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ASUSU officials discuss position name changes

► **By Danielle Manley**
assistant news editor

Change is in the air — or at least on the minds of executive council members. Since the council passed to have ASUSU changed to USU/SA, pending approval by students in a special election, executive officers have started thinking about the names of their own positions. Casey Saxton is the public relations director, though he feels his job entails more than just PR for the student association. Saxton said he feels the title “communications director” more encompasses his job description which includes graphic design for student clubs, elections and public relations for the student govern-

ment officers. Linda Zimmerman, executive director of student involvement, said it might be a good idea to stay consistent with the title of the PR director for USU, Tim Vitale. “Casey’s job is different than what Tim Vitale does,” media program coordinator and Saxton’s adviser Nate Laursen said. “For example, he’s over elections.” Laursen said the purpose of a name change is to better describe a job — to brand yourself and let the students know what you do. Another title change debated was over changing Trevor Olsen’s — currently administrative assistant — to chief of staff. Though other members of the executive council approved of the idea, advisers had

some different insight. Zimmerman said it might not be the right description based on the chief of staff’s job under USU President Stan Albrecht. Both Zimmerman and Laursen stressed the idea to be careful of changing things just to change them. Programming VP Thomas Rogers informed the council that he understood the point of a name change and indicated his title might need one as well. He said when he hired programming directors, he got students who applied for what they thought was a computer programming job — not an event planning job. Further discussion of name changes are on the agenda for the next executive council meeting on Oct. 8.

In other business:

- **President Doug Fiefa has started an initiative for executive council members to get to know students by eating lunch with them. Tuesday he asked for three volunteers to take meal cards he bought and go to either the Marketplace or the Junction and sit with a group of students. “Go by yourself, no friends and meet students,” Fiefa said. “Be in the trenches, get feedback and a free meal.”**
- **An updated logo for USU/SA was presented. The logo won’t be official or approved until the students vote and approve the change from ASUSU to USU/SA.**
- **MyVoice is a new program implemented by the executive council in which students can voice their concerns about different issues at my.usu.edu.**
- **If students have not paid their accounts — tuition and fees — and their card issues a bad swipe at the USU vs. BYU football game, they will not be admitted. Students can check their cards to see if they have any holds on their account at my.usu.edu.**

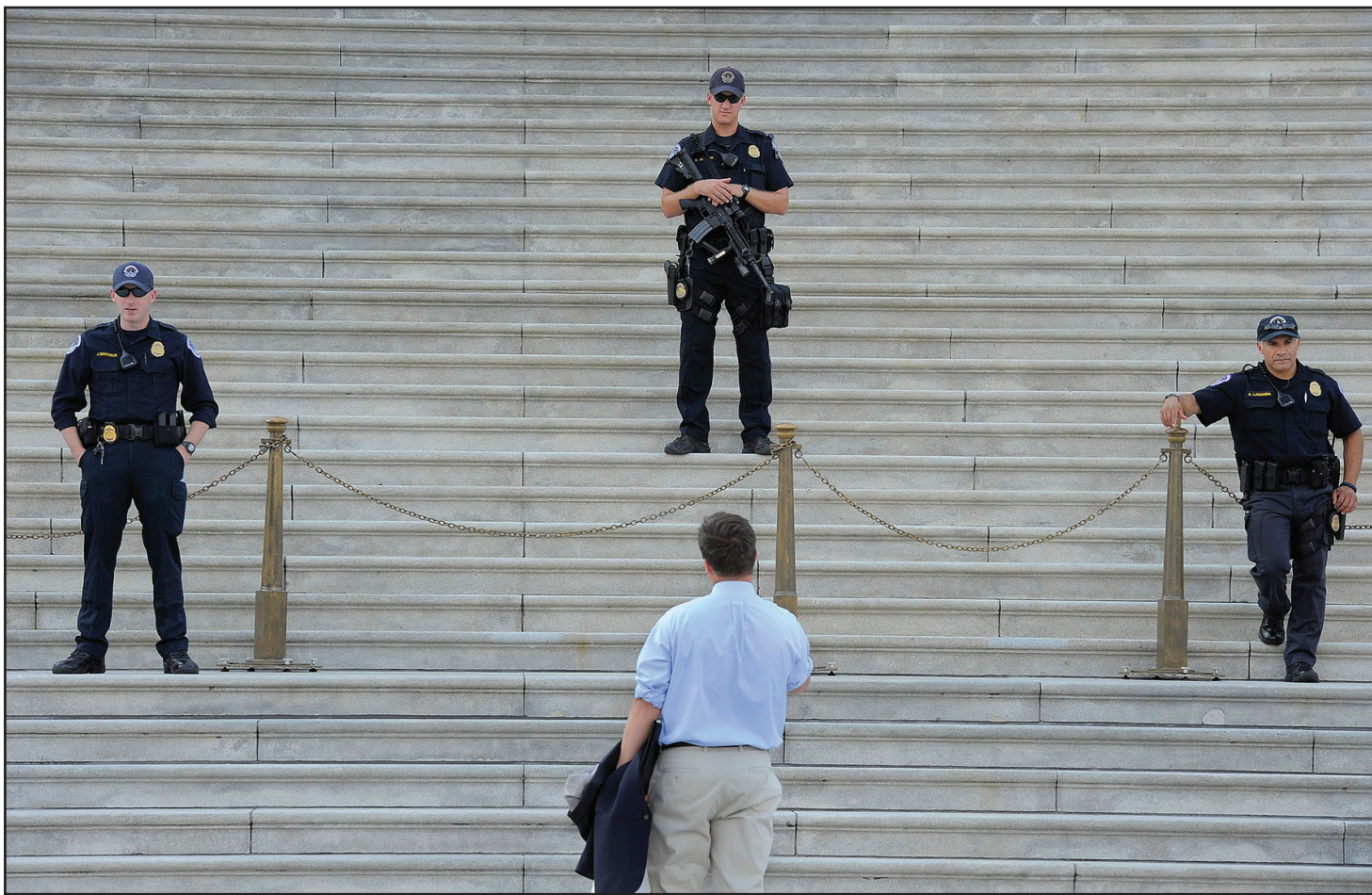
Republicans in Congress shut down US Gov

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Every year, a budget for the federal government is passed for the following fiscal year — Oct.1 to Sept. 30. This year the government failed to come to a consensus on a budget and many federal agencies are officially shut down, affecting hundreds of thousands of people. “So what’s going on now is there is a political deadlock over whether the Affordable Care Act should be funded,” said political science professor Michael Lyons. “The Republicans have never liked the law. The Republicans are trying to block funding for the law by passing a budget that deletes the funding for the Affordable Care Act and the Affordable Care Act only by continuing appropriation for all the other programs.” Lyons said Republicans are giving Democrats two options — funding nothing at all, or fund every other program but the ACA. Looming threats may be in the near future for USU students and are already here for some. The following are five ways students might be affected by the government shutdown.

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ERIC HOMAN TALKS TO POLICE outside the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Tuesday, as the federal government largely shut down because Congress remains deadlocked over the budget and the Affordable Care Act.



Washington Post photo by Matt McClain

Five ways the government shutdown affects Utah State University students

1. Federal employees may be furloughed

Any non-essential employees working for federal programs were told not to come back to work until further notice. Sadie Daniel is a cadet in the Army ROTC program and enlisted in the National Guard as a part-time employee. Because she and her colleagues are considered non-essential employees, their work has been cancelled and they’ve been left without pay. “Drill is when I go down to my base, one weekend a month, two days out of the month, and we get about \$200,” Daniel said. “A lot of us depend on that for rent.” Daniel’s next drill was scheduled for

this weekend.

2. The Women, Infant and Children program is shut down

WIC is a nutrition program under the Utah Department of Health that helps pregnant women, new mothers and young children eat well and stay healthy. Any vouchers issued before Oct. 1 will still be honored, but no new vouchers will be given until the government shutdown ends. WIC clinics also offer food and nutritional education classes for mothers to keep their families healthy. Those classes and any other advising are closed.

3. Vacationing in a national park? Not anymore

All national parks, including the five

in Utah — Zion, Arches, Canyonlands, Bryce Canyon and Capitol Reef — are closed and no one will be admitted as long as the government shutdown continues. Anyone planning a vacation to West Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon or Washington, D.C. will have to make other arrangements.

State parks have also been affected. The majority of Forest Service employees have been furloughed — there are no park rangers on site. Campgrounds are also closed, though state parks, like Logan Canyon, are open to hunting, fishing, hiking and driving.

4. Federal loan applications may take longer to process

Common federal loans include small

business loans, Pell grants, direct student loans and research grants. Money already allocated and given won’t be touched, but current applications will take longer to process because 95 percent of the Department of Education’s full-time workforce was furloughed. Should the shutdown continue for more than a couple weeks, the application process will be slowed dramatically.

“As far as I (understand), funding for things like Pell grants is not going to be touched by this — it would be down the road, I would think,” Lyons said. “USU gets tremendous amount of federal research money. Again, I think the funding for this year is already in the pipeline, so I don’t

think that’s adversely affected. But the processing of grant applications and the allocation of funding for next year would certainly be on the chopping block, and that creates a great deal of uncertainty for people doing research sponsored by grants.”

5. Permits to carry a gun won’t be issued

Hunting is a popular sport in Utah, and many enthusiasts who recently applied for a permit to carry a gun will not be issued any during the shutdown.

Lyons said he doesn’t think the shutdown will last more than a couple weeks. The last federal government shutdown, in 1995 and 1996, was 28 days long.

USU alum’s program encourages good deeds

► **By Seth Merrill**
for The Utah Statesman

USU students and community members will participate in the Unexpected Kindness Blitz on Oct. 7, a social campaign to do a random act of kindness for strangers. The blitz is the brainchild of recent USU alumnus Braden Thompson, who graduated with a degree in marketing. Thompson developed the hashtag #365Aware, a social media-driven project that encourages participants to meet someone new everyday for a year. He said he created a Tumblr page for the project where people can share their experiences. Thompson, who now lives in Roy, said the

campaign was a random idea that originally started as a personal challenge. In May, he made a note to himself to start meeting a new person every day but said he kept postponing officially starting. “It took me a while to convince myself and get to the point where I was comfortable getting

uncomfortable,” Thompson said. “It kind of got pushed back. Then in September, I just decided I was going to do it, so I wrote a blog post. People started sharing it and it took off.” Now nearly a month into #365Aware,

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Those interested in participating in the Unexpected Kindness Blitz can visit www.thunderclap.it/projects/4736-unexpected-kindness-blitz. Participants of #365Aware can share their experiences at project365aware.tumblr.com

Journalist speaks on politics, Washington and media’s role

► **By Connor Comeau**
staff writer

On Wednesday, USU students and faculty heard from Matt Canham, a political reporter for the Salt Lake Tribune as part of the Morris Media Lecture Series.

Canham has worked for the Tribune since 2002, covering various sections of the paper. He started working for the paper’s political section in 2007 while reporting out of the Washington D.C. bureau. He spoke about the connection between politicians and journalists and how the news is reported.

“My job for the paper comes down to three primary

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responsibilities,” Canham said. “I report on who are politicians really are, what they actually do, and what they do not want the public to know.”

Canham also spoke about the main motivations of politicians. He said most politicians want to achieve their policies that can help the country move in a better direction, but said it is very difficult to get questions across.

“It was a long time ago that somebody could just go up to the president and ask him a question,” Canham said. “Since Obama took office five years ago, I have been able to ask him a question twice.”

Students in attendance asked Canham questions during the lecture. William Christensen, a sophomore majoring in journalism and communication, said being able to get his question across was a great benefit.

“He is a very knowledgeable person who had a lot of insider information,” Christensen said. “I knew coming in that he is a great reporter, and he definitely gave a good lecture.”

Canham also talked about how politicians look at journalists. He said some politicians view journalists as wildcards and how politicians have tried to shield themselves from them over the years.

“Politicians love to view us as aliens,” Canham said. “They always have that welcoming smile, but the look in their eyes says they don’t want to talk to us.”

During the lecture, Canham spoke about what



Randy Golding photo

JOURNALIST MATT CANHAM SPEAKS TO STUDENTS on the relationship between journalists and politicians, and the importance of holding them accountable for their actions.

his ultimate goal is. He said after the experiences he has had working in Washington, D.C., he wants to be able

to write the big story. He has had experience covering big events, such as the Wall Street collapse of 2008.

“When you’re dealing with traditional news sources, the information takes on a whole different

sense,” Canham said. “It’s ultimately up to the public themselves to choose which news sources they pay attention to.”

Christensen said he was very impressed with the amount of coverage Canham has done over the years and also was impressed with the big stories he has covered.

“Every journalist has to be able to work towards that one story that will define them,” Christensen said. “It was very amazing with what he had to say.”

During the talk, Canham said every reporter in the country can be independent if they choose. Stewart Ulrich, a sophomore majoring in journalism and communication, said this is advice he will follow carefully.

“When he talked about independent journalists, it made me think of how proactive I need to be,” Ulrich said. “I feel that it is a big skill that everyone, not just journalists, need to have.”

At the end of the speech, Canham took time to answer questions from the audience, and Ulrich said taking time to answer and ask question was a big benefit to him.

“Having the chance to ask a journalist like that my questions makes me feel more appreciated,” Ulrich said. “If you’re not comfortable asking the tough questions, then this career isn’t for everyone.”

Canham ended the lecture by giving the audience a piece of advice.

“If you want to know something, if you question the truth, read wisely,” Canham said.

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In brief

Campus & Community

Fall concert to feature USU choirs

USU choirs will perform in their annual fall concert “Autumn Voices” at 7:30 p.m on Tuesday, Oct. 8 in the Performance Hall on USU’s Logan campus.

“Celebrate the fall season with beautiful choral music performed by USU students,” said Cory Evans, director of the choral program and professor in the Caine College of the Arts.

The concert — which will feature performances by the USU Chamber Singers, Chorale and Women’s Choir — is to include works by a diverse selection of artists.

Tickets for the show are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and youth, \$5 for USU faculty and staff and free for USU students with ID. For tickets or more information, visit the Caine College of the Arts Box Office in room 139-B of the Chase Fine Arts Center or call 435-797-8022.

SAAVI seeks actors for anti-violence films

USU’s Center for Women and Gender and the Sexual Assault and Anti-Violence Information Office are looking for student actors to act in a series of short film segments for an online violence-prevention program for incoming students.

Male and female actors are needed to play the roles of college students for this online interactive program, which will include short films and skits.

Those interested in participating in the project can contact CWG program coordinator Jamie Huber at jamie.huber@usu.edu.

Famous author Tom Clancy dies at age 66

American novelist Tom Clancy, whose military novels made him one of the world’s best-selling and best-known authors, died on Tuesday at the age of 66.

Clancy, who was born in Baltimore in 1947, wrote novels of which more than 100 million copies are in print, earning acclaim for such works as “The Hunt for Red October,” “Patriot Games” and “Clear and Present Danger,” all of which were transformed into Hollywood movies.

New building set to further research

USU broke ground on a new building which, when complete, will act as a facility to enable further research by professor Randy Lewis on the creation of synthetic spider silk.

“It’s a significant milestone for USU to have a new material like spider silk emerge from our research enterprise,” said Scott Hinton, director of the Synthetic Biomanufacturing Institute. “In this new facility, our faculty and students will have an opportunity to further explore, grow and develop this intriguing new material for a wide variety of commercial applications.”

The 70,000-square-foot high bay facility will house large fermentation equipment, allowing researchers to take the next step in producing large volumes of spider silk protein with potential for commercial use.

Applications for spider silk vary from use in fibers like strings, ropes and tire treads, as well as medical scaffolding, coatings, sealants and 3D printing, liquid gels and cosmetics.

Corrections:

In the Oct. 1 issue, Kennie Christiansen’s following quote was attributed incorrectly: “It is kind of hard to keep up with school, but our business plan is really simple. We always try to have fun with work.”

► Compiled from staff and media reports

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Thompson said he is surprised by the support. He estimated more than 30 people have talked to him about people they met, and said about 90 of the Twitter followers for #365Aware are USU students.

“I knew that if I was doing it and talking about it, people would join in, but I didn’t expect this many people would think it was cool and want to do it,” Thompson said.

Thompson said the Unexpected Kindness Blitz was born to give #365Aware supporters more tangible ways to serve others. “As soon as this started gaining momentum, I knew I needed to act, because these people are active and ready to do something right now,” Thompson said. “I didn’t want it to die like just another Internet fad.”

“I realized being aware wasn’t necessarily about talking to a stranger,” he said. “If you could influence a stranger, it didn’t need to be a vocal exchange. So I thought, ‘Why don’t I create something where everyone commits to do it all at one time?’”

Thompson created the website Thunderclap to promote the blitz. People can register on Thunderclap to participate in the blitz, and if Thompson’s goal of 100 supporters is met before Oct. 7, the website will automatically send out a message the day of the event to thousands of Facebook and Twitter users. Thompson also created cards that participants can leave behind to encourage recipients to pay forward the kindness, he said.

“Hopefully it will have a viral effect,” Thompson said. “It creates curiosity and people will look into it.”

Yusuf Mumin, a junior studying biology, is participating in the blitz. He said #365Aware is about doing things out of the goodness of the heart and being mindful of those around us.

“It’s nice to look like someone who is doing good, but to just do it with no reward in return? That’s what we need,” Mumin said. “At some point, we’ve all had a difficult time making friends. Whether we’ve moved or gone to a different school, everyone has had a point where they’ve needed to make new friends. This is an easy, simple thing to do.”

Mumin said one of the people he met that had an impact on him was a single mother he met on a bus on the way to school. She had three kids and was struggling with debt and stress associated with having to find a new job.

“She told me with all these setbacks in her life, she always had a smile on her face,” Mumin said. “She said a smile is the smallest act of charity you can do for another person. That’s pretty powerful. Most of us have everything going good for us and can’t even smile at a stranger.”

Thompson said he hasn’t encountered anyone who didn’t want to talk to him.

“People are willing to open up and talk to you — they are just intimidated to start the conversation,” Thompson said. “Actually caring and having it be about being aware and having genuine conversations with people helps keep it from being rote.”

Thompson said one day he hopes to have a career starting charity projects and doing inspirational speaking, but for now he just wants #365Aware to be about people.

“The past couple weeks this project has just consumed my mind,” Thompson said. “If this eventually tips into something where people are paying me to come speak about it, then I’ll have to figure out a transition. But right now, I understand that if I’m going into it for money, it’s not going to work. I’m just going to take my enjoyment out of it as my pay.”

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Injured rodeo contender makes amazing return to competition



Photo courtesy Amberley Snyder

AMBERLEY SNYDER, A MEMBER OF THE USU RODEO TEAM, was told by doctors she would never be able to ride a horse again after an auto accident in Jan. 2010. Snyder has made a full recovery and is now back in action at Utah State.

Snyder overcame paralysis to return to the sport she loves

► **By Stacey Worster**
staff writer

Amberley Snyder, a junior majoring in agriculture education, has been riding horses for almost her entire life, but after the strongest year of her rodeo career, her life changed dramatically in 2009.

After an automobile accident left her paralyzed from the hips down, doctors told her she would never ride a horse again. “The doctor walked in and started talking about my legs. He said I might be paralyzed,” Snyder said of days following her accident. “I asked him what the chances were of feeling my legs

again, and he said, ‘Slim to none — but more to the none.’” Nearly five years later, Snyder is on the USU rodeo team and competes at the same rate she did before the accident. The diagnosis came as a shock to the then-18-year-old rodeo enthusiast, who had been riding horses since she was three. “2009 was a huge year for me,” she said. “This was the year before my accident. I made high school nationals, went to Colorado and came home with the world and final all-around

title, and left placing in the top six in three of my four events.” Snyder was serving as the president of her high school’s chapter of Future Farmers of America at the time of the accident. During a month-long break, she was offered a job in Denver that would last for a few weeks. She accepted and started her drive to Denver on Jan. 10, 2010. “I left Logan to make my way to Denver at 4 o’clock in the morning so I could get there at a decent hour,” Snyder said. “I had stopped in Rawlins, and when I got back in my truck I just hadn’t put my seat belt back on because I was doing other things. I wear my seatbelt all the time, but I was just focusing on other things and it slipped my mind.” Snyder looked down in her lap to check her map, looked up and saw she was drifting into another lane, heading toward a mile marker. “I grabbed my wheel to correct my truck, and because I was going so fast, it sent me sliding across the road,” Snyder said. “So in the end I ended up rolling, but I was ejected from the truck because my seat belt wasn’t on.” Snyder said she was conscious for the entire accident and remembers the sensation of hearing her truck rolling without being in there. “I didn’t even think I was going to be alive after this,” Snyder

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Students embrace Hispanic Heritage Month

► **By Chelsea Hunter**
staff writer

Hispanic Heritage Month begins on Sept. 15. The celebration goes back to 1968 and continues to recognize the importance of Hispanic and Latino Americans, as well as their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work and service.

According to the United States Census Bureau, Hispanics and Latinos make up 17 percent of the nation’s population and 13 percent of Utah’s population, but some Utahns often do not know much about the culture of the largest minority — which makes up the second-largest group of individuals within the population — in the state.

“I think it’s an advertising issue,” said Antonio Lopez, a sophomore studying family, consumer and human development and vice president of the Latino Student Union. “When it’s African American Heritage Month, I feel like that’s way more advertised than any Hispanic thing at all, in general.”

There was a Latin dance party to help celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month put on by the ASUSU Diversity Board on Friday. It had a surprisingly good turnout of about 100 students despite other overlapping events, according to Sonina Hernandez, vice president of diversity and a senior studying global communications.

“It can be a risk to put on events on campus or around town when you don’t know if people are actually going to show,” Hernandez said. “I strongly believe that even if it’s a small event and you can get the word out to even just a few people then you are slowly going to make a change to hopefully influence them to share their knowledge.”

Hernandez has personally been involved with LSU before and said the organization generally has some type of event

Evelyn Hernandez
LSU treasurer

“To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, we decided to let our members know about different Latin American countries.”

for Hispanic Heritage Month, but this was the first time ASUSU has been involved. “I went to the dance, and the turnout was alright,” Lopez said. “It was more than expected. Obviously these kind of dances don’t get that many people just because it’s not as advertised, and it’s not as known yet.” According to Evelyn Hernandez, LSU treasurer and a sophomore studying psychology, Hispanic Heritage Month takes place Sept. 15-Oct. 15 each year. This time was chosen because Sept. 15 is the anniversary of the signing of declarations of independence of five Latin American countries in 1821 — Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chile and Belize celebrate their independence on Sept. 16, 18, and 21, respectively, falling in line with the month-long celebration. “To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, we decided to let our members know about different Latin American countries,” said Evelyn Hernandez. “We tried to get in touch with our culture and educate members about our roots.” Evelyn Hernandez has been involved with LSU for the past two years and enjoyed it so much, she decided to be part of the council this year. She said it’s been a great support system for her because she is an out-of-state, first-generation college student and enjoys being surrounded with people in her same situation. Most of the traditions used to celebrate this month are done in a family setting, and Lopez said individuals don’t typically do much to celebrate the month while they are at school. “I don’t really do anything to celebrate, not when I’m away from family,” Lopez said. “I just went to the dance. I usually do traditions with my family. We usually have a big get-together and have plenty of food. We have piñatas, we have dances and all kinds of stuff like that.” Evelyn Hernandez agreed and said the month isn’t widely known. “I think it’s not a big deal in the United States because not many people know much about it,” she said. “I think part of it is because people are not aware or familiar with other cultures, especially in Utah where the Hispanic population is pretty

small.” Lopez feels there are many opportunities to share about the traditions and cultures of the Hispanic and Latino culture. As a part of the LSU council, he said he wants to take advantage of all of the different opportunities. “It’s a little bit disappointing people don’t know more,” said Lopez. “But then again, it really is up to every individual to represent and talk about their heritage, to really express it and really show it. Just be proud of what you are, and don’t be afraid to show who you are.”

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Why did they ever get rid of...?

Steve Schwartzman



Just a few laughs

It’s time to start a new monthly special I like to call, “Why Did They Ever Get Rid of...” In essence, it is a verbal time capsule of all things that once were a grand part of our society, lost their way around our everyday life for one reason or another and, with any hope, should find their way back to our grasp — if not simply out of our parents’ garage.

Why did they ever get rid of the windbreaker? Not since the advent of the raincoat had a third-layer torso covering ever found such guarded specificity. Generally cad in teal and dark pink, these polymixture’d icons saved us from all levels of gale-force trauma, all the while making Californians think they had what it took to brave sub-zero conditions. Yet, like the fanny pack of old, the ‘breaker slowly merged out of style as the diabolical hoodie era set in. Though great for pick-up football warm-ups and going with all pairs of jeans, the hoodie was never a match for a light rainstorm with some semblance of breeze. No, that honor fell on our oft-wrinkled comrade, and we admonish its return.

Why did they ever get rid of milky pens? They may not have been the preferable scribing tool for my sense of bravado but, man, did they come with my kind of stationery. Nothing said “teenager in 2001” quite like passing notes on black paper. It was like a do-it-yourself

Lite Brite. Every milky pen accompanied note was a whirlwind on bizzaro reality, where not even standard writing implements had rules. The best thing about the milky pen, black paper era: they trained all us adolescent dudes the art of how to appear like we’re listening to girls without actually listening to them. All of that creamy, indiscernible ink coupled with the fact all girls wrote the letter “S” tilted chronically to the side: Nobody — and I mean nobody — had any clue what those notes said, but enough response of “That sucks,” “I know, right?” and any notable comment about “Total Request Live” made you look like the mass communicator. It was the tool we all needed to get by.

Why did they ever get rid of the Ronco Food Dehydrator? Ever been in a pinch for beef jerky? That was never a problem when you could manufacture it at home in endless droves with one simple step. I’d say the same about dried peaches, but we all know those looked far too much like baby bottle nipples to ever be considered food.

Why did they ever get rid of mass program-interrupting coverage of high-speed chases on local news channels? We all needed a boost that reminded us that no matter where we were in life, our lives were certainly better than whoever was in that green Honda Civic being chased by every police vehicle from here to Laramie, Wyo. Little victories, people.

Finally, why did they ever get rid of Velcro tennis-ball-catching paddles? You know the ones. You strap them to your hands, grab a friend and let the magic happen. Anyone who had a sense

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Student reflects on study abroad experience

► **By Jared Dangerfield**
staff writer

When Brandy Armstrong set out for Chile in February to begin her first semester as an international student, she had no idea what exactly she was getting herself into. With a desire to improve her Spanish and a hope to have fun while pursuing her education, she set out to a foreign land with a backpack and a smile.

“I had always wanted to go to South America,” said Armstrong, a senior studying nursing with a minor in Spanish. “I love the culture and the language, and the study abroad program helped my dream to come true. I had met students from Chile here on campus and I always thought how cool it would be to go to their country and experience college life and school in a whole new way.”

USU students can hear Armstrong speak on Oct. 9 in TSC 335 during Common Hour. She will be sharing her own experiences from Chile and educating students on how they can sign up for their own study abroad program at the Catholic University of Valparaiso in Chile.

Armstrong said her experience was something unlike anything else.

“While I was there, I was fortunate enough to live with the Villavicencia family, who welcomed me with warm arms,” Armstrong said. “They were so great, and I was able to learn so much from them.”

Armstrong was never bothered by the fact there was no carpet or air conditioning in the Villavicencia’s house. She said she was there to learn how to adapt and love the changes she was faced with.

Even though travel by public bus to

the Chilean campus was “a little scary at times,” Armstrong said she never had a problem making it to class.

“The driving there was crazy, but they are good at what they do,” she said. “I never saw an accident while I was there.”

Spanish was the only language her professors used.

“I was lost at first,” Armstrong said. “I didn’t understand anything.”

Before going to Chile, Armstrong had taken college Spanish classes up to the 3000 level and knew commonly-used grammar, but being immersed in the language put her knowledge to the test.

“Being surrounded by people who speak Spanish was a huge help,” Armstrong said. “It kind of forced you to learn the language. I struggled at first, but by the end of the semester I was able to keep up with the class and take notes, as well as being able to write full papers.”

Even though the classes she was taking were challenging at first, Armstrong said she was able to pass all of them with good grades. She earned 12 credit hours, a nice addition to her “once in a lifetime experience.”

Armstrong said she enjoyed the Chilean activities she could participate in once her homework was finished.

“I loved going and playing in the ocean,” she said of her daily ritual she took part in with other foreign students.

Her free time didn’t stop at the ocean. Armstrong traveled to Argentina and Peru, and she visited the ruins of Machu Picchu.

“Not only was Machu Picchu a highlight of my semester abroad, it was a highlight of my life,” she said.

USU asked Armstrong to be a peer



BRANDY ARMSTRONG STANDS ABOVE Machu Picchu. She visited the famous location during time spent studying abroad.

advisor for the study abroad program after her return from Chile — an offer she accepted and enjoys as she encourages students to get involved in the international studies program.

Kay Forsyth, director of study abroad program and office of global engagement, said international studies is something available to everyone.

“It is a global world that we are living in, and we need to be connected with everyone and learn about each other,” Forsyth said. “This is a great opportunity to live in another country for a few months — to live like a local, to be a local. Plus, it looks great on a resume and helps to set you apart from everyone else.”

Forsyth said studying abroad is the

perfect way to build on prior linguistic skills or perfect a language. However, knowing a foreign language before studying abroad is not a requirement, she said, and there are plenty of programs students can participate in while speaking English.

Forsyth wants students who are interested to understand that these programs are very affordable.

“It is virtually the same price as normal USU tuition, and most scholarships and financial aid will carry over, allowing you to enjoy the wonders of another country for close to the same price as it would be to remain in Logan,” Forsyth said.

Since she has been home, Armstrong has been able to apply her experiences

in a variety of ways, including translating for a woman who was struggling to communicate at a grocery store.

“It was really rewarding being able to help her and if it wasn’t for the study abroad, I probably wouldn’t have been able to,” Armstrong said.

For students who are interested but nervous about studying abroad, Armstrong gives some words of advice.

“If you want to do it, do it,” she said. “You will meet so many new friends from all around the world and you will never have another opportunity like this again.”

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Internationally known jazz guitarist to perform Friday

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A critically acclaimed jazz guitarist, who has performed with influential musicians like Miles Davis and Herbie Hancock, will make his debut performance at USU on Friday.

John Scofield, along with his improvisational group the Uberjam Band, will perform in the Morgan Theatre in the Chase Fine Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

Corey Christiansen, the director of guitar studies at USU, said Scofield’s performing abilities surpass those of almost any other artist alive today.

“John Scofield is one of the greatest living guitar players and probably one of the most important voices in the improvisation world today,” said Corey Christiansen, the director of guitar studies at USU. “He’s at the top of the totem pole as far as being an important figure in American music.”

After taking up the guitar at the age of 11, Scofield said he grew into the professional music scene as fusion jazz began gaining popularity. This musical style, blending components of both jazz and rock ‘n’ roll, became Scofield’s area of expertise.

“When I started to get work professionally in the mid-’70s, a lot of times it would be older guys, the beboppers,” Scofield said of being recruited to play with his superiors. “I would be cast as the fusion player. I was in this sort of hybrid area.”

Gaining prowess in the music scene, Scofield spent years recording and touring with some of the world’s best jazz musicians, later forming various groups of his own and recording more than 30 albums at their lead.

“I think in jazz especially, you learn from the people

you play with,” Scofield said. “I’ve gotten to stand and play with the great and that has really shaped me.”

Scofield said his performance with the Uberjam Band is “different from some of the other groups I have that are more traditional jazz.”

Incorporating African-influenced beats, “funky rock ‘n’ roll” and dance-like electronic instrumental components, Scofield said the performance highlights the diversity that can be accomplished within the musical parameters of the guitar as an instrument.

Christiansen said it is these attributes he thinks will appeal to students who attend the performance.

“It’s not going to be the the type of music most students here at USU listen to on a daily basis,” Christiansen said. “However, he is so rooted in popular music — blues and rock ‘n’ roll — his style really transcends general classification.”

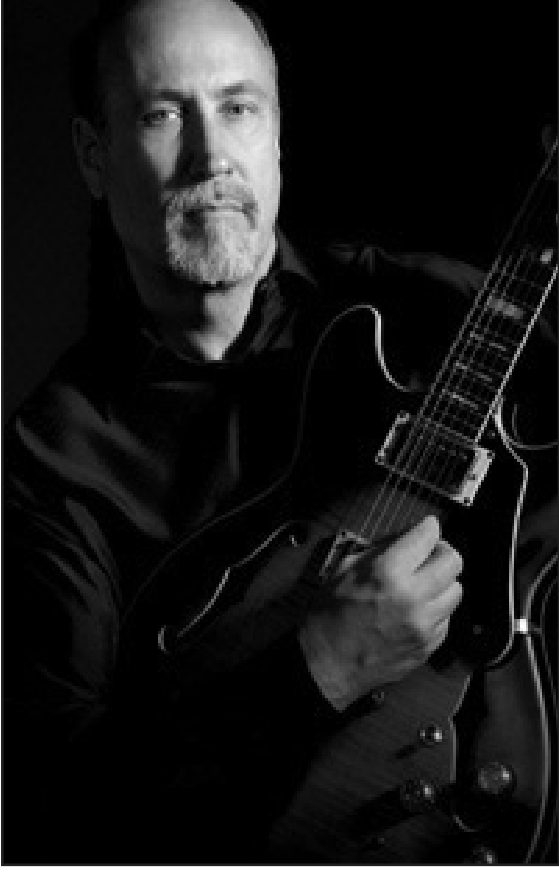
Scofield, a native of Connecticut, now works as an adjunct professor at New York University while touring the world to perform approximately 200 days out of the year.

While at USU, Scofield will teach a master class to students in the guitar studies program. He said he enjoys teaching music in much the same way he plays it; in an improvised discussion with students.

Christiansen said the opportunity to see an artist of Scofield’s magnitude does not come around often on the university’s campus.

“It’s great to be able to expose our students to an artist of that level,” Christiansen said. “Those coming to the show will get to see greatness, which is especially rare in a world that celebrates mediocrity.”

The cost of tickets to Friday’s performance are \$5 for students, \$8 for seniors, youth and USU faculty and staff and \$15 for adults.



GUITARIST JOHN SCOFIELD will perform in USU’s Morgan Theatre on Friday. Scofield has released more than 30 albums and played with jazz greats.

Laughs

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of dual agility, teamwork, cunning or simply couldn’t afford a baseball mitt knew the pleasure of nabbing a long toss to the paddle like a suction cup. They even made them in giant-wall form for humans. We had a Velcro revolution on our hands — I mean literally on our hands.

One day, the Velcro paddle will bring its way back to prominence. But until then, it’s a life of RPG video games, crushing candy — which I hear is a thing — exploits, actually having to be athletic or sitting at a laptop and writing a weekly column, just wishing for the past to become the future.

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said.

After being ejected from her car, Snyder opened her eyes and found herself on the side of the road in a snow bank.

“I was ejected going 70 mph out of my window and hit a fence post on the side of the road and folded around it. That is when I broke my back,” Snyder said. “My first thought was, ‘I’m alive.’ I looked down and moved my fingers, then looked down to move my toes and I couldn’t.”

Snyder was flown by medical helicopter to Casper, Wyo., where surgery was performed.

Jeffrey Hall, the USU rodeo coach, is pleased with the way Snyder handled the situation and appreciates the contribution she brings to the USU team.

“Amberley is currently ranked 7th in the Rocky Mountain Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association,” Hall said. “To put that into perspective, there have been 73 barrel racers from 10 different colleges and universities that have competed at the four fall rodeos. Thus, I am pleased.”

Snyder’s goal is to make it into the national finals in Casper. She said the thought of making it to nationals and asking the doctors who performed her back surgery to come and watch her ride on a horse gives her chills.

“Last month I told the commissioner of the NIRA

that she has the potential to qualify for the College National Finals,” Hall said.

Hannah Egbert, a freshman majoring in equine science, is also on the USU rodeo team. Egbert was in a car accident before the last rodeo and fractured her ankle.

“I honestly didn’t think I was going to be able to run and everyone told me not to — the doctor, my family and my coach,” Egbert said. “Amberley believed in me. She said she would actually stay and watch that night. She doesn’t let anything discourage her, so I couldn’t either.”

Snyder had more of an impact on Egbert’s decision to compete in the Logan Rodeo than she thought.

“Just last weekend, one of the other girls on the team broke a bone in her ankle in a car accident, but competed anyway,” Hall said. “This girl won the second round and the average title. When I questioned her as to why she competed, she pointed to Amberley as her motivation to compete through the pain.”

Snyder has a facebook page where she posts updates, thoughts, listens to others stories and schedules motivational speeches with people who inquire about her experiences.

“There was never a doubt in my mind that I wouldn’t be riding my horse again,” Snyder said.

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FOOTBALL

USU looks for redemption vs BYU

► **By Curtis Lundstrom**
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With last year's loss still fresh in their minds, members of the Utah State football team have nothing but victory on the mind as the Aggies play host to in-state rival Brigham Young University on Friday at Romney Stadium.

"It should be a great atmosphere. I'm looking forward to it," said USU head coach Matt Wells. "With 6,500 students and the Hurd there, and the game has been sold out for a few weeks now. The atmosphere and the buzz around Logan is big-time, and fun. Internally, the way we prepare and practice, we need to stay very consistent."

The Cougars lead the Battle for the Old Wagon Wheel series, holding a 45-34-3 record all-time against the Aggies. BYU head coach Bronco Mendenhall is 5-1 against USU, with the most recent victory coming last season in Provo, 6-3.

In a defensive struggle, the

Cougars got a touchdown with three seconds left before half-time that proved to be the difference. This season, the Aggies are looking to avenge that loss.

"Honestly, we obviously want some redemption for last year. That was a very big disappointment for our offense. We pride ourselves, especially the offensive line, on scoring points and getting touchdowns," said senior offensive tackle Eric Schultz. "I can't really say what it was last year. Something wasn't right with us. I think from the top-down we just didn't perform to our best, and this year we want to come out and show what we really can do."

The teams are ranked 21st and 24th nationally, with the Cougars averaging 492.5 yards per game and the Aggies averaging 491.4.

Quarterbacks Chuckie Keeton and Taysom Hill both rank among the top 10 in the country in several statistical categories.

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► **By Mark Hopkins**
staff writer

Utah State special teams coach Dave Ungerer was diagnosed with cancer two years ago — and he beat it.

Junior long snapper Nate Needham's grandfather was his closest friend growing up. He was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer six years ago and didn't make it.

Junior kicker Nick Diaz's grandfather was diagnosed with colon cancer. He has recovered.

When USU takes the field against rival BYU on Friday, the



Delayne Ripplinger photo

MEMBERS OF THE USU DEFENSE swarm Weber State's Josh Booker during the Aggies' win over the Wildcats on Sept. 14 at Romney Stadium.

"Tackle Breast Cancer" fund-raising promotion will not be forgotten by players and coaches.

"I think it's a great way to recognize and bring an awareness to breast cancer," said head coach Matt Wells.

Players will incorporate pink into their uniforms to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month, with fan donations benefiting research organizations.

"All of us have been affected by this in some way, shape or form," Wells said. "Anything that we can do as a small gesture of support, and to help bring

awareness to this, is a good thing."

Ungerer can testify to that statement.

Ungerer was diagnosed with lymphoma — which is a cancer in swollen lymph nodes — near the end of the 2011 season while at Washington State. He initially didn't know if chemotherapy treatment would be effective or not.

"They put me into chemo right around Christmas, and I was battling it with chemo for about eight months," Ungerer said. "It was a pretty trying time. One, I wasn't sure if the

chemo was going to be effective or not. Two, I didn't know if I was ever going to coach again. Three, I have teenage boys, so you have a lot of thoughts go through your mind when you're going through that."

After three-and-a-half months of treatment, the chemo proved to be productive. The symptoms were still brutal for six months, but the lymph nodes began to shrink and he slowly improved.

"I was just fortunate that the type that I got was treatable,"

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In the battle against cancer, USU special teams coach Dave Ungerer came out a winner

Keeton making himself known nationally

► **By Jeff Dahdah**
assistant sports editor

There was a time when few people, inside or outside of Logan, knew the name Chuckie Keeton.

There was a time when Keeton wasn't on any preseason watch lists, or when a Utah State football player never got "helmet stickers" from ESPN or a time when nobody used #Keeton4Heisman on Twitter.

That's all a distant memory now.

The Keeton phenomenon started in his first college game when Keeton, who was announced the starter on game day, almost led the Aggies to a win in the house of defending national champion Auburn.

They lost their lead with 30 seconds left in that game.

"The fact that we lost that game in the last possible moment made us want to fight more," Keeton said. "That just kind of set the tone for what we had in store."

Keeton still had work to do, and after getting injured midway through his freshman year, he returned ready to put the Aggies on the map for his sophomore season.

USU went 11-2 behind the dual-threat quarterback during the 2012 season, losing those two games by a total of five points. Keeton earned first team all-WAC honors and led his team to their first bowl game victory since 1993. The Aggies finished ranked 16th in the AP Top-25 poll.

Since the end of that magical season, the Keeton craze ensued.

Keeton was showered with pre-season praise, finding himself on the CBSSports.com Heisman Trophy Watch List, Walter Camp Player of the Year Watch List, Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award Watch List, Maxwell Award Watch List and the Manning Award Watch List.



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QUARTERBACK CHUCKIE KEETON looks downfield for an open receiver during USU's win over Weber State on Sept. 14.

just to name a few.

"It doesn't phase him," said senior center Tyler Larson. "He just wants to be the best out there, and he does it."

That kind of praise could cause problems for many players and many teams, but not for Keeton. His teammates don't notice any difference in him.

"I don't know how he does it," said junior running back Joe Hill. "He still remains focused, doesn't let himself get big-headed, and he stays humble."

Former USU head coach Gary Andersen echoed the players sentiments.

"He's always been very steady,"

said Anderson, who coached Keeton for his first two seasons. "He's the same person today as on the first day he walked on campus. I haven't seen him change."

Keeton said he tries to ignore the hype.

"I tend not to think about it a whole lot," Keeton said. "It's part of football, but on the practice field, I'm not thinking about it that much. I'm just thinking about the next play and how I can help this team improve."

When the season started, more praise was given to Keeton, from shout outs on ESPN's SportsCenter to a feature article on NFL.com and praise from opposing coaches.

Keeton isn't a secret anymore.

However, with all of the positive things the Aggies have done recently, they have seen some tough times this season. With close losses at Utah and at USC, Keeton and the Aggies have faced their share of adversity.

But those who know Keeton know that when things get rough, he won't be fazed.

"He stares (adversity) right in the face and attacks it," Hill said.

"He always believed he'd make something good happen if something bad happened," Andersen said. "He carries on with mental and physical toughness, and his teammates look to him."

Keeton faced a lot of difficulty during his first season, but he wasn't troubled back then either.

"His first year, we were going 2-6 (on the season) and nothing really shook him up," Larsen said.

Keeton looks at his biggest roadblock as one of the turning points for the program.

"The attitude really kicked in when we played Hawaii," said Keeton, who was hurt against the Rainbow Warriors and lost his starting spot. "That was just kind of a meaningful win. Since then, we've been carrying that exact same taste in our mouth every win and every loss."

Andersen said any concern of Keeton letting any praise or adversity going to his head isn't realistic.

"He defers to his teammates first and thinks of himself second," Andersen said. "I don't think he'll handle it — I know he'll handle it."

When it boils down to it, Keeton just wants to win.

"At the end of the day, it doesn't mean much unless we come out with wins, so that's the biggest thing," Keeton said.

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Briefs

Hurd hosting BYU overflow watch-party

The Utah State football team hosts in-state rival BYU on Friday in a game that has been sold out since the day tickets went on sale.

With 6,500 student tickets available but thousands more expected to attend, the Utah State Hurd will be hosting a watch party for students who do not make it into Romney Stadium for the game.

The watch party will take place in the Stevenson Ballroom on the second floor of the TSC.

Students who campout on the quad Thursday night will be given wristbands that will garner entrance to the stadium half an hour early.

The student gate opens at 4:30 p.m., 90 minutes prior to kickoff, and the wristband line will be admitted at 4 p.m.

ASUSU athletics vice president Charley Riddle said student ID cards will be required and students will be able to swipe cards at the campout Thursday night.

Students whose cards are flagged at the campout will be given a wristband, but will be required to resolve the card issue Friday prior to the game in order to get in.

Riddle said cards will be swiped again at the gate, and that cards that are flagged at the gate for any reason will be turned away, regardless of whether the student has a wristband.

Kickoff on between the Cougars and Aggies is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday.

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Robyn VanValkenburg, 19, and Garret Forner, 22, were caught reading the *Utah Statesman* on the 3rd floor of the TSC. Robyn, a sophomore majoring in Equine Science and Management, says she scans the headlines and picks what interests her. Garrett starts by reading the comics then reads the articles that catch his eye. Both said they pick up the newspaper twice a week.
Get caught reading the *Utah Statesman* or UtahStatesman.com and you can be featured in the paper and win prizes.

Got Caught!

Robyn & Garret

State your case:

Which team will win these year's edition of the Battle for the Old Wagon Wheel?



► **By Curtis Lundstrom**
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► **By Ben Kirk**
staff writer

LAST WEEK'S WINNER

NEW CHALLENGER

It's a matter of redemption for the Aggies this season. The players know they've let the past two games in Provo get away. They're not about to let it happen again. While Taysom Hill and the Cougars have amassed yards on the ground, USU's linebacker corps will be up to the challenge. The secondary proved last week that they can play too, with three interceptions of SJSU's David Fales. BYU's offense should be in for another long night, similar to last season. And I don't expect Keeton to have another down game against the Cougars. The offensive is just as well-oiled as last season, with perhaps more talent, particularly at wide receiver. BYU's defense, while it's still strong, isn't quite what it was last season, so USU should move the ball easier than they did a year ago, especially with Ziggy insah having moved on to the NFL. The entire offense is hungry after last season, and we've all seen how high-octane the Aggies can be this season. And it might be cliché, but Romney Stadium will be rocking. USU isn't going to let BYU come to their turf and win. The Aggies are out for revenge and redemption.

Prediction: USU 27, BYU 17
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The key to this game will be which star quarterback plays better. The difference for BYU is quarterback Taysom Hill. BYU has the nation's fourth-best rushing attack, averaging 307.3 yards per game. The "run Taysom, run" plague has already smitten BYU opponents. Hill ranks sixth nationally in rushing yards with 141.3 yards per game and 12th nationally with six rushing touchdowns. Hill, who is also improving his passing game, had a career-high 260 passing yards against Utah two weeks ago. His previous career high was 235 yards against none other than USU last year. In that game, USU's Heisman hopeful Chuckie Keeton was shut down. The Cougars held the Aggies to just three points as the Cougars eked out a 6-3 win. But this year, with two "go-fast, go-hard" offenses, don't expect such a low scoring game. History is on BYU's side. BYU has had USU's number, winning 22 out of the last 24 meetings, and BYU head coach Bronco Mendenhall is 5-1 against the Aggies. The last time USU played BYU on Oct. 4 was back in 2002 in Logan. I was at that game, and BYU scored 27 unanswered points to beat the Aggies 35-34. Look for history to repeat itself in another close battle for the Old Wagon Wheel.

Prediction: BYU 35, USU 34
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Q&A

Utah Statesman sports editor Curtis Lundstrom interviewed Scott Hansen, sports co-editor of BYU's The Daily Universe on Wednesday for an insider's look at BYU.

Utah Statesman: BYU has been more one-dimensional this season, churning a lot of yards out on the ground and struggling a bit through the air. What do the Cougars need to do offensively against a highly-ranked Aggie defense to come away with a win?

Daily Universe: When you have the type of grind-it-out rushing offense, you have to let it be your bread and butter, so I

don't expect to see the Cougars turn away from it. However, the Aggie defense obviously knows of this and will attempt to take away the BYU strength, so the Cougars will need to be efficient enough through the air to force the Utah State defense to cover the receivers and open up the read option a bit more, like they did against Middle Tennessee. The return of Jamaal Williams and Cody Hoffman won't hurt either.

US: Defensively the Cougars have been pretty strong this year, as has been the case for the past couple of seasons. What do Kyle Van Noy and the rest of the defense need to do to replicate last season's performance against Chuckie Keeton and the USU offense?

DU: Keeton is a special player who has shown he can be as efficient as they come through the air, as well as the ability to

Cancer

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he said. "We didn't know that in the beginning, but once they found out that my body was going to react to what they had given me, I had a different look on what was in front of me. But initially when I didn't know, I was like a lot of people that I've met, they weren't going to make it."

When Wells found out Ungerer recovered from cancer, he decided to bring him on to the staff.

"The fact that he has beat cancer speaks volumes to him as a person and his toughness and resolve," Wells said. "It's a great story."

Diaz said ever since Ungerer has been on staff, he's seen the power a survivor brings to the table.

"I definitely think it made him a lot stronger," he said. "When he came in, he was full go. You could see it in his eyes; there was a fire and he had a true passion for what he was doing."

Needham said the passion Ungerer has shown has been a force for the entire team.

"I know that he's been really emotional about it," he said. "I know it was hard for him, but he was able to overcome that, and it's a huge stepping stone in his life... He's taken that bull by the horns and has made an impression on every one of us with the recovery that he's made."

Ungerer said he has learned to slow down and savor life, especially his family and coaching.

"To say the least, I'm not the same person I was prior to the cancer," he said. "Everybody's 100 miles per hour doing their own thing, but when all of a sudden you're told it doesn't look good, it's kind of like being hit by a freight train."

He said the situation to return as a coach has been perfect.

"It's kind of been a double bonus, one to be back, and two to be at Utah State," he said.

Needham has his own special feelings for this game apart from his specialty coach.

"My grandpa was the one that got me involved in sports," he said. "He was diagnosed right



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A "TACKLE BREAST CANCER" GAMEDAY shirt was designed for Friday's game between USU and BYU.

after I graduated high school with pancreatic cancer. That's kind of a death sentence, and you're just waiting for the time to come to pass."

Needham said he was in Brazil serving a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints when his grandfather passed away.

"He was everything to me," he said. "I wasn't able to necessarily say goodbye or go to his funeral, but I received a recording from him while I was down in Brazil and it was a goodbye recording from him for me, and I've kept that to this day and I always listen to it. He made a big impact on my life."

Ungerer said as a survivor, he now feels more for people in those situations.

"I think my appreciation and my heart really goes out to so many people that are affected by this disease because I was fortunate to make it through, and so many people are not able to do that," he said.

Diaz said he will be motivated to play in this game for his own grandfather.

"He's still with us, going strong," Diaz said. "He made a full recovery, and I'm just thankful he's still around because I

know a lot of people weren't so lucky and my blessings are with them and their families. He's a huge part of my life, and this game's definitely for him."

Ungerer is cancer-free and has routine checkups to make sure his progress continues. As he has thought about Friday's game from a cancer standpoint, he said the magnitude of what he went through has come more fully into focus.

"It started to really hit me that I'm survivor," he said. "I don't really think of myself that way until something like this comes along. The game has huge meaning for me."

Ungerer had one final pep-talk for the fans going into the game.

"You never know, you never think it's going to be you," he said. "With the statistics the way they are today with the number of people affected, somebody that you do know, a family member or yourself, is going to be affected by cancer, so why would you not donate and get behind such a powerful, widespread disease?"

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Aggies

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Keeton is second in total touchdown passes this season with 17, while Hill is tied for third in rushing touchdowns with six. Hill also ranked ninth in the country in total rushing yards, with 565 yards on the ground in four games.

"He can run the ball very well. He's fast, he's athletic, he's strong, he's a good player and we got a little taste of it when we played them last year down in Provo," said junior defensive end B.J. Larsen. "He's a good player, but we're going to be able to scheme to the point where we can contain him. We'll be able to do what we need to as a defensive front, as well as a front-seven, to be able to stop the run. That's our number

one objective, don't let anybody establish the run. That's what we do best, so that's what we plan on doing."

Both offenses hope to improve from a season ago against two highly-ranked defensive squads.

Leading the way for the Cougars on defense is senior linebacker Kyle Van Noy, who is tied for 19th nationally with an average of 1.5 tackles for loss per game. Van Noy is on the watch list for several national awards, including the 2013 Butkus Award.

"Kyle Van Noy is going to play on Sundays for a long time. He's long, he's ranging, he's twitchy and he's fast. He can go from slow to fast really quick. He can redirect," Wells said. "He's a really good pass-rusher against running backs and O-linemen. He causes major match-up problems. I'll be happy to shake his hand Friday night and be done facing him. He's a really

good player."

Wells said playing at home will be big for the Aggies.

"It's nice to be back here this week and be in our home week routine," he said. "Playing in front of our fans more than anything, putting that Aggie Blue jersey on to play in front of our families and our friends and the student body, it will be a great atmosphere and great to be home."

"It's big, it's really big. I kind of have a sour taste in my mouth from last year and hoping to get rid of that," Larsen said. "This is why you play sports, for rivalry games. I grew up around BYU and the University of Utah, I'm from Logan, my dad actually went to BYU, but I've converted him to an Aggie fan. I bleed Aggie Blue and I want this win more than anyone."

The Aggies and Cougars are scheduled to kick off at 6 p.m. Friday at Romney Stadium.

year. A 2-2 record bears witness to that, as well as a puzzling loss to Virginia to open the year. But a thorough trouncing of No. 15 Texas seemed to restore faith in the team until they were beaten by the team we have in common — Utah. I think the fans have complete faith in Taysom Hill's ability to run the offense, as well as his potential to develop into a complete quarterback, and the fans know the Cougars will be in every game until the end, thanks to their stifling defense, but they're still looking for that one extra player besides Hill to make a big play.

US: Some would argue that this season is one of the toughest schedules the Cougars have ever faced. All opponents this season

considered, where would you rank USU on the list of BYU opponents in terms of toughest teams to face?

DU: When you consider the blue-bloods of college football on this year's schedule — Texas, Wisconsin, Notre Dame — it becomes easy for an outsider to overlook teams from non-BCS conferences. But as a BYU fan, you never overlook an in-state rivalry game like Utah or Utah State. Also, while the win over Texas was huge and the meat of the schedule is still waiting in the distance, these other games could be even more important. Utah State is a dangerous team, and I would rank them just below those other three games, on the same level of toughness as Utah.

US: The Wagon Wheel rivalry has been a lot more competitive the past couple seasons. Combined with the Holy War being postponed for a couple of seasons, do players and/or students feel like the Wagon Wheel rivalry is slowly supplanting the Holy War as the perennial state rivalry?

DU: I absolutely think so, but it hasn't been that slow of a process. As soon as Utah State won in 2010, the rivalry jumped to the forefront of lots of Cougar fans' minds. I think this will continue to be a hotly-contested game, similar in style to the BYU-Utah game where the outcome is usually decided on the final possession. It will never replace the BYU-Utah rivalry, but it gives the Cougar fans a different, but just as important, rivalry game to be prepared for. It's nice to have several different rivalries a year.

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Forum Letters

Making BYU feel at home in Romney

To the editor:

Since BYU has graciously agreed to play us on our home field this year, I thought it would be nice to welcome them with “The only true and living” version of the BYU fight song, which their fans will sing in the event the Cougars score on us.

This song was popular back in the day, and I thought it would be good to have Romney Stadium echo with our version once again and drown out the enthusiastic Cougar fans in the visiting section:

Rise, and Yell,
(It’s like going to hell).
We’d rather die than live in Provo!

We’re Aggie Blue
(the church is still true),
There’s just no other place to go-SO

Come learn to cuss,
And Party with us!
Escape self-righteous preppy Mormons.

Spend four years to live your life,
Just take your time,
Who needs a wife?

Leave behind fat, “special” Valley Girl clones,
And get your butt up to UTAH STATE!

Go Aggies!

– Alan Parkinson
class of 1987

BYU game procedure is incompetent

To the editor:

The campout idea is stupid. It is poorly organized, completely unpublicized, unsanitary, risks student well-being,

and is not even located by the stadium. Not to mention the weather indicates rain and below-freezing temperatures. I believe that whoever is responsible for this idea should be held accountable and fired. Why should the best seats and tickets be allotted to the students that have no lives?

Not all of us can just forget our tests Friday morning, or our jobs, or our classes, or any other responsibilities we may have. I can guarantee that the activity tonight will be poorly run, filled with confusion, unclear in its direction, and is going to just generally irritate the student body. I can also guarantee that there will plenty of students that do not spend the night out there that will somehow find wristbands, because that is exactly what happened for the BYU basketball game last time.

We all pay good money in our student fees, and we are owed money back for this incompetence. It is unacceptable.

– Andrew Munguia

Shutdown joke isn’t funny

Not much needs to be said about our illustrious federal government failing to reach a consensus on our national budget, leading to the first government shutdown in 17 years.

Our View

An Editorial Opinion

Our government has performed awfully; plain and simple.

We elect these people — these “representatives” — to run our country, and they are doing just that. And to be fair, they are running our country; straight into the ground.

More than 800,000 government employees are set to be furloughed and will not get a paycheck until this petty ideological squabbling ends. Until then those employees will just have to hope rent doesn’t come due for a little while.

Our scenic national parks are closed. Museums like the Smithsonian are empty. Employees at Hill Air Force Base in Ogden have to be loving life right now, all because a bunch of suits in D.C. can’t be bothered to budge an inch from their party platforms, even if the health of the country is in jeopardy.

Take note, young voters — these folks in Congress seem to enjoy putting people out of jobs.

Maybe it’s time to put them out of a job during the next election.

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Legalizing marijuana: you can decide

Briana Bowen



From the Left

My thoughts today come in the shape of a parable from American history. It’s a story of our culture and our policies; of great expectations and unintended consequences. Most of all, it’s a story from our past that has a great deal to teach us about our present and future.

Two weeks after New Year’s Day 1920, the United States undertook a remarkable social experiment designed to radically alter American society. Under the newly-ratified 18th Amendment, the production and sale of alcohol was universally banned in the United States. What would follow that seminal January day was a 13-year experiment with prohibition. It would be a sweeping move driven by the best of intentions yet yielding the worst of outcomes.

It’s not difficult to understand the rationale that went into the prohibition movement. Families were being torn apart by drunkenness and the resultant crime, inebriated parents inevitably neglected their families and reckless young people got themselves into no short order of trouble under the influence of alcohol. The good folks of America saw alcohol as the genesis of their trouble, and their solution was simple: Get rid of it altogether.

The problem is that prohibition failed to take into account basic human nature and incentives. The amendment backfired horribly. A thriving underground alcohol trade sprang to life overnight, flooding the streets of America with more illegal booze than there had been legal booze before the ban. Millions of taxpayer dollars were spent combatting the ensuing organized crime epidemic to little avail. Federal and state prisons were quickly

flooded by petty lawbreakers, while the kingpins of the new black market amassed fortunes from their unscrupulous dealings.

So after 13 years of the disastrous experiment with prohibition, the American people tore the ban to shreds, realizing they’d be better off dealing with the social ills of legal alcohol rather than the evils of an underground booze trade. Following the repeal, millions of tax dollars would be saved in law enforcement costs and millions more would be collected through taxes levied on now-legal alcohol. Prisons would disgorge thousands of petty offenders and the once-murky shadow market would now emerge into the sunlight, where it could be responsibly regulated.

This tale could be repeated, almost verbatim, by substituting “marijuana” for “alcohol.” The federal ban on marijuana began shortly after prohibition ended, with the federal crack-down on drug abuse intensifying in the 1970s and carrying through to the present. Every prohibition-era good intention was mirrored in the marijuana ban; every shortfall and drastically unintended consequence has followed its implementation.

Americans are notorious for overlooking the lessons of history, and this holds true for the marijuana imbroglio. After 40 years of miserable proof that making marijuana illegal doesn’t make it “go away,” we still are clinging to a broken system.

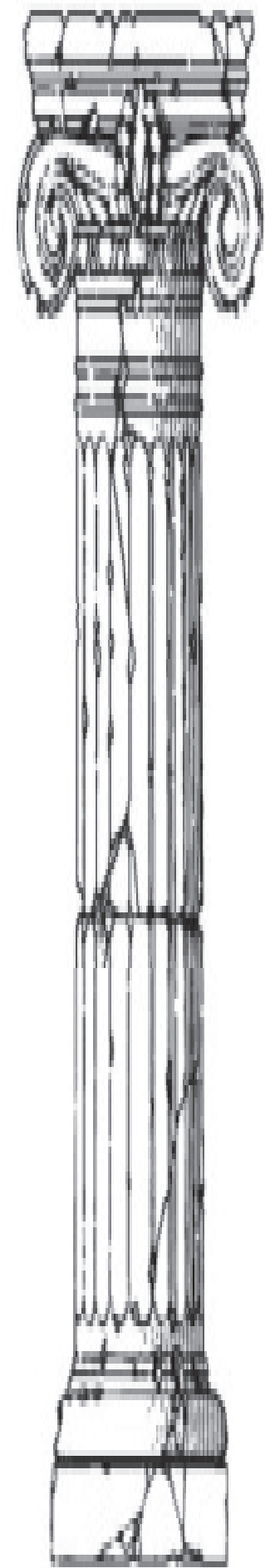
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A Column Divided

Two students take two angles on one political issue



Andy Pierucci



From the Right

When regulated, marijuana can be a benefit to society. Those who struggle with chronic pain have found much-needed relief from marijuana-based drugs. Marijuana-based drugs can also be used to treat nausea. Marijuana should be made more accessible in a controlled form for medicinal purposes through greater oversight and law enforcement.

The legalization of marijuana for recreational use would only diminish our potential as individuals, as a community, and as a country. We need to take seriously the responsibility to educate the public, especially the youth, of the adverse effects of marijuana. America’s laws should reflect our commitment to a brighter and more prosperous future.

It is our duty to ensure the future is protected and provided for generations to come.

Last year two states, Colorado and Washington, legalized the recreational use of marijuana. The legalization of marijuana is a popular movement among America’s rising generations, especially college-age students. Since 2007, studies have shown that more teenagers smoke marijuana than cigarettes. The increase in marijuana use by younger generations is a major contributing factor to the rising support for its legalization.

Regardless of the popularity of recently passed laws, there are some major issues with pot that must be considered. Marijuana use can have a variety of negative, short and long-term effects. Research has shown when marijuana use begins in adolescence, there is an adverse

impact on learning and memory that may persist for many years after. Another study showed people who began smoking marijuana heavily in their teens lost as many as eight IQ points between age 13 and age 38.

Marijuana use has a negative impact not only on individual’s lives, but on society as a whole. Heavy marijuana users generally report lower life satisfaction, poorer mental and physical health, relationship problems and less academic and career success compared to their peers who came from similar backgrounds. Several studies also associate workers’ marijuana smoking with increased absences, tardiness, accidents, workers’ compensation claims and job turnover.

Contrary to popular opinion, marijuana is addictive.

Estimates from research suggest about 9 percent of users become addicted to marijuana. Among those who start young, 17 percent are addicted, and among daily users, 25-50 percent become addicted.

Because it seriously impairs judgment and coordination, marijuana also contributes to accidents while driving. A recent analysis of data from several studies found marijuana use more than doubles a driver’s risk of being in an accident.

In addition to the many health problems that arise from marijuana use, marijuana is also associated with a high rate of crime. Marijuana is a gateway drug. Most users of hard drugs like meth, crack, cocaine, PCP, etc., started with marijuana. In addition to drug use, marijuana is associated with gang violence, theft and countless other criminal activities. The legalization of recreational marijuana will only increase crime.

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“The legalization of recreational marijuana can only increase crime.”



Today is Thursday, Septv. 3, 2013. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Caitlin Foster, a senior majoring in human-environment geography from Redding, Calif.

Almanac

Today in History: 1995. At the end of a sensational trial, former football star O.J. Simpson is acquitted of the brutal 1994 double murder of his estranged wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

Weather

High: 55° Low: 30°
Skies: Overcast and breezy. Snow showers and rain showers after midnight. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.
Record high: 86° (1992)
Low: 26° (1999)

TheUSU Back Burner

ThursOct 3

- Course withdrawals show as a W on transcript
- Classes Added by Petition Only (Charged \$100 late fee)
- Norway Travel Abroad Exhibit, Chase Fine Arts Center 10-4 p.m.
- Overcoming Test Anxiety, TSC 310 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Mindset, TSC 310B 11:30-1 p.m.
- Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction, TSC 310 4:30-6 p.m.
- If These Halls Could Talk-Film/Diversity Dialogue with
- Director Lee Mun Wah, TSC Auditorium 5:30-8:30 p.m.

FriOct 4

- Norway Travel Abroad Exhibit, Chase Fine Arts Center 10-4 p.m.
- Testing Like a Pro, 10-11 a.m.
- Museum & Music, Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art 4-5 p.m.
- Norway Travel Abroad Exhibit Reception, Chase Fine Arts Center 5-6 p.m.
- Art Museum Opening Reception, Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art 5-7 p.m.
- John Scofield-Guitarist, Morgan Theatre 7:30-9 p.m.

SatOct 5

- Norway Travel Abroad Exhibit, Chase Fine Arts Center 10-4 p.m.
- Family 1st Saturdays at the Museum of Anthropology, Old Main 10-2 p.m.
- Museum & Music, Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art 4-6 p.m.

FYI:

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.

Come celebrate **Breast Cancer Awareness** week. Drop by the booth on the TSC patio on Oct. 7-8 from 10-2 p.m. Enter to win prizes from the raffle, grab some free candy, and get info about breast cancer. We invite all students, faculty, and staff to wear pink on Oct. 7 and 8 in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

Utah State University's **Edith Bowen** Laboratory School is sponsoring a **fundraiser** to help raise money for the school. This fundraiser will take place on Oct. 7 from 6-8 p.m. at Orange Leaf in Blue Square Food Court. A percent of all sales made between 6-8 p.m. will be donated to Edith Bowen Laboratory School. Bring a friend and come support the Edith Bowen Laboratory School.

Financial Planning for Women invites you to come and learn about **Money Psychology** on Oct. 9. The workshop will be held from 11:30-12:30 p.m. at the USU Taggart Student Center (bring a lunch and a friend) and then again in the evening from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Pursuing the American Dream in Today's Economy, Oct.9, 11:30-12:45 p.m. AGRS 101. Stephen Kroes, President of the Utah Foundation, will discuss recent trends of economic mobility in Utah. What groups are the most mobile, both up and

The Deep End • Tyson Cole



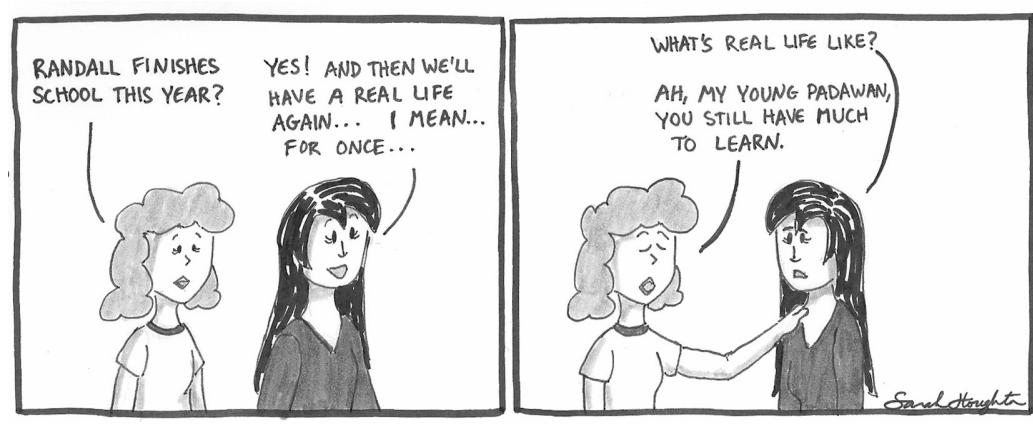
down. Do students graduating from Utah State have any hope?

USU **Study Abroad in Chile** this Summer 2014. Learn about this exciting program on Oct. 9 in TSC 335 from 11:30-12:30 p.m.

Artist + Teacher = Inspiration Squared is an exhibit featuring teachers who are also practicing artists. This exhibit is held in the Tippetts Exhibit Hall of the Chase Fine Arts Center, open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and is free & open to the public. A reception will be held Oct. 12 from 4 - 6 p.m.

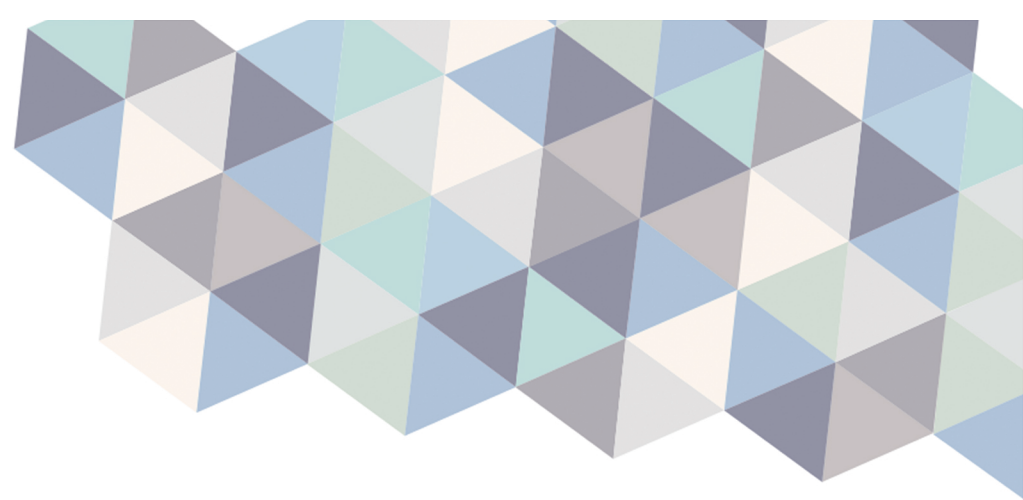
Heidi Coe's senior bass recital on Nov.18 at 7:00 p.m. located at Cache Valley Bible Fellowship (1488 N. 200 W. Logan). Come hear works by Koussevitzky, Vivaldi and Mendelssohn.

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