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Rec safety no laughing matter

Police: Students who witnessed accident handled situation well

► **By Marissa Neeley**
staff writer

Campus officials said students on-scene at the bicycle accident on Old Main Hill that resulted in the death of a USU student handled the situation appropriately and gave advice on how students can handle other emergencies in the future.

Students in the area reacted well when they saw 24-year-old Eric Anderson collide on his bicycle with a slackline on Aug. 26, according to Judy Crockett, manager for USU Emergency Management.

“They stayed calmed, dialed 9-1-1, and listened to the instructions,” Crockett said. “It was an awful accident for them to witness. They did a great job.”

According to the campus police website, the number of incidents on campus reported for 2012 was 2,861.

Crockett said students who witness or come across an emergency should first dial 9-1-1.

“Give as much information as you can and answer the dispatcher’s questions,” Crockett said. “Stay calm. Check the victim’s breathing and consciousness. The dispatchers are medically trained to give instructions over the phone. Have someone help direct the emergency response units to the scene. Continue to monitor the victim’s condition if it is safe to do so.”

Crockett said to be prepared for any type of emergency, small or large.

“Take CPR/AED/first aid training,” Crockett said. “Think about how you would evacuate a building if you had to. Have some emergency supplies on

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DeLayne Ripplinger photo illustration

A LONGBOARDER rides up the ramp by the TSC on Wednesday. Campus officials posted signs in various areas to remind students of safety regulations, though they admit enforcing them is a difficult job.

Rec. safety regulations on campus not easily enforced

► **By Sarah Menlove**
staff writer

While the university has regulations on student recreation and transportation on campus, the enforcement of those rule remains almost non-existent and it is up to students to enforce them, according to Capt. Steve Milne of the USU Police Department.

“Of course we try to enforce the rules regarding recreation around campus, but we just don’t have the manpower to do it,” Milne said. “We’re watching for students who are breaking regulations, but a lot of times we’re on call for other things.”

According to Milne, students are expected to follow the rules outlined in the state code book and USU Student Policy Manual.

USU Policy 501 states, “The use of bicycles, skateboards and in-line skates shall be allowed only as a means of transportation on walkways and other vehicular travel-ways of USU. Anyone

Ben Berrett
USU planning director

“ We could try to enforce these rules, but it’s just not physically possible with 18,000 students and only a few emergency personnel. ”

using a bicycle, skateboard or in-line skates on USU property shall give right of way to any pedestrian and shall travel at a reasonable, safe and prudent speed.”

The policy manual also states what is not allowed: “Under no circumstance will bicycling, skateboarding or in-line

skating be allowed on ramps, curbs, benches, steps, or stairs and other such structures.”

According to the policy manual, students who violate these rules are subject to fines and possible impoundment of their property.

Ben Berrett, USU’s director of planning, design and construction, said this would be difficult to do.

“We could try to enforce these rules, but it’s just not physically possible with 18,000 students and only a few emergency personnel,” Berrett said.

To address the issue of recreation safety on campus, USU campus planner Jordy Guth developed the USU Bicycle Master Plan in October 2012.

According to the plan’s outline, the purpose of the project was to “provide safety and clarity for pedestrians, cyclists and other non-motorized modes of travel,” and to “increase awareness and sense of responsibility when using bikes, boards or blades on campus.”

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RM’s get extra help on return

► **By Ashlyn Tucker**
staff writer

Student Orientation and Transition Services is expanding its services to help students returning to USU from a leave of absence make a smoother transition to academics and student life, according to organizers.

University officials changed the name of the Retention and Student Success office to Student Orientation and Transition Services to expand its services and better reflect its mission, according to Lisa Hancock, a program administrator for the new office.

“We have formalized our office, making it its own unit and bringing the transition piece in,” Hancock said.

Aside from managing SOAR and University Connections, the new office also heads up the Aggie Passport program and accommodates leave of absence students.

“It now encompasses a lot more than SOAR,” Hancock said.

What makes a lot of returning leave-of-absence students different from traditional students is the fact that the students themselves are not always available to take the steps necessary to return to college, according to Hancock.

“A lot of times if they are on a mission or military service, their parents help them out with their return,” Hancock said.

In the past, parental relations and leaves of absence were dealt with separately. The new office makes working with parents of leave-of-absence students easier, Hancock said.

“It brings everything together into one piece so there is one point of contact,” she said.

Kamron Jensen, a grad student working toward a master’s degree in financial economics, said returning to school after serving a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was a bit of a culture shock.

“I forgot that in college, you have a social life,” he said. “I was used to putting in like 18-hour days, so I just assumed I would be putting in 18 hour days when I got back.”

Shaun Murdock, who is also going for a master’s degree in financial economics,

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Students bike, ride or walk in alt. trans. week

► **By Connor Comeau**
staff writer

The Cache Valley Transit District buses and Aggie Shuttles will play a big part in the second-annual Alternative Transportation Week, held Sept. 23-27.

Stephanie Tomlin, Aggie Blue Bikes coordinator, said last year’s Alternative Transportation Week had a very positive turnout, but hopes this year does better than last.

“When we did this last year, we only had one place where people could swipe their ID cards and had 500 participants,” Tomlin said. “This year, we wanted to make sure that there were more chances for people to win prizes.”

During the week, students are encouraged to take one of four forms of transportation to and from class: walking, biking, taking the bus or carpooling, Tomlin said. Prizes will also be given out to students who swipe their ID card at Aggie Blue Bikes, the Taggart Student Center, the

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Bomb threat evacuates WalMart

► **By Lis Stewart**
news editor

Shoppers and workers at the WalMart on the south end of Logan were evacuated for about two hours Wednesday afternoon due to a bomb threat that was called in.

Logan Police Chief Gary Jensen said a person called the store asking for an undisclosed amount of money to be put on prepaid gift cards or they would set off a bomb in the store.

Store managers evacuated the building. The Cache Valley bomb squad, Logan fire, Logan Police and USU Police responded to the scene, Jensen said.

“Ironically, it was not terribly difficult to evacuate the building,” Jensen said. “It was relatively quick.”

Police searched the store and were not able to locate any suspicious packages. Staff and customers were let back in at 3 p.m., according to Jensen.

The call, which came at 12:45 p.m., was one of many across the U.S. called at about the same time, Jensen said.

Four other locations in Utah received threats, including a



Shanda Call photo

SOUTH WALMART EMPLOYEES are led back into the store after the all-clear is given Wednesday afternoon. A bomb threat was called to a number of WalMart stores throughout the nation.

WalMart in Ogden, a Walgreens in Pleasant Grove, and a Rite Aid and Walgreens in Provo, according to the

Deseret News.

Though the Logan Police are in charge of the investigation at the

WalMart, they are cooperating with the FBI, Jensen said.

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In brief

Campus & Community

Inspire Me winner sports good attitude

Katrina Nye, a staff assistant in the office of global engagement, is the recipient of this month's Inspire Me wellness award.

Nye was nominated and chosen for her encouraging attitude to help coworkers in the global engagement office to be more healthy and stay hydrated.



NYE

For Homecoming she organized an activity each day for wellness, such as "True Aggie Tuesday" when she encouraged her peers to walk over to the block A to get some fresh air, and "Thirsty Thursday" when she motivated the office to drink 1,000 collective ounces of water that day.

The Inspire Me wellness award is a chance to celebrate the many ways people on campus work together to create a healthy work and school environment.

Q&A panel discusses political internships

The USU Institute of Government and Politics is holding a question and answer discussion about what it's like to be a political intern at 3 p.m. today in Libray room 154 today.

Former interns Jashon Bishop, Matthew Peterson, Kathryn Moss and Shannon Peterson will be available to take questions from those interested in an internship.

Questions like "Why should I do an internship?" "What semesters can I intern?" "Where will I live?" "How much do they pay?" and "Do I get credit?" will be answered.

Pizza will be served.

USU's Botanical Center dedicates 9-11 memorial

Each year since the attacks of September 11, 2001, the Davis County Youth of Promise organization has hosted a memorial service on that anniversary as its members and leaders worked toward raising funds for a permanent memorial. This year's memorial service marked the realization of that dream with the completion and dedication of a monument at the Utah State University Botanical Center in Kaysville.

Margaret Wahlstrom, a leader with the youth volunteer group and a relative of two victims of 9/11, organized the project, and while the Youth of Promise members who originated the idea of a memorial are now well into their 20s and older, new members of the group through the years have kept the dream alive and continued fund-raising efforts.

In the early days of the project, members of the group made a presentation to Utah State University asking for a place to create a memorial and university donated land at the USU Botanical Center in Kaysville. Wednesday [Sept.11] the memorial was unveiled and dedicated at a sunrise service that included remarks by Utah Lt. Gov. Greg Bell, musical numbers, participation from representatives of the U.S. military and first responders.

The memorial is situated near the USU Botanical Center ponds and includes a bronze plaque featuring artwork and poetry created by Utah children and two plaques listing the names of military men and women from Utah who have died in service to the country since that day.

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Rain, rain, please go away

Climate Center head explains how climate change is causing more rain instead of snow

By Zack Oldroyd
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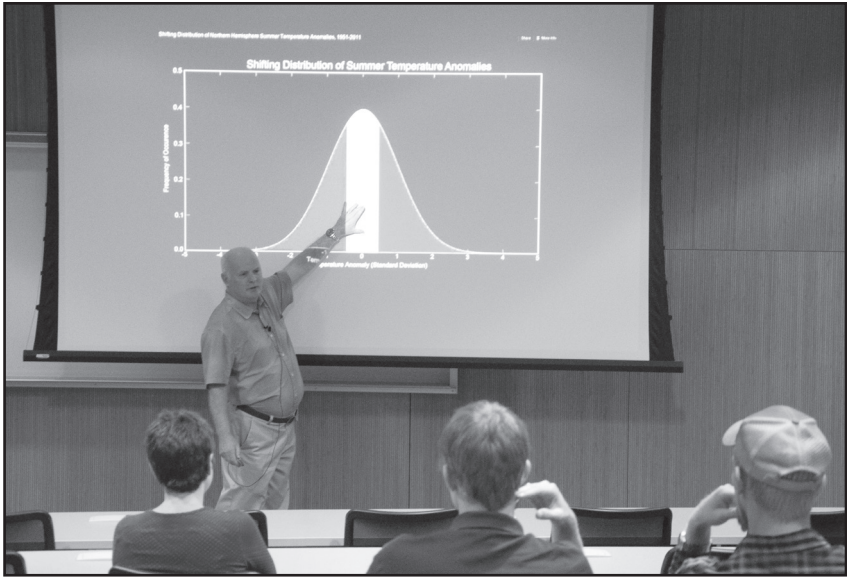
Utah's climate is shifting from snow to rain, Utah Climate Center Director Robert Gillies told a group of students and professors at a lecture Wednesday dealing with the changes going on with Earth's climate, how it is affecting us in Utah, and what humans can expect to see in the future.

One of the more important changes being observed in Utah is an obvious decrease in the amount of snow the state is getting as compared with the amount of rain that is falling, which is increasing, Gillies said. Climate models show by the end of the 21st century, humans can expect to see a dramatic drop in snow accumulation, particularly in the spring snow months, which are March and April, he said.

"Our hydro-climate is changing due to our warming atmosphere, and it's shifting from snow to rain," Gillies said.

Utah, being the second-driest state in the union, saw an increase in precipitation from 1950-2012, even though the amount of storms decreased, Gillies said. This led to the conclusion that storms have become more intense, he said.

The state also kept on par with, or in some instances even exceeded, the average global warming rate. Logan is warming 1.7 times faster than the world average, he said. Hanksville, a small town to the northeast of Capitol Reef National Park, has warmed 3.4 times faster than the world average, he said.



Randy Golding photo

ROBERT GILLIES, UTAH CLIMATE CENTER DIRECTOR, explains how Utah gets more rain instead of snow due to climate change.

Robert Gillies
Climate Center director

“Our hydro-climate is changing due to our warming atmosphere.”

The implications of a smaller snow pack and an earlier melting could have profound effects on Utah's water accessibility, Gillies said.

Erin Brennan, a USU student studying sustainable agriculture who attended the presentation, said there is a need for more year-round water storage.

"I'd be worried about not having the water reserves stored as snow in the mountains," Brennan said. "We'd need to find another way to capture and store the rainwater to ensure a year-long river flow."

Utah's climate is highly variable, Gillies said in his lecture. The amount of snowfall the state gets varies year-by-year and it can be attributed to many different, worldwide events. There are even effects taking place here that can be traced to goings on in the southwest Pacific, he said.

For instance, The Madden-Julian Oscillation, a roughly 50-day cycle of warm and cool water taking place primarily in the Indian and South Pacific oceans, was linked to the brutal winter inversions in Cache Valley.

This goes to show just how interconnected the world's climate systems are, Gillies said, adding it increases the alarm to be had when facts like the 80 percent drop in Arctic sea ice volume come forth. An 80 percent drop in arctic sea ice volume is the equivalent of losing 15 Utahs of ice, he said.

At the end of the lecture, Gillies directed a question-and-answer session with the audience. There was discussion about how public opinion on climate change differs from the scientific community.

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Meditation club sees membership rise

By Maile Burnett
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More than a dozen students gathered in a circle in the classroom. Some sat on chairs and some sat on blue cushions. Some were veteran meditators and some were curious beginners. Others were busy students looking for a break.

Jake Grossman, an elementary education major, led the meditation. Before the group began, he emphasized the need to be comfortable, but also to be mindful of others meditating. Too much fidgeting is distracting, he said.

"Don't scratch just because you have to scratch," Grossman said.

The Meditation Club, which meets 3 p.m. every Tuesday in TSC 335, aims to provide a safe place for students where they don't have to worry about



Taylor Murray photo

STUDENTS meditate in peaceful silence in the TSC.

school or social issues. The club's student membership is also increasing, according to club leaders.

"It's good to see the room full," a club organizer said.

Grossman led the club along with two other students: Jay Anderson, a biology major,

and Craig Rice, also a biology major but with a molecular emphasis. The three took leadership of the club this year after the previous president left on a three-month meditation retreat.

"It's an outlet for students," Grossman said. "When you're

here, no one is judging you. We all have our eyes closed."

Grossman struck a copper bell three times to signal the beginning of the meditation. The purpose of the bell is to focus the mind, he said.

"Follow the sound," he said. "Notice where it goes."

The group sat still for half an hour, eyes closed and focused on breathing in and out.

"It's okay to have thoughts, but let the thought go and come back to the breathing," Grossman said. "Notice where there is tension in your body and let it flow out of you with each breath."

When time was up, the bell rang three more times to end the meditation. Grossman passed around the stick he used to strike the bell and

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said returning to Utah State was difficult.

"Math," he said. "Everything math, I forgot it all."

However, both Jensen and Murdock said once they got past the initial shock, they were able to easily resume college life.

"I would say the semester after my mission was the best semester of my life," Jensen said.

Murdock said returning after a mission was a breeze compared to returning to grad school after a three-year break.

"RMs are just zealous freaks," Murdock said. "Coming back for grad school is way more scary."

Murdock took advantage of some of the programs designed to help orient new and returning students.

"I've been participating in the freshman thing," he said. "I did the Cardopoly to try to find my way around."

Hancock said the office primarily focuses on three phases when assisting leave-of-absence students, the first of which begins before the student leaves.

"We want to make sure they have a good experience before they leave so they want to come back," she said.

Phase two of the process takes place just before the student leaves. Filling out a leave of absence form is highly recommended to get everything in order for when the student plans to return, Hancock said.

"A big part of it is tracking," she said. "We like to know a little bit about the student so when it is time for them to come back, we have done the work in advance."

The leave of absence form also gives the university valuable information.

"For data tracking and improvement purposes, we want to know where they are going," Hancock said.

The university uses the information to increase retention numbers.

"Maybe there is something the university can do to improve," Hancock said.

The last phase the Student Orientation and Transition Services office focuses on when dealing with leave-of-absence students is the student's actual return to school.

"We want them to feel like they have an Aggie family here that they are coming back to," Hancock said. "We want them all back."

Student Orientation and Transition Services plans to bridge the communication gap between the university and high schools.

"We will be doing some advanced work helping students and their counselors understand the math placement test," Hancock said.

Hancock said high school students will benefit from knowing that if they take math their senior year, and then plan to take math as a freshman here at the university, they can avoid the math placement test.

"It's a good idea to just get going and knock math out in your degree plan so you aren't trying to get that math class in before you graduate," she said.

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The Police Blotter

Contact USU Police at 797-1939 for non-emergencies.
Anonymous reporting line: 797-5000
EMERGENCY NUMBER: 911

Friday, Sept. 6

- USU Police responded to an incident where a student fell off a skateboard and injured his ankle. They transported him from the Taggart Student Center to the Wellness Center for treatment.

- USU Police and Logan Police responded to Old Main Hill where a student fell and hit his head. He was running down the hill when he tripped. Logan paramedics transported him to Logan Regional Hospital to receive any necessary treatment.

Saturday, Sept. 7

- USU Police observed an individual having difficulty walking. After further investigation, they determined the student was under the influence of alcohol and issued him a Minor in Possession citation. They released the student to a friend who had not consumed alcohol.

- USU Police responded to Greaves Hall to a student who was unconscious. Medical personnel determined the individual was highly intoxicated. The student was assessed and released to roommates. Police issued a citation for intoxica-

tion the following day.

- USU Police assisted Logan City Police on a call to a house party. Several individuals ran from police and were later apprehended.

Sunday, Sept. 8

- USU Police came in contact with a male individual walking down the street and determined he was intoxicated. After speaking with him, they realized he had two outstanding warrants, also for intoxication. He was arrested for the warrants and taken to jail.

- USU Police responded to a fire alarm in Greaves Hall. When they arrived, they discovered the alarms were set off due to burning grease. Police educated the residents and reset the alarm.

Monday, Sept. 9

- USU Police were contacted by the Division of Child and Family services because of a young girl with a bruise on her leg. She claimed her father kicked her.

- USU Police were notified by the Humane

Society that an individual found kittens in the field next to the greenhouses on 1400 N 800 E. The kittens were delivered to their facility.

Tuesday, Sept. 10

- USU Richards Hall Director contacted USU Police to report a "Pedestrians Crossing Next 2400 Feet" sign found on the second floor. Police contacted Logan Streets and determined who the sign needed to be returned to.

- USU Bomb Squad was called to assist North Park Police with a suspicious package at a local business. The item was not hazardous.

Wednesday, Sept. 11

- USU Police responded to the Moen Hall parking lot on a hit and run traffic accident. The investigation is continuing.

- USU Police responded to the south side of the Distance Learning Center on an accident between a motorist and an individual on a skateboard. There were only minor scrapes and injuries to the skateboarder and the skateboard.

➤ Compiled by Danielle Manley

Safety

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To implement the plan, USU put up signs and pavement markings on campus along roads and walkways.

"We've put up symbols that are supposed to mean you get on the side of the road, follow the arrows and go slow," Berrett said.

There is talk regarding how much control university officials should have over student's recreational activities.

"There was a debate on whether people should get off and push their bikes across the crosswalk on 700 North," Berrett said. "But through discussion with the campus police and other personnel, we decided against it."

According to Berrett, the university did put a sign at the crosswalk that reads "slow your wheels" to encourage all types of moving vehicles to be cautious.

The bike plan also called for warning signs to be placed at various locations around campus. One outside the Taggart Student Center warns students that no bicycles, skateboards or roller-skates are allowed on the ramps.

Kyle Areson was among a group of three students who rode their bicycles off an eight-foot retaining wall onto Old Main Hill on Tuesday afternoon.

"I have no idea if this is against the rules," Areson said. "There's just a sign at the top of the hill that says 10 mph, but come on, how many bikes have speedometers?"

Areson said he was unfamiliar with any regulations the university has regarding recreation safety.

Brenden Sarnecky
USU student

"My policy is you do whatever you want until they tell you not to."

"I do think it's the university's job to keep people safe by putting signs and stuff up," Areson said. "But, we should be able to do what we want."

Brenden Sarnecky agreed with Areson. "We wouldn't want to be breaking the rules, but we wouldn't want to be restricted on what to do for fun either," Sarnecky said. "My policy is you do whatever you want until they tell you not to."

Regarding the recent bicycle accident resulting in the death of 24-year-old Eric Anderson, a USU senior, on Aug. 26 on Old Main Hill, students agreed there should not be more restrictions put in place because of what happened. "It was a freak accident," Preston Andersen said. "There shouldn't have to be more guidelines. Students can make their own decisions."

According to Areson, students should have recreational freedom but are responsible to make smart decisions. "I mean, if there's a bunch of students coming up the stairs, it's not like we're not going to ride down them," he said.

Bus

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Merrill-Cazier Library and the Human Resources building.

The week is designed to help students and faculty learn about other modes of transportation they can take to and from class, Tomlin said.

The week will also focus on Cache Valley's yearly inversion and help raise awareness of other modes of transportation people can use. James Morales, vice president of Student Services, said using bikes is a key way that everyone can cut down on pollution.

"We live in a valley where the inversion can get really bad," Morales said. "Biking to work can be great exercise and a fun way to get to work. It also helps keep less cars off the road, which can lead to better air quality."

Tomlin said a purpose of the week is trying to get the word out to people about how bad air quality can get while trying to put a positive and fun spin on the week's events.

"Basically, we're telling to just go out and have fun while using different methods of getting to and from people's destination," Tomlin said. "The prizes we have during the week is one of the ways we are incentivizing people to join in."

Having students use alternate forms of transportation can also be instrumental to student health. James Davis, director of the Student Health and Wellness Center, said cutting down on pollution can have a profound effect on a student's health in the long run.

"The inversion can cause asthma like symptoms to flare up, which can cause airways to constrict," Davis said. "By not driving, you are not contributing to the pollution in the valley."



Nick Carpenter photos

USU STUDENT ANDREW FIFE walks his bike out of the Aggie Blue Bikes shop Wednesday. Alternative Transportation Week organizers are encouraging people at the university to bicycle, carpool, walk or ride the bus Sept. 23-27. Below, an Aggie Shuttle.

A big part of Alternative Transportation Week will be the Open Streets Festival, which will take place on Monday, Tomlin said.

For the festival, Aggie Boulevard will be shut down from just east of the Big Blue Parking Terrace to the Fine Arts Center, and the section of road will be closed off to all motor transportation other than the Aggie Shuttle. The section of road will be used by students to use any form of ground transport such as walking, biking or skating.

Tomlin said if everything goes well during the week, this could be something the university does in future years.

"We're hopeful and positive that this eventually becomes a staple here at USU," Tomlin said. "This is something that is being done nationally and is something that has worked out very well."



Emergency

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hand."

The USU Emergency Procedures Pamphlet gives examples on how to react to an emergency that would be more than an accident or someone breaking a bone, such as a fire or bomb scare:

- Evacuate the building using the nearest exit, taking personal belongings. Do not use elevators. Secure any hazardous materials or equipment before leaving. Turn off computers and cover with garbage bag. Shut doors, but don't lock them.
- Develop a "buddy" system to help in the evacuation, and assist people with disabilities. If some people are unable to get down stairs, contact USU Police at (435) 797-1939 or 9-1-1 and proceed to the evacuation refuge area in a stairwell.
- If there is a suspicious package, do not touch or disturb it. Call USU Police at 797-1939 or 9-1-1. Notify a supervisor or instructor. Be prepared to evacuate and do so when available.
- For hazardous materials release, call 9-1-1. Move away from the site of the hazard

to a safe location. Stay upwind of materials and alert others to stay clear of area. Those who were exposed should notify emergency personnel. Close all exterior windows. Gather all people into a central location, choosing a room with none or few windows or vents. Do not use the telephone for non-essential purposes.

- If a fire is discovered, immediately activate the nearest fire alarm pull station, located near stairwell or exit doors. If there are no pull stations in the building, immediately dial 9-1-1. Close doors. Exit the building. Never use the elevators during a fire evacuation.
- If there is a lockdown, lock the door and turn off the lights. Close windows and remain quiet. Silence cell phones. Do not let anyone into a locked room until area is deemed cleared by authorities, and do not block the access to an exit. Call 9-1-1 and provide as much information as possible about the incident. Remain there until an "all clear" instruction is given.
- If someone sees an armed individual on campus at any time, they are instructed to immediately dial 9-1-1 and give the location of the individual and a complete description if possible.

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Peace

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everyone took turns discussing what was on their mind or how the meditation went.

"It was good," said Milena Parra. "I've never done that before, and the past few weeks have been overwhelming."

Daniel McGarry said group meditation made it easier for him to focus and enjoy the experience.

"It was nice to meditate with a support group," McGarry said.

Viviane Baji said this was her first time with the USU meditating circle. She began meditating in community circles.

"You can find them all over the valley," she said. "There's one at the Unitarian Universalist Church."

Cache Valley Sangha is a meditation group meeting from 7:15-8:45 p.m. every Monday at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 596 E. 900 North. The group focuses on the traditions of Buddhism, but mem-

bers from several faiths participate, including Catholics and Mormons, according to the Cache Valley Sangha website.

The group at USU is not connected with any particular religion, Grossman said.

"It's secular meditation, not affiliated with anything else," he said.

Grossman first engaged in meditation in community groups. He checked it out partially because he wanted to be more mindful of himself and others, but mostly he was curious.

"I had heard about what it could do for your life, and wanted to know if it really worked," Grossman said. "I was skeptical at first, but just sitting there can help solve things."

Grossman said he is more relaxed and happy in his life now.

According to Grossman, meditating helps someone deal with problems throughout the day.

"You have an emotion and you acknowledge what you're feeling, but it doesn't control you," he said.

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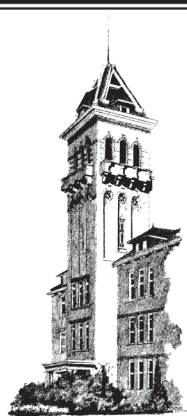
Rain

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Gillies said there seems to be a 20 percent shift in the public's opinion about climate. If it is hotter than normal, 20 percent more people believe climate change is happening, he said. If it weather cooler, 20 percent fewer people buy into it.

While people accept that climate change is happening, there are many who are still reluctant to believe humans play a role in it, Gillies said. Even though the reception of his lecture, which he has given before, has been positive, there are always people who ask whether the change is human caused or whether it is just part of some natural variation, he said.

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Married students see accademic improvement

► **By Jared Dangerfield**
staff writer

As the fourth week of school pushes on, the pressure of quizzes, homework, papers and tests has begun to sink in for most USU students. These students are realizing they will need to devote more time to studies and balancing out their social lives if they want to perform well in the classroom.

Cody Cleverly, a graduate student in the human resources program, said striking a balance isn't the easiest thing to do.

"No one wants to be the roommate whose head is in a book while your roommates are out jumping in First Dam," Cleverly said. "There can be a lot of pressure put on a student when there is something fun going on but you know, deep down, your time would be better spent studying."

Cleverly said he isn't one of the many USU students sharing crowded apartments or dormitories with roommates they don't really know that well. Cleverly is married, and he feels fortunate to no

longer have to deal with the distractions of typical roommates.

"Now each day when I come home from school and work, I get to sit down and spend time with my wife," he said. "I am much happier, and school is a lot easier for me now. She is also a student, so we are able to relate with one another and we have a lot more clarity on what our purpose is as students."

Cleverly is not the only one who felt relief from what he called a "fear of missing out," or FOMO, after finally tying the knot.

Erin Mann, who graduated last spring with a degree in marketing and economics, said she always wanted to be out with friends when she should have been focused on her schoolwork.

"I for sure wanted to be out with all my friends, hanging out and having a good time," Mann said. "It was hard not to miss out on something, even though I knew I needed to study for my classes."

Mann's viewpoint

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Jared Dangerfield photo

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS Cody and Stephanie Cleverly say they have seen improvements to their study habits since they became married.

Students finding career beginnings from internships earned in college

► **By Ileana Borunda**
staff writer

According to the Census Bureau's population survey and the United States Department of Labor, about 53.6 percent of college graduates under the age of 25 are jobless or underemployed. Future employers favor job candidates with previous experience and are looking for skilled graduates. Internships offer field training during college and provide networking for potential future employment.

Senior McKenna Fenton recently completed an internship with the Nordstrom Merchandising Group in Seattle, Wash. this past summer. The NMG is based at Nordstrom's Seattle headquarters and is responsible for buying and planning future merchandise for the entire company.

"The job market is really competitive, and if you could have that real-world experience, it makes you very attractive to a potential employer," Fenton said. "Internships are a good segue into a career because most of the time, com-

panies hire you as an intern with the intent to hire you after you graduate."

The NMG interns worked in a variety of divisions including handbags, women's shoes, cosmetics and social media. Fenton worked closely with the men's footwear department and attended weekly vendor meetings where brand representatives would come display their lines for upcoming seasons.

"We decided what would be successful in our various stores based off of those meetings," Fenton said. "I thought they were so interesting. They made me fall in love with the fashion industry."

NMG intern Rachel Peterson worked in the men's sportswear buying office and shadowed an assistant buyer. Along with Fenton, she observed how to place orders and forecast fashion trends.

"I learned how to act and communicate in a corporate office and learned the data analysis side of buying," Peterson said. "On the communication side, I learned how



Shanda Call photo

DESIGNER ANNA ANDERSON designed this dress for the Fashion Focus event.

to act in a fast-paced, professional environment."

Nordstrom also lets interns meet with company executives through a series of tours, lectures and seminars.

"I was able to email back

and forth with the president

of customer experience and the manager of the flagship store in Seattle," Peterson said. "They loved answering my questions and even wanted to hear my experiences and

opinions on things."

Every summer, Nordstrom invites their top spenders to the Fall Designer Preview. The fashion show consists of upcoming content from top designers, available for presale to clients. The interns were backstage runners assigned to a model to make sure the pieces always looked beautiful and put together.

"It was completely amazing, to be up close and personal with the models and collections by people like Valentino, Dior and Lanvin," Fenton said. "To be able to touch and see designer couture in person was incredibly awesome."

Runway fashion inspired Peterson to pursue fashion merchandising as a career.

"I realized how genius it was for the designer to make the clothes come alive with movement and color-coordinating looks to tell a story," Peterson said.

Nordstrom offered Fenton a full-time position upon completing her internship. In June, the position begins with three months of on site train-

ing in a retail store as a sales associate and four months as an assistant manager. After this period, Fenton begins an interim position in the buying offices.

"My goal is to move up in the company and hopefully be an executive one day for Nordstrom," Fenton said. "I would love to be a leader for the company and learn how to run a business."

According to the NMG, the buyer seeks to "work together to ensure they have what the customer needs and wants." Buyers review clothing from various designers each year in advance and determine which pieces will be featured in stores and online.

"I've always loved fashion. I think it's an art form that doesn't get enough credit. It's a livelihood," Fenton said. "There's a great deal of work that goes into creating something — there's more to the fashion industry than you would think. If you don't look, then you will never see."

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Carrabba grows up on Twin Forks’ self-titled EP

Paul Christiansen



Folkin’ around

Chris Carrabba has been involved in popular music since the beginning of the 21st century. After all, he’s

the figurehead behind Dashboard Confessional — the band that became famous for that “Stolen” song and sold out Madison Square Garden in 2007. He’s also the lead singer for emo alt-rock group Further Seems Forever, a band with a fiercely-devoted cult following. Needless to say, the man is busy, and has done quite well for himself in the past decade.

Ultimately, Carrabba has been pegged as the heartthrob of emo music and has been criticized for being the guy in his thirties who is still singing broken-hearted songs about the girl that got away. But this all changes with his latest effort, a self-titled extended play from new folk project, “Twin Forks.”

The folk-rock music movement is something that has been gaining hold with music fans and connoisseurs in recent years. If you don’t believe me, just look at the talent that has come out of the woodwork and stormed the forefront — bands like Mumford and Sons, the Avett Brothers and the Lumineers. Carrabba’s most dedicated fans likely wouldn’t associate him with these types of acts, but when you combine his talent and songwriting with that of the Narrative’s Suzie Zeldin, Bad Books’s Ben Homola and newcomer Jonathan Clark, something interesting happens.

You get an alt-folk supergroup that steps up to the plate and astounds unsuspecting listeners.

Where many might think Carrabba’s raw and often shrill voice would clash with any lighthearted music and over-power Zeldin’s delicate vocal stylings, the opposite occurs and a well-rounded live-performance sound is conveyed through the band’s recorded material. It’s raw and unpolished — sometimes Carrabba’s voice seems to crack with the strain of pure emotion — but that’s why it’s so appealing. It is real and gives the EP an added dash of credibility.

The EP opens with the tune “Back to You,” a song that instantly captures the listener’s attention. Be warned — involuntary foot stomping is likely to ensue, setting up the whole of the album. While the song could have easily set this up as just another Chris Carrabba record, it knocks down this speculation with Zeldin’s handy mandolin work and harmony vocal lines, as well as Homola’s driving bass drum and rimshot percussion rhythms.

“I was young so I forgot/Which was my place and which was not/I thought I had a good shot/I took it right in my eye,” Carrabba sings of the trials of youth. He follows it up with the simple, straightforward declaration: “Follow the signs right back to you/Back to you, back to you/I know they wind right back to you/Back to you, back to you.”

The highlight of the five-song release is the closing track “Scraping Up the Pieces.” It opens with a picking banjo part accompanied by driving handclaps and prominent hits on the snare drum. “I don’t have no ring but I could steal one on the way/I’ll be making good on all the promises I made/I never had much money but I got a little saved/Baby, leave the light on, I’ll be coming over late,” Carrabba promises and coos, making the listener feel as if the singer is guaranteeing the listener will want to hit the repeat button immediately after the track ends.

Believe me, you’ll want to.

No matter your feelings toward Chris Carrabba and his past musical projects, Twin Forks will please with this EP. What sets the band’s members apart from their guitar-strumming, banjo-picking counterparts is their ability to breathe new life into a genre that can sometimes grow monotonous with the same old thing. It’s evident this is just the beginning for Twin Forks, but we can only imagine what’s going to come next if this is the quality of music they’re producing so soon after coming together.

Trust me, you’ll want — and need — more. Like, right away.

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“Riddick” has good action, little character development

Christopher Campbell

Just writing some reviews

“Riddick” takes place after the events of “Pitch Black” and “The Chronicles of Riddick.” At the end of the second movie, the main character Riddick (Vin Diesel) becomes the leader of a race of evil beings, known as Necromongers, who destroy worlds. The way to rise in power as a Necromonger is to simply kill the person in charge, which is what some of them try to do. They take Riddick to a deserted planet and leave him there, thinking they killed him.

The movie starts out with him on this planet trying to survive. He ends up finding an area where he can always find water and other resources essential to him. When he decides to leave the planet, he sends out a signal from an abandoned base for some mercenaries to come get him. The rest of the movie is about the mercenaries trying to catch him while he continually outsmarts them and escapes.

For the most part, I came out of this movie satisfied. There is plenty of action throughout to keep it entertaining, and there are some intense situations involving some of the characters. Part of this comes from the fact that there are two different groups of mercenaries that are looking for Riddick. They do not get along, and there is some interesting conflict that comes from that.

Compared to the first two movies, the acting and dialogue are better. There are still cheesy one-liners, but the lines do not seem as noticeably awkward as they do in the film’s predecessors. The acting also improved to a point where it is not distractingly bad. All of the actors playing the mercenaries were convincing in their roles.

The worst actors in the film were either in expendable roles or Vin Diesel as the title character. I feel he can get away with not being a good actor in these movies because I imagine Riddick to be emotionless anyway. He is supposed to be a tough man who is calm and cool in every situation. In a way, Vin Diesel nails it as Riddick.

This brings me to my complaint about the Riddick movies. There is very little character development on the part of the main character. In “Pitch Black” and “Riddick,” the characters that we as an

audience get to know are the mercenaries — or in the case of “Pitch Black,” the crew members. The stories seem to focus on the mercenaries’ points of view more than that of

Riddick.

This does create a lot of cool scenes where Riddick baffles the mercenaries without them — or the audience — knowing how he did it. However, still come out of this not knowing who Riddick is.

The only thing we know after watching all three movies is that he is a convict who has special eyes that can see in the dark. We also know that he is part of a race from the planet Furya that was wiped out by the Necromongers when he was young. Besides that, who is he?

We know he killed people to become a convict, but why did he do it? Was he wrongly accused? Was it self-defense? Are we even supposed to root for this guy? He is the title character of two movies in an entire trilogy centered around him, but after watching all of the films, I come out with few reasons to like him.

I am also disappointed in what the plotline of this movie ended up being. It is simply a remake of “Pitch Black” but in a different setting. The thing I liked about “The Chronicles of Riddick” is the fact that it is not at all the like the first movie. As a movie, this is definitely better than both of those, but I am still disappointed that more was not done with the character. I really wanted to see more character development, more about his relationship with the Necromongers and more about his discovery of who he is as a Furryan.

I give this 3 out of 5 stars. It is an enjoyable film. There are moments that had me at the edge of my seat, and there is plenty of action. However, there is not enough development of Riddick, whom the film was named after.

Content: Rated R for graphic violence, female nudity and language — including f-words.

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Near-death experience shows author her life’s purpose

By Chelsea Hunter
Hard News Cafe

Sarah Menet moved many in her Cache Valley audience to tears Saturday as she told them of her difficult life, her suicide attempt and how she found God.

At 29 years old, she was pronounced dead. She had never experimented with drugs or alcohol, but after being driven to such misery she overdosed on Tylenol with Codeine. “I was in so much emotional pain, I just didn’t want to live anymore,” she said.

Menet collapsed as her body was failing, but managed to call her sister to tell her she loved her. Her sister sensed something was wrong and notified police. Once on the scene, paramedics and police rushed in. It was as if she was watching the whole thing from the ceiling while her spirit was detached from her lifeless body, she said.

“I could see police and medical people looking through the house to find out what had happened to me,” Menet said. “I heard one say, ‘She has no heartbeat, she has no pulse, she’s gone.’ I remember as they were going to put the electric paddles on my chest to get my heart going again, I was yelling to them, ‘Leave it alone!’ I didn’t want to go back to that. As I was yelling to them not to revive it, within a minute, I was transported into a different world.”

During this near-death experience, Menet visited paradise, a “spirit world,” which she described as beautiful beyond mortal words. There isn’t anything on earth like it, she said. On earth she has an irrational fear of drowning, she said, but when she first passed into the spirit world she was drawn to a lake.

“I was standing next to a beautiful, beautiful lake, and I had no fear of the water whatsoever. I walked around this lake and stood

in this lake, and thought it looked like thousands and thousands of diamonds were crushed on the top of the water. I had never seen anything so beautiful. I leaned over and looked down into it, and it was crystal clear, like looking into a small fish bowl. I saw fishes of different colors, and foliage just gently moving in this water.”

She described a cottage near the lake that was perfection in her eyes with its placement, size and design, and she wanted it badly. She realized that in the spirit world, you could have anything you wanted as long as you’d earned it.

She was clinically dead for seven minutes until she came back and her spirit returned to her body. She goes into more extensive detail about what she saw and experienced in the spirit world in the book she wrote about the experience, called “There is No Death.”

Menet spoke at the Logan Tabernacle Saturday in conjunction with the North Logan Emergency Preparedness Fair, set to take place Sept. 21.

Her father repeatedly abused her when she was a child, until she ran away at age 10. She lived in seven foster homes until she got married at 18. She later divorced her first husband and married a man whom she thought had real potential. However, he became her nightmare relived.

“It turned out I had married my father,” she said.

Three sons later she divorced her second husband and moved to Los Angeles to pursue some small acting jobs, where she continued to run into misfortunes one after another.

“My mother tried to teach me about God,” she said. “But after these terrible, disastrous things would happen in my life, I finally got to the point where I just didn’t believe there was a God. I couldn’t understand why so many bad things could happen to a

person if there was a God.”

While on the other side, she said, she learned a lot about forgiveness. Before her father died she wanted to see him suffer the way he made her suffer, and even on his deathbed she refused to forgive him. Now she has learned the importance of forgiveness and encourages everyone to forgive all people. If we don’t forgive, in the long run it will end up hurting us more than the one who did the wrong.

“You’ll wish you had been the better person, and forgiven them,” she said. “Life is a challenge, and it’s going to get harder as more and more people in the world turn from God. But God requires you to forgive all people. It is such an important principle, and when someone has wronged you, start praying for them. It will take that sword of hate from you.”

Throughout her life Menet has had many medical conditions that have caused her hardship. Twenty years ago she was so sick with kidney failure and congestive heart failure that a clergyman gave her a blessing. In that blessing he said that the Lord would spare her life so that people could hear her voice. That was when she knew she was supposed to share her story with others, and started giving public talks and lectures. Now 63, Menet lives in Manti where she does a lot of grief counseling and continues to lecture wherever she can.

“I’m thankful that God has sustained my life,” she said. “So that I might be an instrument in his hands to help others and give them hope, and give them faith. If you’re sick or have been through terrible things, be of good cheer, have faith, it’s going to get better.”

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Marriage

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changed shortly after she married her husband Kevin Mann, a computer science major.

“I realized as a student I was still happy even though I went to bed early, and I found enjoyment in spending my evenings reading a book,” Erin Mann said. “But what made it really nice is that my husband and I support each other and we are able to stay focused on our goals.”

Many students have fears about being married during their time in college, said Ryan Seedall, an assistant professor in the university’s marriage and family program. These fears stem from a variety of factors.

“A lot of people feel like being married and having a family must be a really big challenge, but you have to realize that single students are involved in a lot of things that married students are not,” Seedall said. “Both groups have a lot going on for them.”

Seedall said students can experience many benefits from

having a supportive while attending school, especially if both individuals share a similar desire and work ethic.

Shane and MarLin Hill agree school became much easier for them after they were married.

“It is nice not to have to worry about the social pressure anymore — knowing that, no matter what, I will always find acceptance from my wife,” Shane Hill said.

MarLin Hill said she agreed with her husband.

“Even though we have a daughter now, it has been much easier for us to focus on school and to realize what we would really like to accomplish in life,” she said.

Even though many married-student couples enjoy the life they are living now, they also feel it’s important to consider timing before committing to such a relationship.

Cleverly, who married his wife Stephanie Chestnut in May, said it’s important for students who are married to each other to work together to plan important decisions out in advance.

“If your spouse does not support you in your decision to work hard in school and perform well, then being a married student could have potential to be really stressful,” Cleverly said. “Lucky enough for me, Stephanie is very supportive of my decision to pursue a higher education and she helps motivate me to continue to do better.”

Because of Chestnut’s support, Cleverly said he’s having one of his most successful semesters of his collegiate career.

“This semester is the first time that I have actually been able to read my books and be fully committed in my studies, and I am really enjoying it,” he said.

But married life isn’t for everyone. Caroline Yorgason, an undeclared sophomore, said she enjoys being single.

“I love being with my friends and having a good time,” Yorgason said. “I am trying to make the most out of the time I have now to have fun and take advantage of my freedom, because one day, when I am married, I know that I won’t have the time or the desire to keep up with a social life.”

While she is enjoying her days as a single sophomore, Yorgason said she isn’t against the idea of marriage.

“I will be excited when I do get married and find the right guy, and I will be okay then with letting go of the social life I have now,” Yorgason said.

Mann said she made the right decision when she got married.

“If it’s the right person, then it is the right time,” Mann said. “Don’t hold back. Marriage has brought me more happiness than single life could have ever given me. I wouldn’t trade it for anything.”

How the Blue Barracudas can save Hollywood

You ruined everything, Marvel.

Now, before you get all “‘The Avengers’ was better than just OK” on me, hear me out. Sure, the comic-book-turned-feature-film behemoth manufactured a few well-intentioned, solid films at the beginning of its reign as emperor of superpower film-dom, but over time it has come to a highly unsettling truth: The superhero movie is headed toward a very tragic demise.

As a film consumer, you deserve so much more than a world where the only honest difference between “Thor” and “Ironman” was the fact that one had an overtly witty protagonist and the other had a villain that resembles Katy Perry sans makeup. Honestly, what happened?

It’s simple, really. It’s become predictable, so much so that they all follow the same pattern whether the stories follow the same lines as the actually comic stories or not. Too much action, but no wisdom — all Cory and Topanga with no Mr. Feeny. From most angles, it seems as if there’s no real solution.

Until now.

Scream it with me, ‘90s kids. What was our greatest invention? Kids game shows.

Nothing says “wholesome and realistic entertainment” like a batch of 11-year olds in

heated competition for the last pair of Sketchers. This realm of being was a beautiful time — a time so touching and foolproof, it may just save my disdain for predictable superhero cinema.

You may not believe me at first. After all, you’ve seen many visual media. But trust me when I say you’ve seen and heard nothing like my pitch for “Legends of the Hidden Temple: The Movie.”

Did someone say “plot synopsis?” Here you have it:

In a far off and well-respected land, many jealously-guarded treasures, most of which are thinly plated in gold, laden with financial and historical value — start the dramatic music — have been stolen.

This horrifying act enrages Kirk Fogg, emblem bard and token wiseman, and Olmec, your garden-variety stoic talking wall. In a last-ditch rescue effort, Kirk and Olmec call upon 12 of the finest historians, anthologists and A-list remainders to form six teams of two in hopes of scouring the earth to find the mysterious temple believed to hold the sacred emblems.

The duo to first find the temple and return the items will be emblazoned with glory and riches forever. And the others? Well, possibly a consolation set

Steve Schwartzman

Just a few laughs

of K’Nex.

Together, we follow these young and courageous beings as they learn the storied legends of the emblems and go through daring steps to know of their being in a story of legend, history and piles upon piles of bright yellow mouth guards. In theaters July 2015.

Cast

Kirk: Robert Downey, Jr.

We need an energetic know-it-all who can instill strength with a purpose — essentially Iron Man without all the explosions. This is me passing a Marvel-regular an olive branch, and I’m thinking he’ll take my special Grecian kabob and not disappoint.

Olmec: James Earl Jones

This is the perfect fit for voicing over a talking wall. My reasoning? It’s James Earl-freaking Jones. He was Mufasa in “The Lion King,” for Pete’s sake. You give me a better option.

Team One, the Blue Barracudas: Topher Grace and Ellen Page

It’s a fact — every protagonist team must be laden with half-way puny, half-way intelligent

and all-way adorable homestyle characters, and that’s where these two champs come in. These two stars meet at the interview process for the treasure search and form an automatic bond when they both find they know all the words to “Rock Lobster” by the B52s. They come together, build upon trust and fight against all odds in suspenseful feats to — well, you know how this one goes. The big difference? Instead of a romantic kiss to signify their undying relationship, they share a package of Wild Berry Pop-Tarts.

Team Two: The Red Jaguars: Josh Hartnett and Avril Lavigne

The Jaguars are the rival team who use tricky tactics to outlast the others. For this, I needed two people who could come off as overpowering, yet have quite the myriad of weaknesses. Seen either of these peeps in Hollywood recently? That’s how you know I’m right.

Team Three: The Green Monkeys: Ben Savage and Zooey Deschanel

Best friends and confidants to the Blue Barracudas, they work in unity with our stars and show character that only warms hearts and does other cute things. A great redefining moment for Savage of “Boy Meets World” fame as he expels real drama during a near

death scene.

Team Four: The Silver Snakes: Andy Samberg and Amy Jo Johnson — yes, the Pink Power Ranger.

They’re hot, they’re charismatic, they’re the favorites to win, taking the search by sheer storm with skill and their already cemented fame.

They die within the first ten minutes.

Team Five: The Purple Parrots: Lady Miss Kier of ‘90s dance group Dee-Lite and the Kool-Aid Man

I believe this one speaks for itself.

I’d cast the other two teams, but we’re low on budget. I figured they’d just keep quiet for a free Daewoo TV set.

Phenomenal? Yes. Probable? Most likely. Can it save us from monotonous comic flicks? We’ll just have to see. In the words of Olmec himself, “The choice is yours and yours alone.”

And for the record, I hope I win the Moon Shoes.

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Baseball cards making a comeback in a new way

► By Kavita Kumar
St. Louis Post-Dispatch (MCT)

When I attended a recent community festival, my friends and I chuckled at the return of high-waisted mom jeans that have been repurposed by hipsters into cutoff shorts. It’s just another example of how parts of our past — both good and those, perhaps, better left forgotten — often come back in style, whether it’s neon, bangs or fanny packs. But when they do, they are often given a modern twist.

Now Matt Sebek, 32, is hoping to do the same with baseball cards. The obsession of many back in the 1980s, the trading cards have lost some of their luster for today’s youth who are more taken these days with iPads and PlayStations.

But Sebek, a sports and technology nut who runs the humor site JoeSportsFan.com, knows there’s a whole generation of adults like him in their 20s, 30s, and 40s for whom baseball cards bring back nostalgic memories. They spent their childhood carefully cataloging and trading the cards and storing them in shoe boxes under the bed or in binders with plastic holders.

So he, along with a small team of developers, have created an iPhone app — available now — called Rookies.

Users will be able to create personalized baseball cards with their own picture — or that of their child or dog or whatever — and then can share it on Facebook. And then — here’s the coolest part — they can get them printed through the app into baseball cards that look and feel like the trading cards from the 1980s.

He envisions a range of uses for the personalized cards ranging from business cards to invitations to children’s parties to wedding announcements. The price for a pack of 20 cards will be \$12.99 — but the app and sharing the images online will be free.

The concept is an interesting case study of blending the new with the old.

And in some ways, Sebek pointed out, he’s using technology to flip the deck.

“That’s what I love about it,” he said. “A lot of things are going from the tangible, tactile world to the digital. This is almost the reverse of it. We’re using technology to print tangible things.”

As more of our world has begun to shift to the digital, there has been some movement afoot to keep some physical things



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EXAMPLES OF WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH BASEBALL-STYLE CARDS are on display at Garlich Printing in Fenton, Mo. Matt Sebek started a company that will make personalized cards similar to baseball cards.

around. With so much sharing of photos on Facebook and Instagram and other digital venues, some people have begun to miss having physical print pictures in their lives.

So now Walgreens has put into place services where you can print your photos from Instagram in its stores using certain apps. And Polaroid has begun to open Fotobars where people can download and print pictures from Facebook and other

digital sites.

But as Sebek began to develop his idea more than a year ago, he ran into a stumbling block. It was a lot harder finding a printer to make the pictures from his app into baseball cards than he expected.

“There are a lot of printers — but most of them as set up to do large orders on thin paper,” he said.

But he needed to do the opposite — find a printer who could do small orders such as a 20-pack of baseball cards — on thick, cardboard-like paper that looked and felt like the baseball cards of his youth.

Over the span of about eight months, he talked to about 10 companies across the country, but didn’t have much success. He finally found what he was looking for much closer to home — in Fenton, Mo., of all places.

He hooked up with Garlich Printing, which started out as a traditional print shop in the 1920s, but which has been expanding rapidly into the digital printing sphere in recent years.

Not only was Garlich able to accommodate Sebek’s need for on-demand, short-run orders on thicker card stock, but it also successfully toiled to find a way to print the Rookies logo on a waxy wrapper, reminiscent of the way baseball cards were packaged back in the day.

Because the cards came with a stick of bubblegum, the wax paper helped keep the moisture in, noted Mike Hayes, a Garlich account executive who has been working with Rookies.

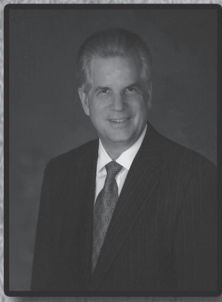
Printing on wax paper is not something that is being done a lot these days — especially not for small orders, he said.

“So I started looking around to see how we could produce it,” Hayes said. “I can’t give away all of the details of how we got to it. But it took a lot of months. It’s been kind of a fun journey for all of us.”

This is a side project for Sebek, who is the director of mobility at Asynchrony, a St. Louis-based technology consulting firm.

On Sept. 12, he heard back from Apple that his app would be ready for download that night or the next morning. The timing couldn’t be better.

“We still have a couple of weeks left in the baseball season,” he said.



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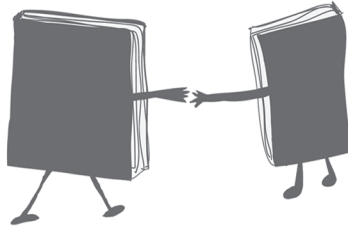
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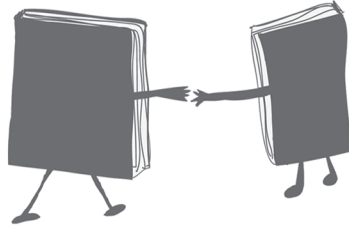
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FOOTBALL



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SENIOR RUNNING BACK ROBERT MARSHALL breaks away from the Weber State defense during the Aggies' 70-6 victory Saturday. The Aggies travel to California to face PAC-12 member USC at 1:30 p.m. MST on Saturday.

Aggies face Trojans in tough road test

► **By Curtis Lundstrom**
sports editor

Fresh off a blowout win over Weber State, the Utah State football team travels to California to face the USC Trojans in the historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on Saturday, Sept. 21.

"It will be a great atmosphere to play in. It will be a great challenge for our kids to go on the road and into the Coliseum and to be able to compete," said USU head coach Matt Wells. "We're looking forward to that and need a good week of practice for that."

The Aggies will face a Trojan defense ranked fourth nationally in total defense at 212.3 yards per game and eighth in scoring defense, allowing just 10 points per game and forcing seven turnovers in three games.

Against Boston College last week, the USC defense allowed 184 yards of total offense and kept the Golden Eagles off of the scoreboard until the 10 minute mark of the fourth quarter.

"They're an odd-front defense, a 3-4 personnel. ... Their front seven is stout," Wells said. "They've given up three touchdowns in three games. They're top 10 in like 30 defensive categories. If there's that many, they're probably in the top 10 of every one of them. They're really good."

On the opposite side, junior Aggie quarterback Chuckie Keeton ranks first nationally in points responsible for with 78, and seventh nationally in total offense with an average of 370.0 yards per game.

Keeton has thrown for 923 yards in three games this season, and 13 different receivers have at least one catch for the Aggies, led by Travis Van Leeuwen with 226 yards on 13 receptions.

"It's crazy being out there on the field with him. He's just a dynamic player; he can do everything. He can throw, he can run and he can evade tackles. He's kind of like the little Superman of our offense," said senior running back Joey DeMartino. "When he's out there, he elevates everybody else's game. Going in there with him gives us a lot of confidence, and we want to play for him. I know he knows that for us, the team always

rallies behind him."

The Aggies have amassed 657 yards on the ground, with four different players having rushed for at least 100 yards. Keeton leads all rushers with 187 yards.

"We need to play as a team and take care of the ball," Wells said. "We've been aggressive on offense and made contested catches. If we do that, then I think it will put us in a position to win. ... This will be the biggest test we've seen on both sides of the ball in a lot of ways. We're going to have to play very efficiently on offense, take care of the ball and find a way to run it."

Offensively, the Trojans are led by wide receiver Marquis Lee, who has 221 yards receiving in three games this season. Against Boston College, Lee had just two catches but found the end zone on an 80-yard pass play.

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VOLLEYBALL

Utah State sweeps Boise State

► **By Emily Duke**
staff writer

Sophomore opposite side hitter Elle Brainard led the Utah State Aggies to a 3-0 sweep in against the Boise State Broncos Wednesday night at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

Nearly 1,000 fans came out to see the Aggies open up their regular season, and with 15 total team blocks, it was clear that a focus on solid defense was paying off for the Aggies.

"Jeremiah, my assistant coach, does a really good job on that," said head Coach Grayson DuBose. "We've been a good blocking team ever since I've been here and he's just sort of followed in those footsteps just a little bit."

USU hit at an attack percentage of .396 and held the Broncos to an attack percentage of .045.

This was the first Mountain West Conference event USU has hosted since the Aggies came over from the

first match to be hosted in Logan.

The Aggies are trailing the Broncos in the overall series between the two teams. BSU won 14 of the past 17 matchups including the last eight matches in Logan, and five of the last eight meetings in Boise.

The Broncos drew first blood in the first set, but the Aggies quickly came back with a point of their own. The lead volleyed back and forth, tying at 6-6 before Brainard led the Aggies to eight more points, giving them the first big lead of the night at 14-7. USU never gave up the lead, closing the first set at a neat 25-17. The Aggies posted an attack percentage of .440 for the first set, holding the Broncos to -.061.

USU took an early lead in the second set on some Broncos errors and extended the lead to 6-3 with a point by junior setter Paige Neves. The

Fast Stats

- **Sophomore opposite side hitter Elle Brainard finished with 11 kills.**
- **Junior setter Paige Neves had 35 assists.**

Western Athletic Conference this year. USU football has played one MWC match when they took down Air Force last week, but this is the



Josh Larisch photo

MEMBERS OF THE USU VOLLEYBALL TEAM celebrate match point in the Aggies' 3-0 sweep over Boise State on Wednesday at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

Broncos came back to tie the game on an Aggie error 7-7 before taking their first lead of the set.

The score stayed close, with neither team taking more than a three-point lead. When the Broncos took the first

timeout of the set, the Aggies led 19-17.

USU took a four-point lead, bringing the score to 22-18 when Boise

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Entering the MWC: Traditional Powers

► **By Jeff Dahdah**
staff writer

Editor's Note: This is the first of a three-part series detailing members of the Mountain West Conference and the success of various programs at each university.

With Utah State entering its inaugural season in the Mountain West Conference, the Aggies face a number of new foes, as well as some old faces. Here's a breakdown of each member in the Mountain West and what sports each institution has traditionally excelled in.



Boise State Broncos
Men: football
Women: gymnastics

Let's start with the obvious. Boise State is good at football. Last year broke a three-year streak of top-10 finishes for the Broncos, and in the last five years, they have lost five games.

They started out this season ranked No. 19 before a shocking loss to Washington, which is now ranked. Boise State is one of two teams to win a BCS bowl game from a non-BCS conference. Both times, they did it out of the WAC conference.

The Broncos were put on the map by the 2006 season, the first season under head-coach Chris Peterson, when they won the Fiesta Bowl on the back of the famous "Statue of Liberty" play.

It's one of those plays every football fan should see, not only for its trickery, but the weight it carried as the last play of one of the biggest upsets in college football history.

Well-known football stars from the Broncos include Tampa Bay Buccaneers running back Doug

Martin, Detroit Lions backup quarterback Kellen Moore and Carolina Panthers safety Quintin Mikell. Going into this season, the Broncos had a .905 winning percentage under coach Chris Peterson.

The Boise State gymnastics team is less-known, but tough. The Broncos were very successful last year, finishing with an 18-7 record, a WAC championship and their 27th regional championship berth.

Caitlin Mann won the WAC All-Around Individual Title last year in addition to the Individual Beam Title and WAC Gymnast of the Year. She is returning for her junior season and is accompanied by WAC Freshman of the Year Maddie Krentz. Coaches Tina Bird and Neil Resnick won WAC Coach of the Year honors last year.

New Mexico Lobos
Men: basketball
Women: cross-country

The men's basketball team for the Lobos has finished in the top-25 the past two years. They made the NCAA Tournament the last two years as No. 5-seed in 2012



and a No. 3-seed in 2013. New Mexico was the centerpiece of an extremely talented MWC last season that put four teams in the tournament.

The Lobos won the MWC Tournament and regular season titles last year and were part of one of the tournament's biggest upsets, a loss to No. 14-seed Harvard. They return leading their leading scorer, junior guard Kendall Williams, and their leading rebounder, sophomore center



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MEMBERS OF THE UTAH STATE FOOTBALL TEAM explode out of an inflatable helmet at Romney Stadium during last season's homecoming game.

Alex Kirk.

New Mexico's women's cross country team won the MWC last year and finished impressively in the nation at 10th. This is higher than expected, as the Lobos were ranked 17th going into the meet. Senior Charlotte Arter will lead the cross country team for the Lobos. Kirsten Follett, who finished 38th in the Mountain Region finals will also return for her junior season.



Wyoming Cowboys
Men: wrestling
Women: volleyball

The Cowboys' wrestling team is the reigning Western Wrestling Conference champion and finished 23rd in the nation last year.

Their best performer in nationals last year was senior Alfonso Hernandez, who finished seventh in the 197-pound weight class. The second-best performer for the Cowboys was sophomore Tyler Cox, who finished eighth in the 125-pound weight class. The top-25 finish was the 17th such finish in program history.

The volleyball team for Wyoming will also be a tough opponent. They finished with an impressive 21-11 record last year, and they were almost unbeatable at home with a 16-2 home record. They return eight players from last year, including four starters.

This is the first year with Wyoming for head coach Chad

Callihan, who was 107-59 with Georgia Southern in the last five years. They are 7-3 this season and undefeated at home with four wins.



Colorado State Rams
Men: basketball
Women: volleyball

The Rams finished second in the MWC last year in regular-season basketball ahead of traditional powerhouse programs

UNLV and San Diego State. They also were one of two MWC teams to win a tournament game last year, doing so as a No. 8-seed. They defeated Missouri in their first game before losing to eventual NCAA champion Louisville. They return their leading scorer and rebounder from last year in Colton Iverson, a 7-foot, 255-pound dominating force on the court. He will be a player to watch in January when the Rams come to Logan.

CSU volleyball has dominated the MWC volleyball competition with four straight conference championships. In their loss in the NCAA Tournament to Purdue, they were swept for the first time in 55 matches. The Rams return all but four of their starters from last year and are 8-0 this year.

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Volleyball

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called their last timeout of the set. The Aggies came up to the set point with the Broncos trailing 21-24 when a well-timed kill by Orr gave the Aggies a 2-0 lead going into the third set of the night, making the final score for the second set 25-21.

BSU took the first big lead of the third set, jumping out to a 6-3 lead. USU attempted to claw their way back to a lead and continued to trail the Broncos by one for most of the third set before two well timed blocks gave them the lead at 11-9. The score continued to bounce back and forth, remaining tied for most of the third set.

The Broncos took the first timeout of the set with the Aggies leading 19-18. The Aggies pulled ahead with a strong kill by Brainard, leading 23-19 when BSU took their second timeout of the match. A kill by senior Tumua Etimani gave USU the advantage, and a strong block by Brainard put away the set and the match for the Aggies at 25-20.

Grayson DuBose
USU Volleyball

“I thought we came out in the first two games, played really well and executed at a really high level.”

“You always want to win of course, and I thought we came out in the first two games, played really well and executed at a really high level,” DuBose said. “How we started the third game, I wasn't real happy with, but we cleaned that up right at the end, and I thought the last 10 to 15 points we played much better volleyball.”

The Aggies travel to Boise for a rematch against the Broncos at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21. Their next home match will be Thursday, Oct. 3, when they take on Mountain West-rival New Mexico at 7 p.m. in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

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SENIOR RUNNING BACK ROBERT MARSHALL runs down the field against Weber State on Saturday. The Aggies beat Weber State 70-6 in their Homecoming game.

Football

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from quarterback Cody Kessler.

USC piled up a balanced 521 yards on offense against the Golden Eagles — 264 passing and 257 rushing — but USU junior safety Brian Suite said the defense is ready for the challenge.

“The biggest key for us this game is going to be to stop the run, but pressure on the quarterback is how our defense operates,” Suite said. “If you look at how coach (Todd

Orlando) calls our games and how our front operates, it’s a pressure front. We’re all about not letting the quarterback sit back there and make decisions, we want to force him to hurry up and not let him sit back in the pocket and be comfortable.”

Defensively, the Aggies are ranked 13th in the country in total defense, having allowed 286 yards of offense per game. Linebackers Jake Doughty and Zach Vigil lead the team in tackles with 30 and 23, respectively, and Wells said turnovers will be a focus against the Trojans.

“I think special teams and turnovers will be a big part of the storyline come the end of the game,” Wells said. “Winning the turnover battle, the field position battle with the punt game and punt return, I see all that stuff as being key when you go on the road and face a marquee team and a team that is going to present a huge challenge to you. The hidden yardage, the hidden things like that will always play a key part.”

The Aggies and Trojans are scheduled to kick off at 1:30 p.m.

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Is football a new American religion?

Taylor Underwood



Another day in paradise

With summer coming to a close and the fall semester well under way, the football season has begun and the religious zeal of football fans is in full-swing. Religion as defined by the Oxford Dictionary is “noun: the belief in and worship of a superhuman controlling power, a pursuit or interest to which someone ascribes supreme importance.”

Synonymous with religion is not only a belief in a superhuman power, but certain rituals, dress and in many cases, food.

I have watched football games many times as well as their fans, and often I will hear someone saying, “Oh God, run, run. Touchdown. Thank you, God.” This denotes a belief in a superhuman controlling power that would allow a player to make an amazing touchdown. Also, when on the bench or after making a touchdown a player may cross himself, a common action in a lot of Christian faiths.

Furthermore, there have been players who have been elevated to “superhuman” status.

The NFL Hall of Fame is a perfect example of this. Here is a place with relics and shrines to different players throughout the years who have done the near impossible and have been elevated to a worshipful status. The Hall of Fame is also a place where many “true fans” go on a specific pilgrimage.

Similarly, people of other faiths have made similar pilgrimages to Mecca, Jerusalem and even Salt Lake City.

On a week-to-week or day-to-day basis, there are

many similarities between other religions and football. On the first day of the NFL season, two teams were facing off: the Denver Broncos and the Baltimore Ravens. I came into the Statesman newsroom to discover one of my coworkers wearing a Broncos jersey and holding a Broncos mug containing orange soda, the color of which is one of the team’s colors.

Upon further inspection, he also had many reminders of his fandom around his desk, including posters, the wallpaper on his computer and framed cards of players. This is a reminder of the types of clothing that is typically worn on days of worship with other religions. Hebrews wear yamakas, Latter-day Saints wear white to the temple and footballers wear their team colors and uniforms.

Many also eat certain foods on such days of worship. In Christianity, it is common to partake of bread and wine or water on their day of worship. With football, the traditional foods are hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst and beer or soda. Large cathedrals and stadiums are similar as places of religious practice and worship.

In several religions, the exclusion of others is a common occurrence. If you are Catholic, you cannot be Lutheran. If you are Baptist, you cannot be LDS. Other religions, such as Buddhism, welcome people who proclaim to be two or more religions.

Football is a combination of both. You are welcome to profess any other faith outside of American football. However, within the religion, different subgroups cannot proclaim to be both. For example, a person cannot be a Vikings fan and a Packers fan, or a University of Utah fan and a BYU fan.

This crossing of faiths with in football can cause violent outbursts among the followers.

With the numerous similarities, I have concluded that football parallels so many of the major religions that it is, in fact, a new American religion.

— Taylor Underwood is a sophomore double majoring in cultural anthropology and western history. He is also working to publish a study done on board game subculture at USU. Comments can be sent to Taylor at tunderwoodUW21@gmail.com.

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NEW CHALLENGER

“Lately, I’ve been living my life right,” as Austin Collie would say. I helped an old lady cross the street the other day. I planted a tree. I even recently yelled at a kid who had the audacity to wear a BYU shirt on campus. When I do positive things like that, I expect life to reward me with positive outcomes — like a BYU loss.

Me doing my part, coupled with the fact that Travis Wilson is the second-best quarterback in the state, will result in a Utes victory. When you also consider that BYU quarterback Taysom Hill is physically incapable of throwing a football, the Cougars are looking pretty one dimensional. Utah’s run defense is pretty stout, and I see Utah winning their fourth-straight over BYU.

It will be not only a win for the Utes, but a triumph for humanity, and all that is good and right in the world.

Also, BYU will not even be focused on their game against Utah. I’m positive that right now, as you read this article, the Cougars are already paralyzed by fear at the thought of having to face Chuckie Keeton and the Aggies in Romney Stadium on October 4th.

These factors, all combined, result in a win for Utah and a win for good, moral people everywhere.

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MANGUM

Before I start, I would like to say that I am a die-hard Aggie fan.

From the looks of things, most Aggie fans are leaning toward the Utes coming away with a victory. However, I am not one of most Aggie fans.

Jamal Williams, Kyle Van Noy and Cody Hoffman are easily the top three players on the Cougar squad and will contribute to the game no matter the outcome. The x-factor of this game will lie on the shoulders of sophomore QB Taysom Hill.

Will he be the quarterback we witnessed against Virginia where he made Tim Tebow look like an above-average passer? Or will we see the quarterback against Texas — who still made Tebow look good — but ran for a nearly 260 yards and made every Texas defender look foolish?

Utah has a very solid defense, but their one weakness is their secondary. Utah gave up 443 yards through the air against Oregon State last week. If BYU can figure out anything and just give the ball to their two elite receivers, Ross Apo and Cody Hoffman, they should take this game and run with it. I predict Hoffman will have big numbers and Van Noy will be an anchor on defense.

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The safety and security of USU's students and faculty is of the utmost importance to us at The Utah Statesman. We believe the pursuit of recreational thrills is something better suited for venues intended for such a purpose, away from the university's crowded campus.

Our View

An Editorial Opinion

Certainly we have all seen an Evel Knievel campus protege of one sort or another, who insists on tearing through crowds of class-bound students — be it on a skateboard, rollerblades, scooter, or heck, even a tandem bicycle.

The necessity of such behavior is baffling.

We live in a place rich with recreational resources. With easy access to Logan Canyon alone, we are provided a stomping ground for most any adventurous outlet we might crave in our sometimes-monotonous lives.

There exist abundant trails for mountain biking and road biking alike. There are rocks to be climbed and waterways to be utilized with any number of floating craft. Even the most exhilarating of activities which inappropriately utilize the walkways and other areas of campus seem dull in comparison to the potential adventures awaiting elsewhere.

A number of policies and regulations pertaining to acceptable on-campus use of recreational transportation exist to ensure the safety of all those on university grounds.

These policies state vehicles are only permitted on designated walkways and "other vehicular travelways." They also mandate a "reasonable, safe and prudent speed" to be maintained at all times.

You hear that, Speedy Gonzalez? Slow it down.

A member of our editorial board here at The Statesman witnessed an unfortunate cyclist-pedestrian encounter during the first week of the semester. The cyclist, who was travelling all too quickly, came to an abrupt stop as he clipped an unsuspecting professor near The Quad, landing them both in a tangled heap on the ground.

That same day, an overly confident longboarder reached critical speed at which the notorious "speed wobbles" take effect. A crash of the most spectacular fashion ensued. We still wonder from time to time if he was ever able to get that nose of his straightened back out.

Contrary to what some of you may think, we at The Statesman enjoy a good recreational activity as much as the next person. Collectively we are cyclists, dancers, rock climbers, hikers and ultimate frisbee players of the fiercest variety.

Join us if you like — but please, let's keep campus a safe place for all and recreate accordingly.



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Forum Letters

9/11 Sales in Logan

To the editor:

9/11 Sales in Logan

Today I got my hair done at Maximum Style Tec. The hairstylist asked if I would like to hear about the specials they had going. The first one she told me about is nine foils for \$11, in honor of Sept. 11.

Is Logan really so dense that we are okay with business trying to make money off the fact our country lost 2,753 people because terrorists hijacked planes and ran into two buildings?

They need to be called out and should issue an apology. I didn't serve in the military for five years to be mocked by a cosmetology school.

— Jessalynn Speight

Dance a real bumper

To the editor:

Every year, homecoming is a time to let loose after a few first weeks of classes, show our Aggie pride and retune into the social scene on campus.

And though this year's homecoming game did all three of those things, the homecoming dance was a real bumner and I blame the DJ.

The music was cool, his transitions were nice, but it was the same repetitive beat over and over again, and wasn't ideal for dancing. It's not that the music wasn't cool, the problem was you couldn't dance to it, which is what we came there to do.

We bobbed our heads, did the white-man two step, and threw our hair around a little. Most of the ladies at the dance were doing the same, trying their hardest to keep up their energy as the songs lagged on, the guys on the other hand basically stood around, staring at the girls dancing, or trying to press up against them as they moved through the crowd.

It was a unsettling and creepy.

We decided the dancing was too boring and walked around the TSC for a while; I've never seen so many people at a dance just walking around like us, every seat was full with someone sitting down, looking bored and people were leaving as quickly as they arrived.

Dances are a time for

Hey Ya, Gangnam Style, for LMFAO's Party Rock Anthem. Are these the best songs in the world? No! But do they make you want to bust a move? Hell yes.

We didn't go to homecoming to stand around, sweat like pigs, and feel a stranger's hips on ours. We went to let loose.

— Laura Taylor

From the editor:

In the past few weeks, The Utah Statesman has received a number of letters to the editor which were not published in the public forum that is this section. I apologize profusely for this.

Though it is not enough of an excuse, there are a few reasons for this oversight on my part as editor in chief, as well as the editorial board: When our newsroom was moved, our adviser's 31 years of technical knowledge and experience moved on, and when computers were shuffled around during the summer, the responsibility to check for letters was lost.

As I said, not much of an excuse and I am deeply sorry. Future letters intended to be printed will be.

— Tavin Stucki, editor in chief

How does 'Obamacare' affect the country?

Briana Bowen

From the Left



the dual crises of skyrocketing health care costs and the growing number of uninsured Americans.

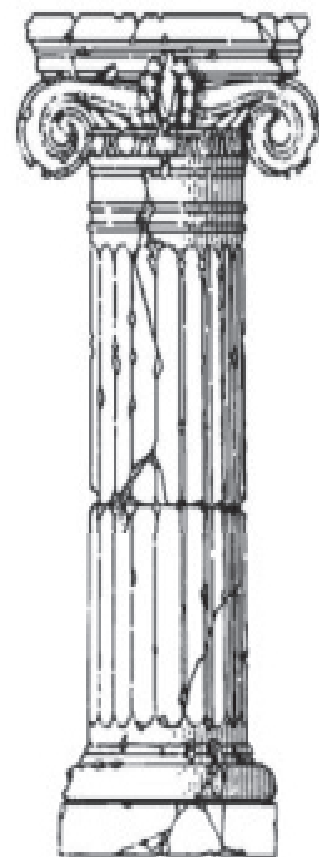
And despite a tremendously tumultuous political climate, the Democrats managed to hammer out a bill that made insurance accessible to millions of impoverished Americans, dramatically extended preventative health care services and affected vast improvements in women's health care coverage. Obamacare allows young adults to stay on their parents' insurance until the age of 26 and makes it illegal for insurance companies to discriminate against those who fall ill or have preexisting conditions.

Believe me, as a 21-year-old cancer survivor, those last two provisions are especially important to me. Frankly, many of the reforms put into effect by the ACA were simply long-overdue common sense reforms.

But I'll also be clear on this: I am an incorrigible pragmatist. Despite being a devoted Democrat, I firmly believe good ideas often come from a multitude of perspectives. I believe blind, uncompromising

A Column Divided

Two students take two angles on one political issue



Andy Pierucci

From the Right



The Patient Protection Affordable Care Act, often referred to as Obamacare, is despised throughout the country. In his attempt to provide for impoverished Americans, President Barack Obama proved to be more harmful than beneficial for the common man. By a margin of 2-1, Americans say Obamacare will make their health care situation worse, not better. Businesses don't want it, doctors oppose it and even unions in the The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations take issue with the bill.

Obamacare tries to cure a social ill in America — that medical expenses being one of the most burdensome expenses on the average American family — but it creates more prob-

lems than it solves. The employer mandate, which requires that companies with 50 or more employees provide health insurance benefits to every full-time worker, considered to be anyone who logs an average of 30 or more hours a week, is forcing businesses to cut workers' hours in order to stay afloat.

According to a recent survey conducted by the Society for Human Resource Management, 41 percent of 603 small business owners said they have delayed hiring because of the federal health care law.

Simultaneously, Obama went on a tour, speaking at colleges across the country about the need to make higher education more affordable for students. This is quite ironic due to the negative impact of Obamacare on student employment across the country. Many students employed by schools, such as USU, are seeing significant cuts in the number of hours they work. The cuts have been so significant that many students are forced to pick up a sec-

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Great Saltaire: the worst venue ever

I've always been enthusiastic when it comes to attending concerts at venues throughout Northern Utah — or anywhere really. I'm one of those glass-half-full types when it comes to music, both local and nationally known. I like to give venues and artists the benefit of the doubt and automatically assume they cannot do any wrong. After all, I'm there to take in the spectacle; the lights, the sounds, the crowds.

All of my high hopes were dashed asunder Tuesday evening when I went to see the Lumineers play at the Great Saltaire.

The night started out pleasantly enough. The venue, located on the shore of the Great Salt Lake in Magna, has never been one of my favorites, but it unfortunately tends to book some of the biggest bands in popular music today.

Cheerful individuals — men dressed in burly flannel shirt and thick-rimmed

Ray-Ban eyeglasses, women dressed in billowy sundresses, flowery headbands and mock-leather cowboy boots — scuttled around the grounds that neighbor the venue's outside amphitheater. A picturesque sunset was shedding bits of natural light over the crowd. A slight breeze, warm for this time of year, wafted across the grassy hill where the largest portion of concert attendees had strewn blankets to sit on and curl up in.

Yes, the evening seemed like a perfect experience, but then the wind and the rain kicked up, just as they nearly always do in fickle September across the Wasatch Front. No, the neanderthals who run the venue didn't prepare adequately for the weather situation that is so commonplace for the area at this time of the year.

Storm clouds rolled in from the northeast, and lightning flashes illuminated the darkening valley.

Paul Christiansen



From the soap box

Saltwater blew across the shoreline and the opening act — Dr. Dog, a sub-par psychedelic rock act from the suburbs of Philadelphia — had only just started their set, but venue ruffians rushed up on the stage and the sound man cut the mix to silence in the middle of the band's third song. An announcer clutched the microphone in his hand, addressing the audience and informing concert goers that there would need to be some changes if the concert was going to continue.

Now, here's my beef. Not only did the representatives

of the venue rudely interrupt a band that had never performed at the location before, they also did a terrible job with the said changes they were going to make to ensure the show could continue.

Rather than moving the concert to the indoor stage to get the musicians and the fans out of the wind and the rain, they decided it would be better to move the musicians to the balcony overlooking the amphitheater and the lake itself.

Now understand this: the decision was made to abandon a somewhat sheltered and enclosed stage and move the show to a balcony, completely unprotected from the elements. Why would a venue use the sheltered indoor facilities where several shows were held only days beforehand? No, that apparently made too much sense.

After an hour-long wait, complete with staff shuffling up and down multiple

staircases while moving guitars and drums past drunken fans mumbling curses because they were asked to leave the balcony — a place where they had been assured they could get plastered in peace — the Lumineers finally started playing. A single spotlight lit up the balcony as singer Wes Schultz began singing the first verse of the first song of the set. At this point, fans looking southward at the band on the makeshift stage noticed the sound was coming from the West.

Yes, those at Saltaire thought it would be a good idea to keep all the sound equipment in the same place, just to throw off the aesthetic of the whole evening.

After playing three songs, management interrupted the headliners during the fourth tune to declare the show was over. The official made sure to announce no refunds would be given, but he was sure to tell everyone

to enjoy the rest of the evening.

Months ago, I bought two tickets for this show, totaling \$90. I spent \$30 to fill my car with gas. Now I'm down \$120 for a show that never even really got started. All because of shoddy management, daft planning and a staff that just didn't seem to care about their patrons.

No, I'm not getting my money back. But I can assure you of this: the Great Saltaire won't get another dime out of me, regardless of how much I want to see the touring band. Next time, I'll drive to Red Rocks in Colorado and enjoy the ambience just a bit more and definitely get my money's worth.

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ond job in addition to their full-time class schedule in order to make ends meet.

The backlash by the American people must have come as a surprise to Obama. Last month the White House announced the employer mandate portion of the bill would be delayed until 2015. The delayed implementation is conveniently placed after the 2014 midterm elections. Could the President be playing politics with Obamacare, his pride and joy, by attempting to protect Democrats running for office?

Health care reform is necessary, there is no arguing that. Some claim those who oppose Obamacare don't have a better plan. So should we silently allow it to take effect because it's different from the current system?

The key to health care reform is not found in more government intervention, but in allowing the market to control costs and improve quality through greater transparency, choice and competition. A free-market based system will lower costs, encourage innovation and empower individuals to make their own health care decisions. Instead, legislation should be passed to allow individuals to purchase health insurance across state lines, to expand consumer-centric programs such as health savings accounts, to institute medical liability limits and reforms and to authorize patients and physicians — not federal bureaucrats — to make health care decisions.

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misg favoritism for one's own ideology — liberal or conservative — is what has gotten this country into the better part of its current predicaments.

Without question, Obamacare has its virtues — and without question, it has its flaws. The semester in 2011 that I spent in Washington, D.C. working with a health care policy firm illuminated both sides of the story — the visionary, positive advances of Obamacare in many areas, and the convoluted, poorly-designed blueprints in others. Despite its excellent intentions, the law fails to adequately address the issue of rising health care costs.

As with most monumental pillars of public policy, perfection is hard to hit spot-on the first time around. That's why our political system allows flexibility for lawmakers to adjust and amend laws as we come up with new solutions and innovations in public policy.

The Affordable Care Act is now the law of the land. The law has some spectacular virtues, and some serious shortcomings. It is frankly indefensible for Republicans to go on pretending there are not millions of Americans who are directly and enormously benefited by the Affordable Care Act, but Democrats are also choosing willful naivete in claiming the law is flawless. It is now the responsibility of both parties to realize the framework that governs U.S. health care policy and to put the best ideas — from both the left and the right — to work in healing the remaining ailments plaguing the American health care system.

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A new rampage raises gun issues yet again

► Raleigh (N.C.) News & Observer

Another day in America and another mass shooting. This time, at least one gunman armed with three firearms killed 12 people and wounded others at the Washington Navy Yard. The gunman also was killed.

Now comes the ritual with which Americans are too familiar: an explosion of media coverage exploring what happened and telling the story of the alleged shooter — identified as Aaron Alexis, a 34-year-old Navy veteran — and what might have motivated him. Then comes another round in the debate over gun control in a nation armed to the teeth, a nation seemingly incapable of keeping a few of those weapons from people who are mentally unstable and bent on a bizarre crusade of vengeance against innocent people.

This time, though, the pattern of mass shootings has taken a symbolic turn. The shots on Monday erupted just blocks from the Capitol where the National Rifle Association has managed to block bills proposing significant changes in the nation's gun laws. And it comes just days after the gun rights movement in Colorado — a state that has endured a high school slaughter in Columbine and a movie audience raked with gunfire in Aurora — successfully recalled from office two state senators who

backed a successful effort to strengthen gun laws.

The resistance to gun control is driven by a combination of money from U.S. gun manufacturers and a fervent belief among some gun owners that assault-style rifles and easily obtained handguns increase the safety of American citizens. But two of the recent mass shootings, one at Fort Hood in Texas and Monday's event, took place within military facilities where there was no shortage of guns. The area that was targeted by the Navy Yard gunman was part of the headquarters for Naval Sea Systems Command. About 3,000 people work at the headquarters, many of them civilians, but there were armed guards and military personnel authorized to carry weapons.

The aspect of an attack on military personnel was on the mind of U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Senate minority leader who successfully led efforts to block new gun laws in April. He said in a statement that, "The men and women in our military courageously put their lives on the line in many dangerous places around the world. It's painful for all of us to think about

them having to worry about their safety when they come home, too."

Now the shootings have come home, or nearly so, to Congress and the lawmakers who do the will of the NRA. The Senate and its adjacent office buildings were locked down Monday.

But there is little reason to hope that the proximity of America's latest mass murder will change the minds of enough lawmakers to make a difference. If the carnage at Sandy Hook with its toll of six adults and 20 first-graders was not enough, this won't be, either. Some new laws strengthening gun control passed in Democratically controlled states after Sandy Hook, but some Republican-controlled states — including North Carolina — instead relaxed limits on guns and where they can be carried.

Perversely, the Navy Yard shootings likely will bring another wave of gun purchases by people who fear that something might now be done about easy access to high-powered weapons. They need not run out to buy guns.

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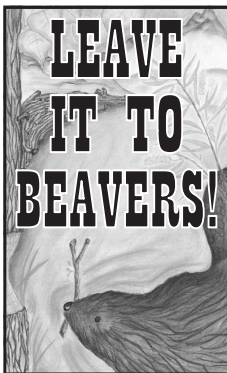
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Today is Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Terry Brunson, a junior majoring in biology.

Almanac

Today in History: In 1957, the United States detonated a 1.7 kiloton nuclear weapon in an underground tunnel at the Nevada Test Site (NTS), a 1,375 square mile research center located 65 miles north of Las Vegas. The test, known as Rainier, was the first fully contained underground detonation and produced no radioactive fallout. A modified W-25 warhead weighing 218 pounds and measuring 25.7 inches in diameter and 17.4 inches in length was used for the test.

Weather

High: 64° Low: 43° Skies: Clear. Winds less than 5 mph. Record high: 91° (1958) Low: 22° (1965)

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
- True Aggie Night, Quad 12 a.m.
- Note Taking and Textbook Annotations, TSC 315A 10-11 a.m.
- Organic Produce Stand, TSC Patio 11-2 p.m.
- Joy of Depression, TSC 310B 11:30-1 p.m.
- Internship Q&A, Library 154 3-4 p.m.
- CAAS Awards and Honors Banquet, TSC Ballroom 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Ecology Center Seminar Series, ENG 103 4-5 p.m.
- 19th Annual Leonard J. Arrington Mormon History Lecture, 7-8 p.m.

FriSeptember 20

- Course withdrawals show as a W on transcript
- Classes Added by Petition Only (Charged \$100 late fee)
- National Parking Day, All Day
- Learn to Swim Registration, HPER All Day
- Tractor Parade, 10:20 a.m.
- Evan's Biography and Handcart Awards Ceremony, Haight Alumni Center 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- Democracy Interrupted:Constructing a Food Etopia on Top of Crumbling Foundations, AGS 101 3 p.m.
- Dallin Wengert Fundraiser: Country Swing Dancing, TSC Ballroom 9 p.m.

SatSeptember 21

- Course withdrawals show as a W on transcript
- Classes Added by Petition Only (Charged \$100 late fee)
- Learn to Swim Registration, HPER All Day
- USU Paintball Club Game, 8-12 p.m.
- The Great Gatsby Literary Ball, 6-9 p.m.

SunSeptember 22

- Course withdrawals show as a W on transcript
- Classes Added by Petition Only (Charged \$100 late fee)
- Women's Soccer vs. Weber State, 1-4 p.m.

FYI:

Come enjoy pizza and learn 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 19.

This month's **Ecology Center seminar speaker will be Daniel Richter**, professor of soils and ecology at Duke University. "The Rhizosphere and Soil Formation" will be held at 4 p.m. in ENGR 326 on Sept 19. Everybody is welcome.

Come make a splash with the **USU Collegiate 4-H Club. Swimming, food and fun** at Crystal Hot Springs on Sept. 25 from 5:30- 8:30 p.m. This is event is free for all USU students. Bring your friends and get to know Collegiate 4-H. 8215 Utah 38 Honeyville, UT 84314. Questions? Contact Cassie at breedingca@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 Fiefia.

Come see what USU students who traveled to Norway this past summer created in the **Norway Travel Abroad Exhibit**. Located in Gallery 102 of the Chase Fine Arts Center, this

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exhibit will be full of pieces inspired by the students' experience. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 -4 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 - 1985 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.

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