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SNAC ATTACK

Student Nutrition Access Center sees significant increase in student use

By Shanie Howard NEWS SENIOR WRITER

In just one year, the number of students using Student Nutrition Access Center (SNAC) services at Utah State University has increased tenfold, and the increase has created some new challenges for the center.

SNAC is a student-run organization that collects food donations to give to Utah State University students who are having a hard time paying for food themselves.

"For a long time SNAC was kind of like a secret. No one was coming," said Hannah Nickerson, the student director of SNAC. "Now word has really gotten out and so we have a ton of traffic coming through the pantry."

In 2015, the pantry averaged two to six students per week, Nickerson said. This year SNAC has had as many as 126 students use its services in a week.

Barbara Freeman, a committee member of SNAC, attributes the increase in students to events like the Hunger Banquet which highlighted SNAC's activities during its September meeting.

"We have people lining up before we open, but we are almost wiped out after 20 minutes," Nickerson said.

Freeman expressed concern that not all of the students were using SNAC services because they needed the food.

"I think there are some people who just want some food for right now and there are some students that definitely need it," Freeman said. Freeman said she has seen a lot of the same students in every week. That's not what SNAC is for, Nickerson said.



Though many more students are using SNAC than previously, its intended purpose is for students who have no other access to food.

"The purpose of a food pantry is to be a sort of safety net for people," Nickerson said. "It's really not meant to be a person's only source of food."

SNAC's policy for allowing people to take food from the pantry is that as long as users can show proof of being a student, they can have food. or not," Nickerson said. "We don't really ask any financial questions."

The increase of students has also limited the variety of foods SNAC can offer all students.

"If someone comes at four, an hour after we've been open, they might not have very much to choose from," Nickerson said.

Though Nickerson admits not having a lot of

that it isn't the top priority of the pantry.

"It's different than a grocery store where you can pick whatever you would like," Nickerson said. "We don't have any control about what comes in because we take what we can get."

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Students for Choice club promotes reproductive health

By Alison Berg NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Students for Choice club is new to Utah State University this semester. The club focuses on reproductive health, reproductive rights, social justice and the taboos surrounding sex.

"We want to focus on safe and consensual sex, reproductive rights and getting to know your body," said Jasmine Despain, president of Students for Choice.

She said all students are invited to participate regardless of sexuality, gender, race or lifestyle.

"We have people in our club who aren't having sex and that's OK," Despain said. "You don't have to be sexually active to have these important conversations."

While the majority of club members are female, there are a significant number of men involved as well.

"I think it's important for men to be just as involved as women," said Roy Oviatt, a junior studying elementary education.

Oviatt was pleasantly surprised to find out the club dealt with much more than he anticipated. "I originally thought it was just a club to talk about women's issues, but it's so much more than that," he said. "We talk about equality, social issues and sex education for everyone." The club emphasizes feminism, which the Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines as "the belief that men and women should have equal rights and opportunities."

"It's about equality for all. It's about understanding how the system of patriarchy harms not just women but men as well, in the sense that men can't cry or show emotion. We break down those gender binaries and stereotypes in Students For Choice," said Desiree Chavez, a junior studying psychology.

Another goal of Students for Choice is to break down the taboos around sex education.

"We want to focus on the positive side of sex ed and make it something that isn't taboo," Despain said. "We want everyone to feel comfortable talking about these important topics.

The club promotes a judgement-free, safe environment in which students can share their raw thoughts and feelings.

"There's no censorship here. Everyone says what's on their mind and they can feel and say what they need without being judged," Chavez said.

Students for Choice advertised itself during Day on the Quad in August and about 120 people signed up to be involved.

"To have that many people sign up was amazing. I'm really excited to see how many people are here and care about reproductive health and reproductive rights and want to learn more," Despain said.

Students for Choice is a national club supported by Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood supports Students For Choice by providing safe sex kits — bags including condoms, lube and other items relating to safe sex. Students for Choice passed out safe sex kits during Day on the Quad and provided them at their first meeting.

"If you choose to have sex, we want to help you be safe and choose the right path," Despain

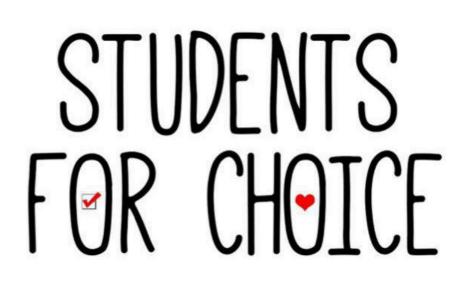
said.

In addition, Planned Parenthood provides oth er services for Students for Choice, such as fli ers and social media advertisements.

Some students feel Students for Choice provides the sex education they did not receive be fore college.

"I grew up in a strict, religious family where we didn't talk about sex. Even in high schoo sex ed, we never talked about consent or socia rights," Oviatt said.

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USUSA BLOTTER UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Notes from the USUSA meeting on Nov. 1. Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. in the Senate Chambers located in the Taggart Student Center, and are open to all students.

1. Nathan Cutler, a communication studies major, is opening a chapter of the National Society for Leadership and Success at USU. It comes with many of the perks of an honors

society, but there is no GPA requirement.

2. There is no Nov. 22 meeting because of Thanksgiving break

3. Aggie Voice auditions are on Nov. 8 from 6 p.m.-9p.m. in the TSC Sunburst Lounge. Open auditions to all USU students, and winner will receive a \$500 prize.

4. Deans were receptive to ideas about no test week presented by college senators. (Noelle Cockett, USU's new president, was said to support no test week). Deans were also reported receptive to proposal to expand depth course options.

5. Government Relations Council is hosting Evan McMullin at USU on Friday. McMullin will speak and answer students' questions in the TSC auditorium from 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. GRC is worried about auditorium capacity of 290 being a problem and is asking students to come early. The group invited other presidential candidates on the ballot to come to USU to avoid appearing biased toward McMullin.

6. The USU men's soccer team made it to nationals, and further options for travel funding will be discussed in the immediate future.



Ask the President: Election, winter safety and goats

By Shanie Howard SENIOR NEWS WRITER

2016 Presidential Election:

As election day draws closer, Utah State University Student Association President Ashley Waddoups is spending more time looking over which candidates she wants to vote for and encourages students to do the same, especially with local candidates.

"Local candidates are probably even more important than our presidential candidates," Waddoups said. "I think it's a shame that we don't educate ourselves on them more."

As a person with some experience in politics, Waddoups encourages students to take the time to get to know who they are voting for.

"A lot of the time you just see politicians at ribbon cuttings and shaking hands with someone in the newspaper, but you don't realize all the behind the scenes and all the voice they have on stuff that really impacts you," Waddoups said. "I think we would be appalled if we realized how little attention we give to such big issues."

New USU President:

Waddoups is confident that this transition between university presidents — from Stan Albrecht to Noelle Cokett — will be an easy one. "I think Noelle has the incredible background

McMullin slams Trump as sexist

By Brady McCombs ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Independent presidential candidate Evan McMullin said Wednesday he won't wither under attacks by white supremacists backing Donald Trump as his late campaign surge pushes him closer to winning Utah.

McMullin said at the University of Utah that the rise of Republican Donald Trump this campaign has illustrated a lingering problem in the United States with bigotry, racism and misogyny.

"When we have a presidential candidate who brags about grabbing women by their private parts and brags about how he can get away with it because he's famous, we still have a problem with sexism," McMullin told university students. "When one of our major parties is offering up a leader who thinks that way and speaks that way and who attacks people based on the color of their skin or their faith... that tells us something about where we are."

McMullin has a chance to win enough conservative votes in Utah to defeat Trump and become the first non-Republican to win the state



Independent presidential candidate Evan McMullin speaks during a University of Utah candidate forum, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016, in Salt Lake City. McMullin answered questions at the forum, as he attempts to fend off a new wave of critiques from Republican Donald Trump's supporters who are trying to prevent McMullin from winning what has become a toss-up state.

in nearly a half century, polls show.

At the event, he pointed to a Ku Klux Klan-affiliated newspaper this week running an editorial praising Trump, and a robo call placed in Utah against him by a white nationalist Trump supporter this week.

The Trump campaign denounced both. White

nationalist William Johnson on Wednesday canceled his robo call, apologizing for a "mean-spirited message" that included calling McMullin a "closet homosexual."

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By Bill Fuller ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREENVILLE, Miss. (AP) — Somebody set the fire that heavily damaged an African-American church that was also spray-painted with the phrase "Vote Trump," and an \$11,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the conviction of whoever did it, a Mississippi fire chief said Wednesday. The FBI has opened a civil rights investigation of the Tuesday night fire at the 200-member Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, and Greenville Mayor Errick Simmons called the fire and graffiti a hate crime. est extent of the law," he said.

State FBI spokesman Brett Car said the agency is "working with our local, state and federal law enforcement partners to determine if any civil rights crimes were committed."

He did not comment on whether it was being investigated as a possible hate crime. "At this point, it is too early in the investigation to determine what type of crime this could be," he said. campaigning for his party's presidential nominee Donald Trump, said "we expect a suspect will be identified and brought to justice."

"First, anyone who burns a place of worship will answer to almighty God for this crime against people of faith. But they should also answer to man's law," Bryant's statement said.

U.S. Rep. Bennie Thompson, a Democrat whose district includes Greenville, said the fire and graffiti "harkens back to a much darker day

at Utah State and that's comforting because I feel like we won't see the jerky or awkward transition that other people might have," Waddoups said.

President Cockett is still adjusting to her new position, but Waddoups expects to start meeting with her more next semester.

"Come January we will be starting an imminent dialogue," Waddoups said.

Winter Safety:

As winter approaches Waddoups urges students to be careful and help keep campus safe by reporting any issues on MyVoice.

Waddoups recognizes that when winter rolls in more issues with student safety on campus arise that sometimes the university will miss.

"There are a lot of things that sometimes the university or facilities aren't aware of because of the size of the university," Waddoups said. "I think that students really need to make sure they utilize the MyVoice program that is on our USU portal."

Waddoups is especially concerned about students who are learning how to drive in Logan weather.

"Freshmen, if you are like me and from a warm climate and don't think that you should try to drive for the first time in the snow on your own... Find someone who is a local and get them to teach you," Waddoups said.

Student Questions:

Richard Poll, an international studies major and the Statesman

student life editor, asked: What's your spirit animal?

"The animal that imminently came to my mind is a goat," Waddoups said, "Goats are so quirky, so funny and a little weird. They love food; they're spunky."

Submit your questions for next month's Ask the President column to shaniehoward214@gmail. com.

Officials announced the reward and the investigators' conclusion that the fire was arson at the church, Greenville Fire Chief Ruben Brown Sr. said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

The church's beige brick walls still stand, but the pulpit and pews are burned black, and soot stains the brick above and next to some windows. Brown estimated that it was "80 percent destroyed."

"It definitely will have to be reconstructed from front to back," he said.

Simmons called the arson a "heinous, hateful, cowardly act."

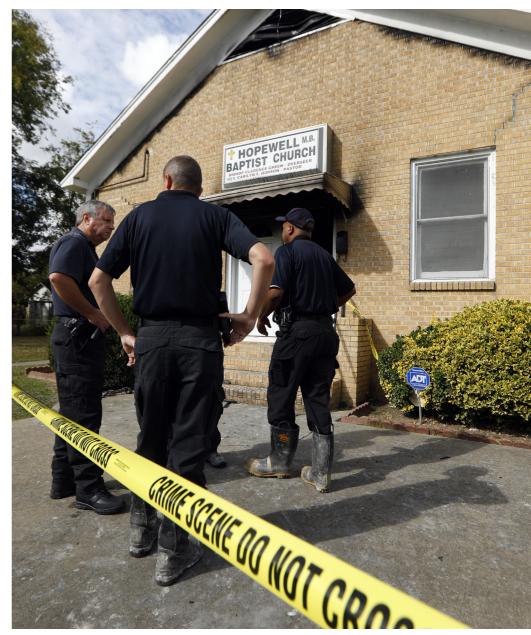
"We consider it a hate crime ... because of the political message which we believe was intended to interfere with worship and intimidate voters," Simmons said. "This act is a direct assault on people's right to freely worship."

The mayor said the FBI and the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation are assisting the investigation in the Mississippi River city, where about 78 percent of the 32,100 residents are African-American.

Mississippi's top elections official, Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann, a Republican, said people shouldn't jump to the conclusion that the church was vandalized for political reasons. Initial reports suggest "this is not of a political nature," he told WDAM-TV.

The culprits should be prosecuted "to the full-

Gov. Phil Bryant, a Republican who has been in Mississippi."



PHOTOS BY AP Photo Rogelio V. Solis

ATF agents gather outside the fire-damaged Hopewell M.B. Baptist Church in Greenville, Miss., Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016. "Vote Trump" was spray-painted on an outside wall of the black member church. Fire Chief Ruben Brown tells The Associated Press that firefighters found flames and smoke pouring from the sanctuary of the church just after 9 p.m. Tuesday.

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McMullin called them "baseless" lies earlier this week. His spokeswoman Rina Shah said in a statement Wednesday in response to the apology that the damage has already been done since the robo calls ran since Monday.

Shah reasserted the campaign's belief that Trump's campaign was behind the "desperate whisper campaign" and called on Trump to apologize. Trump's spokeswoman Hope Hicks has said Trump had no knowledge of the robo call and condemned the message.

"Not every Trump supporter is racist, but from the alt-right to the Ku Klux Klan, every racist in America has seemingly flocked to Trump's cause," Shah said in the statement.

His event at the university, in which he took questions from students, came a day after some of Utah's top Republicans, including Sen. Orrin Hatch, urged their fellow conservatives to unite around Trump rather than leave the party to vote for McMullin. Hatch said Trump "doesn't take any crap from anybody," and "he's exactly what we need."

Other top Utah Republicans, including U.S. Rep. Mia Love, Sen. Mike Lee and Gov. Gary Herbert have said they will not vote for Trump. Utah's mostly-Mormon voters have widely rejected Trump's brash demeanor and taken exception to the billionaire's comments about women, minorities and Muslims. Trump finished a distant third in the March presidential caucus and polls show he's in a tight race with McMullin despite Utah being a Republican stronghold that hasn't elected a non-GOP presidential candidate since 1964.

McMullin, a Mormon and former CIA agent, tells voters around the state that a win for him in Utah would help launch a new conservative movement that is more inclusive and open to people of all faiths and races than Trump's Republican Party.

"The best thing we can do is stand up and fight for people being attacked based on their race, their religion, their gender," McMullin said. "Let's stand up and fight for equality."

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"The political message of the vandalism is obviously an attempt to sway public opinion regarding the upcoming election," he wrote in an emailed statement. "I encourage all citizens not to be deterred by this cowardly act and exercise your right to vote at the ballot box."

The Mississippi chapter of the NAACP released a statement Wednesday night saying the fire was reminiscent of a dark period in the state's history.

"During the historically black church's 111year history, Hopewell served as a meeting place for organizers during the civil rights movement," the statement said. "It is important to remember this same violent action was taken to intimidate and impede African-Americans from voting in the 50's and 60's."

Brown said water from the hoses and heat from the fire also damaged the church's kitchen and the pastor's study. It was put out within 12 minutes, but it took an hour and a half to extinguish hot spots, he said. Arson investigators also were at the scene Wednesday collecting evidence. Brown said the cause remains under investigation.

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"We don't have any suspect at time, but we are possibly talking to a person of interest," Police Chief Delando Wilson said.

The mayor said "we will not rest until the culprit is found and fully prosecuted."

The congregation has existed for 111 years, and will rebuild on the same site, said pastor Carilyn Hudson.

"The act that has happened has left our hearts broken but we are strong together," Hudson said. "We are not angry, but our hearts are broken."

Bishop Clarence Green called the fire troubling. He said that in his 21 years as bishop, the church had never been vandalized.

"The last time someone was at the church was Tuesday around 3," Green said.

Asked where the church members will meet this Sunday, Green said: "We'll have to work on that."

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By Selina Ramsey STUDENT LIFE WRITER

Teigan Beck lives for others. She is a compassionate individual driven by her desire to serve those around her. She currently serves as the College of Education and Human Services (CEHS) senator at Utah State University. Her passion for service and love of life is evident in everything she does.

Senator Beck is from Pocatello, Idaho and is a fourth generation Aggie. She loves all things DC Comics and is always game for a Netflix binge of "The Flash."

Although it pains her to admit, her patronus is the mighty salmon. According to the Chinese Zodiac, she was born in the year of the monkey. She recently celebrated her Oct. 9 birthday with an annual meal of steak, mashed potatoes and green beans.

Service has always been a goal for Beck.

"When I was little, I really wanted to be a firefighter," Beck said. "They just get to help people every day, and I loved that."

Although her dream job has changed since then, Beck's professional future will still involve helping others.

Beck is a senior majoring in communicative disorders. She wants to go on to graduate school to study speech pathology. Her new dream is to become a speech therapist and help children and adults who struggle with speech and communication. Specifically, she hopes to pursue humanitarian work and use her Spanish speaking skills to help Hispanic and Latino individuals learn English.

Through her passion for service, Beck was inspired to run for CEHS senator.

"It's my goal this year to strengthen student



Senator Teigan Beck is a fourth generation Aggie and a communicative disorders major.

success, leadership and service," she said. "I feel it's important for all students to get involved during their college careers, serve others and do well in school so that they can have awesome futures."

Beck feels it is an honor to hold her position. She loves serving USU students and helping them find joy in learning to serve others as well. "CEHS is so amazing because each program within the college is focused, essentially, on giving some kind of service to other people," she said. "Once we (CEHS students) graduate, we will devote ourselves to serve either children or adults through education, psychological services or health care. It's such a fun college to be a part of because there's a lot of diversity in what the students study but we're all learning to help others." Beck's advice to all Aggies is to think outward. "Look outside of yourself as you pursue your dreams. You never know what you might find that will help you reach those dreams when you're focused on others," she said.

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Hunstman Scholars take on Europe

By Isabel Forinash STUDENT LIFE STAFF WRITER

During the month of October, 23 junior students and two professors of the Huntsman scholars program at Utah State University traveled to six different countries in Europe to practice leadership techniques with international businesses and experience new cultures. were expected to work on five to six different projects, many of which included collecting data for demographic research, debating the immigration crisis and figuring out how to introduce American products to a European market.

A lot of the projects allowed the scholars to sit down with startup businesses and talk with them about the things that were going well within their business and the things that could use improvement, said Emilee Fielding, a Huntsman scholar studying accounting. Not only did the trip allow the students to execute legitimate marketing strategies with businesses and negotiate with successful entrepreneurs, it also placed them in a scene that fostered different levels of cultural exposure.

Several of the scholars' assignments required them to interview the local people on their views of hot-button political and economic issues like ar studying engineering and finance, said getting that cultural exposure was just as important as the business aspect of the trip.

"The French think very differently from the Americans, and the Germans have a whole different view from us as well, so it was cool to see how the different cultures interacted," he said. The close interactions between the scholars

The group of scholars traveled to England, Scotland, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany and France, where they visited governmental organizations and businesses, met with en-

trepreneurs and toured historical landmarks.

Associate director of the Huntsman scholars program John Ferguson said a main part of the trip was to expose the students to a variety of different global approaches and uses in business.

"Business skill sets can be applied to do all sorts of things," he said. "It doesn't just have to be working in a cubicle somewhere."

During their time spent in Europe, the scholars

"This is what I love about Huntsman scholars,"

inequality, healthcare and immigration. Fielding said these interviews often led to interesting conversations.

"My experience in Europe would not have been

This is what I love about Huntsman scholars, rather than hearing a lecture about doing business in France in a classroom, we had the opportunity to converse with real entrepreneurs in France and discuss real business issues.

— Emilee Fielding, a Huntsman scholar

she said. "Rather than hearing a lecture about doing business in France in a classroom, we had the opportunity to converse with real entrepreneurs in France and discuss real business issues." the same if I hadn't gone out and talked to the local people," Fielding said, "the trip and the interviews I had with people helped me understand our cultural differences in a new way." Michael Scott Peters, another Huntsman schol-

and the local people, paired with the business endeavors, taught the students to appreciate even the simplest of cultural differences.

Peters said everything, from eating the Belgian waffles and the French crepes, to tasting escargot for the first time, was a different and valuable experience.

"It felt good to get out of my comfort zone and really immerse myself in the culture and I think all of the students came away feeling a little more European than we had in the past four weeks," he said.

Upon arriving back in the United States, the Huntsman scholars will apply their experiences and learning to group projects and presentations where they have been and still are expected to

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TWEETS

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To the girl sobbing in the library tonight: You don't deserved to be yelled at and you're loved not just by me but by all of Utah State.



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Man, I haven't been in the TSC in awhile. Crazy how grilled cheese sandwiches in The Hub are \$17 now



@the_goodwin

If all of the USU students charging "\$80, obo" for their howl tickets on Facebook applied to the business program we'd be killing it ya'll



@leaheliza9

Noelle Cockett is the new pres of USU. When I first met her, I thought her last name was Crocket and called her by that for a hot minute smh

PHOTOGRAPHER SPOTLIGHT

I took this photo of Window Arch at the City of Rocks National Reserve in July. I like it because of the way the sky is captured and the exposure. It is often hard to photograph the sky and subject with good exposure, but the weather was perfect for it.

— Abby Shemkunas, Statesman Photographer

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work together as a team, despite their different students to learn to appreciate the differences

cific person that they look for, but every year they look for what will make the best group." Often referred to as "the family," the scholars

that every trip is different because the students are always different.

Peterson said overall the trip to Europe, apart from the whole program, is specifically meant to help the students come to their own understanding of how the world works.

opinions and leadership styles.

Shannon Peterson, director of the Huntsman scholars program, and Ferguson both delegate a lot of responsibility to the students to practice leadership, Peterson said, because they believe there is no better way to learn leadership than to actually do it.

"Dr. Shannon Peterson and Professor John Ferguson are two amazing faculty members that have pushed me to challenge my assumptions, think critically and be open to seeing the world in new ways," Fielding said.

Peterson and Ferguson also both pressure the

amongst one another, cope with those differences and still be able to deliver high quality projects.

"Developing empathy and understanding for other people is one thing that has to be developed during the semester because if not, they will isolate themselves," Peterson said.

Peters said his assumptions had really been challenged this semester because of the variety of different business majors, backgrounds and personalities.

"One thing that they tell you is that there is no one Huntsman scholar," he said, "there is no spe— professors and students alike — created an intense and prized connection with one another as a result of their trip to Europe.

"You don't have a lot of opportunities to see and help students grow and realize things about themselves that they didn't know before," Ferguson said, "that moment of self-actualization and being a part of that process with students is transformative for the students and so it's transformative for us as well."

Peterson, having been a part of the program for nine years, and Professor Ferguson, having been a part of the program for four years, both agree "The significance of this trip is that it helps the students recognize that there are a lot of ways that you can make a difference in the world that you hadn't really thought about before," she said, "and now we honestly know these students on a personal and academic level, probably better than they know themselves."

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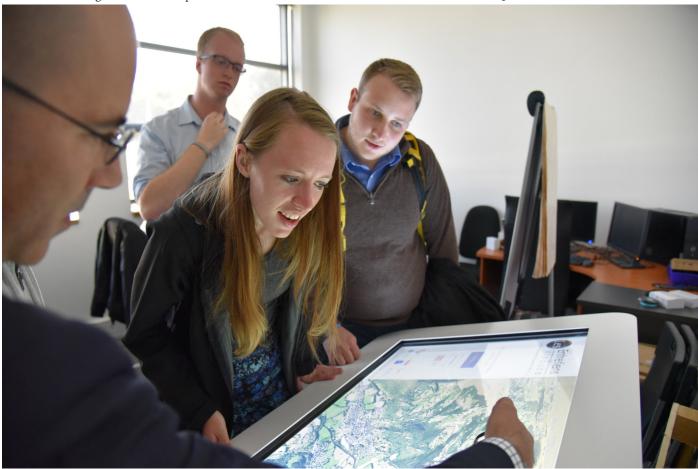


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SPORTS

The rough road ahead

Last-place Aggies to face conference's new top dog in Laramie



By Taylor Emerson SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Last week it was the nation's top runner, Donnel Pumphrey, leading the way in San Diego State's 400-yard rushing outburst. The Aztecs cruised to a 40-13 victory, leaving the Aggies to lick their wounds just one week away from a similar challenge, this time against the third man on the nation's rushing leaderboard - Wyoming's Brian Hill.

"Brian is a slasher," said USU head coach Matt Wells. "He's a one-cut guy and he'll run through an arm tackle. He's got really good speed, too. Our defense has a major challenge Saturday."

Coming into Saturday's matchup, Hill is averaging 144.5 yards per game on the ground and already has 1,156 yards and 11 touchdowns on the season. The junior Cowboy's career year has seen an uptick in his already impressive yards per carry average to 5.7.

Utah State's defense was holding opponents to 151 rushing yards per game before the Aztecs came to town, but Pumphrey's 223-yard pummeling dropped the Aggies to the seventh-ranked rushing defense in the Mountain West.

Wells expressed disappointment with the Aggies' failure to match up physically with San Diego State on either side of the ball. In the contest, Wells' defenders were continually caught lining up in the wrong spots, failed to fill the proper gaps and failed to wrap up on first contact.

"It's just little things, little details against a team like that and a running back like that [who] will gash you if you don't do exactly what the defense asks you to do," said USU linebacker Brock Carmen.

Ultimately, the Cowboys have been able to do two things the Aggies seemingly cannot — run the ball effectively, and win close games down the stretch. Wyoming is 4-1 this season in games decided by nine points or fewer, while USU is 0-3 when the outcome is decided by 11 points or less.

"You've got to get to that point of when the game is in the balance and it's getting decided that we make a few more plays than they do, and until you do that, you're going to struggle ... "Wells said. "That's where we're at right now, so the tape says who we are. We're not hiding from it, but I want that feeling back of winning and making those plays as bad as anybody. Talent only takes you so far."

Continuing the season storyline, Utah State's offense has struggled mightily. In 24 red zone tries this season, Utah State has only found paydirt 14 times.

PHOTO COURTESY OF Wyoming Athletics

"I'm confident we can move it," Wells said, "but can we finish it? Can we make plays on third down? Can we finish drives for touchdowns? We didn't make any plays on third down against San Diego State."

For what glimmer of hope is left on the season, the 2011 campaign can prove to be benchmark. The then 2-5 Aggies won their final five games to end up with a bid to the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.

The Aggies haven't missed out on a bowl game since, but if they are unable to win three out of their four final games, that streak will end.

Kickoff in Laramie is scheduled for 8:15 p.m., and the game will be televised on ESPN2.

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PHOTOS BY Wyoming Athletics, Matt Halton

Utah State faces another star running back this weekend, as Brian Hill will provide a solid test for the Aggies' rush defense. Offensively, USU should enjoy the return of its own star running back Devante Mays, seen in action against SDSU after missing three games with a knee injury.

Aggie soccer on to second round

Utah State takes down Wyoming 2-1, will face top-seeded UNLV in conference semis



By Sean Coghlan SPORTS STAFF WRITER

After a regular season that saw an Aggie fourth place finish, the Utah State women's soccer team won their first Mountain West Conference Tournament against Wyoming, played at San Diego State University. The Aggies defeated the Cowgirls 2-1, with both goals coming in the first half by Utah State.

Early in the match, Utah State had no trouble securing the ball. Constantly pressing the Wyoming defensive backs, the Aggies found several scoring opportunities in the first half, but had some trouble converting. It wasn't until the 24th minute that the Aggies were able to get on the board. Earning a corner kick, Utah State sent senior forward Jessica Brooksby to take the kick. Brooksby sent it high into the box, where it seemed to simultaneously bounce off a Wyoming defender and off of the foot of senior midfielder Lauren Harmon.

The Aggie women's soccer team defeated the Wyoming Cowgirls 2-1 to open up the Mountain West Championship.

After a few minutes of confusion to determine who was responsible, the goal was credited to Lauren Harmon. Senior forward Jessica Brooksby set the single season record for assists (10), as well as tying the all-time Utah State record (17).

For junior forward Wesley Hamblin, it was a

game of determination. Making several oneon-one situations past the defenders, Hamblin made her appoint of attack clear: score from the right post. She continuously sent shots from the right post, before becoming successful in the 40th minute. Hamblin scored an unassisted goal, her eighth of the season.

The lone Wyoming goal came in the 88th minute, when the Cowgirls connected on a ball that made its way through several cleats. Although Wyoming was able to score at the end of the game, it was too little too late. The Aggies would hold the lead through the final minute, ending the match by outshooting the Cowgirls by a total of 19-9.

The Aggies had seven shots-on-goal, the Cowgirls only having two. With those two shots-on-goal, Utah State sophomore goalkeeper Grace McGuire only notched one save during the match.

Moving on to the next round, the Aggies are slated to play top-seed University of Nevada Las Vegas. Two weeks previous, Utah State lost to UNLV when they visited the Rebels. It was an over-time loss that sent the Aggies home with a poor taste. The Aggies will look to upset the first-ranked team when they meet in San Diego, Thursday at 4 p.m. The game will be streamed online on the Mountain West Network.

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USU Hockey's Jon Eccles earns 200th win



PHOTO BY Abby Shemkunas Utah State hockey took down BYU 5-3 over the weekend for head coach Jon Eccles' 200th win.

By Jason Walker SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Utah State's 5-3 win over rival BYU was enough to earn head coach Jon Eccles a landmark victory.

"I was hoping that it would have been against Utah," Eccles said with a smile on his face, recalling the Aggies 5-2 against the Utes two weeks ago.

In past seasons the Aggies have dominated BYU in games, often winning by double-digit goals. This game, however, proved to be much more difficult than expected. The Aggies inserted their will for most of the game, but they couldn't capitalize on a 48-25 shot advantage as well as coach Eccles would have liked.

"Happy for the win, got our first home win," Eccles said. "But I don't think they [could] hang with us as well as they did had we played like we've played [other opponents]." Aggie forward Alex Herman, who had two goals on the night, called this game a "gut check," and said he felt Utah State played just good enough to get the win and that there was certainly room for improvement. Despite playing down to BYU's level for the first two periods, Utah State rolled up their sleeves and got to work late in the third period. Four minutes after a game-tying goal by BYU with just over 11 minutes to play, the Aggies put two goals on the board within 20

seconds to go up 4-2. BYU pulled one back less than a minute later but a late goal by Chris Cutshall, who had one goal and two assists on the day, sealed the deal for Utah State.

Alex Herman said third period play is one of the team's strengths.

"We've always been a third period team, even last year," Herman said. "No matter what happens in the game our best period's always going to be the third period no matter what game it is."

The Aggies will play at home next on Friday Nov. 4 against Weber State at 7 p.m. at the George S. Eccles Ice Center.

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Many Americans look only at the line "secure Blessings of Liberty to ourselves" when regarding the use of drugs and alcohol. The phrase is often said that "I am only hurting myself" or "these drugs are non-violent". The truth is that most illegal drugs erase the memory of the user at the moment of intoxication. Whether they do harm to others or only themselves really is one in the same. "We the People...promote the general Welfare".

important issues and not to be solved by one putting harmful chemicals in their bodies to relieve them from such pains. Now this will bring one to argue that some drugs, mainly marijuana, should be used for medicinal purposes. If proper medical studies are taken and a drug is found to be beneficial by prescription only then let it be prescribed. Most prescription drugs are harmful if misused by the guidelines set forth. This does not however prevent the said

recreationally often have a hard time putting a halt to their usage. In the situations where a female drug user gets pregnant and keeps putting those poisons into her body she is now harming her unborn child which will then cause birth defects taking away the full blessings of liberty to her posterity. A very common disability is Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Even though Alcohol consumption is legal, it is extremely harmful in all situations and should be looked at as a then the children develop an attitude of "oh my parents do it why can't I?" "We the people... insure domestic Tranquility."

Legalization of harmful drugs is unconstitutional. We must protect the values on which our Nation was founded. Will we ever be able to stop drug use? No. Will we be able to solve all problems? No. Does the criminalization of drugs cause people to riot? Yes. But does that mean we shouldn't fight to protect the general

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We should care about the health of the citizens of our country. Most drug use is promoted by peer pressure, history of abuse, or mental disorders. All of which should be looked at as drugs from being abused but it does decline the recreational use of them.

"We the People...secure the Blessings of Liberty to.... our Posterity." Those who use drugs pattern for what legalizing other harmful drugs would bring. Drug use alters one's mind in a sense that could harm the future of their children. If drug use persists while they are parents public from this monstrosity? No. We the People should be a drug free nation.

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In 1971, President Richard Nixon declared a "War on Drugs" in the United States, which would guide the country's drug policy and enforcement for decades to come. Continued through the presidencies of Reagan and Clinton, millions of non-violent criminal offenders have been put in prison in the past 40 years. While the rate of violent crime, burglary, and theft have declined over the past decades, our prisons remain overcrowded with people convicted of drug offenses. It is safe to say that the "war on drugs" has been a total and complete failure.

The United States leads the world when it comes to incarceration rates, and it is not close. While the U.S. makes up just 5% of the world's total population, it also has 25% of its people who are prison. This is in large part a result of the war on drugs. With minimum sentencing requirements, prisons that are for-profit, and misguided laws, there is a viscous cycle of imprisoning people in the United States. As a way for politicians to get elected, they have made campaign promises with slogans such as "cleaning up our streets" and "just saying no to drugs." Not only were these promises misguided, the policies resulting from them have failed horrendously. The effort to reduce illegal drug sales and consumption completely fell flat. Not only have consumption and purity of these substances gone up, black market prices have gone down, making it more readily available.

The drug war has had an especially devastating effect for minority communities. While African-Americans comprise just 13% of the country's population, they make up 31% of those arrested for drug-related offenses, and 40% of those who are in prison for drug law violations. This is in spite of the fact that rates of illegal drug consumption and sales are roughly equal between ethnicities. These laws have torn families apart, and put millions of non-violent drug offenders behind bars. African Americans and Latinos are far more likely to be put in jail for these offenses, as a result of these erroneous policies.

This country needs to change the way it looks at these problems. Instead of seeing drug use a criminal issue, it should be seen as a health issue. This is why the decriminalization of drugs would be an excellent start in the effort to decrease the rate of imprisonment, as well as help people with their drug problems. People who have addictions should be able to get the help they need, without the fear of being punished. The U.S. must acknowledge that the drug war is a failure, and move on. If we really want to decrease the use of dangerous drugs, we should allow people to help themselves and not split up families.

— Sam Jackson is the VP of the USU College Democrats.

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The War on Drugs is a government sponsored conflict that has been raging for nearly five decades, costing approximately \$51 billion annually, and incarcerating over one million nonviolent American citizens every year. One would think that with so much spending, the Drug War is slowly but surely being won. Sadly, nothing could be further from the truth. Despite allocating a substantial amount of taxpayer dollars to combat drug use, little impact has been made on the illegal drug trade in the United States. In fact, as drug war spending has steadily increased over the years, the drug addiction rate has remained constant.

Some will argue that even though the cost is great, we have a "moral imperative" to fight drugs in our communities. Whether you agree with this sentiment or not, this strategy of incarcerating non-violent drug offenders is extremely ineffective. The United States has an average recidivism rate of around 60%. This means that 60% of the individuals who are incarcerated on drug related offenses will return to correctional facilities within three to five years of release. This means that of the \$51 billion spent on drug enforcement and incarceration, over \$30 billion is wasted on hunting down and locking up individuals who will simply end up back in the system.

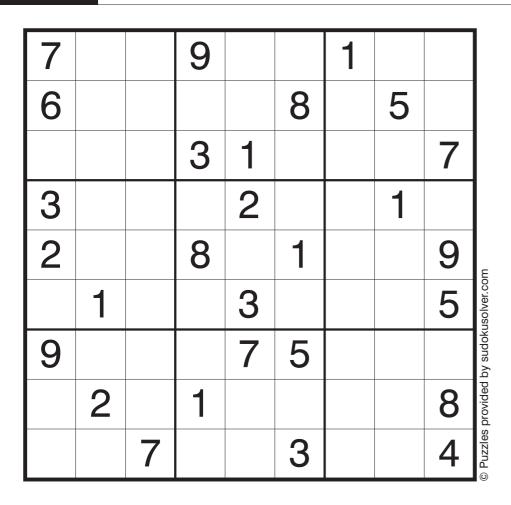
Putting aside the terrible return investment, the toll on human capital is devastating. These

Nonviolent offenders are thrown into overcrowded jails, given little to no addiction treatment, and are expected to be "rehabilitated" after an arbitrary amount of time. These men and women lose jobs, families, and opportunities that cannot be retrieved— often leaving no other path to take but the one that landed them in jail in the first place. At the very least, these drugs need to be decriminalized in order to slow this vicious cycle of wasteful spending and re-offense.

If the failure of the 'War on Drugs' has taught us one thing, it is that the demand for drugs will remain constant regardless of government prohibition- a lesson I thought we had already learned after the prohibition of alcohol But, nearly one hundred years later, we are making the same mistakes. If we want to keep this \$1 trillion failure from growing any larger, it is time to swallow our pride, bury our fear, and make some changes to drug policy. Slowly legalizing key indicator drugs will result in lower prison populations, less violence, and the reallocation of resources towards properly treating addicts in place of locking them up. The fears we have concerning drug policy will slowly disappear with the expansion of personal liberty, not the restriction of it.

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