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National anthem tryouts going on for Athletics dept

Utah State University's Athletics program is looking for a few good voices to perform the National Anthem.

Anyone interested in singing the National Anthem for an athletic event is invited to audition Monday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m. or Wednesday, Sept. 18, beginning at 10 a.m. Singers are needed for the performance at an individual or group level, including the whole student body and women's basketball.

Students and other interested parties are encouraged to audition in a general area, open to all, at the Chompie room on the third floor of the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum. Those auditioning should be prepared to sing the "Star Spangled Banner" and auditions will be limited to two minutes.

Any qualified student who has not reserved an audition time and should contact the Athletics marketing intern, 208-230-4777, kyndallpeterson@aggiemail.usu.edu.

In Program's 30th Year, USU-led Water Quality Extension outreach days in full swing

If you happen to wander into Logan Canyon's Guinebar-Mattie campground this September, you might find the people you best might not be there. Instead, you'll find a program that's been working with enthusiasm as they participate in a project that's been going on for nearly 30 years.

In an annual activity coordinated by USU Water Quality Extension, Utah's 13 Cooperative Extension (CE) Water Quality and Watershed Resources Departments, including USU, work with over 600 schools around the state to conduct two days of outreach. On the last Saturday of the month, two CE employees, a USU conservation district employee, and a USU-Extension student will travel to a designated campground to conduct outreach.

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change over the years and said he was especially impressed this year with the diversity of students and families of LGBT members of the university.

"It was wonderful to see the students taking the opportunity to speak up and the scales of change," Lee said.

"They go fast," Lee said. "The line gets very long, and it's a heavy crowd. The shish kebabs, sold for 50 cents each, were featured at the Student Wellness Center.

"Events start Tuesday with shish kebabs and a variety of events in celebration of USU's oldest college. The College of Agriculture and Applied Science has just come out, I'm struggling to find a place to take it," Wendel said. "They can help them. He said together, we can help. We need to talk about it."
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Students combat the ‘Freshman 15’

When it comes to being a freshman, there are a lot of changes going on in life. This is often the first time students have lived away from their parents’ house, and mom and dad aren’t around to make them up anymore. No one is helping these students to make sure their homework is completed on time, and often students are made to find for themselves in their attempts to make friends and survive getting around campus. Many students at USU have experienced these things at some point. With all these changes going on in a freshman’s life, there is one change most are hoping does not happen to them: weight gain.

Although it is a common rumor that freshmen tend to pack on the pounds during their new adventure, it’s a different experience for every individual. “I am not at all worried about gaining weight,” said Nathan Barney, a freshmen double-majoring in mathematics and economics. “As a kid I was one-oversize, but it wasn’t my fault to get to a diet, so I know what I need to do to stay healthy despite all the changes in my life.”

Liesl Cannon, a senior in the art program, said the stereotype of weight gain doesn’t have to be true. “Before I started my freshman year, a lot of people warned me about the so-called ‘Freshman 15.’” Cannon said. “But I found that with the active habits I had developed in high school I would not have any problems, and I didn’t.”

Liesl Cannon, a senior in the art program, said she is always trying to stay fit and make sure unrumpled pounds do not come to her. “I am taking a badminton class that is surprisingly a lot more intense than I thought it would be,” Rogersten said. “I also live on the seventh floor, so I have taken the stairs quite a bit, even though the first time I did, I was really winded when I got to the top.”

Rogersten said she rides her bike to class most days. “Not only is it good exercise, but it is a way to get to around campus,” she said. Rogersten exercises at the George Nelsen student center.

Missionary age change less a factor than originally predicted

Due to the missionary age change in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Oct. 2012, many USU officials and students expected the number of students enrolling at the school to drop exponentially. Prior to this change, male churchgoers could go on missions when they turned 18, and women could do so at the age of 21.

This changed last fall when the age requirement was lowered to 15 for females and 18 for males. USU President Stan Albrecht said the university had expected to lose between 2,500 to 4,459 students this fall, but due to strategies put in place to enroll more students, USU is only short about 200 students.

President of Student Services James Morales has led the effort to combat the expected problem and is involved in the implemented strategies. He has put together a plan that en- namors students in the lower and upper divisions, undergraduates and graduate students and in- state and out-of-state students. By looking at these different categories, Morales is working to produce a plan to find a pro- ductive approach to USU enrollment.

“After the announcement was made, I asked James and his team to put together a strategy for responding,” Albrecht said. “He was working very close with the legislature to get a bill passed that allows us to recruit out-of- state students at in-state tuition rates for a period of time, as long as we are recruiting higher-end students so we’ve offset most of the serious revenue impacts that would be followed by budget cuts.”

Albrecht said this has caused the average applicant index score for out-of-state students to rise 12 points above the average score of resident students. However, Albrecht said these strategies were only able to be implemented because the bill didn’t pass until March. By that time, most out-of-state students had already decided where they were going to school in the fall. Albrecht said the university did all it could to prepare for the fall 2013 semester. He said it will be easier to take more steps down the line in 2014-15 because it has been almost a year since the administration had to strategize and plan in order to avoid budget cuts.

“The freshman class will be down a bit, but not down near as much as it otherwise would have been,” Albrecht said.

Chelsea Hunter, student writer

There’s nothing much worse than being too shy after you notice someone you want to get to know. You realize you need to react quickly, otherwise they may be closing the window of opportunity as they go. Now, I never thought I’d say this, but a reliable pickup line may be what you need in these moments of panic.

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Sevendust

Call Me No One, recording and releasing the album "Last Parade" in June. Connolly and bassist Vince Hornsby headed together to Los Angeles to record with Producer Jeff Loomis and Creed, and Eric Friedman, the former guitarist for Alter Bridge. They released the album "Human" in June 2012 as well.

Sevendust said they were looking at and exploring music through the eyes of a different project only benefitted Sevendust when the members came together in September 2010. Connolly said, "I was very interested in the young 18-year-old guy's music. He's got an interesting story and a certain way he thinks he's more likely to connect with young people and young enthusiasts of the story before coming to college."

"I was exploring fever of the young 18-year-old guy's music, he's having a hard time at school and living in Nazi Germany. There's a mysterious death that happens and a family moves away. Liesel Meminger, an illiterate girl, steals her first book. She's a sweet, shy girl who finds comfort in books. While she struggles in a rough life as a Jew, she befriends Max, a quiet and gentle boy who is also a Jew. They become best friends and share their love for reading, even if that means stealing from others.

"I don't think it'll be that big of a deal, you know?" said Austen, "I've always thought about the culture and how the use of this institution and how it affects where students live."

"I think the university will do wonders when the missions面条s return."

"And then, of course, fresh- men who are 18 years old."

"I think there may be a need for more students to come and go at a younger age, that's the only reason."

"We didn't want to do the normal Sevendust show," he said.

"We wanted to give a different sound, that was the reason we did this."

"We love doing the full electric thing, but the new songs have a softer, more intimate edge.

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**FOOTBALL**

USU thrashes Weber State in homecoming

The Utah State volleyball team cruised to a 49-0 lead in the first set against Weber State on Homecoming Saturday at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

“It was a total team victory and a team effort,” said USU head coach Matt Wells, who saw his team win its first two tournament titles of the season because of the performance at Air Force. “It was a great team effort from the first hit to the last hit.”

**WIDE RECEIVER TRAVIS REYNOLDS AND RUNNING BACK JOEY DEMARTINO**

The Aggies fell in four sets to South Carolina and were swept by Duke in their first two tournament outings, cruising to a 49-0 lead on its next six possessions, creating a 40-10 lead before sending in second and third team players just before the half.

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Soccer suffers first loss of season

By Jeff Dahdah
staff writer

Facing a pair of strong opponents, the Utah State women's soccer team went 0-2-1 over the weekend with a draw against Cal State Fullerton and a heartbreaking loss to No. 25 Arkansas.

USU, Cal at Fullerton 0-0

Utah State tied Cal State Fullerton on Sunday on the road after two overtime periods. With the tie, the Aggies moved into 4-1-2 on the season.

Sophomore forward Jennie Voller recorded her fourth shutout of the season. She collected five save, three of which were in overtime. The Tians were the preseason favorite to win the Big West conference.

"It was a hard fought game," said USU head coach Heather Cairns. "It was hot and humid there. It was our first Friday-Sunday series, and we boxed back from a tough Friday loss.

The Aggies, who started the season with three straight shutouts, allowed six goals in their last three games.

USU had its chances to come away with a win.

The Aggies put pressure on the Tians in the second half, pushing four shots in the second overtime.

"We created great opportunities," Coach Cairns said. "We're knocking on the door of a top-10 regional ranking, tied with the fact that we had a top-25 team here and that opportunity that we failed to seize.

"We didn't make enough of our opportunities on offense, our best opportunity was when Ambryn Romney scored the game-tying goal at 3:39 of the second overtime. "This was disappointing," Coach Cairns said. "Not only is it disappointing the way it happened, but the fact that we had to hold a top-25 team here and that opportunity that we failed to seize."

"We played our best. We stayed for all four quarters. We're the only ones in the conversation. We're the ones in the conversation. We can be happy," Coach Cairns said.

"If we keep doing what we do best and continue to do it better, eventually we'll be the only ones in the conversation."
It’s not isolationism, but skepticism in US

By Doyle McManus
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

President Obama and his aides were lauded this month by the strength of public opposition to their call for military action against Syria. They shouldn’t have been.

Americans have almost always been reluctant to go to war. In 1917, polls showed that most Americans not only want to stay out of war with Germany, they don’t even want to send/feed military aid to Britain.* Germany knew, perhaps, a slippery slope.

But in the event Syria imploded, it is not the government _ the traditional center in American foreign policy _ the rally-around-the-flag reflex will really be put to the test. Americans recoiled from intervention in the last Middle East war, Vietnam, their own.

That’s the reason why, if I’m sitting in the National Security Council as the president’s top military aide, I’d be seeking to avoid a direct involvement of American troops on the ground to fight this _ or be pulled into this _ in the Middle East, and those with isolationism didn’t last for purely humanitarian reasons. On the flip side, most Americans will not support military action for purely humanitarian reasons, even if it means that U.S. security is directly threatened... So, President Obama, your best bet is to fight this on your own.

And even if the U.S. decides to aid the rebels in Syria, it won’t be enough to turn the tide. The rebels simply don’t have the manpower or weaponry to fight against the government of Bashar al-Assad.

By Michael Smerconish
The Philadelphia Inquirer (TNS)

John Kerry may be the most controversial member of President Obama’s cabinet, but he has also been the chief advocate of President Obama’s desire to lead a limited military strike against Syria. But in his efforts to make the case for strike, not only has he been wrong, he has been naively wrong. The president has given him at least three reasons to be circumspect.

The first was his reply to Sen. Rob Portman, D-N.C., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who asked, about whether the administration should act without approval, “Let’s be clear, we are not abandoning American boots on the ground.”

Kerry began by saying there was no intention of putting boots on the ground, but added, “But in the event Syria imploded, for example, and there was a threat of a chemical weapons cache he might fall into the hands of al-Qaeda (or Qaida group, or someone else, we don’t know), then it was clearly in the interest of our allies and all of us, the British, the French, and others, to prevent those weapons of mass destruction falling into the hands of the wrong people.”

He didn’t want to take off the table an option that might or might not be acceptable to a president of the United States to secure our country.

Changes to beloved traditions are not always good.

That is one reason I’m looking forward to this weekend’s edition of the “Scholarship Program.” Returning to the annual event is a sweet reminder of the late summer days of my childhood when, while wriggling in some deep pool that I would never be made to see for my beauty or grace, I could nonetheless... through it’s not isolationism, but skepticism in US
Today is Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013. Today’s issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Mitchell Nichols, a sophomore majoring in community health from American Fork, Utah.

Almanac

Today in History: In 1862, Confederate and Union troops in the Civil War clashed near Maryland’s Antietam Creek in the bloodiest one-day battle in American history.

Weather

High: 79° Low: 48°


Today’s Issue

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013

TheUSU Back Burner

TuesSeptember 17

- Course withdrawals show as a W on transcript
- Classes Added by Petition Only (Charged $100 late fee)
- National Anthem Auditions, Spectrum 10-12 p.m.
- Organic Produce Stand, TSC Patio 11-2 p.m.
- Health Professions Orientation Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- Common Hour: Utah’s Climate Symphony, Ag Science 101 11:30-12:45 m.m.
- Ecology Center Seminar Series, ENG 203 6:30-7 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. Boise State, Spectrum 7:30 p.m.

WedSeptember 18

- Course withdrawals show as a W on transcript
- Classes Added by Petition Only (Charged $100 late fee)
- Launch to Swim Registration, HPER All Day
- Stress Management and Wellness, TSC 106 4:50-5 p.m.

ThursSeptember 19

- Course withdrawals show as a W on transcript
- Classes Added by Petition Only (Charged $100 late fee)
- Learn to Swim Registration, HPER All Day
- Swing Night, Quad midnight.
- Note Taking and Textbook Annotations, TSC 310A 10-11 a.m.
- Organic Produce Stand, TSC Patio 11-2 p.m.
- Intro to Depression, TSC 108B 11:30-12:30 p.m.
- CLA Awards and Honors Reception, TSC Ballrooms 5:30- 6:30 p.m.
- Ecology Center Seminar Series, ENG 203 6-7 p.m.
- 19th Annual Leonard J. Arrington Mormon History Lecture, 7/8 p.m.

FriSeptember 20

- Classes Added by Petition Only (Charged $100 late fee)
- Learn to Swim Registration, HPER All Day
- Never on Sunday (movie), TSC Auditorium 11:30 a.m.
- Open House at Breeding Center, Morgan Hall 12:45-2 p.m.
- Stallion Wasteg Fundraiser: Country Swing Dancing, TSC Ballrooms 7 p.m.

FYI:

Want a free workout? Come to One Women’s Only Hour in HPER 105, every Friday at 10:30 a.m. Available for employee and students.

USU Athletics are holding auditions for the National Anthem at athletic events. Auditions are Sept 16 at 4 p.m. and Sept. 18 at 9 a.m. at the Chump Room on the third floor of the Spectrum.

Come enjoy pizza and hear how you can enjoy a policy internship. Ask past interns about their experiences and learn what kind of internships interest you. Make some great connections for internships in the future. In Library 154 at 3 p.m. on Sept 18.

Make a splash with the USU Collegiate 4-H Club. Swimming, fun and food at Crystal Hot Springs on Sept. 25 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. This event is free for all USU students. Bring your friends and get to know Collegiate 4-H. 8325 Utah 38, Honeyville, UT 84314. Questions? Contact Cassie at brending@gmail.com. Panel event discussing the Future of Higher Education will be held in TSC Auditorium at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 11. Panelists include: Sen. Urquhart (R-St George), Ann Millner and Doug Ffeida. Come see what USU students who traveled to Norway this past summer created in the Norway Travel Abroad Exhibit. Located in Gallery 302 of the Chase Fine Arts Center, this exhibit will be full of pieces inspired by the students’ experience. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public. An opening reception will be held on Oct. 4 at 5 p.m.

Guitarist John Scofield is coming to USU to perform on Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Morgan Theatre. Scofield toured and recorded with Miles Davis from 1982-1988 and has recorded over 30 albums as a leader. He is an adjunct professor of music at New York University and tours the world 200 days of the year.

More Calendar and FYI listings, Interactive Calendar and Comics at

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The Utah State Volleyball Team faces off against Boise State Saturday. The Aggies are coming off a 3-set loss against UNLV Thursday. They will be looking to get back to winning ways against the Broncos. Utah State is (3-1) in conference play while Boise State is (2-3) conference. The Aggies are currently in 3rd place while the Broncos are in 7th.

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