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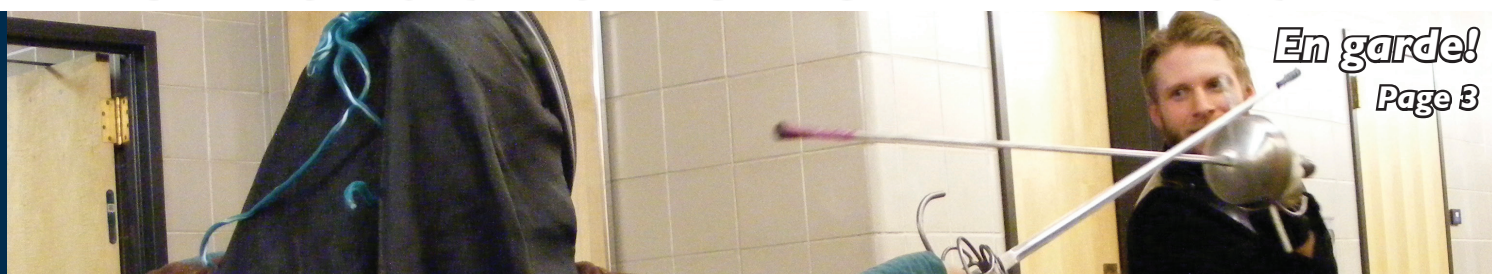
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Congress agrees



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FURLOUGHED FEDERAL EMPLOYEE MATTHEW MURGUIA, walks around the Capitol building on Tuesday, the 15th day of the shutdown. Congress passed a measure ending the shutdown and extending the debt limit Wednesday night.

Sixteen-day government shutdown ends, Congress avoids international debt crisis by extending nation's borrowing limit

► **By Lori Montgomery and Rosalind S. Helderman**
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — After shutting down the U.S. government for 16 days and driving the nation toward the brink of default, a chastened Congress voted late Wednesday to reopen federal agencies, call hundreds of thousands of civil servants back to work and raise the \$16.7 trillion debt limit.

An agreement struck by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., ended a stalemate created last month, when hardline conservatives pushed GOP leaders to use the threat of shutdown to block a landmark expansion of federally funded health coverage.

That campaign succeeded mainly in undermining popular support for the Republican Party, however. By late Wednesday, dozens of anxious GOP lawmakers were ready to give President Barack Obama almost exactly what he requested months ago: a bill to fund the government and increase the Treasury Department's borrowing power with no strings

attached.

"We've been locked in a fight over here, trying to bring government down to size, trying to do our best to stop Obamacare," House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, told a Cincinnati radio station. "We fought the good fight. We just didn't win."

The Senate overwhelmingly ratified the deal Wednesday evening, 81 to 18, with more than half of Senate Republicans voting yes.

A few hours later, the House followed suit, approving the measure 285 to 144. Eighty-seven Republicans joined a united Democratic caucus in approving the measure, allowing Congress to meet a critical Treasury Department deadline with one day to spare.

Obama said he would immediately sign the measure, reopening parks and monuments across the nation, restoring government services and putting furloughed federal employees back on the job, many of them in the Washington region.

"Employees should expect to return to work in the morning," Sylvia Mathews Burwell, director of the Office of Management and Budget, said in a statement.

The measure also would guarantee those

workers back pay for time spent at home, aid flood-racked Colorado and provide extra cash for fighting wildfires out West. And it would grant the District of Columbia government, which relies on Congress to approve its budget, authority to manage its own affairs through the 2014 fiscal year.

Enforcement of the debt limit would be suspended until Feb. 7, setting up another confrontation over the national debt sometime in March, independent analysts estimated. Meanwhile, federal agencies would be funded through Jan. 15, when they might shut down again unless lawmakers resolve a continuing dispute over deep automatic spending cuts known as the sequester.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Patty Murray, D-Wash., was to have breakfast Thursday morning with her House counterpart, Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., to start a new round of talks aimed at averting another crisis. Obama repeated his vow to work with Republicans to rein in a national debt that remains at historically high levels.

"With the shutdown behind us and budget

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Lunch with a legislator: ASUSU officers have lunch with random students to gauge public feeling

► **By Eric Jungblut**
copy editor

Members of the ASUSU Executive Council took to the campus cafeterias to get feedback from students.

ASUSU President Doug Fiefia brought meal cards for Executive Council members so they could eat lunch with students and ask them about comments or complaints they had about USU.

To pay for the cards, Fiefia used money from his presidential enhancement budget. He said the ASUSU president has two budgets: a presidential enhancement budget and a normal president's budget. Enhancement money comes directly from USU President Stan Albrecht, while the regular budget comes from student fees.

"What that money is given to the student body president is for is to enhance student life in any way, shape or form," Fiefia said. "That's where this money would be coming out of, and it's non-student

fees."

The idea mirrors Fiefia's candidate platform, where he called for "bridging the gap between the student body, ASUSU, and the administration," according to the ASUSU website.

"One of the things that I promised students was that the officers would be in the trenches and that I would personally be in the trenches finding out what the real concerns were," Fiefia said.

Fiefia said he got the idea for meal cards from James Morales, vice president of Student Services.

"Once a month, they'll (Morales and his staff) go down to have meals with students just to get to know them, find out what concerns are, and so that's kind of where I got the idea," Fiefia said. "I think it's a great way to incentivize student leaders to get out there

and be in the trenches."

Fiefia bought cards for himself and Executive Vice President Emily Esplin, Student Advocate VP Daryn Frischknecht, Programming VP Thomas Rogers, Service VP Kevin Meacham and Administrative Assistant Trevor Olsen.

"I just went to find students who were sitting by themselves," Olsen said. "I introduced myself, just chatted with them a little bit about school and things, and then I asked them what they like about Utah State and what things they would change if they could."

Fiefia and Frischknecht have not used their cards yet, but the other four Executive Council members have had successful lunches with positive feedback from students, according to Fiefia.

"So far, the feedback that I've

gotten back from students and from officers is that it's great, that they love the idea of having officers go and have meals with them and that they can just say all their concerns and suggestions in a meal," Fiefia said.

Fiefia said they are going through a "trial run" of lunch sessions. The cards are guest dining cards with enough money on them for one meal, or close to \$10, according to Olsen. Fiefia said he would like to continue the meals with students if he keeps getting positive feedback.

Olsen said Fiefia wanted to do a trial run first with a limited number of cards so that if the idea proved unsuccessful, it would not be a waste of money.

"The reason I feel like it is a good use of money is because we're using it to get to know students, to get on their level, to interact with them more personally and to get their voice and to listen to them," Olsen said.

Rogers said he used his meal



Samantha Behl photo

USU STUDENTS eat lunch in the Hub on Wednesday. Officers on the Executive Council are having lunches with random people to find out how they feel about certain issues.

card last week and said it was a cool experience.

"Having us randomly go in and eat with students and bounce from table to table and just asking students what they like about Utah State University — as well as

what they would like to improve — was really cool," Rogers said. "It wasn't them having to come to us, it was actually us making the approach to come to them."

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► **By Danielle Manley**
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After weeks of debate about altering the ASUSU constitution, the Executive Council finalized their changes, and a special election is being held Oct. 22-23.

The election will be held next week for students to vote primarily on name changes and grammatical adjustments. Officers passed the changes through a second reading Tuesday during their regular public meeting.

A notable change includes renaming Associated Students of Utah State University to the Utah State University Student Association.

President Doug Fiefia proposed the idea of changing ASUSU to USU/SA at the beginning of the semester. His initial concerns came from this summer when he attended student government conferences.

Fiefia said students thought he was from Arizona State when he said ASUSU.

The officers agreed the student government needed a new brand. They want students to know everyone attending USU is a part of the student association.

Organizations and Campus Diversity VP Sonina Hernandez worried students would associate the abbreviation USUSA with something related to the U.S. government. To avoid the problem, the abbreviation was changed to USU/SA, or USU Student Association.

Public Relations Director Casey Saxton recently proposed his title needed to be changed. The Executive and Academic Councils approved his changed title of Public Relations and Marketing director.

Saxton said the main purpose was to better define his job. He also wants the position to appeal to a broader group of students when applications are being accepted in April.

The third name change adds "academic" to Matt Anderson's title of Senate Pro Tempore. Anderson said Academic Senate Pro Tempore better describes what he does in Executive Council — representing the academic senate.

The officers passed the changes to the constitution unanimously.

The council also wanted a logo made specifically for the special election to show students what the name would look like if they approved the change of ASUSU to USU/SA. The logo is not official and needs to be approved by USU's Public Relations department.

Students can vote at vote.usu.edu, where the revised version of the ASUSU constitution is also available. They can also vote at the info booth on the first floor of the Taggart Student Center. Executive officers will be present to answer questions.

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In brief

Campus & Community

Business school to open entrepreneurship center

Utah State University alumnus Jeffrey Clark and his wife, Bonnie Clark, have provided a \$6 million leadership gift to help establish the Jeffrey D. Clark Center for Entrepreneurship in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business at USU. Jeff is a pioneering entrepreneur in the financial industry, having cofounded one of the first “fund of hedge funds” in the United States, Genesee Partners, in 1985. He went on to found his own firm, Praesideo Asset Management, in 1991.

The endowment will fund programs that foster entrepreneurial success among Utah State students from across campus and from the distance campuses around the state, as well as among Cache Valley citizens. It also will fund headquarters offices in the soon-to-be-built Huntsman Hall. An additional pledge of \$4 million is being sought to complete the funding for the Entrepreneurship Center.

“This gift from Jeff and Bonnie and their active involvement with our entrepreneurship programs will move us ahead significantly,” Dean Douglas D. Anderson said. “Now we can provide ever-more concrete, effective assistance to budding entrepreneurs who have great ideas they want to develop.”

Michael Glauser, executive director of the center, said that in addition to the generous financial support the Clarks have offered, they are also willing to invest their time in helping Huntsman students refine their entrepreneurial skills. “This is a tremendous opportunity for us to work together, potentially to change the face of entrepreneurship education in the state of Utah,” Glauser said.

“We are thrilled to be working with the Clarks because of the reputation, credibility and integrity they bring to the Huntsman School,” he continued. “We didn’t just want a name for the center; we wanted the right name on the center. Jeff is a perfect role model for our students.”

Jeff Clark said he is looking forward to working closely with Glauser, in part because the center is supporting students who want to make a positive difference in the world.

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The blind leading the seeing

► By Taylor Underwood

staff writer

Extreme athlete Bobby McMullen encouraged students to live life to the fullest and spoke about the importance of relying on the help of others during Common Hour on Wednesday in the TSC Ballroom.

McMullen, who is a downhill mountain bike racer and champion alpine skier, is a little different from most athletes. What separates him from them is that he has had Type 1 diabetes, lost 80 percent of his vision, received two organ transplants and had open heart surgery, as well as many other intense surgeries. He has broken more bones than he could count.

“I’m like a cockroach,” McMullen said. “Nothing can kill me.”

McMullen spoke about overcoming adversity through mild and difficult challenges.

“No matter what happens, you’re going to survive, and when you think you’re facing the worst of it, there is always something that could make it a little bit worse, a little bit harder, and I think we’re at our best sometimes when we are faced with those difficulties because then we again have that choice of, ‘Do I change who I am, or do I become that person that no one wants to be around?’” McMullen said.

McMullen later discussed in detail how he chose to live his life 10 percent better each day.

“I don’t know if this is it, but if it is, I’m going to make it count,” he said.

Talking at length about living life to the fullest and putting in the extra effort to make each day count, McMullen asked the following question:

“What if we as a whole, what if individually, you did something and you stepped up your game a little

Bobby McMullen

extreme athlete

“I’m like a cockroach. Nothing can kill me.”

bit, step it up 25 percent or even 75 percent, what could be accomplished?” he asked.

This question hit student Dylan Phillips, a junior majoring in international business.

“It’s amazing how you can come back from anything I guess, and I don’t know live your life... not necessarily like it’s your last, but just to like, live it well and be in the moment,” Phillips said.

“You don’t know the day that is going to be your last day, so just live life to the fullest,” said Mady Dalley, a freshman studying psychology. “I thought that was really inspiring.”

McMullen moved his speech from living life each day to the fullest to family and friends who have helped him throughout his life and the help that he received.

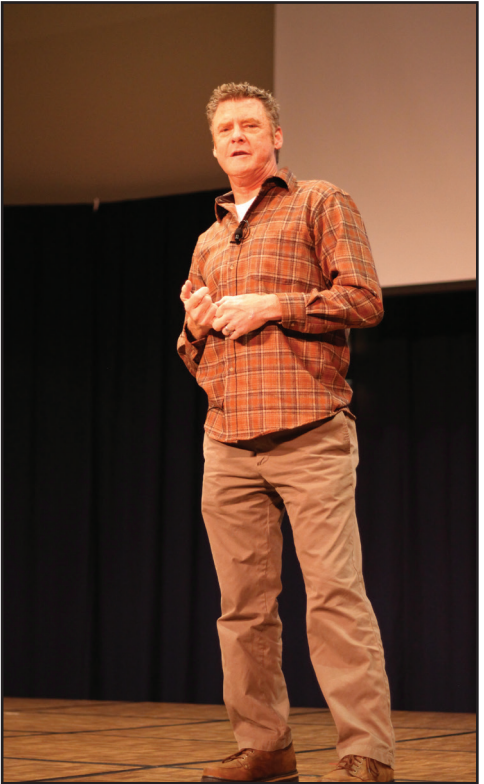
Being blind, McMullen had to rely on others since he was 29. He attributes a large amount of his success to his parents, family and friends who have helped him get to hospitals, restaurants and even down mountains.

“There are people that value you and want to help you,” he said. “You need to believe that because it’s true, and unless you try, and if you remained paralyzed for the fear of asking, that’s a life lost to live in fear.”

“I think it’s interesting that his parents were his heroes, his parents supported him through everything,” Phillips said. “It is just incredible that his story, that his parents and his friends were so supportive of him.”

Many of the observations McMullen has made throughout his life about himself and others include the idea that fear is a contributing factor to many people not being themselves and not giving 110 percent to life.

“Being afraid of things keeps us from doing



Samantha Behl photo

BOBBY MCMULLEN talks about living life to the fullest despite adversity during Common Hour on Wednesday.

things you don’t know until you try, because you’re going fail a whole lot more than you’re going to succeed, but you’re going to have so many successes that are going to be so shining,” McMullen said.

McMullen keeps a positive attitude about life.

“It’s not what happens to you, it’s what you do with it,” he said.

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Shutdown

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committees forming, we now have an opportunity to focus on a sensible budget that is responsible, that is fair, and that helps hardworking people all across this country,” Obama said at the White House.

Few held out hope that the talks would yield an ambitious plan to overhaul the tax code or restructure federal health and retirement programs, the biggest drivers of future borrowing. But there were

signs that Republicans may be more inclined to compromise and less inclined to follow what Rep. Aaron Schock, R-Ill., called “the fringe elements” of the GOP.

“The reality is there’s a much larger population within our caucus that recognizes reality for what it is,” said Schock, who represents the iconic middle-America town of Peoria. “At the end of the day, whatever we pass will have to be a bipartisan bill. The sooner that our conference recognizes that we’re going to have to negotiate with the other side, the more we can get done.”

The fight over the health-care law — formally known as the Affordable Care Act and called

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Sword and Psalterly Club duels, renaissance style

► **By Taylor Underwood**
staff writer

The clash of swords in the basement of USU's Business building may be frightening to someone who just walked off the elevator into the midst of a 16th-century battle. But to the students who participate weekly, it is a way to preserve history and have fun at the same time.

The Sword and Psalterly Club at USU was formed nearly six years ago following the downfall of USU's fencing club. But unlike the former fencing club, those involved in Sword and Psalterly have a flare for the dramatic and the cold steel associated with tactics and fighting, said the group's sage, a USU alumnus who goes by the pseudonym Spanish Dan.

"You don't have the funny white suit," he said. "You wear cool clothes." These "cool clothes" are, for the most part, period shirts and gloves, but safety is the main concern rather than style, said Patrick Brown, a USU student who has been fighting since 2007.

"That's the main difference between us and the community group," Brown said. "We care more about safety, and if the clothes are of period, that's a plus."

Safety is always the number one concern when members have metal swords and daggers flying at them from multiple directions, Brown said. The club has taken serious measures to make sure its record of no injuries continues. Everyone who participates is required to wear safety gear such as a mask, neck guard, gloves and thick padding on their torso. Every sword must be tipped with thick rubber in order to not pierce any of the protective equipment.

Mentors like Dan, Brown and Melissa Ogilvie, help individuals who are new to the weekly competition. Through mentor efforts, new recruits learn combative techniques and how to properly — and safely — handle a sword. Nearly half of each night is devoted to things such as footwork and hitting targets set in a particular place.

Lined up in the hallways of the Business building, club members take a crouched stance. Receiving orders from superiors, new recruits either advance or retreat while using the proper footwork to maneuver up and down the halls.

"I find it fun and challenging and learn a new set of skills," said Jacob

Melissa Ogilvie
USU SPC member

"The more people you have sword fighting, the more fun it is."



Taylor Underwood photo

PATRICK BROWN (LEFT) AND SPANISH DAN (RIGHT) duel in the basement of the Business building with rapiers in a weekly meeting of USU's Sword and Psalterly Club.

Students avert pet restrictions, grow plants

► **By Lis Stewart**
news editor

USU junior Jessica Morgan bustled around her living room and kitchen, happily pointing out and naming each plant lining the windowsills and tables.

"This one and this one somebody gave me as a gift," Morgan said, gesturing to two little leafy specimens. She turned to another row of pots. "These are like my babies. I started these ones from starts."

Morgan is among a number of students who, for one reason or another, keep houseplants. Plants in various stages of growth, from fledgling sprouts to a robust rubber plant, line the corners, coffee table and kitchen windows of the small house she and her roommates rent

together.

"I never have enough pots and dirt and stuff because they're always growing, and you have to transplant them," Morgan said.

Since a number of apartments restrict renters from keeping animals, plants are a practical solution for those looking for something to take care of. For example, on-campus housing residents cannot keep animals most of the time, but they can have plants, according to Steve Jenson, Housing and Residence Life executive director. While students living on campus can keep a fish in a small tank, people are restricted to pets that are service or companion animals on campus, he said.

"Pets have to be approved through the

disability resource center," Jenson said.

Morgan's interest in plants started when she took an introductory horticulture class for a general education requirement. Though she was pursuing a family, consumer and human development major at the time, her passion has since turned to learning all about plants.

"Once I started learning about how they grow and all the stuff inside, I was like, 'Plants are so cool. They are smarter than humans,'" she said.

Typically, Morgan does not need to buy her plants, relying on others.

"People buy plants and don't take care of them, so I save them," she said.

Craig Aston, a professor in the plants,

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USU True Aggie tradition lives on

► **By Jared Dangerfield**
staff writer

One of the questions commonly asked between USU students is whether or not they are True Aggies. The tradition of becoming a True Aggie has been going on at USU for nearly a century.

On the nights of Homecoming Week, A-Day and during every full moon, students gather together on the north-eastern corner of the Old Main grounds for a chance to be kissed while standing on top of the Block A, a stone pil-

lar erected in representation of Aggie pride.

This tradition is very popular around campus, and students will have an opportunity to become True Aggies Friday night as the full moon comes out. Students who don't plan to leave Cache Valley for fall break will be able to take advantage of the shorter line for this True Aggie Night.

Kathryn Harwood, a junior studying dietetics, said her dream of becoming a True Aggie came true last month.

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KIMBERLY



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Activities plentiful for fall-break boredom

► Staff report

In a short survey taken USU students, The Statesman found, on average, 8 percent of students will be working during the break, 25 percent will be traveling, 25 percent will stay in Cache Valley and the other 42 percent will be heading to their home areas. While those surveyed acknowledged it is only a 24-hour break from school, they all said it is very much appreciated.

Many students said they are eagerly looking forward to activities they have planned for the long weekend, but some of those staying in Logan might be wondering what they'll do to fill the time. The Statesman has constructed a list of potential activities for those looking to stay busy.

- While the weather is getting pretty chilly, it's the perfect time to go camping or simply go up the canyon with some friends and build a big bonfire. Enjoy the great outdoors before winter sets in.

- If you haven't had time to go and sightsee around Logan, historic downtown Logan is definitely the place to start. If you're interested in the old houses in Logan, you can drive or walk down Center Street and find some beautiful old homes. For Aggie history buffs, the American West Heritage Center has its Cache Valley museum that holds some artifacts used when Logan was first being established.

- The long weekend finds the American West Heritage Center hosting its annual Fall Festival. The event is perfect to attend with a group of friends or a date. The AWHC has attractions for everyone looking to embrace this time of year, including a seven-acre corn maze, wagon rides and the terrifying Haunted Hollow for Aggies looking for thrills.

- If you're interested in corn mazes — especially haunted ones that will cause your date to cuddle up with you — there is also the Little Bear Bottoms corn maze, a family-owned and operated establishment located in Wellsville.

- There are many parks scattered around Logan city. Why not be a kid and have fun on the playground, or have a cookout? Some locations



Madeline Payne photo

USU STUDENT ANNE BUDGE packs clothing and supplies for a fall break spent out of town. Students are spending their break in a variety of ways, including camping, vacationing, working and getting ahead on their homework.

where these activities can happen include Willow Park, Lundstrom Park, Adams Park and Merlin Olsen Park. Many of them have large, open fields or baseball diamonds where Aggies can join in large groups to play some sports. USU's Quad is great for this as well, and Old Main Hill can always be used for ice-blocking.

- The Cache Valley Fun Park has many differ-

ent activities for Aggies in groups or on dates, including laser tag and bowling. Aggies looking to practice and hone their rock-climbing skills can journey next door to the Rock Haus, Logan's own indoor climbing gym.

- Aggies looking to grab some great local food can venture to any of several of the valley's unique restaurants. These include Angie's, Fire-

house Pizzeria, El Toro Viejo, Tandoori Oven and Takara Sushi. Whatever you're craving, a valley original can provide.

This is only a short list of things Aggies can take advantage of during the break. But as long as you are creative in your activities, you can make this short fall break one of the best and most memorable.

Toilet-themed eatery inspires new restaurant marketing schemes

I'm going to be completely honest. There is no smooth way to start this column, so I'm just going to cut to the chase.

A newly-opened restaurant just surfaced in Southern California that, well, is entirely themed around toilets.

You may have trouble believing me on this one — after all, I am the guy who once convinced his high school friends he was NBC's original choice for Noah Wiley's character on "ER." But this story is 100 percent true; an all dump-stop-grub-stop open to the public.

The Magic Restroom Cafe, as noted by a Huffington Post article, "is America's first toilet-themed eatery. All the dishes, seats and food items are all focused on toilets, bathrooms and human bodily functions."

Located in the City of Industry in Los Angeles, this cuisine hut specializes in everything crapper. It boasts toilet-seat-topped stools, and all ambiance and decor is set up to resemble a bathroom — from the chic tiled floors to shower apparatuses located above tables. Food is even served inside miniature toilets, leaving nothing to ones defecatory imagination.

The menu features items such as "Golden Poop Over Rice," "Smells Like Poop" and the already-popular vanilla-strawberry sundae, called — I can't believe I'm typing this — the "Bloody Number Two."

Their first evening of business — which owners, via Facebook, had no other choice but to call it their "soft opening" — took place last weekend to mixed but inquisitive reviews. Most negative responses were in lieu to slow service, but how much better can you do with a restaurant staff so backed up?

See what I did there?

The mere idea of "taking the Browns to the Super Bowl" and a family dinner all at the same time may not sound even the least bit appetizing, but in the world of restaurant marketing they have two mottos: "Hey, let's not put severed fingers in our Frostys anymore," and "It never hurts to try something original."

It makes me wonder: if Economic Americana highlights a great deal of commercial eateries with less-than stellar reputations, what restaurants are in need of a useful and off-kilter facelift?

Steve Schwartzman



Just a few Laughs

Steve Schwartzman

“How much better can you do with a restaurant staff so backed up? See what I did there?”

And in case you didn't catch the dramatic foreshadowing that was structured in that last sentence, it feels like there's another annoying Steve Schwartzman humor column list afoot! Let's get started.

Taco Bell — Everyone's favorite place involving snack food — Doritos — wrapped around their own cuisine — dog food — hasn't always been held to highest reputation as a stand-up establishment. For a few years now, you've gone the route of being the late-night, after party standard "Fourth Meal," with not many results.

As a solution, let's replace "Fourth Meal" with "Last Meal." Set the whole get-up in a way that resembles an apocalypse and isolate all seating booths so it appears that patrons are on the real-life set of Will Smith's "I am Legend." They are the last people alive and this is the last meal within miles. With that kind of mentality, anyone would pay \$4.56 for a gordita.

Subway — Listen, the \$5 foot-long has run its course. You need something that even more drastically screams "More food, low price, not lathered in chemicals." So take an awed gander at this: "Sleep Number Sammies," a sandwich that doubles as an adjustable bed. These low-condiment, high roasted-chicken, all-things delicious slumber pads not only promise big servings for low

prices, but prove you can live a healthy lifestyle even in the comfort of your own tuna.

Some other marketable adjustments: flatbread yoga mats, water-bed beverage discounts, cookie "sheets" — this thing writes itself — and king-size party trays. Nothing like a "Slumbway" party to spice up your weekend.

KFC — Simple. Publicly claim you will be serving, in this exact verbiage, "The Aflac Duck." You'll thank me later.

Wendy's — You have the Baconator. Change nothing.

McDonald's — I don't know if any other edible medium has ever been under such fire. It's been a rough decade for you. Even when documentaries don't claim you as the lard capital of the world, people don't even respect the heat levels of your coffee.

I've thought through this a lot, so trust me when I say this is a gold mine that fixes just about every dunce hat you've been so burdened with: don't serve food.

They'll never see it coming. And in its place? Well, if you ask me, it's time somebody of your stature finally hit a market that has been long forgotten for too long: model train sets. Imagine people pulling up to your window to order a "Big Track," or a "Double Quarter-ton Freight with Trees." Kids could enjoy their "Happy Wheel" while mom gets the usual "Railway of Fish"— light on sauce — and dad super-sizes his meal to a "Transcontinental" order.

We could even buy some alternate-from-station tracks for freights that are in a "McHurry." It's foolproof and sure to put the culinary industry on its ear. Keep the McRib the same, though. That was never really food to begin with.

I'm sure there's more, but you get the idea. Enjoy Fall Break and remember not to be wary if anything you eat "tastes like crap." That could've been their plan all along.

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Marissa Neeley



Good Reads

It is the 1800s in Victorian England, in a time called the Regency Era. Society has strict rules on everything and Crispin Handle, Lord Cavratt, is not about to let one annoying woman keep, well, annoying him. So what does he do? He kisses a stranger.

In Sarah M. Eden's "The Kiss of a Stranger," the consequences of Crispin's actions are more than he bargained for when he kissed Catherine Thorndale, a serving woman in the country inn where he is staying. Not only is she a lady of birth, she's the niece of an exceeding brute of a man who claims that Crispin's scandalous kiss has compromised his niece beyond redemption, leaving Crispin one option: marriage.

Catherine, a homely lady, wasn't prepared nor wanting to marry Crispin Handle but was forced to by her abusive uncle. Holding to Crispin's promise of an annulment when he gets to London and talks to his solicitor, Catherine moves into Crispin's beautiful London home and is thrust into the whirlwind of London society.

In the meantime, Catherine's quiet and humble personality catches Crispin off guard when she refuses new clothes from the most famous fashion designer in London. Though Catherine finally concedes, Crispin is intrigued by this quiet woman he has married. Determined to try to get a word — and then a smile — out of her, Crispin finds that an annulment is less and less desirable.

Crispin begins to guide his wife from a socially petrified woman to a lady of society through the help of his energetic and optimistic sister Lizzy. Crispin and

“The Kiss of a Stranger” a clean, enjoyable read

Catherine don't get their happily ever after quite yet, however. Catherine has yet to try to run a society-approved evening, rustle a few feathers and have a few misunderstandings. Of course, neither Crispin nor Catherine would have ever guessed what Catherine's uncle was capable of.

Though I quite enjoy classics such as "Gone With the Wind" and "To Kill a Mockingbird," this book takes enjoyment to a whole new level. This book, though not considered a "classic," reminded me of why I enjoy reading. There is humor, romance, mystery, danger, conflict, anguish, heartbreak — and even an instance where a gun is pointed at someone.

Sarah M. Eden is a gifted writer as well, making the story authentic,

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“This is probably a book that most girls will love and squeal about.”

enjoyable and realistic through her research of the time period. She gives readers the perspective of both the main characters while writing in third person. If you love the time period and love learning about it while enjoying a good story, this is one you will want to read. This is probably a book that most girls will love and squeal about. As for the guys, I'll give you two thumbs up if you read this book. It is that good and maybe you'll get some romantic ideas.

One last peg for this great book: part of what makes it so enjoyable is that it is super clean. There's no worry about what you might come across in reading it as there is with some other historical-romance novels. It is also a fast read, taking any given reader one to three days to get through the story. And did I mention it's my favorite book? I highly recommend this piece of great literature.

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FOOTBALL

New faces ready to step up for Aggies

► **By Jeff Dahdah**
assistant sports editor

It's been reported on. It's been agonized over. It's been scrutinized.

Utah State's football team has sustained a considerable amount of injuries. Four offensive starters went down in the span of three weeks, but that just means new faces are going to excite the Aggie faithful.

Darrel Garretson will be taking over for Chuckie Keeton, Sini Tauauve'a is taking over for Kyle Wimpey and Robert Marshall has seen significant playing time with the injury to Joe Hill.

"At the start, it was a little bit rough," Marshall said. "But it's more than just one person or two people being hurt. We're still a team."

It's time to take a look at the next men up, starting with the signal caller: Darrell Garretson is a true freshman out of Chandler High School in Arizona. Garretson is 19 and is thought of as the future for the Aggies.

The plan was that he would redshirt this year and then be ready, when Keeton eventually graduated, to step in. But with the Keeton injury, Wells opted to pull Garretson's redshirt and announced him as the starter for Saturday's game against New Mexico.

In two years as a starter in high school, he passed for 5,450 yards and 50 touchdowns, garnering Arizona's high school player of the year award last year. He originally verbally committed to San Jose State but changed his commitment from the

Spartans to the Aggies following a visit to Logan.

Garretson had a debut to forget after being called upon in the third quarter against Boise State to try to mount a comeback.

With a full week of practice and a full game of experience now, Wells said he should show everyone why there is such an excitement surrounding him.

Tauauve'a is the next new starter, seeing increased playing time since Wimpey went down at SJSU. He is a junior college transfer from Snow College.

He was actually a defensive lineman at Snow, but he converted from defense to offense during the 2012 season with the Aggies. Tauauve'a has started the last two weeks and performed admirably.

"Everything is slowing down," Tauauve'a said. "I feel more comfortable out there and I feel like it's just another day."

Tauauve'a has also been receiving a lot of support from USU's experienced linemen.

"They have been giving me tips and making calls," Tauauve'a said. "They made me feel comfortable."

Tauauve'a said the rest of the line wasn't disappointed that he wasn't Kyle Wimpey in there, but instead they just helped him get in and be effective.

Seeing an increased workload at running back is Marshall, a large, physical back who carried the ball 19 times last week. He is a guy who can plow up the middle

and will split time with Joey DeMartino for the rest of the season.

Marshall compliments DeMartino in that he can grind out yards and wear a defense down enough for DeMartino to break away for a big play.

However, just because Marshall is a grinder doesn't mean you won't see huge gains from him. Expect to see Marshall break some huge runs in the coming weeks, especially against some so far unimpressive MWC defenses.

Marshall is actually not much of a new face. He is a senior who has played in each of the last three seasons, racking up 63 carries. Marshall is also receiving support from Joe Hill and Joey DeMartino.

"They're always in my ear telling me, 'It's your time, just stay at it, stay focused and continue grinding,'" Marshall said. "I kind of just take that and do my best to be in physical shape and mentally ready as much as possible."

Aggie fans should look at the positives. Two of the main people stepping into enhanced roles are experienced seniors, Marshall and Tauauve'a, and USU's future at quarterback is getting the opportunity to showcase his skills today.

"It's not something we can control. We just have to keep going and strap on and play harder," Tauauve'a said. "I think the whole team, especially the guys that got to step up, are ready to play their part."

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SENIOR SINI TAUUAUVE'A practices during a Utah State scrimmage at Romney Stadium. Tauauve'a has seen an increase in playing time since Kyle Wimpey went down with injury.

Intramural sports seasons end, new seasons set to begin

► **By Jeff Dahdah**
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The intramural sessions for volleyball, soccer and flag football are coming to a close at USU while indoor soccer and three-on-three basketball are about to start.

Every one of the fall sports in session are in playoff mode as some leagues such as volleyball finish up this week. Others, like flag football and outdoor soccer, will be playing championship matches

next week.

The coed and men's flag football and soccer championships are on Tuesday, while the men's, women's and coed volleyball championships were yesterday.

There were four men's volleyball teams, four women's and 40 coed teams.

"I think it went really good," said Ashley Deters, intramural supervisor for volleyball. "I would say there wasn't as many people this year for volleyball, though."

There were 52 men's flag football teams and 12 coed ones. There were also 24 coed soccer teams and four men's teams.

"I thought it went really great and we had a good turnout," said Travis Wilson, intramural supervisor. "People love the sports and love to play."

The only real problem with the first intramural session was some confusion with a new sign up system.

"I would say the way we

signed up was a little bit of a struggle this year compared to last year," Deters said. "But it's better in the long run."

Both Deters and Wilson said the next session will be easier to run and they probably won't change anything in the way the upcoming session is run.

Between men's, women's and coed teams, there are 52 teams for indoor soccer and 80 for three-on-three basketball.

The intramurals office feels

like the sports are a good way to get students out and have a good time, and they offer a plethora of opportunities for students to do so.

"Just get out there and have fun," Wilson said. "After all, that is what they are for."

Visit http://www.usu.edu/camprec/htm/intramural_sports/ for more information.

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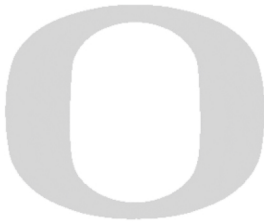
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State your case:

Which quarterback is the most valuable player in college football?



► By Logan Jones
staff writer



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staff writer

NEW CHALLENGER

An NFL team rebuilding their roster could easily justify placing either Johnny Manziel or Marcus Mariota at the center of their program. However, when considering each athlete's play-making ability and character, Mariota has the advantage.

Mariota is the more impressive physical specimen, standing at an NFL-worthy 6-foot-4 compared to Manziel's 6-foot-1 frame. Manziel has thrown for 14 touchdowns and rushed for an additional five this season, while also coughing up five costly interceptions.

Mariota has 17 passing touchdowns and another eight rushing, all while barely even setting foot on the field in the fourth quarter and without throwing a single interception. Mariota plays mistake-free football, maintains poise in the pocket and has the humble attitude of a quarterback who knows how to truly lead his team.

Mariota is a more polished pocket passer and generally allows a play to develop before taking off, but that doesn't mean he doesn't deliver when it's time to run; Mariota has rushed for 426 yards this season; Manziel's 427, but on 15 fewer attempts.

Mariota averages an incredible 10.4 yards per carry compared to Manziel's 6.4 yards.

Mariota bests Manziel in size, speed, efficiency, touchdowns and playmaking ability. Both athletes are undoubtedly gifted, but the facts all point to Mariota doing more for his team than any other player in the nation, making him the most valuable player in college football.

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JONES

This shouldn't even be debated. The most valuable player in the nation is obviously Johnny "Football" Manziel.

Look back at the first game of the season against Rice University. Manziel sat out the first half, and with most of the nation watching, noticed that Texas A&M isn't as good as people thought.

That is, until Manziel came back and led the Aggies on a 24-10 run to scatter the Owls right out of the stadium.

Now, some believe that Oregon's QB Marcus Mariota is the most valuable player in the nation, but that simply isn't true. If Mariota ever tragically went down for a few weeks, I would argue that Oregon would still win the PAC-12 without him.

Everyone talks about Oregon's amazing offense and how much they can score, but that shadows the amazing effort their defense has put up this season.

The Ducks defense ranks in the top-20 in yards per game and in sixth place in points per game. On the other hand, Texas A&M defense ranks 113th in yards per game and 96th place in points per game.

Just like Oregon's offense, everyone raves about Alabama's defense and how unstoppable they are, but Manziel put up 562 yards by himself. This ranks second most in SEC history, behind only himself when he put up 576 yards against LSU last season.

Manziel is a star and the MVP of this college football season.

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America's pastime is just that

Taylor Underwood

The Oregon outlook



American sports — baseball. 174 years ago in the summer of 1839, Abner Doubleday invented the most iconically American game; a game that still has large crowds filling stadiums and getting children out of school in order to watch.

Baseball is Americana at its finest and is still a major sport played in this nation and a growing sport in many others.

However, the common belief is that the love and support for this sport is declining and the rise of football fans grows rapidly. I made it my mission to find out exactly what is going on with the top 30 baseball teams in comparison with the top 30 football teams. To my surprise — and my sports editors — my findings were interesting.

Going onto the ESPN's website, I looked at the total home game attendance for the top 30 baseball teams and the top 30 football teams with the highest home game attendance total for the season.

Looking at the 2008 and 2012 seasons, I totalled them up for the MLB and the NFL. Taking the averages to my editor in chief, he was able to find that the percentage of attendance at homes games has increased or decreased.

Total attendance for the 2008 season for the MLB home games reached 78,591,116. In the 2012 season, the total home game attendance was 74,859,268. Crunching the numbers, we found out the total home game attendance dropped by 4.86 percent, a striking number.

Now to coincide with common opinion that the NFL home game attendance would have increased. However,

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game" is a song many Americans both old and young know and associate with one of the most

according to my calculations, the totals were slightly different. For the 2008 season, the total home game attendance was 16,435,497 and in the 2012 season is was 16,404,022. This means that the attendance actually dropped .19 percent.

Many would say this is proof that baseball is going to be on life support in the near future. However, I would disagree. Contrary to popular belief, although baseball is losing fans at home games, football is not vastly increasing.

Since baseball is so ingrained within our culture and society, I highly doubt that baseball will not go extinct. Instead, I have concluded that baseball will go

the way of boxing.

Boxing has been around for hundreds of years and ebbs and flows in popularity. Although boxing did not have the following it had in 1920, it still has fans and spectators and still broadcasts on major sports networks.

Baseball will so go the way of Mike Tyson rather than Old Yeller. There will always be somebody who can list off the winners of

every World Series, there will always be somebody talking about American baseball legends like Jackie Robinson and "Shoeless" Joe Jackson.

Baseball is part of who we are as a nation and as a people. America and Baseball go hand-in-hand with apple pie and Marilyn Monroe. Although fads in dress, music and presidents change with

time, baseball will be a constant within our society and culture for many years to come.

I have only been to one Major League Baseball game when I was five years old, but I still remember the feelings of

excitement and of bonding with my family, and like with everyone else in the stadium, I say at the top of my lungs, "Buy me some peanuts and cracker jacks, I don't care if I ever get back."

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“Baseball will so go the way of Mike Tyson rather than Old Yeller.”

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Q&A

An insider's look at the New Mexico Lobos

The Utah Statesman sports editor Curtis Lundstrom interviewed Thomas Romero-Salas, sports editor of New Mexico's The Daily Lobo on Wednesday for an insider's look at the Lobos.

Utah Statesman: What benefits have you seen for the team in being committed to the run game, and do you expect them to balance the offense at any point this season?

Daily Lobo: It's really just a continuation from last year scheme-wise for the Lobos. Their triple option offense is as dominant as they come. Teams know that they're going to run the football, yet they can't stop them. It's been pretty amazing to see how dominant they've been against teams by just running it.

UNM's last game at Wyoming,

sophomore quarterback Cole Gautsche had his most impressive outing as a passer. But I doubt that trend will continue because the Lobos offense is predicated on the run not the pass. Head coach Bob Davie has talked about if his team wants to compete in the future that they must try to be a balanced offense. It hasn't been the case this year thus far, and I doubt the coaching staff will try find that balance with six games left.

US: What is it about Kasey Carrier that makes him such a successful running back?

DL: The triple option offense

is just a perfect fit for Carrier. He's able to find the holes up the middle and he's one of the hardest runners I've seen play. He's a play-maker, plain and simple.

US: In each of their losses this season, the Lobos have come up just short. What is the morale of the team like with the good number of close-but-not-quite games, and what are they doing to keep morale up?

DL: Unfortunately for UNM, close losses have happened quite a bit since Davie became head coach. Last year, the team suffered five losses of seven points or less and were able to rebound the following week. The last two losses shouldn't have any effect on the Lobos morale because

they're good at forgetting about what happened last week. Their morale should be fine going into Saturday's game.

US: New Mexico is traditionally strong in basketball. With the football team sitting at 2-4 and basketball season quickly approaching, what's the attitude of students/fans at this point? Is there excitement surrounding football still, or is it an attitude of "Is it basketball season yet?"

DL: Fans just want basketball season to start already. They do support the football team, but it pales in comparison to the basketball team. Lobo hoops is just the

life blood of the university. People still do care, except they're starting to count down the days until the first home game of the basketball season.

I can't blame them either. After last season's shocking loss to Harvard in the NCAA Tournament, there is a lot of interest to see how this team will do. The fans expectations are high and they include the team's first-ever trip to the Sweet 16.

US: What is your prediction and analysis for Saturday's Game?

DL: The game will be close and

competitive. The injuries Utah State has suffered offensively, especially to quarterback Chuckie Keeton, give the Lobos a better chance at squeaking out a victory. However, the Lobos might have their top two quarterbacks out in Gautsche (right knee injury) and junior Clayton Mitchem (concussion-like symptoms). David Vega will be the one calling the shots if neither are able to go, and no one knows how Vega will handle his first Division I start.

With all that being said, I expect the Lobos to win a close one. Utah State might have the best defense in the Mountain West, but UNM's run game has been almost unstoppable at times. The Lobos win 34-32 at home in a thriller.



VOLLEYBALL

USU downs UVU behind balanced attack



File photo

MEMBERS OF USU'S VOLLEYBALL team celebrate during a match last season at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

► By Curtis Lundstrom
sports editor

With the team firing on all cylinders, it didn't take long for the Utah State volleyball team to down in-state foe Utah Valley in straight sets (25-12, 25-18, 25-15) Tuesday at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

"We kind of rolled a little bit, it was kind of nice," USU head coach Grayson DuBose said. "I thought we needed a match like that. Our confidence level needed to be increased I thought."

The Aggies jumped out to 6-2 lead and never looked back in the first set. Junior

outside hitter Rachel Orr had five kills in the set to lead USU, while senior Tamua Etimani and sophomore Elle Brainard each added four kills.

UVU got back within two at 8-6, but the Wolverines were unable to finish on the attack, piling up six errors in the first set. USU took advantage and used a 4-0 spurt to spark a 12-4 run and Orr finished off the set with three of her five kills.

The Aggies continued the momentum in the second set, and the defense went to work in the third set to close it out.

USU dominated all aspects of the match, finishing with

Fast Facts

- Elle Brainard had a match-high 12 kills.
- Ashlan Rogers-Court recorded 12 digs to inch closer to 1,000 career digs

10.5 team blocks and hit .371 for the match.

Junior setter Paige Neves dished out 40 assists on the night, and the Aggie attack saw all but two players record a kill in the match,

Three different Wolverines

recorded five kills to tie for team honors, but UVU was unable to work past the USU block and hit just .072 for the match.

"It was great, especially with our past with them," Orr said. "We lost last year so it's great to come out and pound them."

Utah State improved to 11-7 overall with the win, and remained at 4-3 in MWC play. The Aggies return to the court on Saturday, Oct. 19 when they travel to Reno to face Nevada.

First serve is scheduled for 3 p.m.

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There's no such thing as a free lunch

Student body president Doug Fiefa gave pre-paid meal cards to members on the ASUSU Executive Council, instructed them to eat lunch with students and gauge their concerns with USU.

Simply put, I applaud the activity and deplore the method of payment.

Student body officers should already be spending time with everyday students and finding out how they can make college life better for their peers.

Fiefa said the money to buy these meals came from an enhancement fund given to him by USU President Stan Albrecht and that this fund is not supported by student fees. But where does Albrecht get his paycheck from? According to Utah's Right to Know, Albrecht is paid by state funds — taxpayer dollars.

Executive Council members receive hefty scholarships and/or cash stipends for their services, partly funded by student fees. If they can't afford lunch, shouldn't they be utilizing SNAC, the student food pantry?

Nearly every other USU student has to buy their own lunch every day. Some have parents who buy food for them — those parents also pay taxes that are used for Albrecht's salary. Either way, we bought lunch for people who can already afford it and we didn't have a say in the matter.

Way to go, ASUSU, you've successfully used money that wasn't yours — that you didn't need — to do something you were already expected to do. You're welcome.

Except that you're not.



Tavin Stucki

From the chief

USU constitution up to student vote

On Oct. 22 and 23 students will have an opportunity to vote for revisions made to the student constitution by the ASUSU Executive Council. The revised constitution was approved and passed by a majority of the executive council and will now be taken to students for a special election. If a majority of students vote to approve the changes, the changes will take effect immediately.

The biggest change to the Constitution is regarding a change in the name of the Associated Students of Utah State University (ASUSU) to the Utah State University Student Association (USU/SA). I am personally in support of this name change and here are some reasons why:

1. Having Utah State University in the beginning of our name allows all to recognize that we are an organization affiliated with the university.

2. The term "student association" is a more clear and fitting description for the organization as opposed to "associated students" because every student



Doug Fiefa

ASUSU view

holds membership within the organization.

3. Currently, the student body is referred to as ASUSU in the constitution and the student government is known as ASU-SU Student Government. With the name change, the student body will be known as USU/SA and student government officials will simply be the officers within the student association. There will be no more separation.

4. There is a national and state trend with student governments moving toward the name student association.

5. It is a great opportunity to rebrand and inform students

of all the services available through the student association.

There were other changes made to the constitution which are mainly grammatical and housekeeping changes. The entire revised document will be available for students to see when they vote.

This name change is supported by USU President Stan Albrecht, Vice President for Student Services James Morales, Associate Vice President for Student Services Eric Olsen and the entire staff of the Student Involvement and Leadership Center.

I encourage all students to vote because we value your input, and it's your call at the end of the day. Voting will be available at www.vote.usu.edu on Oct. 22 and 23. Have your say and vote.

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Forum Letters

Disappointed by fair-weather fans

To the editor:

Unfortunately, the last two USU home football games were losses. Even more disappointing was watching USU fans empty Romney Stadium well before the games were

over. For example, at the USU-BSU game, students led the exodus starting in the middle of the third quarter. I estimate that by the end of the third quarter game, half of the student section was empty. Further, I argue by the end of the Boise State game, there were more BSU fans remaining in the stands than USU fans.

Win or lose, our football

team deserves the support of the USU student body through the entire game, unless there is a need to leave early. Our football team will overcome recent injuries, but needs fan support to carry them through the rest of the season.

For the remaining home games, don't be a "fair-weather" fan.

— Mike Steele

All to blame for the shutdown

Andy Pierucci



From the right

What is the difference between the 800,000 or more furloughed government employees and most of the politicians in Washington, D.C.? The furloughed workers actually want to do their jobs.

I read this joke the other

day and thought it perfectly summed up the current state of affairs. Our elected officials are not doing their jobs, and we are paying the price for their childishness.

Who is to blame for the current situation in D.C.? This is the question asked by all kinds of people; from talk show pundits on CNN and Fox News to students in the classroom here at USU. Those searching for someone to blame should first take a long hard look at themselves.

We are all to blame for the gridlock in Washington, D.C.

The apathetic voter who voted down the party line

because he couldn't spare the time to adequately research the candidates is to blame. The radio and news talk show hosts who peddle their hate-filled and biased opinions as real news are to blame. The state legislators, who allowed political ambitions, promises of power, money, or influence to persuade them to gerrymander congressional districts are to blame. The people who say, "My vote doesn't count so I'm not going to vote," or "Politics are stupid, I don't care about what's going on," are to blame.

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No compromise shut gov't down

Briana Bowen



From the left

Briana Bowen

"Healthy disagreement can preserve our democracy. Refractory partisanship can destroy it."

It is my sincere hope that by the time you are reading this article, the government shutdown is a thing of the past and the debt ceiling crisis has been successfully resolved. I hope national parks are reopened for business, the mandatory furlough for government employees has come to an abrupt end and an international financial meltdown has been averted by smart leaders from both parties making tough choices that will ultimately save our nation.

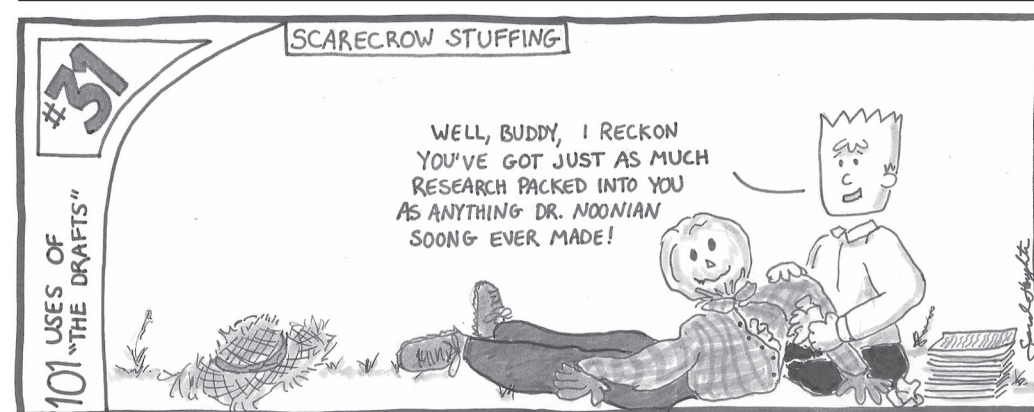
I'm at a disadvantage. At the time this column is being written, I don't know how the story is going to turn out. But I do have a few thoughts on the buildup of events that got us to this point of crisis, teetering between a prosperous, stable future and, well, the alternative.

Somewhere in the recent history of our political cul-

ture, an insidious idea took root that "compromise" is a dirty word and bipartisanship is a sign of weakness. Republicans and Democrats started perceiving each other not as the opposition, but as the enemy. When an idea was proposed by one party

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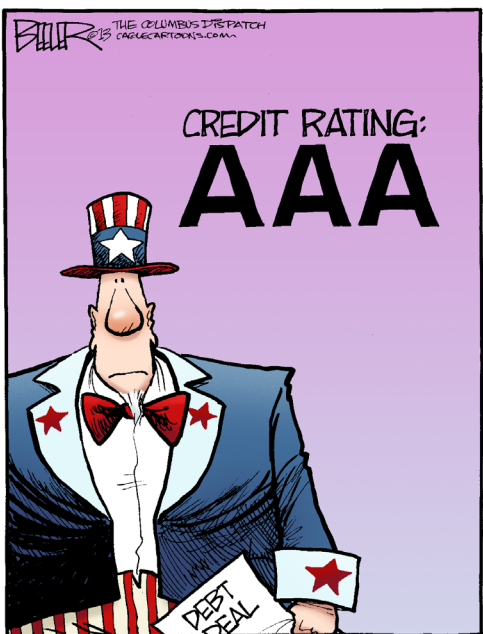
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Gay marriage is a reality

In modern United States history, it seems as though almost every generation has another struggle to determine human rights and what should and should not be socially and politically acceptable. Three generations ago it was about women's suffrage, two generations ago it was World War II and Japanese internment camps and last generation it was about equal rights and equality, no matter what sex or race you were. For our generation, it is about homosexual marriage.

According to freedomtomarry.org, 14 states in the union have accepted same-sex marriages. This is a huge step forward as far as truly having an equal society. All this has happened in the past 20 years, starting with Massachusetts in 1993. Since then, states over the lower 48 have accepted this as well — granted, mostly on the West Coast and New England, where progressive ideas have always had a strong hold.

In Utah, anti-gay people pushed through an amendment to the Utah constitution in 2004 prohibiting same-sex marriage. This is a shortsighted — and I feel — heavily religion-motivated action.

When Utah first joined the union, there were multiple political groups and parties promoting a wide variety of agendas and ideas. Since then, Utah grew to become a Republican state full of shortsighted religious ideological people who believe government and religion should go

Taylor Underwood



The Oregon outlook

hand in hand.

If indeed we are all “God’s children,” why is it that different children have different rights? If indeed we are all created equally, why is it that a man and a woman can marry in any state and yet two consenting people from the same sex can only be legally married in 14 states? This seems contradictory and against treating others how you wish to be treated.

I support same-sex marriage as performed by the state and federal government. Everyone above a consenting age should have the right to marry a person of a different or of the same gender.

However, I do believe churches should also retain the right to marry who they please, so a couple of the same gender who wish to get married can be married by the state and any church that will agree to marry them, but churches can refuse to perform a marriage in a temple, church or provide a preacher to perform the marriage. This, I feel, would solve the current problem.

Although I am not homosexual or bisexual myself, I do

support the right for people to get married where and to whomever they like, of consenting age.

Human beings within our nation’s history have fought for equality, and this is just another development of the same problem that persists within the consciousness of American citizens. I believe this is due in part to the lack of knowledge about this topic and realizing that allowing same-sex marriage is not going to bring down our society.

This propaganda is just BS brought on by the folks who oppose a certain idea due to lack of knowledge and narrow-mindedness. The government today has said multiple times that the government shutdown would be detrimental to the nation. However, within most lives, it has barely had an effect at all. People will continue to put out propaganda trying to destroy the idea that they are opposed to. This may be constitutional, but it is still narrow-minded.

Wake up and smell the roses, Utah. A human being is a human being regardless of their sex, skin color or whether or not they are attracted to the same gender or different gender. Therefore, all human beings within our state and nation should have the same rights and privileges.

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made it instantly, irrationally and irrevocably anathema to the other party. Capitol Hill is playing a vicious high-stakes game of poker where the chips are the global economy, the fiscal integrity of the U.S. government, and the homes and jobs of the American people.

As much as this asinine behavior frustrates me, I’m going to skip the warm and fuzzy “kumbaya” speech. I actually don’t believe the solution is just for everyone to “just get along.” Disagreement is and always has been a lynchpin of a healthy democracy. Our Congress should be having healthy and heated debates about every action taken by our government. In fact, the poorest decisions — like the Iraq War — often happen precisely when

there is a glaring lack of serious discussion over an idea’s merits.

But let me be crystal clear: there is a critical difference between disagreement — which is healthy and constructive for democracy — and altogether refusing to play ball if you don’t like something.

Responsible Congressional leaders play by the rules of the system. They understand when you win an election, you get to spearhead the policies you think the American people need and want. When you lose an election, you have to lick your wounds and reevaluate your policies.

Responsible leaders also understand the value of bipartisanship — forging policies that embody the best ideas of both parties. And they understand if you really disagree with something, you fight it the proper way: get the votes in Congress, win the next election, take the case to the Supreme

Court. If all proper means of recourse fail, sometimes you have to suck it up and face it: You lost this round. Move on. Mainstream Republicans in Congress get the importance of playing by the rules. Tea Party Republicans do not. And it is this faction that has decided that it’s fine to hold the entire U.S. government hostage over a policy, Obamacare, that they just don’t like — even though it’s been upheld in Congress and by the Supreme Court. That’s not disagreement. That’s flagrant, inexcusable selfishness.

Healthy disagreement can preserve our democracy. Refractory partisanship can destroy it.

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The senators and congressmen who decided defending their political ideology was more important than the 9 million low-income mothers feeding their 6.9 million children with the aid of Women Infants and Children are to blame. The President who believes preserving his precious landmark legislation is more important than compromising with those who disagree with him is to blame.

Some may wonder why a government shutdown is a bad thing. Here are a few of the many reasons why it’s bad. Many National Parks were shut down, which has cost local businesses across the country \$76 million. Governor Herbert recognized the problem and worked out a deal to reopen the National Parks in Utah by footing the bill.

Colorado was devastated by flooding just before the federal government shutdown. The floods killed at least eight people and have resulted in nearly \$500 mil-

Andy Pierucci

“We are all to blame for the gridlock in Washington D.C.”

lion in road and bridge damage and more than \$2 billion in property damage. The shutdown jeopardized the presence of 120 National Guard Engineers tasked with repairing the roads and bridges destroyed. The governors of Utah and Colorado worked out a deal to keep the Guard funded and on duty by paying \$40,000 to \$80,000 per day.

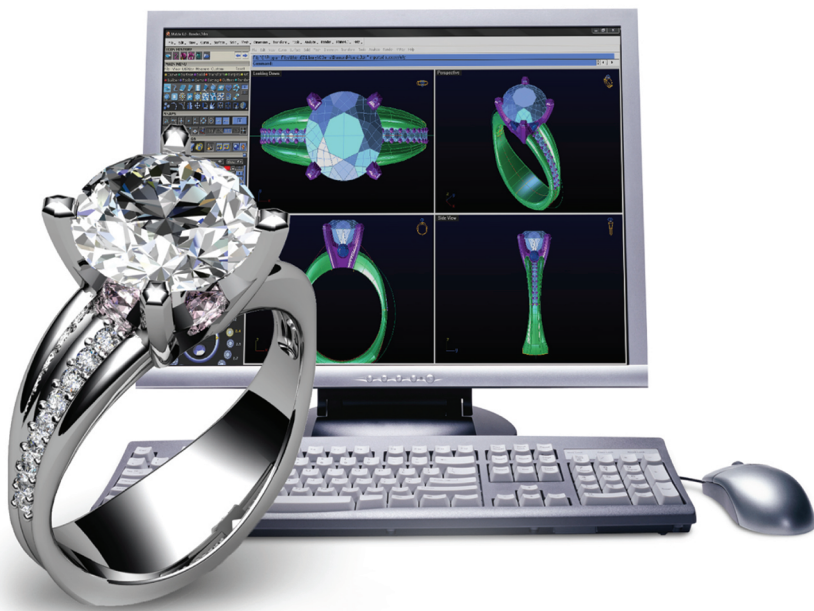
If a deal is not reached by Thursday, the debt limit will not be raised. The government will be required to immediately cut spending by \$560 billion. That’s the equivalent of com-

pletely wiping out the entire Defense Department. The U.S. would not be able to pay the interest rates on treasury bonds, which would put the U.S. debt in default. This would be devastating to the global economy.

We face many different problems as a country, and the diversity of opinions should be our strength not our weakness. The phrase “E pluribus Unum,” Latin for “out of many, one,” is found on the seal of the United States. Out of many states, people, races and religions, a single nation has emerged. Despite the many events and issues that divide us, we are still united. We need to wake up and take responsibility for our lives, our communities, our states and our country.

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Thursday Oct. 17

- Course withdrawals show as a W on transcript
- Classes Added by Petition Only (Charged \$100 late fee)
- Attend Friday Schedule
- Blind Holllow Yurt Reservations, ORP All Day
- Beef Taste Test, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- CWG Webinar with Dr. Susan Shaw, 12-1 p.m.
- Ecology Center Seminar Series, ENG 203 4-5 p.m.
- Effective Coping, TSC 310B 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

See last issue's answers inside today's paper!

Friday Oct. 18

- Course withdrawals show as a W on transcript
- Classes Added by Petition Only (Charged \$100 late fee)
- Fall Break (No Classes)
- True Aggie Night, Quad 11:55 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Saturday Oct. 19

- Course withdrawals show as a W on transcript
- Classes Added by Petition Only (Charged \$100 late fee)
- USU Army ROTC Wounded Warrior 5k, USU Campus 10-11 a.m.
- Women's Rugby, HPER Field 11 a.m.

Sunday Oct. 20

- Course withdrawals show as a W on transcript
- Classes Added by Petition Only (Charged \$100 late fee)

Monday Oct. 22

- Course withdrawals show as a W on transcript
- Classes Added by Petition Only (Charged \$100 late fee)
- Little Naturalist: Story Time at Swaner, Swaner EcoCenter 10-11 a.m.
- Annual Graduate Art Exhibition, Chase Fine Arts Center 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Acquisitions 2013 art exhibit, Nora Eccles Har- rison Museum of Art 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- BIRDGES, TSC 313 1-2 p.m.

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1 Fur tycoon

6 "Due Date" co-star

10 Rock blasters

14 Conveyed

15 Bassoon cousin

16 Wreak havoc in the streets

17 *Victor at Little Bighorn

20 Zilch

21 Fantasy game brute

22 Latin lesson word

23 New Year's ____

24 *2006 "Survivor" setting

28 Attacked

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47 Strudel ____ mode

49 Vocation

43 Millionaire's

48 Jon Hamm's "Mad Men" role ____

50 *All-in-one appli- ance

54 Dye holder

55 Classy

56 Fish you can smoke

57 Ricky portrayer

58 Handy person suggested by the starts of the answers to starred clues

62 Nebraska native

63 Like Iago, say

64 Rice/Lloyd Webber musical

65 Trees used to make longbows

66 Attends to one's whistle?

67 Unreactive gas

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1 Sawyer employer

2 "Same here!"

3 Poseidon's staff

4 ____ Day vitamins

5 Authority on a field

6 Masked hero

who debuted in the 1919 story "The Curse of Capistrano"

7 Stunned way to be taken

8 Member of the fam

9 Casual greeting

10 Cookie shop enticement

11 Ferdinand's love in "The Tempest"

12 Ph.D.'s further studies

13 Jeanne d'Arc, for one: Abbr.

18 Old geezer

19 "Come no closer!"

24 Consiglieri's boss

25 Penn et al.

26 Contained open- ing?

27 "Too noisy!"

29 Big band instru- ment

33 Defensive effort

34 Ctrl-____Delete

35 Correct

37 Superhero with a hammer

38 Even once

39 Chain ____

40 Give a sop to

41 Moneymaker

44 Not vacant

45 Charge for using, as an apartment

46 Potter or jeweler, e.g.

48 Style of a historic Miami Beach dis- trict

49 Get gooeey

51 Outdoor outings

52 Bright again

53 Argues ineffec- tively

57 Comic Chappelle


58 Almond ____

59 Select group?

60 Roman salutation

61 T. ____

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