepped up into their role as captains. Both are on their way to Utah State career records in their positions. Fellow junior Danielle Taylor said the two are great leaders and earned the respect from everyone on the team by their great work ethic and their genuine concern for every member of the team. *PATRICK ODEN photo*



By CONNOR JONES
sports senior writer

With seven school records between them and a year left of eligibility, junior volleyball team captains Christine Morrill and Chelsea Fowles have the opportunity to end their Aggie careers as the best Utah State players in their positions ... but really, they'd just rather have the Ws.

"It's cool and it's an honor because I really look up to those girls who came before me and set those high standards, but it's really not about numbers for me," Morrill said.

Morrill grew up in a desolate Utah town, Neola, where she said there wasn't much to do but play volleyball, shoot things and hang out with friends.

"I was more interested in shooting things and playing volleyball than anything else," Morrill said. "I mean, yes the nearest Wal-Mart was 30 minutes away but I absolutely loved growing up there."

Morrill grew up around volleyball. Her sister, Jackie, played for the University of Utah from 2000-03. Jackie finished her Ute career with her name in multiple Ute records, including being the sixth most prolific digger in University of Utah volleyball history with 1,032 throughout her career.

"I knew (when picking a school) I wanted to stay in Utah and the U offered me a spot on their team but I really wanted to make a name for myself," Morrill said. "I didn't want to be known as Jackie Morrill's little sister."

She has done just that here at USU. During her freshman year in 2007, Morrill had 333 digs, the eighth most in a single season for any Utah State player. Her sophomore year, she finished the season with 409 digs for the fourth spot on the record list and thus far in her junior year. With two more guaranteed games to play, Morrill has 497 digs, just 13 shy of second most in a single season and 40 behind current record holder Kelsi Peterson who holds the spot for second and for the most single season digs with 510 and 537 in 2005 and 2006, respectively. Morrill's 497 digs in 107 sets leads the WAC in both total digs and average dig per set with 4.64.

As the libero, Morrill stands out on the court, not only because she is the one wearing the different colored jersey but because she is most often the one purposefully getting in the way of the opposing team's kill shot.

"I love my position," Morrill said. "I love having to react and going for the hard hit shots, and I love how involved it keeps me."

Morrill has earned academic all-WAC honors during both of her seasons and is on track to make it a third. As an exercise science major, Morrill originally wanted to apply to nursing school after graduation. Although she said she loves her major she's not quite sure if nursing is what she ultimately wants to do.

On the other hand Morrill's co-captain Fowles knows what she wants. "I want to be a pastry chef," Fowles said. "I'll make the best cookies you will ever taste. What I really want to do is be a wedding cake designer or something along those lines. I want to go to culinary school after I'm done here at Utah State."

But don't let the cakes and cookies give you the wrong idea. Fowles is one mean setter. With 3,203 career assists, Fowles sits 739 sets below Carrie Steverson's 3,942 career-assist record, which has held up since Steverson finished school in 1991. With Fowles averaging 1,070 assists a season, the 739 assists not only seems possible but, barring a catastrophe, inevitable.

"(Getting records is) always something really cool when you think about it," Fowles said. "By the time I leave Utah State I'm planning on being the all-time assists leader and that's something that's really cool to say but for me it's more about being part of something great."

Fowles was named WAC Freshman of the Year in 2007 and was selected as an all-WAC candidate in both 2008 and 2009.

Fowles currently leads the WAC in assists this season with 1,045, 109 more than the next highest setter Dani Mafua from No. 3 nationally ranked Hawaii. She also has the second most service aces in the conference with 34 this season.

The youngest of five children with three older sisters, Fowles fell in love with the setter position while watching her two oldest sisters play volleyball. Fowles said two of her three sisters went on to play in college, and while growing up, watching her sisters play led to her passion for the sport.

While their collegiate volleyball days are winding down both girls say they've loved their experience as an Aggie athlete.

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FOOTBALL

Aggies need to find a sense of urgency

By ADAM NETTINA
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All season long there has been something that Aggie players and coaches could hang their hats on. Against Utah and BYU, it was the fact that the offense held its own against two ranked Mountain West heavyweights. Against Texas A&M, it was the resiliency of a comeback attempt that nearly knocked off a Big 12 team at home. Even in a home loss to Nevada, the Aggies held their own, playing within a few late-game Colin Kaepernick heroics of upending one of the conference's best. And that's not even taking into account the 31-27 loss at Fresno State, where the only thing that prevented a USU win was two missed field goals.

But in Utah State's (2-7, 1-5) 49-36 loss to Hawaii (3-6, 1-5) on Saturday, none of those things seemed to matter, as the struggling Aggies hit arguably the lowest point of their season. This was, after all, the game where everything was supposed to come together, and where the lessons of early season close calls and frustrations would pay dividends. Not only was Hawaii entering the game with a six-game losing streak, they were coming in with backup quarterback Bryant Moniz at the helm. If there was ever going to be a breather for the Aggies amid a challenging conference slate, this was the week.

Six hundred and ninety-seven yards later, Aggie fans found themselves muttering the proverbial, "there's always next week." It wasn't that USU lost to Hawaii so much as the way the Aggies lost. The Ags, supposedly a "defensive-oriented" team under one of the best defensive minds in college football (head coach Gary Andersen), surrendered season highs in points (49), passing yards (377), and rushing yards (360) to Hawaii. The fact that the pass-oriented Warrior offense entered the game averaging only 80 yards per game on the ground makes Saturday night's performance all the more perplexing and disappointing.

"I wasn't expecting them to be able to run that well against us," said USU defensive tackle Nathan Royster. "I thought this year we have done all right against the run and I wasn't expecting Hawaii to run that well against us. I figured if they got established they would keep running and they did."

Keep running is exactly what they did. Along with passing and moving the ball in huge chunks against an injury rattled Utah State defense. To be fair, USU's offense showed the familiar big-play sparks Aggie fans have come to appreciate from quarterback Diondre Borel and running back Robert Turbin, but once again it was a tale of two halves for the Aggies. USU was outscored 36-7 in the first half and shutout for the entire second quarter.

All of this begs the question of what exactly has gone wrong for the team and it's fast fading 2009 season. The Aggies, have proven to be one of the most talented teams in the conference, with several players (including Turbin) sure to make the All-Conference team at the end of the year. True, injuries have been a concern, as has the adaptation to a new coaching staff, but by November teams are supposed to be showing improvement. And losing to a team with previous wins over Central Arkansas and Washington State isn't necessarily improvement.

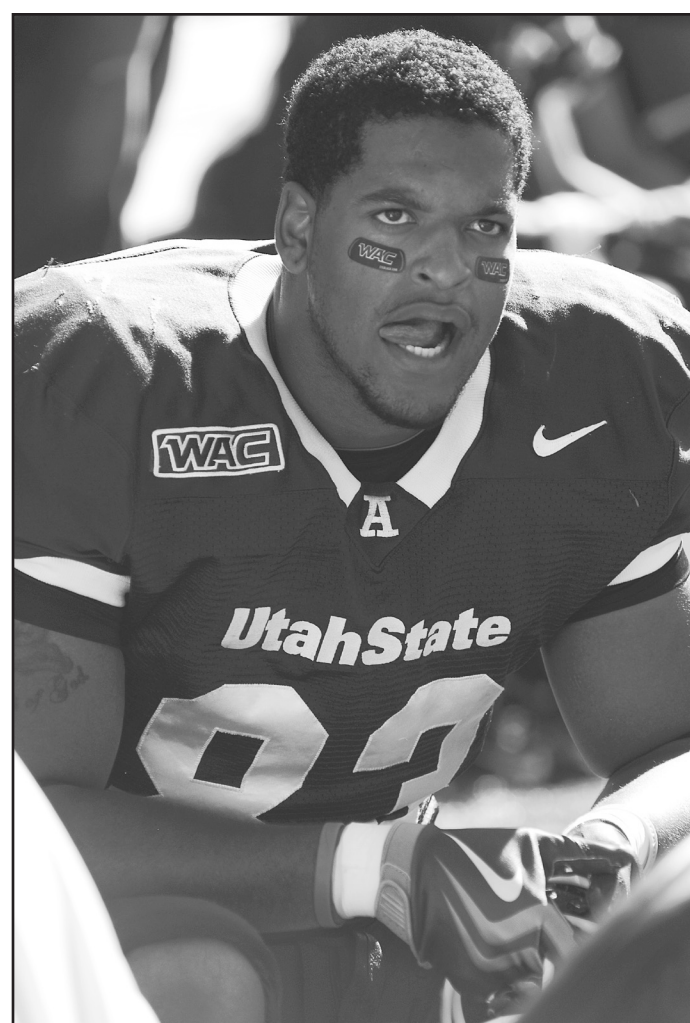
Don't get me wrong - losing to Hawaii doesn't make Utah State among the worst teams in the country, although some will argue it does. The Warriors, despite their record, are still a well coached and talented team, but perhaps more importantly, they were playing with one thing the Aggies haven't been able to find this season - a sense of urgency. How important is the oft-cited, but highly cliché, intangible? More than you may think.

"Give credit to Hawaii. They played very well with their backs against the wall and we did not," Andersen said. "I hope this will help us understand the level that you have to be able to play at when a team has got their back against the wall and you're playing in a big game."

He later added, "There are things we need to do better as a football program and it all starts with me."

Fortunately for Aggie fans, Andersen and his team will have a chance to show they've learned the lessons of last week when they take on San Jose State this Saturday. Like Hawaii a week ago, San Jose State enters the game with a losing record (1-7) and is at the bottom of the WAC standings. Like Hawaii last week, the Spartans will be playing with their backs up against the wall when they come to Romney Stadium. The only question will be whether USU's players will do the same.

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TIGHT END JEREMY MITCHELL, 83, looks on during the Aggies' game against Nevada earlier in the season. The Aggies suffered arguably their worst loss of the season Saturday at Hawaii, 49-36. *PATRICK ODEN photo*

Section F

A different point of view

And here ... we ... go. The regular season is officially upon us as of this Friday night. I dare say the exhibition schedule was a massive success with convincing wins over Northwest Nazarene and Trinity Western. For those who didn't know, Trinity Western, in the days leading up their game in Logan, went to Orem and slaughtered Utah Valley by 19 points and gave BYU a scare a couple days later as they led for the majority of the first half against the Cougars. That wasn't the case in the Spectrum for the Spartans, who fell behind 15-0. Shortly thereafter, we were staring the "up by 30" chant, right in their face, for nearly the entire evening.

But those were the exhibition games against teams who do not compete in NCAA Division-I. No way would we ever see such a thing like a scoring differential of 44-14 like we saw in the first half against Trinity Western ... unless of course you count last year's 47-14 second half against the same Weber State team that Utah State will be facing Friday night.

To be fair, Weber State is a solid program with a very good head coach plucked straight from the Stew Morrill coaching tree. They are the preseason favorite to repeat as Big Sky Conference champions, despite the graduation of conference MVP Kellen McCoy and Defensive Player of the Year Daviin Davis. The Wildcats return plenty of solid talent in sophomore Damian Lillard and senior Nick Hansen, but the game will likely center around the paint for USU where Weber State is undersized and undermanned for the challenge of handling Tai Wesley and Nate Bendall.

A year ago, the WSU game was the one where Wesley was a single assist shy of a triple double against the Wildcats when he scored 14 points, pulled down 10 rebounds, dished out nine assists and threw four blocks into the mix as well. One thing that appears to be apparent after a few exhibition games is that Bendall will be an upgrade defensively over Gary

Wilkinson. Bendall's size and strength has made him look at times like an immovable force down low for USU, which could be trouble for Wildcats center Steve Panos, who led the Wildcats in scoring against the Aggies a year ago.

Of course there has to be an X-factor in this mix, right? That's where the Spectrum on Wheels comes in. Through the two exhibition games, the USU student section and the overall noise level throughout the Spectrum has felt like everybody is already in mid-season form. I can't help but be curious as to what our mid-season form will be like this year if we're getting off to a start like this as a crowd. The team, too, has looked to be a much better team early on this year compared to most seasons' exhibition games. Never before have I seen the Aggies look as prepared and as refined during exhibition as they were this year. But the SOW is looking at what is always going to be the shortest drive to any road game, and the turnout tends to be a good one in Ogden.

Friday night we get to see the real thing against some real competition. I think players and fans alike have revenge on their minds after Weber State beat the Aggies 78-71 last time USU went to Ogden in the second game of the 2007-08 season. The only verdict is vengeance. Aggie basketball is here. It's the most wonderful time of the year.



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Titles: Runners rack up another

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"I like being unified with my teammates," Chugg said. "We feel really close to everyone and my coaches are like my family, and so it helps a lot with school because I always have friends."

"I love everything about it," McKenna said. "Not only the cross country team but the whole track program. Everyone watches out for each other and usually is interested in what everyone else is doing, and it makes this a very close-knit program."

Gensel and his staff have also done a good job of making his athletes feel like they belong.

"This is a very ideal situation because our captain has a perfect balance with showing the new guys what they can do and encouraging the other runners to just keep going," McKenna said. "We had Mike Spence (former USU runner) join as an assistant coach this year, and he's only a couple years older than us. He knows what it's like to be on the team, and he's been a great interface between us and the coaches."

The family feeling that the cross country program has is causing a bigger interest in the sport. "We've got a lot of really good freshman and our team is getting bigger which is always nice,"

Chugg said.

"We're getting bigger every year and that brings in more culture, more diversity, and that's really attractive for any team," McKenna said.

Any athlete would be attracted to a program with a tight bond and a dedicated coach who loves to see his players succeed.

"I just love seeing the athletes improve and have success. That's what keeps me coming back," Gensel said. "I always compare it to that one great golf shot that keeps you coming back to the golf course, and I think that is the beauty of our sport. You don't always need to win to have success and it's easy to measure. I've been an Aggie for a long time, since 1977, and I think that the traditions that we have is exactly what I like. I love Cache Valley, and I love this university and the opportunities that it gives the kids both academically and athletically."

USU's men's and women's cross country teams have experienced great success over the years. Not only have they built a winning team and tradition, they have made a successful program.

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RUGBY



USU'S AMANDA PETERS gets tackled during the Aggies' match against the Provo Steelers. USU lost the match, 29-19. PETE P. SMITHSUTH photo

Ags run into steel curtain

By TYLER HUSKINSON
staff writer

Simply put the Provo Steelers are bigger than the Aggies. This was obvious on the field Saturday as the Steelers defeated USU at home, 29-19. The Aggies only trailed 17-14 at half but the continuous ball pounding from the Steelers proved fatal for Utah State.

The Steelers outsized and overpowered USU, winning most of the scrums including the Aggies' scrums in the second half. Once again, the Aggies had issues tackling, resulting in long Steeler runs.

"We just couldn't compete with them unfortunately," said USU head coach Dennis Kohler.

Shannon Woolley, Kylee Griffin and Jessie Trina all scored tries to account for the Ag's 19 points. Woolley was 2-for-3 on kick conversions.

"Woolley, Turner, and Griffin put together a textbook scoring drive that I wish we could duplicate every game," Kohler said.

Lynsey Jackman, Lindsey Rowberry and Tabitha "Mo" Morin were all solid on defense for the Aggies. Morin left the game early for the second week in a row.

Kohler said it was hard to see team improvements with the loss, but the team's basic skills are improving, including passing, kicking and speed in the attack after a kick.

The fall season has been rough for the Aggies, but Utah State is an inexperienced

club.

"I think it is important to note how our new players have stepped up to fit into the whole team dynamic," Kohler said.

At the end of the game on Saturday, only two of the eight players in the scrum had played rugby before this season.

"For a bunch of new players to come out and hold their own against a much more experienced forward pack says something about what is inside of them," Kohler said.

Up next for Aggies are the UVU Wolverines, and the implications are huge. If USU doesn't win, it won't qualify for the national tournament.

"That seems pretty important to me. We will have to wait until Saturday to see how important it is to the club," Kohler said.

Kohler said with the time change the team won't have time to work on much but will focus on team work and mental awareness.

The Ags haven't played UVU yet this year and know anything could happen.

"Right now, I am worrying more about what we might do to beat ourselves," Kohler said. "We need to play to our full potential for a full 80-minute game, press the attack and score when the opportunity presents itself."

USU will host UVU Nov. 14 at 11 a.m. on the HPER Field.

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Preview: Ags loaded once again

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ing off a surgery on his face. The speedy guard averaged just fewer than 12 minutes a game last year but often sparked the Aggies with his change of pace.

Other returning players include junior Matt Formisano, sophomores Brady Jardine and Modou Niang. Formisano came on as a consistent force in the post last season, while Jardine is another high-energy player. Niang suffered a wrist injury early last season and was granted a medical redshirt. He should benefit from another year in USU's system.

Freshman guard Preston Eaton and 7-foot-1-inch freshman center Anthony DiLoreto are also on the Aggie roster but will most likely redshirt this season.

Following Friday's season opener, the Ags will stay on the road for two more games (Utah and Northeastern) before finally opening up Spectrum play Nov. 24 against Idaho State. Wesley said the team needs to not hesitate and not wait to get its feet wet if it expects to do well on the road swing.

Under Morrill, the Aggies have a 159-12 record at home, including having won 34 straight and 50 of their last 51. The 34-game home win streak is currently the second longest streak in the nation behind Kansas. This season USU will be playing a record 18 games at the Spectrum.

"There's definitely pressure. If I said there was no pressure I'd be lying," Wesley said about keeping the home winning streak going. "Anybody can come in here and beat us, so we need to really protect our home court. The only reason we have the fan base we do is because we're a good basketball team. They don't want to come out and support a bad basketball team. We need to pay it back to the fans by competing every night."

Regardless of pressure and expectations, the Aggies are excited to get the season started and finally have their games count. Though Quayle and Wesley both expressed plenty of things the team needs to improve on - especially on the defensive end - they know this could be another special year for the Aggies.

"We've just got to take one game at a time and hopefully we'll come out and play that night and get that win," Quayle said. "I'm excited. It's my last year of college basketball and I'm going to give it all I can. Hopefully the rest of the team does the same, and we can have a successful year."

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Our View

A single language society

Out of approximately 690 languages, English is the second most used today. The No. 1 spot is taken by Mandarin Chinese with more than one billion users. And No. 3 is Hindi with at least 497 million users. English barely holds onto No. 2 with 508 million users.

The United States is what many people consider a melting pot. All cultures are (supposed to be) welcomed with open arms. The U.S. is modern-day Rome. Yet some Americans do not embrace the languages that come with the cultures. Instead of having the slightest interest in trying to learn a foreign language, many seethe under their breath – whispering to themselves that these different people should learn English. Perhaps instead of holding disdain toward people who cannot or barely speak English, Americans can broaden their horizons and learn their language.

The English language is nothing but a mutt. It borrowed many words from different languages. It is mainly derived from Latin and Greek, but it has taken from French, German, Spanish and others. Since the language takes from such a numerous amount of languages, it has the largest vocabulary of the 690 languages out there.

People can look at it this way: Learn the ancestral language of which they speak. It will give them a broader understanding of where English, and other languages, come from. It will foster a greater understanding of history and culture, allowing people to embrace the differences in others.

A professor from Kyoto University will be speaking at USU Nov. 11. Many people will benefit from listening to what Tetsuji Atsuji has to say about his area of expertise: kanji, a writing system used by many Asian languages that originated in ancient China. Mandarin Chinese is one of the languages that uses kanji and seeing as how there are more than one billion users of the language, it'll do people well to understand the language and the culture behind it.

As said by Japanese professor Atsuko Neely about kanji, "We can't afford to ignore that. Not to understand its side of culture, it's your loss."

Though experts say the human brain learns languages the easiest before hitting age 7, it's never too late – as the saying goes. After that, the going may be tougher but not impossible. With the average human brain being 1,300 grams and with only 10 percent of it being used, it's possible to cram some more syntaxes and word storage in there.

An eye to Iran

Iran appears ready to agree to ship its enriched uranium to France and Russia for processing into nuclear fuel.

This would be a positive step; perhaps the first positive step since the Iranian nuclear program became public earlier this decade. The United States should embrace this Iranian concession.

However, it's only a positive step, not a positive outcome. Taking enriched uranium out of Iran for fuel processing does little more than buy the West time in dealing with what more and more looks to be a covert nuclear weapons program.

Processing the enriched uranium outside Iran gives the West a better view of what is going on inside the nation. It means greater access to enrichment facilities. As International Atomic Energy Agency officials point out that the more they know, the better off every-

one is. The West's stonewall diplomatic tack toward the Iranian program from 2004 through this year did little more than decrease knowledge of the program, and the rancorous debate gave Iran cover and support at home for further developing a covert program.

Inspectors have now visited the worrisome Qom facility, though their findings won't be reported for a while yet.

Oddly, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who has used the fight to bolster his stature, is calling the new proposal a change from "confrontation to cooperation."

He may be right, and this may be in the best interests of the United States, Iran and the planet. But, hand in hand with cooperation, we must remain watchful.

This column first appeared in the Oct. 30 edition of The Kansas City Star.

Ask Miss Jones

Dear Miss Jones,

Where do I begin? I guess I could start from when I first met Todd. He wasn't typically the type of guy I would be interested in. First of all, he was without a doubt a hick through and through. Not that being a hick is a bad thing, just never someone I imagined I could have feelings for. Todd isn't what you would call a "social butterfly" either. All right, to be honest, Todd is a pretty downright awkward guy. He is about three years older than me and has become a bit of a loner. To me it seems like he just never found the right girl. I now find my mind pondering the thought that I might become that right girl.

I haven't been in too many relationships over the years, and neither has he. Now I don't want to sound creepy here, but although I have considered myself a strong independent woman these past few years, I'm now sure that I'm ready for love. Is it so wrong to begin the hunt for a good husband?

Sure he isn't the coolest cat in town, but who am I to judge? I've been seeing a lot of Todd at church activities and just hanging out with friends. He's very kind-hearted and fun to be around. The more I see him, the more my feelings grow. I just don't know if those feelings are mutual. Although I wouldn't say he's been throwing himself at me, there hasn't been any avoiding of any kind either.

Now to get to the real problem. All this time off of the dating world has left me feeling a bit like an amateur. Whenever Todd comes around, which is quite often, I find myself freezing up. I can't even speak to him sometimes. I don't know if it's nerves or just me being a sissy, but I feel like I've completely lost my game. I guess basically what I'm saying is that I've forgotten how to flirt. Is this my scared, inner fifth-grade girl coming out or am I doomed forever? Is there any hope?

Flirtatiously Challenged

Dear Flirtatiously Challenged,

It made me sad to read your letter. Not because of your situation but because you came to the conclusion that there may not be any hope – something I've learned throughout my life is that there is always hope. I remember one of the darkest days in this country's

history, Nov. 22, 1963. The day President Kennedy was killed. There was a nationwide hush when the news broke. No one could believe it. There's been only one other event that I can remember that compares, Sept. 11. This one you should be able to remember and believe me it's something you will never forget. After each of these tragic events, the U.S. was stuck gasping for breath and for a moment people lost hope, but the days that followed were what told the true story and what made America truly great. It reminds me of "Rocky IV." No matter how many times the iron fists of Ivan Drago knocked Rocky down he stood back up. After Sept. 11, almost every house on every street flew Old Glory proudly. While that crazy bastard Osama bin Laden may have knocked us down and some people may have lost hope for a moment, the U.S. as a whole stood right back up.

Listen, Challenged, there is always hope. No matter how awkward Todd may be, there is always a chance. While his hickishness no doubt turns some people off he is still a man, he still has needs and still needs love. Back in the day when I was attending USU I dated this boy who was no doubt a hick. I remember our first date. It was Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1949, and it was a full moon (go ahead and look it up if you don't believe me). We were riding horses from the mouth of Logan Canyon back up toward campus. I challenged him to a roping contest. To make a long story short, I was soon laying on my back, all four of my limbs tied up with his "piggin-strings," with him throwing up his hands a mere nine seconds after he tripped me up. His cattle roping skills were impressive and let me tell you, while his hands may have been calloused his lips were soft.

Todd sounds like a good guy. You need to stop putting him down and making excuses and just follow your heart. Your flirting skills aren't gone, they just went into hibernation. Awake that sleeping bear of your flirting skills and set her loose. If Todd is any kind of hick he'll know just how to track, hunt and subdue that bear.

Don't forget and remember: "With any times as Miss Jones been around the block, directions must be followed."

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As a matter of faith

I remember walking into the Soldier Readiness Center at Fort Hood, Texas, five years ago as a dumb, short-haired kid who had just come out of South Korea. I was in my second duty station, still wide eyed with wonder and confusion at being in the Army, but I knew I was soon going to the warfront after signing in at the reception desk. The building was a strange place to me, full of people standing in frozen lines or scurrying to different offices. It was also the last place I spent time on active duty. As of last Thursday though, it will forever be a place of ghosts.

The shooting at Fort Hood was certainly a horrifying event for all involved and affected many indirectly. It has polarized our media into pointing fingers anywhere it can. To be clear, this was not simply the result of some minor harassment or radical terrorist ideology. This was an attack of lunacy and cowardice, spurred by a storm of variables. One of those variables was certainly a deep religious conviction, but the issue shouldn't stop there. His religion is not as important as what his specific belief resulted in. This points to a problem in understanding faith that can have tragic consequences: the problem of religious literalism.

Religious literalism means more than just the belief that the religion is true. Most religions

believe in their own truth and are deeply ingrained in culture and society as a result. Literalism though, goes beyond believing in religious truths relating to human nature. It includes the scientific or historic belief in the details of the faith, such as the existence of Noah's Ark on a mountain somewhere or a giant turtle carrying our planet around on its back.

I am in no way dismissing the need and use of these claims made in religions themselves. Religious faith is not some kid's game of pretend, and the claims therein are not just silly fairy tales. Religion involves the pursuit of truth about the human condition. Often these claims are both an attraction to the sense of wonder and mystery that drives faith and great human achievements. They are also a method of making abstract divine issues more accessible to general people so they may understand them and grow.

Where religious literalism starts to go wrong is by disordering the purpose of these claims and lowering them to simply explain away strange natural phenomena or history. I believe faith and reason must be intertwined, but I don't believe faith should be lowered

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to simple rationalism. I don't know any people who converted because they read Anselm's ontological arguments, and I'm not a believer because I don't know how the sun comes up every morning. Faith goes beyond the simply rational, although both play an important part in our lives.

By lowering faith to simple rationalism and scientific data, the focus in the religion is not on its meaning for our lived existence but on the material particulars of the narrative. More philosophically, it focuses on appearances rather than reality. Many faiths throughout the world such as Greek Paganism, Christianity and Buddhism warn against this very mindset in their doctrine and practice. At its most absurd, literalism can drive its followers to weird behavior, such as looking for the Ark in Russian mountains or waiting out a UFO that was seen in an old painting somewhere. At its worst though, it can

lead to enormous tragedy. Religious literalism requires no further understanding of a faith narrative than what the reader sees on the surface, and any further truth is lost to the community. I witnessed this myself growing up in a literalist church. There was no reason or depth in anyone's faith, just obedience. Victims of horrible crimes simply had it coming, and we were the chosen, no questions asked, no matter the circumstances.

I left that church in my adult years because I saw the flaw it shared with similar faiths. It wasn't looking to divinity, it was looking to save itself out of fear, selfishness and other vices. This is the poison of religious literalism - it looks at the self rather than for truth. Faith becomes a weapon to use on others or protect the self, not a path to divinity. Communities under this guidance can become fearful and rigid and lose the ability to grow, and

some times a new element of culture or education introduced gets blindly and violently put down.

Going back to the shooter in Fort Hood, Texas, this is an example of how this mentality affects cultures and individuals alike. This was no terrorist act, just an individual who put his fears and desires above all else and it ended in bloodshed. Religious literalism has a history of this kind of behavior and often facilitates it. When only the personal or immediate is looked toward, anything can be justified no matter how evil. While I strongly believe the truth of the words in my gospels, I know that they are about far more than strange trees and funny creatures. Religious literalism dismisses transcendence for convenience and has all too often been the source of continuous suffering.



Will Holloway is a senior in philosophy. His column appears every other Wednesday. Comments can be left at www.aggietownsquare.com

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 C215-10 Temporary Admission Processor \$10/hr
 C189-10 Wildland Resources Technician \$7.25-\$7.50
 C230-09 S I Leader For Biol 1620 001 9.00
 C039-09 Sibling Care Provider depends on experience
 C135-91 Intramural Official \$7.25 to \$8 per game
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Apts. 4 Rent

Aggie Village Large Private Bedroom
 Spring Contract: Female I am selling my contract for a single Aggie Village Large Bedroom apartment. Will have a roommate but you will have your own private room. Total payment of \$1633 is the total housing fee you pay to the University which includes all utilities, internet, cable, and most amenities. There is a laundry-mat on site with hook-ups available in apartment. It is a nice apartment, on campus (only a 10 minute walk), and near both Aggie Shuttle and CVTS bus stops. The building, as well as those surrounding it, are made up of mostly first and second year graduate students and juniors/seniors in undergrad. Email Kerry if you are interested in buying the Spring contract or in seeing the apartment or with any questions! For a video tour you can go to housing.usu.edu and click on housing options then Aggie Village.

Aggie Village Large Private Bedroom
 Spring Contract: Female Selling my spring contract for a Large Private Bedroom in the single student housing of Aggie Village. Total housing fee for the semester (move in anytime in Dec and move out end of finals week in May) is \$1633 which is roughly \$400 a month. This fee includes all utilities. Apartment is located on bus stops for Aggie Shuttle and CVTD. It is a 10 minute walk from campus. Apartment is fully furnished, with a storage room on back patio, is a nice place to live if you are a USU student looking for a convenient living situation. Please email me with questions or if interested in seeing the apartment. Also, check out housing.usu.edu to see a virtual tour of apartment.

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Female Private Bedroom and Bathroom -- YOU CHOOSE THE PRICE
 I am moving out of the valley to do my student teaching, and need to sell my contract ASAP. We will negotiate a price that works for both of us! (Normal cost per semester is \$1530) Private room, private bathroom, washer and dryer, great roommates, close to campus. (Brentwood Apartments) Can move in around December 10th. Call or email for more info: 435 851 1219 or lifesgreat2264@gmail.com

Awesome Female Contract For Sale!
 Spring semester contract for sale in a great apartment! Location is just two blocks from campus. Also, very close to the bus stop for the winter! Nice individual room and your own bathroom! You can't beat it. Please come see the apartment and the individual room for sale. Utilities are relatively cheap split between you and 5 other girls. It's the best student housing I have found in Logan

Roommate needed
 Roomate Wanted
 looking for someone to fill a room in a house,

LLC Housing Contract for Sale (Spring Semester) For sale: Housing Contract for the Living Learning Community. It is \$1450 for the semester, but you can pay per month. Each suite has up to 8 people living there and has two bathrooms and a kitchenette. There is also a full kitchen in the commons. Please note that a meal plan is required when living in the LLC. All utilities are included in the package and it comes with a great community!

LLC shared room Contract
 Living Learning Community Shared room contract. I need to sell this because I can't afford the LLC anymore and I don't need a meal plan. The LLC is a very pleasant place to live. There are 8 people to a dorm with cable hook up and a kitchenette in each dorm. There is a plasma screen and full kitchen shared in the common room of the floor. The Ccost is 1450 for the spring semester and you would also need to buy a meal plan of 7 meals a week or more. Please contact me if interested.

LLC Contract and Free Dinner!
 Contract for LLC for Spring semester at \$1450. Male apartment. I will also buy you dinner once you've taken over the contract.

On Campus Housing
 I am selling my on campus housing for spring semester. It is for Male or Female and it is good for anywhere on campus. It includes utilities, cable, and internet. \$1,125 - Meredith (435)849-0620.

MUST SELL! Oakridge Apartment-3 Female Private Rooms Availa MUST SELL. Transferring to another school, we need to sell our contracts. There are 3 available private rooms for girls to move in. The Rooms are spacious with a closet, twin bed, and a desk. The rest of the house is completely furnished. Utilities are included in rent, internet and cable are also included. CLOSE TO CAMPUS!!! Aggie shuttle picks you up in front and takes to to campus for free. FREE WASHER AND DRYER FACILITIES Game room, hot tub and pool. \$335 a month, you can keep our deposits for the contract. My roommates and I wouldn't think about leaving this place if we weren't transferring to a different school. Please contact us ASAP for more information. Move in middle of December or January 1st. (435) 881-8525 (435) 757-9195 Or contact us by our email. amber.hirz@aggiemail.usu.edu cydne.bodrero@aggiemail.usu.edu

Apartment Contract(s) for Sale
 Cambridge Court Apartments. Female shared room. \$1163 for spring + refundable \$175 deposit. There are two contracts for sale. Can buy either one, or both. This is especially great for two friends looking to room together for spring semester. Free wifi, swimming pool, hot tub. Contact Jessica at (435)764-1806 or Shauntelle at (435)764-8714. Email: blueslugbug@comcast.net

Male Apartment Contract FOR SALE!!
 Selling apartment for spring semester 2010. Will be available by mid November. Rent is \$217.50/month, utilities not included. Located at 181 E 1000 N #5, right behind PetSmart. Private room with a shared bathroom. Recently remodeled. ONLY 2 guys live in the apartment right now, so you are guaranteed your space. Washer and Dryer hookups are available. It is only partial furnished so you will have to bring your own bed and stuff. Will leave couch if wanted. If interested please call me at (435) 764-0024 or e-mail at m.baldwin@aggiemail.usu.edu.

Female housing contract for Spring 2010
 Two female housing contracts for the same apartment at 3 University Hillway #6 Logan, UT for sale for spring 2010 semester. Apartment is in great location right by campus, located directly behind the Institute Building on Darwin Ave. Apartment is in great shape, good kitchen, fully-furnished, with nice shared bedrooms and plenty of storage space. Rent is \$1,290 for whole semester and utilities are already paid for. If interested contact either Tristan Morris @ 801-809-1136, or Kirsten Smith @ 801-913-2331.

Private Male Bedroom close to campus and city bus route Private male bedroom for rent in three room condo. \$300 a month. Includes utilities, cable, internet, heat & A/C. Fully furnished. Big screen TV and DVR. Short walk to campus. City bus stop right around the corner. blairj@aggiemail.usu.edu

Female Contract for Spring Semester
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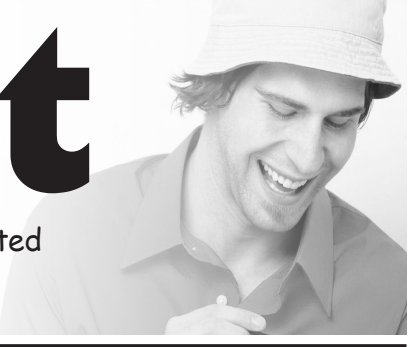
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PIG TO BASE: BEWARE OF ARDS.

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- WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE* (PG) 2:50, 7:10
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HP All-In-One Printer
An unopened HP F4480 all-in-one printer with print, copy and scan features. Got it free with a computer purchase and don't need it. Asking \$50. If interested, contact Logan at logan.simmons@aggiemail.usu.edu

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Super Crossword

SOUNDS RIGHT

- ACROSS**
- 1 Williamson of "Excalibur"
 - 6 The Brothers "Urban transport"
 - 13 Get the lead out
 - 18 Harden
 - 19 Stallion's son
 - 20 "Agnus"
 - 21 Mason's tool
 - 22 Cat-show judge?
 - 25 Puts aside
 - 26 Carpenter's item
 - 27 Cavity
 - 28 Model boat?
 - 30 Degrades
 - 33 Mongoose's enemy
 - 35 Bungle
 - 36 One of the Marches
 - 38 "If I ... you ..."
 - 39 White House grp.
 - 42 Beret kin
 - 45 Queen of mystery
 - 47 Tell it like it isn't
 - 49 Winter warmer-upper
 - 51 See 105
 - 52 Sluggishly
 - 53 Dislike of a relative?
 - 56 Branch canton
 - 58 "Drawn" ("73 song)
 - 60 Moving man?
 - 61 Strait-laced
 - 62 71 Across feature
 - 63 Support
 - 64 Not quite adult
 - 65 Kevin of "American Beauty"
 - 67 Renown
 - 69 Board game
 - 71 Casals' instrument
 - 72 Messenger
 - 74 "Younger — Springtime" ("49 song)
 - 103 Kevin of "Exit Wounds"
 - 93 Comic Louis
 - 94 JFK info
 - 95 Literary lioness
 - 98 Edinburgh veto
 - 100 Vestover or Tamblin
 - 101 Emit
 - 103 Indiana river
 - 105 Wood-chopping mishap?
 - 111 Married Mlle.
 - 113 Identical
 - 114 Use logic
 - 115 Like a quick-fingered poker player?
 - 122 Chased rainbows?
 - 123 Competitor
 - 124 "Dies —"
 - 125 — cotta orange
 - 128 Stratum
 - 127 TV's "Too Close — Comfort"
 - 128 Deserve
 - 129 Occurrence
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Tuck's mate
 - 2 Shiba — (Japanese dog)
 - 3 Mongrel
 - 4 Fink legend
 - 5 Bowe blows
 - 6 Charge
 - 7 Reformer
 - 8 Lilly or Mintz
 - 9 Command at a corner
 - 10 Perry White, for one
 - 11 Meyerbeer's "Huguenots"
 - 12 Lucknow lute
 - 13 Art Deco name
 - 14 Carrot or parsnip
 - 15 Crooked
 - 16 Trickle
 - 17 In addition
 - 21 "For shame!"
 - 23 "Sleeping with the —" ('91 film)
 - 24 Mediter-ranean port
 - 29 Foul
 - 30 Charm
 - 31 Aggressiveness on Wall Street?
 - 32 Genesis figure
 - 34 Suits
 - 35 Disgusted
 - 37 Fills to the gills
 - 38 Moisten
 - 40 Letters of desperation?
 - 41 Machine part
 - 42 Kremlin tomb?
 - 43 Hawk's home
 - 44 One of the Yukums
 - 46 "Swingin' School"
 - 48 Claire or Ballin
 - 50 — impulse (suddenly)
 - 53 Landed
 - 54 Centipede's sensor
 - 55 Departs
 - 59 "My word!"
 - 61 Chum
 - 65 Medieval menial
 - 66 Kindly
 - 68 Pantry item
 - 69 Atlas or Aznavour
 - 70 Actress Goldie
 - 71 Java joint
 - 72 Wore
 - 73 Abrasive substance
 - 74 Bangkok native
 - 75 Poe crowd ground
 - 77 Cover old
 - 78 Bellows
 - 80 Athlete's injury
 - 81 Triangular sail
 - 84 Mimic
 - 85 Word with on or off
 - 86 — degree (somewhat)
 - 88 Skater
 - 89 Lipinski
 - 92 Forms a dart
 - 96 Trudge
 - 97 Big rig
 - 99 Come to
 - 102 Employeas
 - 104 Ms. Midler
 - 105 With 51
 - 108 Across, central
 - 106 Lucy Lawless role
 - 107 Shrewd
 - 108 Land in the ocean
 - 109 Action figure
 - 110 Greene's "The — of the Affair"
 - 112 Falco or Adams
 - 113 Injury after-effect
 - 116 Herd word
 - 117 Significant years
 - 118 Gun the engine
 - 119 Nev. neighbor
 - 120 Decorative vase
 - 121 Tended a tot

STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Molly buys a beautiful necklace for \$200. Soon after, she sells it to Eleanor for \$210. Some time later, she realizes that she could have made more money selling the necklace, so she buys it back from Eleanor for \$220 and sells it to Meredith for \$230.

What was the end result of Molly's transactions? How much money did she make or lose?

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The Invention of Lying PG-13 Daily 7:00, 9:20 No 9:20 on Sunday	500 Days of Summer PG-13 Daily 9:35 No 9:35 on Sunday
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Up PG Daily 4:30, Sat. Mat. 12:30, 2:30	Surrogates PG-13 Daily 4:10, 7:15, 9:30 No 9:30 on Sunday Sat. Mat. 12, 2:15

Statesman **Back Burner**



Today is **Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009**. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Cameron Edwards, sophomore in piano performance, from Sandy, Utah.

Almanac

Today in History: At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Great War ends. World War I was known as the "war to end all wars" because of the great slaughter and destruction it caused. Unfortunately, the peace treaty that officially ended the conflict forced punitive terms on Germany that laid the groundwork for World War II.

Weather

Thursday's Weather
High: 42° Low: 26°
Rain to Snow 70%



Wednesday Nov. 11

- Veteran's Day
- Clean Drive, all day
- Festival Chorus Veterans Day Concert, Kent Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday Nov. 12

- Clean Drive, all day
- USU Ecology Seminar, Engineering Building, 3 p.m.

Friday Nov. 13

- Clean Drive, all day
- Women's basketball vs. Utah, Spectrum, 7 p.m.
- Fry Street Quartet, Performance Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Men's basketball at Weber State, 7:35 p.m.

Veteran's Day

For Veteran's Day there will be two programs on campus. The first is at 12:30 p.m. outside the TSC by the fountains where there will be a flag ceremony featuring veteran speakers, swing club, and the children's choir. Also on Nov. 11 the Utah Festival Choirs will be giving a concert with Craig Jessop at 7:30 p.m. at the Kent Concert Hall. There are reserved tickets for veterans who want to attend so please come 30 minutes early to get those free tickets.

Aggie Passport

The 2009 Aggie Passport Experience is coming to a close. Please submit your passport with 6, 8, or 10 stamps to TSC 314 no later than Nov. 23. For more information call 797-1132.

Meet contest

On Nov. 12 at 6 p.m. in the ASTE building the Collegiate chapter of the Utah Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers and Ranchers will be holding its annual Collegiate Discussion Meet Contest. The contest is designed to simulate a committee meeting regarding current agriculture issues. Prizes include a trip to the National Collegiate Discussion Meet Contest where scholarships are given out to participants. Come watch or get involved and compete. For more info contact 435-797-2167 or brettevans@pcu.net.

Senior Gift

The Senior Gift is a century old tradition that helps seniors gather together and leave their legacy at USU. Students are asked to donate \$20.09 towards the campus maps. Donate online at www.usu.edu/seniorgift, click on make a gift online or visit Old Main room 106

You need to know...

The **Undergraduate** Research Office would like to announce the following date: Dec. 4, Abstracts due for the National Conference on Undergraduate Research. Visit <http://research.usu.edu/undergrad> for more info.

The Cache Valley GSA will be hosting the **Gender Blender** Saturday Nov. 14 at Club New York. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$18 per couple and are available in the GLBTA office TSC 316 or at the door. The Beta Chicks will perform at 7:30 p.m. followed by an amateur drag show. Everyone is welcome and gender fluidity is encouraged. Come out and meet Miss Jones. There will be a cash bar for those 21 and up. Doors open at 7 p.m. For more information visit the GLTBA office, TSC 316.

"Clean Drive" Donate your Incredible Inedibles. Graduate Students from the FCHD Department are currently collecting nonperishable items: paper towels, paper plates, diapers, cleaning supplies, shampoo, soap, and other sanitary items for **CAPSA**. Collection boxes can be found throughout campus, including the Family Life Building now through Nov. 16.

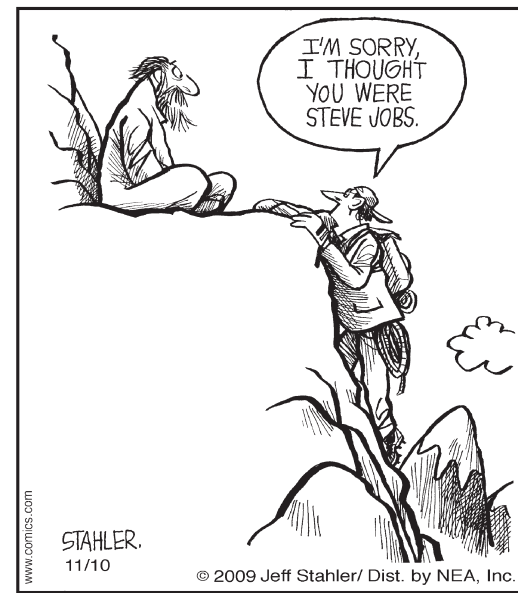
Slow Food on Campus - Join us for our next meeting Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists Building located at 596 E. 900 North. Come enjoy some tasty local food and learn how you can get involved with the Slow Food Movement at USU.

The Native American Student Council will be having a **frybread** sale on Nov. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the TSC Patio. There will be delicious toppings to chose from so come and enjoy the taste. Cost \$2 (limit 2 toppings) There will also be hot chocolate.

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