ASUU welcomes freshmen with fair-themed week

By Takera Bradley, news senior writer

This year’s Week of Welcome combines new and traditional elements to celebrate the first week of classes.

The weeklong celebration will mark the first time many students step onto the artificial turf at the new Legacy Fields. Chasie Warr, ASUSU programming vice president, said the grand opening of Legacy Fields will coincide with the 3 p.m. dance at 9 p.m. Friday.

The dance, hosted by DJ Marcus Wing, is one of the most anticipated events of the year, said Hannah Blackburn, activities director for the Student Traditions and Activities Board (STAB).

“Whenever students have the opportunity to join in on something all out and have so much fun,” Blackburn said. “We've teamed up in the fact that we found we haven't had a bluegrass event for almost the past decade,” Blackburn said. “It's always been pop music.”

New while activities are being incorporated into the celebration, some favorites like Day on the Quad and the weekend dance will remain tradition.

“Students from previous years look forward to those same events,” said Abigail Kingsford, ASUSU public relations director.

Judging by the participation level last year, Warr said close to 3,000 students are expected to attend the event this year. “The Avengers” will be shown on a big screen on Old Main Hill at 9 p.m.

Booths from campus organizations and local businesses will be present on the quad Wednesday through Sunday, said Abigail Kingsford, ASUSU public relations director.

Other shops will include a sandwich retailer the developers can publicly release at this time, Casillas said. “We have some pretty great prizes this year,” Kingsford said. She said prizes include a GoPro camera, an iPad, a Kindle Fire and a $50 gift card to the City Creek Mall.

She said the board planned the week’s activities while striving to remain financially responsible. “We've tried to make sure we’re using funds in an efficient way,” Blackburn said.

With the football game against Southern Utah University on Thursday, Kingsford said the Week of Welcome planning committee decided to “focus on the football team” by collaborating with the HURC for tailgate celebrations before the games. “We're going to be having a new Blue Square apartments across from Romney Stadium, she said.

Students have high expectations for the week, and members of STAB planned a variety of events to meet every student’s need, Blackburn said. Kingsford said Week of Welcome is a great opportunity for everyone coming back to see their friends and gain return- ing students as well as a freshman chance to meet new people.

“When you're a freshman, you want to make college a good experience,” Kingsford said. “Week of Welcome is one of my favorite traditions.”

Luxury housing complex teams up with campus organizations

BY LIS STEWART
staff writer

Blue Square, the first mixed-use luxury student housing development in Logan, is teaming up with ASUSU to host university events this year, starting with Thursday’s pre-game football tailgate.

The tailgate will take place on 800 East this year instead of 1000 North, where it has been held in previous years. It was moved for the safety of pedestrians crossing 800 East to go to games, said Karson Kalian, ASUSU activities vice president.

“Blue Square wants to be an area of spots where students can come and have a great experience,” Kalian said. He said the community will be incorporated into the development.

In addition to the vendors renting spaces in the stadium parking lot, USU sponsors setting up booths on the road itself, the development is bringing in the radio station VFX and the HURC to hold football tailgate parties on its property.

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Week of Welcome played on the TSC past Monday night to kick off Week of Welcome. Jessica Frey

The tagline for Blue Square is “Just 15 minutes north!”

Blue Square is located across the street from Romney Stadium.

In the end, the development is bringing in the radio station VFX and food vendors, Kalian said. One of the three buildings at Blue Square is finished and renting tenants.

The food shops planned for the main floor of the buildings are empty while the developers negotiate with the retailers who will rent space there, Kalian said.

Robert’s Taco Shop is the only developer the public can release at this time, Casillas said. Other shops will include a sandwich place, an Asian restaurant, a sit down restaurant and a coffee shop doubling as a convenience store. There will also be a small stage venue, he said.

Kalian said the university is working with Blue Square to possibly host other events at the venue, such as watching away games. Larger events will continue to be on campus, but smaller ones, like Poetry and a Beverage, could move to Blue Square from time to time, he said.

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Aggie Blue Bikes has a new programming coordinator, filling a spot that’s been vacant for more than a year.

Stephanie Tomlin officially took the position on Aug. 6. The spot had been empty since the original programming coordinator and Aggie Blue Bikes founder Adam Christensen graduated. Aggie Blue Bikes, which falls under the direction of the Student Sustainability Office, has a fleet of about 160 bikes they loan to students and faculty for free. A 31 percent increase in student fees, voted on by the student body last spring, will pay for the new position.

Tomlin said her goals include streamlining the process of renting and returning bikes, doubling the bike fleet by the end of the year, and weeding out a director, the program has been trying to keep up with demand.

“Having Stephanie on board takes us beyond the ‘head above water’ mentality,” said Trent Morrison, editor of the Student Sustainability Office.

Through the program, students have been trying to keep up with demand.

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Blue Square: Pairs with Hurd

STUDENTS WATCH AS TAYLOR MURRAY, AN UNDECLARED FRESHMAN, rides the bull at Taggart. The annual event helped freshman students get to know Logan as they walked up and down the Main Street, visiting participating businesses. DAEANE LOCKE photo.

Connections speaker discusses animal encounters

BY STEVE KENT

Education can prevent violent encounters between wild animals and humans, an author said to USU freshmen during an animal literature Animation Conversation Tuesday.

David Baron, author of “Beast in the Garden,” said that more than 1,800 attendees heard Baron describe the interaction of wild animals and humans near urban areas. “You don’t need to educate both the cougars and the people,” Baron said.

People should know how to avoid dangerous animals and how to react during an encounter, Baron said. “There are methods, such as shooting an animal with rubber buckshot, may be effective. While Baron said he thinks cougars as a species have a very good chance of being aggressive cougars may prevent attacks. Baron described a conversation from information he gathered to write “Beast in the Garden.” The book focuses on conflicts that arose when an increasing human population moved to the Boulder, Colo., area after humans chased away them away a century before. Over the years, public opinion regarding the big cats has changed, he said.

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Baron said many people think humans should leave cougars alone because the animals lived on the land first. “I think that’s a really respectsful attitude, but I think it’s kind of unrealistic,” Baron said.

By building houses in former cougar haunts, humans interact with wildlife inadvertently, he said. Cougars occasionally make meals of dogs, cats or even deer attracted by plants in people’s yards, he said.

“We can’t just say ‘leave them alone,’ because we’re not leaving them alone,” Baron said. “That’s not to say I know what the right answer is, but I think we need to have a more thoughtful conversation in our communities on how we can manage ourselves and manage the animals so we all get along.”

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Puerto Rico

Marlen Rice, a sophomore majoring in molecular biology, spent a week in Puerto Rico with a fellow student and friend who was there for research.

Rice's friend Tyler Nelson participated in a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) in Puerto Rico to see how freshwater shrimp populations changed in the aftermath of a hurricane. Rice said he spent time with Nelson collecting data in a "safe rainforest." "They don't have a lot of life in it," he said.

"There are two species of shrimp in this area that really only one kind of prawn or shrimp, you really only get like a mainland rainforest."

Rice had "seen a few different animals and plants, including some terrestrial arachnids, orchids of many varieties and some epiphytes." "The coconut trees were about 30 feet tall, so not that tall, but I was very impressed with the size of them. I wrapped my thighs around it and slowly pulled myself up the tree," he said. "I got to the very top and then I ripped down a coconut."

Rice said he and Nelson spent one night on the second best beach in the world where they slept in hammocks under trees. "We didn't want to have to pay to camp there is too hot, so we just slept there for free on the second best beach in the world," Rice said. "We also went snorkeling, and saw all these really amazing coral."

Culberson said to be a military installation and there was part of the island he and his friend hiked to that was supposedly covered in limestone, according to Rice. The two decided to stay on the path and not take the risk.

Rice said one of his favorite places was a small lagoon where there were bedouins. "The color was too dark for a camera, but the image is clearly printed in his mind," he said. "We took a kayak and paddled through this swampland canal to get to the lagoon, and then the water starts to clear up, and you can see the fish jumping around you. We'd splash around and see the fish just dart to the right and pick up water in our hands and just see these streaks of light running down with the water."

Rice also spent time meditating in the rainforest with Nelson. He said the two walked to a quiet part of the forest, sat on a rock and let the air and their breathing and thoughts "As you connect your thoughts, you accept that you're thinking and move on," he said.

By Marissa Shields

USU students find jobs in many places, even if they have to work throughout the slack of night. Students who work graveyard shifts during the school year might do so because it is the only work they can find, even though it might not be the most convenient shift in a schedule mixed with classes, social life and family.

Jared Wight, a senior majoring in managerial economics, said he spends this nights at the front desk of Comfort Inn. He goes into work at 11 p.m. and does not get off until 7 a.m.

"I usually come home and go straight to bed," Wight said. "I usually sleep from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and then from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and that's only if I don't have to go to class, go to a meeting or run some other kind of errand," he said.

Wight has had the shift since last winter and the sleep schedule is still difficult on his body, he said. Brandi Armstrong, a junior majoring in pre-nursing, is a certified nursing assistant at the Sunrise Terrace. Her graveyard shift doesn't end until 8:30 a.m., an hour when most students are either still sleeping or getting out of bed.

"Really, being a junior, a majoring in music therapy and social work, said that sleep is essential even while working a graveyard shift. Manning works a couple of nights a week at Avalon Hills, a home for seniors recovering from eating disorders.

"At first it was really stressful because it's to step up all night, especially after you're up all day," Manning said. "Usually I can sleep in two hours before I go to my graveyard shift and it just has to suffice all night before I get home in the morning to go to bed."

Manning said the challenging part was being able to sleep during the day, when her friends on campus were in classes or hanging out. Dealing with sleeping with in the sun can out be a difficult adjustment, she said. Working the graveyard can teach a worker how to make the most of available free time.

"I've gained the ability to sleep wherever and whenever, a talent I didn't have before," she said. "It's a good skill to have as a college student."

While balancing sleep and a job with an unusual sleeping pattern can be challenging, Wight, Manning and Armstrong all have classes, extracurricular activities and other jobs to create a more balanced lifestyle.

The hardest part was getting used to the random sleep hours on top of learning all the responsibilities of a new job trying to provide quality care for the residents," Armstrong said.

"With time, I became much more efficient in my work, I learned how to sleep whenever and wherever and I figured out how to also have a life. I'm glad I stuck it out," Armstrong said.

Armstrong took summer classes, worked two jobs and managed to get a 3.8 in her physiology class. She works days in an entomology lab. She said she sleeps almost her first priority.

"I have always been one to get a full night's rest no matter what, but the opportunity to try something new while gaining experience in my field of study was something I couldn't turn down," Armstrong said.

Manning is taking 17 credits this semester and works two night shifts and two day shifts a week along with participating in Latter-day Voices.

Keeping up with the many aspects of college is the biggest challenge for these students. Choosing between sleep and class can be tempting, especially when there is an exam right after checking out, Wight said.

"Having a social life while keeping grades and working a graveyard shift is doable," said Wight, who is also in a fraternity, "but there are decisions and trade-offs that go along with the territory."

I still manage to scrape by, but there are a lot of opportunity costs for all my decisions. For example, choosing to hang out with friends one night after

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Aggies return from travelling the globe

BY APRIL ASHLAND

Staff writer

It’s the beginning of a new school year, but only weeks ago students and teachers were travelling the world. Summer is often a time to relax the mind and body by travelling and visiting places close to, and far from, Logan. From the Caribbean beaches of Puerto Rico to the hustle of Washington D.C., students have seen it all this summer. Now, they gather back to Logan, bringing photos and stories with them.

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Returning students seek to stay healthy

When it comes to matters of health and fitness, many USU students find their radar.

"I work out and eat better in the winter than I do in the summer," junior biology major, Teuscher, said. "My major is a senior in MCHC.

Jason Gudmundson, a junior and civil engineering major, said he has very different motives when he hits the gym in the fall. "I go in order to do well in school he said is more about 'just feeling good.'"

"It doesn't hurt to look good, your time comes to get in a swim suit and hit the lake or go hot tubbing," he said.

Students try to stay healthy for a number of reasons. As Teuscher, see better results in their study when they exercise and eat well.

Attention to health is important to the student body. "I think there is an increase structure to the class and work schedules, day-to-day activities have less variance. As a teacher, I try to keep our health on the radar.

Planning when and where they will work out before of time can be helpful for many students. Sophomore Meehan, a psychology major, maintains her health in her workouts, and finds time to eat exercise 'whenever she can.'"

"I only work out about every other week, but mostly because I am involved in so many activities," she said.

The structured lifestyle during the semester is contrasted by the freedom and variability of the summer. Students return home during vacation and spend their time eating, vacationing, staying home and sleeping. Some engage in outdoor activities such as hiking or boating. Summer vacation usually carries with it less stress and structure than the school year, since there are no classes involved in fall and spring classes.

These contrasting lifestyles can form a conflicting. The nature of these students is standard at the start of fall semester. Because many students, Stokes, a junior, said he had difficulties getting back into a routine after summer ended.

It's hard for me because school is so much more expensive," Stokes said. "You have more money so it is just cheaper and more convenient to buy fast food. You can also get it on the go so you don't have to waste time buying and cooking healthier food. It is a lot less time consuming."

He said he has the same problem.
TRAVEL: Students roam over break

WASHINGTON D.C.

Joshua Blume, a senior majoring in pre-law economics and international studies, spent his summer interning in Washington, D.C. with lobbyist David Lee for Utah State.

"We called him Mr. Lee," Blume said.

Blume was reading and keeping up-to-date on politics and the events of Capitol Hill. He sat in on meetings, read the Huffington Post, The Drudge Report and Google News every morning, as well as Congressional Quarterly, which he said was a good source of news for the capital.

"It’s written every night, and hand-delivered," he said. "It’s only printed when Congress is in session and it costs about $5,000 to about $7,000 a day."

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Summer has come to an end, and with it probably a huge chunk of leisurely reading time. In honor of the many books I voraciously consumed these past few sunny months, I thought I'd start the year out with a book review for you all. If you've read any of my reviews or my personal blog before, you'll know I tend to pick up a book where I know I'll be able to relate to the words on the page. You'll also know I am an avid over-sharer.

One of my favorite reads since May was “Unbearable Lightness,” written by Portia De Rossi. First of all, Portia and Ellen DeGeneres are my all-time favorite Hollywood Couple. I love Ellen’s show and have followed almost every Portia show from Amy Poehler to Arrested Development and Better of Ted. They are one hilarious, loving power couple, and now Portia’s written, “I’ve been a b i t e l i g h t.”

Portia wrote detailing her years of struggles with body image as a young model and actress. Born and raised in Australia, the beautiful blonde acquired recognition and became successful before a modeling agency at the age of 12. At the age of 16, she knew early that her looks, including her body weight, would determine her success in the field. Around the beginning of her modeling career, she began to develop unhealthy eating habits from starving, to binging, purging and over-exercising.

After moving on to an acting career, which led her to move to the United States, she continued her self-hating and unhealthy patterns. On top of her extreme obsession with her weight, Portia was also keeping a secret - she was a closeted gay an in an industry not yet accepting of the unconventional.

“I’ve said I relate to this book, but it’s not about my sexu- ality. I started model- ing at 15, and though I never wanted to be on TV show about lawyers in miniskirts, I develop- ed an uncanning- ly similar self image. When I read the first few chapters of the memoir, I actually had a list of words and how- backs. She wrote in the book the vernacular and unabashedly possessed when she was a little girl, and now these words- the negative self talk, self-criti- cism, and extreme con- cerns I feel when I thought of her struck a chord with me.

Portia seemed to be living the dream. She was on the hit television series, was beautiful, and appeared to have all the confidence in the world. Often, those with low self image are excelling at giving off the opposite vibe. But though Portia played a confident, sexy lawyer on the show, her daily routine was counting calories, exercising and wearing her body like a “tight 86 pounds. Eventually, after surpassing the compliments about her self control, her pat- tern frame, those closest to her knew some- thing was very wrong.

Visiting her family in Australia over the Holi- days, her odd patterns were impossible to overlook. After indulg- ing at a family dinner, she did jumping jacks for hours, counting calories. She then disappeared for three days, her odd patterns being impossible to overlook. After indulging at a family dinner, she didn’t eat for three days and appeared to have lost consciousness.

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Today isn’t Monday. I’ve been struggling with keeping it straight. For years, I’ve had the same two filled newsstands with fresh issues Mondays through Wednesdays and you could bet that we’re moving to a Tuesday–Thursday schedule, and that’s why I’m reporting that the Friday jar stands on the second day of school.

I won’t say it’s ideal. I’d be spitting out a paper every day – twice a day on special occasions. Papers across the country, however, are dropping issues that no longer garner enough revenue to support publishing costs. Over the summer, The Birmingham News, The Press-Register of Mobile, Alabama, and The Asbury Park Press all moved to three days a week. Closer to home, BYU’s campus newspaper, The Universe, cut to Wednesday and Friday.

Dropping circulation and shrinking-newsprint reality is too real to ignore. A couple of decades ago, a reader would pick up a paper, turn to page B5 and read about Marxism in three days. In today’s technology-saturated world, a reader will log on to Facebook, see a link to a new story, look at three photographs, chat with friends, check upcoming events, see the latest on the weather, and finally read the article about the latest Kardashians Instagram.

The transition to the new media world is not just about technology. It’s about something larger, and like all changes, it will be what we make of it and how we adjust to it in the future.

Print is far from dead. Most readers say they like something tangible, something that they can pick up, take home, train their dogs with. People still like to see carefully designed, printed pages with interesting photos on the front and comics in the back. A few people – probably the people who pick up a paper and really dig into it – will pick up a paper and read every article from start to finish.

Regardless, as we hope to deliver the best news experience possible through both print and online methods.

The next iteration of written news won’t be read on desktop computers but on mobile devices. An increasing number of college students own smartphones and three-fourths of college students with smartphones get news on their phones, according to a study by the University of Colorado. More than half of students said they get their news on smartphones and one-third of students own tablets. That number is expected to grow.

The gubernatorial race in Virginia is one example. It’s the Democrats who have focused on the recession, as Mitt Romney barely mentioned it. But Romney has essentially accepted the fact that he has to run against the big-government Democrats, as he has for the past four years.

The GOP has been taken over by tea party leaders.

In 2012 the Republicans chose the least conserva-
tive candidate. If anything, the tea party has been absorbed into the GOP and accepted direction from party leaders. House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH), got majorities (123 out of 150 seats) by including the vast major-
ty of millions of dollars, and a continuing resolution to avert shutting down the government as well as a resolution to reduce costs. They have also been able to cut spending in absolute terms; it does not reduce spend-
ing, but rather raises the rates and broadening tax cuts (flattening of brackets).

The reasons are complex, but one thing is clear. The GOP doesn’t quite think the same way the Democrats do.

The end result is that Republicans struggle. They don’t have as many candidates, as many big-donor groups or as many influential lobbyists. The problem is not the Republicans. The problem is not the Republicans. The problem is the Democrats. And the Democrats are not the problem. The problem is the Republicans. The problem is the Republicans. The problem is the Republicans. The problem is the Republicans. The problem is the Republicans. The problem is the Republicans.

Jennifer Rubin

Right turn
‘Diversity isn’t why we need affirmative action

Noah Feldman
A Not Yet View

Just when you thought the Supreme Court was a distant memory of igniting the briefs for the blockbuster affirmative action case coming in October involving a student claiming she was denied admission to the University of Texas because she is white.

And, if the friend of the court submissions from the government and a collection of fancy universities are any indication, this new drama will be played Clinton-Hillary against Republicans. Necessary is the likelihood to prepare to tell the court real reasons to abandon affirmative action. It would be shameful madness to fail to embrace the faithfulness that multiculturalism only included a handful of blacks and Latinos. Instead, the core argument for retaining some element of affirmative action in admissions is “diversity.”

Well, you say, isn’t diversity precisely what we would have to have a wildly diverse student body? The answer is no, because of the rationale offered for the Obama administration and the universities claim that diversity is beneficial because it enhances the educational experience in the classroom for all students, not that it serves a political function.

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The friends of the court can hardly be blamed for adopting the educational diversity rationale. It is, after all, the law of the land, expressed by Justice Sandra Day O’Connor in the 2003 Grutter v. Bollinger case and rather hopefully couched in the prediction/promise that it would last just another 25 years. Instead, a coalition of universities — led by Harvard University — is the appropriate group to advance the diversity argument, as its origins lie in Justice Lewis Powell’s 1978 decision in Regents of the University of California v. Bakke.

Powell, a crucially Virginian and Harvard Law School graduate, essentially adopted the rationale that his court had previously made in a decision from a brief by Harvard saying it favored diversity in admissions to improve the overall educational experience. It went unmentioned by both Powell and Harvard that the geographical diversity had initially been adopted to reduce the number of Jewish students who were being admitted by examination from the so-called “doughnut” around major urban centers. (One dissenting faculty member asked if the doughnut wasn’t really a bagel.)

In addition to precedent, the diversity case for admission policies has the virtue of not acknowledging the original rationale for affirmative action racial/affirmative justice for blacks and Latinos, who as recently as the 1990s were legally barred from many universities. In a world where Barack Obama is president, it is easy to believe that educational racism is history — or that past efforts to fix it have somehow succeeded.

Yet the Obama era can also point us to the true societal reason we still need affirmative action. We are a country run by small no small part, not exclusively, by a meritocratic elite.

The universities are important filters shaping that elite. Their idea of meritocracy is that pedagogy will gain immensurably and incalculably double meaning from the expression of different perspectives. The experience of an elite higher education cannot be at its best, they assert, if the distinctive experiences of members of all groups are not represented.

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The Nashville Tribute Band is coming back to campus! Tickets are now on sale at Caine College of the Arts Box Office, located in 130-B of the Chase Fine Arts Center.

The Logan Freeze Women’s Hockey Team is inviting women and girls ages 6 and up for a night of free hockey. Come meet the team at the Eccles Ice Center on August 30 at 8:30 p.m.

A free workshop is being hosted for those who are dealing with an unexpected loss due to death, divorce or separation. The workshop is August 28th, Sept. 4th and Sept. 11th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Utah State University is holding open auditions for children ages 6-15 to be part of the cast for “The Miracle Worker.” Auditions are at 10 a.m. in the Chase Fine Arts Center. The play will be performed December 4-8 in the Caine Lyric Theatre. For more information, please contact Adrianne Moore at 435-797-3023 or adrianne.moore@usu.edu.

Guitarist/vocalist Christina Johnson will perform at Pier 49 on August 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Christina is a USU student with an amazing voice. There will be no cover charge, but tips are appreciated.

Guitarist/singer Kris Krompel will perform on September 1 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Pier 49, located at 99 East 1200 South. Kris is one of the most versatile and talented guitarists in the valley.

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BY CURTIS LUNDSTROM
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Kicking off the 2012-2013 season, the Utah State volleyball team hosted the annual Utah State Invitational sponsored by Cosseron Foods, bringing home a second place trophy after finishing 3-1.

“Wins are valuable,” said Utah State head coach Craigson DuRoe. “We like them, and we want to have a lot of them. It’s nice to get that first one under our belt. We had some new (players) that hadn’t played much so it was fun to get them some experience.”

Utah State 3, Portland 0

The Aggies started the tournament off on the right foot, picking up a straight sets victory over the University of Portland.

Senior outside hitter Josselyn White recorded a game-high 14 kills and the Aggies capitalized on errors and miscommunications by the Pilots to jump out to a two-games-to-none advantage.

A near-fothight fought back third set as Utah State struggled
to maintain ball control, but while trailing 17-18 in the third set, USU ripped off an 8-1 run – including White serving five straight points – to close out the match and earn the win.

USU VOLLEYBALL SPOKEMEN Jason Vazquez and Nasher Omololade prepare to deliver the news while a somber audience watches the victory over Portland on Friday. The two combined for 16 kills in the match. CURTIS Rippinger photo

USU takes second in home tourny

BY USU MEDIA RELATIONS
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FRESHMAN MIDFIELDER MARIS HAMBURNA helps keep the ball away from LSU’s Terri Martyn while senior defender Nakalea Pana looks on in the 2-1 victory Aug. 19. CURTIS Rippinger photo

SOCCER

Aggies beat Omaha, undefeated through five matches

BY JAVIN J. STUCK
sports editor

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WAC NEWS

La. Tech favorites in a crumbling WAC

BY JAVIN J. STUCK
sports editor

LAS VEGAS – Utah State football was picked to finish second in the WAC behind Louisiana Tech, the defending champion.

Louisiana Tech received six first place votes in the coaches poll in the WAC’s one and only overwhelming favorites in the media poll also, taking 25 of 28 first place votes.

“We’ll see how our players react to being the hunted instead of the hunters,” said Louisiana Tech head coach Sonny Dykes. “That’s going to be a little bit different role for us, being the favorite of the conference.”

La. Tech and Utah are the only teams in the conference that played in bowl games last season. The Bulldogs went 8-5 overall, losing only one conference matchup and played
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Curtis Lundstrom
Living the Dream

BY LES BOWEN
Philadelphia Daily News (MCT)

PHILADELPHIA — Vick wasn’t con- sidered the leading Eagles quarterback until he led a homecoming victory over the host New England Patriots last Monday night. Foles made a phone call. It was the only other end, for- mer Arizona Wildcats quarterback coach Frank Scelfo heard about the things Foles didn’t do right, in the course of completing 18 of 28 passes for 217 yards and two touchdowns, and compiling a 96.9 passer rating. Foles was pressed into service much earlier than scheduled when Michael Vick left for rib X-rays with a little more than six minutes remain- ing in the first quarter. He regrets throwing an interception that was saying Tuesday. “As a couple other balls, he wished he could have followed through more and I think maybe he threw behind somebody one time. I forget who it was (DeSean Jackson).” Scelfo said.

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Hurd expands membership

BY CURTIS LUNDSTROM
sport senior writer

Duke has the "Cameron Craze," San Diego State has "The Show" and now Utah State officially has "The HURD." Once an exclusive student group, the HURD has broadened its membership to include any and all Utah State students in the stands at sporting events.

We wanted to make it so that every student would be a part of the HURD and be a part of that energy and excitement that goes along with it," said HURD President Skylar Clements. "We'll be working more with AESSU for the direction of the HURD." AESSU athletics vice president Karron Kallan explained how students are part of the HURD. "It's no longer exclusive, now it is all-inclusive," Kallan said. "Every student is a member of the HURD. The HURD is the student section. We're trying to bring more people to games by opening the HURD to everybody. We don't have membership fees, there's no dedicated HURD section, it's just everybody." Along with redesigning the university logos, Nike branded the HURD with its own logo — making it the only student section in the country with a national brand name sponsor — and donated more than 3,000 t-shirts to the organization.

University Athletic Director Scott Barnes said Nike representatives were impressed with what they saw at an Aggie basketball game in February 2012, when "Wild" Bill Sproat dressed in a trapset costume and danced during free throws while the rest of the student body sang "I'm A Little Tramp." "It wasn't one of those things that was scripted," Barnes said. "Nike saw that and was so enamored and excited about what was going on with the HURD that they said they wanted to do something with it. They were so impressed with the support our students gave that they wanted to help." With membership

The Utah State volleyball team celebrates after scoring against the University of Utah on Friday, Aug. 24. The Aggies forced the match into five sets after getting down 2-1, but the powerful Utah attack proved too much to handle. Utah went on to win the tournament with a 4-0 record. CURTIS LUNDSTROM photo

Volleyball: Aggies can't get it done against Utah Utes in the Spectrum

The Aggies picked up a win over another in-state rival, beating Southern Utah in four sets Saturday in the Utah State Invitational. The Aggies overcame a first set meltdown in which they led 20-14, only to see the Thunderbirds finish on a 12-4 run to take the first set — their first of the season — 26-24. Ana Mailoto finished with 11 kills for SUU, which nearly overcame a five-point deficit in the second set before coming up short at 25-23. Led by a game-high 15 kills from White, the Aggie offense found a groove and took control over the final two sets to win three straight — including a 25-14 shellacking in the fourth. Utah State 3, Weber State 0

The Aggies emerged victorious in the final match of the tournament with a win over in-state rival Weber State in straight sets Saturday. White had a match-high 11 kills to lead the Aggies, and the Wildcats were unable to overcome a strong defensive showing from the USU blockers. Utah State finished with 10.5 team blocks and held Weber State to a .192 hitting percentage.

Seniors Elle Brainard and White, as well as sophomore Ashlan Rogers, were named to the all-tournament team.

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SOCCER: Miyahso goal in 75th minute powers Utah State over Omaha

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called on Mulford for a foul in the box. Utah State had a few more offensive chances in the first 45 minutes, but the half ended with the score knotted at 1-1. The Aggies took the first three shots of the second half with two sailing just wide right by junior midfielder Kendra Pemberton. USU continued to go on the offensive in the second half with Pemberton, junior defender Jessica Hoskin and junior midfielder Jaelyne Flynn all taking shots in a two-minute span. The aggressive Aggie attack paid off as Utah State took the lead 2-1 in the 75th minute with another goal off the foot of Miyahso. The junior took advantage of a Maverick turnover in the box to tap in the goal which was her second of the match and the second to the match. Miyahso and Flynn are now the only two Aggies with more than one goal this season. USU continued to apply pressure and four minutes later upped its lead to 3-1. In the 79th minute, Mia Miyashiro scored her first collegiate goal, knock- ing in a goal off the pass from sophomore defender Tunajay Foye. The assist was the first of the season for Rowe and only the second of the season for Foye. After only six shots in the first half, USU ended the match with 21 compared to only seven own. Once again the Aggies split time in goal with Mulford taking the first 45 minutes and freshman Jessica Woller taking the second half and earning the win.

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by Arizona’s terrible 2011 season; head coach Mike Stoops was fired after a 1-5 start. But the Eagles liked the way Foles kept picking himself up off the ground. By the end of the season, Foles had thrown 56 passes and completed a Pac-12 Conference-record 67%.

Receiving in going and out of the lineup, there were a lot of different guys he had to work in with. It was such a young offensive coaching staff I think there was a lot of inex- perience all around, and he held us together, says Scelfo, who says he is “taking a redshirt year” as to with his family after not being retained by new Arizona coach Rick Rodriguez.

Foles might have been around for the Eagles to nab BCS overall because he has a tendency to throw wild when his feet aren’t right, and then he was disappointed with his performance at the NFL Scouting Combine. After the combine, in which his 5.44 was the worst among QBs, Foles jushed the draft training setup he’d engineered with former NFL quar- terback Ken O’Brin and went back to Tucson to set right _ and then he took a lot of “productive time” and got him and how _ He’s a fast learner and a hard worker,

Scelfo says Foles has told him that he feels exceptionally comfort- able with Merrillnix and Eagles quarterbacks coach Doug Pederson, that he feels they understand him and do a good job explaining. “Tell those Philly fans to have some patience with him,” Scelfo advis- es. “He’ll be fine.” There is one area, though, where Scelfo said he feels Foles might not be ready for the NFL. “Most people in my life,” Scelfo says. “You’ll never catch him in a mall by himself buying clothes, or in a fine clothing store. He doesn’t care. He really doesn’t care. His mother (Melissa) has great fashion sense. She dresses him. But: he’s horrible . . . He’ll appreciate me telling you that.”

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FANS: All students now part of HURD

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now open to all students, membership fees have been done away with, but students are still encouraged to pur- chase merchandise with the new logo. Kalian and members of the HURD presidency have worked in conjunc- tion with the athletic department and students sporting the 2012-13 game- day shirts or apparel bearing the new HURD logo, the games will be rewarded with free food at tailgates and have a greater chance in being selected for time- out challenges.

A large amount of funding for the HURD comes from merchandise sales, which Kalian said is the reason for adding the new logo to merchandise wearing the new apparel. The HURD – now in its sev- enth year – uses those funds for pur- poses such as printing a newsletter. “The HURD is going to make a newsletter that will be available every game,” Kalian said. “We’ll be passing it out at games, supplying the blue gloves that you see, just doing a lot more interactive pieces with the stu- dents trying to get more people to come.”

Another significant contributor to funding for the HURD comes from university alumni, which HURD lead- ership hopes to get involved at games. “Our intent with the HURD is to make it as large and accessible as we can make it. It’s a huge part of the spirit of our athletic programs,” Barnes said. “The HURD is a significant part of people coming to campus, it impresses them. The more we can do to grow that the better.”

Other changes for the HURD include new flags and banners for the games, watch parties for away games open to all students, tickets to away games available to all students, new chans and cheers and a big set to away events which Kalian said will include a small fee for the students who want to make the trip. “This all came about from students being crazy, so we’re going to promote students being crazy,” Kalian said. “We’re inviting everyone to come be crazy. With this change, we’re hoping that the atmosphere goes up.”

EAGLES QUARTERBACK NICK FOLES ran with the ball in the third quarter of a preseason game against the New England Patriots at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts on Monday, August 20, 2012. The Eagles defeated the Patriots, 27-17. Yong Kim/Philadelphia Daily News/STF photo

FOLES: Philadelphia quarterback making strides, in the NFL

By the end of the season, Foles had thrown 56 passes and completed a Pac-12 Conference-record 67%.

“Might be the worst quarterback in the nation,” HURD lead- ership hopes to get involved at games. “Our intent with the HURD is to make it as large and accessible as we can make it. It’s a huge part of the spirit of our athletic programs,” Barnes said. “The HURD is a significant part of people coming to campus, it impresses them. The more we can do to grow that the better.”

Other changes for the HURD include new flags and banners for the games, watch parties for away games open to all students, tickets to away games available to all students, new chans and cheers and a big set to away events which Kalian said will include a small fee for the students who want to make the trip. “This all came about from students being crazy, so we’re going to promote students being crazy,” Kalian said. “We’re inviting everyone to come be crazy. With this change, we’re hoping that the atmosphere goes up.”

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