BY ALICE WILKINSON

An announcement made by top leaders of the University of Utah’s arts and sciences may impact college campuses across the state.

At LDS General Conference Saturday morning, Church President Thomas Monson announced missionary ages would be lowered from 19 to 18 for males. Monson emphasized the change was not a requirement, but a choice.

“I am not suggesting that all young men will—or should—serve at this younger age,” Monson said. “Rather, based on individual circumstances, as well as upon a determination by priesthood leaders, this option is now available.”

According to the LDS.org, men who are capable and worthy are commanded to serve two-year missions. Currently the church has 55,140 missionaries serving in 340 different mission areas around the world.

Monson also announced the age requirement for female missionaries would drop from 21 to 19. Women are not required to serve missions, but may opt to serve a year-and-a-half if they choose.

USU Admissions Director

Admissions office: Freshmen class will temporarily shrink

BY RAYMOND COWARD

A new online service gives students quick access to transcripts.

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BY VERA WOOD

Online service gives students quick access to transcripts.

BY BETH WILKES

LDS Church lowers missionary age
If students log on to their Banner account, click on Student and then Student Records, they’ll find a link to DegreeWorks, a program available to students that helps track progress toward graduation.

DegreeWorks’ program coordinator, Jeannie Maughan said the program has been available to students for years, but just this semester a new promotional program was started to raise awareness and use of DegreeWorks through training sessions available to students.

“We’ve sent out emails to undergraduate and graduate students both and we’ve let the advisor know when they take a straight path, and so that students can come and get a better idea of what DegreeWorks has to offer,” she said.

The next undergraduate training sessions will be held next week on October 10.

Starr Christensen, a senior majoring in English, said she has used the program throughout her time at USU to help her plan out her schedule and classes.

“It can help you plan which classes to take so that you have the courses you need for your degree,” she said. “Then I go into the course catalog and road about how difficult each class is, the time commitment I imagine it would take, the course content, and arrange my schedule accordingly.”

DegreeWorks is a system that organizes credits according to the course requirements for the major, and then displays progress toward graduation on a standard report format.

“It will take your English classes and put them in the Little League, so to speak, and do a little check mark to show you that you’re done with that,” Christensen said.

It shows a student what grade they should get in order to receive credit for a course. It shows the student whether the grade achieved is the expected grade.

“The fun of it is that DegreeWorks helps me see everything I need so I can rearrange my own way, plan it my own way,” she said.

When she meets with her academic advisor, she brings her plan with all the classes listed that she wants to take. When they see that she’s prepared and all of the classes fit in with her major, they’re usually impressed, she said.

“It’s a lot less explaining and work on the academic advisor’s part,” she said. “It helps me understand what my advisor is telling me and decide if that is what I want to do.”

Academic advisors for any given major have a certain model for the best way to complete the requirements for a major, including the order in which classes should be taken. Christensen said, With DegreeWorks, she can express her desires for her education in a way that her advisor better understands where she wants to go with her schooling.

 Degrees are personalized, so that academic advisors, she said, “Plan to do it yourself,” she said. “I write down everything that I can possibly take and then use DegreeWorks as a reference to see which would be best or which should be next.”

DegreeWorks helps Christensen transition smoothly when she decided to switch majors from Anthropology to English.

“I looked at my DegreeWorks audit to see which classes would transfer,” she said. “Realized that I could use most of the classes I had been using toward a minor in the same degree because the way of DegreeWorks is organized.”

A college, course schedule or course planning should be baptized, Christensen said. You should take the time to thought of your course schedule regard- less, she said.

“People think it’s just for freshmen doing their general’s,” she said. “No, it can be used for your whole college career.”

DegreeWorks helps students map college careers

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We are so blessed with thousands of young people that this country can be proud of that are truly committed to their education, who are looking for a year-and-a-half to prepare, she said.

“College opens up your eyes and gives you experiences that are truly valuable,” Coward said.

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new USU-Eastern building receives blessing

BY ADRIENN HALDER

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Utah State is known for many things, and as one of the nation’s leading research centers, the university has its own well-known tradition: Aggie Ice Cream. Whether enjoying Aggie Blue Mint or Lemon Custard, USU students can find all over campus eating the sweet treat.

“Aggie Ice Cream has been going for over 90 years. It’s a rich part of our Aggie heritage,” said Donald McMahon.

Aggie Ice Cream started out as a self-imposed challenge by Gustav Wilster, who was a professor in his 1920s. The building is located at the north end of campus. The USU Western Dairy Center is one of the nation’s leading research centers for dairy foods, according to McMahon. New technology is pushing boundaries for dairy foods, according to McMahon.

Although Aggie Ice Cream sales have slowed due to the current economic difficulties, McMahon said, “We still sell over 10,000 gallons of Aggie Ice Cream a year. People will always want something sweet and cold.”
ALUMNUS: Participating in internships moves students toward success

“Things just behave differently when they’re small,” he said. “Solar cells perform better.”

Nielson discovered 40-50% of the cost of traditional solar cells was lost on silicon. By reducing the amount of silicon by a factor of 10 to 100, the cost of the solar cell is significantly reduced. The cells are ten times thinner, yet produce the same amount of electricity.

“Whatever used to be the largest cost has essentially become zero,” he said. Nielson and his research team have discovered between 15 and 20 scaling benefits from having reduced the size of these solar cells, something no one else has done since Galileo.

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P S T U D E N T S L O N G B O A R D O N O N C A M P U S to get to various classes. Blake Hamblin, a sophomore majoring in speech pathology, said he and his friend Logan Hager took it a step further. Over the summer, they attempted to make a longboard.

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After removing the board, they covered it with fiberglass, sealed it with resin, put grip tape on top, and added wheels.

“The first board I made, it actually pretty good,” said Hager. “It was a little too long and that affected the turning radius. We had to give it a little more camber, but they decided to make theirs concave. The reason they wanted what types of wood had the best quality. Hamblin

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**PUMPKIN CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES**

Ingredients:
- 1 box spice cake mix
- 1 14 ounce can pumpkin pie filling
- Chocolate chips

Directions:
1. Dump the cake mix in a large bowl and stir in the pumpkin pie filling and mix it together with the cake mix. The mixture is before you pour in the pumpkin, the better. Next, open the can of pumpkin pie filling and mix it together with the cake mix. There may, even if you've done your very best, still be flour
2. If you have beaters, more would be a great time to but them out. If you don't, don't worry! Just keep mixing. Sometimes if you let the mixture sit for about fifteen minutes, it's easier to mix up.
3. Once you've got a smooth mixture, add in the chocolate chips. The trick is to get to make this recipe just effortless.
4. At Smith's, the off-brand milk chocolate chips are cheaper and taste better than the brand ones. I'll get the milk chocolate chips, you can buy the whole bag but only use half of it.
5. If you forget the chocolate chips, I did the first time I made these and you have Nutella on hand, just top a warm cookie with Nutella and you're good to go.
6. Place six to nine large spoonfuls of dough onto a pre-greed cookie sheet. Depending on how large your cookies are, you'll cook them somewhere between 11 and 15 minutes. You'll know the cookies are done when the outside edges get a little crispy.
7. One of the other great things about these cookies is that the cookie dough is totally fair game to eat and not feel guilty about. My mother would always get mad when my sister and I stole cookie dough because she was convinced we'd get salmonella from the eggs. I never did, but since these cookies don't have a secret family recipe, I love eating the cookie dough as it is and I don't feel guilty or wor.
8. You can also use the mixture to make muffins. Just take a muffin pan, grease it and fill each cup to about half full. Cook for the same amount of time, and you have delicious muffins.
9. Every fall my mom makes a drink called wassail, which is real.
10. Just apple cider on steroids. Seriously. My family keeps a big pot of it warm on the stove, and we just drink it for the whole holiday season.
11. You can make this drink multiple times with the ingredients listed above.

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Bidding adieu to a tasty pie

Steve Schwartzman

Just a few weeks ago, locals, dignitaries and food connoisseurs alike lost a dear friend; a man who tragically left the world almost as soon as he entered it. With a quaking wave of post-partum centripetal sorrow, we announce that the illusive and jealously guarded Salty Hog Pie has left the earth.

The Salty Hog Pie was born peacefully and with great amounts of hope earlier this past September to loving parents Village Inn and Bakers Square, born into every life a young and hopeful pig could only dream into every life a young and hopeful pig could only dream.

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THE SALTY HOG PIE has layers of salted caramel, roasted almonds, chocolate cake, whipped cream and is topped with bacon. The pie used to be available at Village Inn and Bakers Square, but is no longer being made. Stock photo

The Salty Hog Pie had a message of hope. Experience La Vie...full of life, full of love.
Scoring goals

BY JASON BURDIA

Last season was a year of firsts for the Utah State women's soccer team. The Aggies won the WAC Tournament championship for the first time and received its first ever berth into the NCAA Tournament.

USU defeated Fresno State 1-0 in a hard fought championship match. The hero of the game came from an unlikely source — Jade Tarver, just a freshman at the time, scored the game-winning goal for the Aggies in the 83rd minute.

"That was definitely the highlight of the season for us," Tarver said. "I'm striving to do it again and get to that same feeling. I know the game wasn't over but I scored that goal and just started jumping up and down. It was one of the greatest goals of my life.

Along with scoring the crucial goal in the final, Tarver was named to the WAC All-Tournament team. She also scored her first goal at USU on Oct. 28 against San Jose State. Now a sophomore, Tarver is looking to help her Aggies win another berth in the NCAA Tournament and secure the WAC title for the last time before Utah State moves to the Mountain West Conference.

"I think Jade can have a huge impact on the team more so than she already has," Flanary said. "She can score goals and make plays. She can have a strong defensive presence up top that makes teams favor to respect her. She can help the team tremendously.

Scoring goals is not the only thing she offers. Flanary head coach Heather Cairns sees Tarver and all others to score goals but doesn't want any of them to feel the pressure of being the next Flanary.

"That was Offensive Player of the Year for a reason, but we aren't looking to replace what she did," Cairns said. "We are trying to form our own.
helps Utah State offense

**SOCCER:**

"Jade started when we were in Portland," Cairns said. "That was the first time that she became a consistent starter, and she has earned that spot. She is a very dangerous player. She is the strongest player on the field. She is super quick and surprises defenders with her closing speed. She is a fantastic finisher so she has a lot of qualities that make her a fantastic striker.”

She made the transition from substitute to the starting role by fighting for her spot and getting to the level of being ready to play in a game. Tarver said she did her hardest when it came to practicing and showing off her skills. She said it’s a lot of hard work but worth it in the end.

Although USU has six ties this season, half of which were scoreless, they have scored 20 goals through 16 matches.

“IT’S A self-fulfilling prophecy. We aren’t saying we are struggling in the attack. It’s whether you think you can or whether you think you can’t, you’re right when it comes to that. We’re looking at the positive side. We are getting so many scoring opportunities it’s going to come.”

Tarver said they are getting plenty of chances on offense, but they just need to put them away. She said it is her job to a forward to finish those opportunities, and they will eventually happen. The Aggies are 7-2-4 with the help of Tarver, who has scored three goals this season.

“IT’S going to continue and put one out and give 100 percent. We are getting the job done in practice and please 100 percent in games. We expect us to do great things because we are an amazing team, and we are going to get there.”

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**BASEBALL**

Aggies split ISU

BY DANIELLE MANLEY

Four games in two days took its toll on the USU baseball team. After playing a doubleheader against the University of Utah on Friday, USU split a doubleheader with conference foe Idaho State on Saturday.

“We’re still learning,” said coach Garrett Schiffman. “A lot of times learning is painless.”

Game 1 — Utah State 9, Idaho State 22

USU struggled to keep ISU batter at bay with a score of 17-2 at the top of the third inning. The first game was tough,” said center fielder Matt Stranski. “I’ve never seen so many errors before. We need to shape up things defensively.”

Both Schiffman and Stranski agree the team’s strategy was to keep it simple. "Defensively I’m happy,” Schiffman said. “But we need to work on our defense.”

Game 2 — Utah State 8, Idaho State 4

The second game was a complete turnaround for the Aggies. The Bengals started the game with three runs in the first inning, but struggled to put any more on the board.

“USU is a good team,” Schiffman said. “They hit good and come ready to play.”

The Bengals started the first inning with three runs from outfielder Trent Simmons, shortstop Kerr Gokay and starting pitcher Connor Moore to make it 3-0 in the top of the first.

In the second inning, while USU’s Jordan Hansen was at bat, both pitcher Mickey Hedlin and Stranski stole home on the same play. — Hedlin in the conventional way by third baseman and Stranski from second. USU outfielder Andrew Shawkey gave the Aggies a 5-3 lead partway through the inning.

After one inning of scoreless baseball, outfielder Jordan Hansen hit a solo home run in the bottom of the sixth to make it 4-4 Aggies.

“IT’S a self-fulfilling prophecy,” Schiffman said. “I was impressed.”

USU had a whole new lineup for game two. Schiffman said the fall baseball season is to evaluate the team and how the new players perform.

“The second game was good,” Stranski said. “When we have those guys pitching, we’re confident.”

Although USU put four more runs on the board than ISU, Schiffman said Utah State’s defensive play won the game.

“Defense can make or break a team,” Schiffman said. “USU will face off against ISU again for Tuesday Oct. 12 in Pocatello.”

“ISU IS a good team,” Schiffman said. “We are us and them battling in the conference.”

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Heather Cairns

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MINISTER JENNIFER FLYNN keeps the ball away from a Texas State defender in USU's 4-0 victory Sunday.

BY JASON BJORNESTAD

The Utah State soccer season won't be one to forget.

Texas St.ụs, after a 2-2 draw with the Aggies on Oct. 6, has taken control of first place with a record of 2-0-2 in conference play and 7-2-6 overall. It was the Aggies' conference debut season and they are now 2-0-2 in USU history.

The Aggies are really proud of themselves today. Morgan had a great diving save on the one-on-one with the goalkeeper. We are very happy with the win and we are just really confident right now. We've got it all on the line and we've got a lot of girls coming for the field and they really want to play today. We've got a great and a great game and I love it.

Just three minutes later, freshman Madison Mancuso, who was back behind the goal, received a pass from sophomore Lauren Bourey and took a shot on goal, but this time the goalkeeper.

Texas St.ụs almost pulled even a few minutes later, but the shot was saved by USU's Morgan. We had a little bit of a scoring chance on the left side of the 18-yard box. One minute later, the Aggies went up 3-0. Miyahako played a ball into the box, and Jennifer Flynn who outran the Texas St.ụs defense and beat the goalkeeper on the one-on-one.

The goal came off a cross from junior midfielder JENNIFER FLYNN. USU scored multiple goals, but also really proud of the way we played today. It's good for us to go out and play really well today. It's good for us to step up and we had all of us to step up and we had all of us to step up.

The Aggies are really proud of themselves today. Morgan had a great diving save on the one-on-one with the goalkeeper. We are very happy with the win and we are just really confident right now. We've got it all on the line and we've got a lot of girls coming for the field and they really want to play today. We've got a great and a great game and I love it.

Just three minutes later, freshman Madison Mancuso, who was back behind the goal, received a pass from sophomore Lauren Bourey and took a shot on goal, but this time the goalkeeper.

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We knew coming into this weekend for us.
Missionary changes have mixed impact

During the first session of the General Conference, President of the Church, Elder Orson F. Whitney, announced that there would be changes in the missionary program. This move was made in response to feedback from missionaries and members in the field.

The changes include a reduction in the number of missionaries from 80,000 to 60,000. This will allow for a more focused effort on training and preparing missionaries for their work.

The changes also include a shift in the age of missionaries, with missions being shortened from 2 years to 18 months for young men and from 2 years to 19 months for women. This will help to address the concerns of some missionaries who felt that the length of time spent in missions was too long.

Overall, the changes are designed to improve the effectiveness of the missionary program and to better prepare missionaries for their work in the field.
When Obama would try to implement something Romney’s way, Romney generally agreed to it as good news. An example of this would be the President accusing Romney of cutting to education funding. Romney fired back with one of his most effective lines of the night: “Mr. President, you’re entitled to the presidency of your own airplane and your own house. But not to your own facts. All right, I’m not going to talk about funding. I don’t have any plan to cut education funding.”

Unfortunately, Romney won the first debate. I’m sure President Obama will make the additional promise he needs to do for the following two. Romney will have to attempt to put Romney on a defense a little more when President Obama will continue to draw on a defense to which will make the choice for Americans a cleaner one.

— Cayla Saxton, a softly-voiced journalism intern at the Newsweek. It’s apparent that he was well-prepared tonight.

Romney’s main line of attack was based upon the successes of public universities. It was pointed out that it was Obama who took $760 bil-

lion out of Medicare to pay for parts of “Obamacare,” which effectively makes the threat taking away your care for how Republicans want to cut Medicare quite useless. This made the debate discussion a little positive for Romney.

Obama played more defense and Romney more on offense.

LEFT: Obama’s policies for better middle class discovered that he enumerated the num-

ber of unemployed Americans by more than 10 million. He criticized the President for an unemployment rate of 8.3 percent, but the monthly job reports prove the number to be false. He is willing to concede that Obama had the more vibrant performance and outcome. Obama in stage presence, how-

ever, was the person who prevailed in his experience and understanding of the issues that affect America. The debate proved once more that the voters have a choice in the upcoming election: a choice between the hope of the future at the expense of the many, or a balanced approach that will prepare us for a prosperous future for all Americans.

— Mike McPherson is a senior from Utah, Utah’s 2012 Student of the Year, and a classroom teacher. During the Washington, D.C. conference, he submitted the following columns at mike.clarkblog@gmail.com.

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