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# No Coke for USU

## PepsiCo wins bid for campus sponsorship, Coca-Cola products to be removed from shelves

► **By Eric Jungblut**  
copy editor

After 12 years of being a Coca-Cola campus, things are going to look a little more blue around USU come spring semester. PepsiCo Inc. won the bid against Coke in a recent request for proposal — or RFP — put out by the university, according to Alan Andersen, executive director of Dining Services. Pepsi products will replace Coke products in USU’s dining areas. “The Coke contract ends Nov. 30,” Andersen said. “We’re going to kind of have a lag time between then and when the Pepsi contract begins.” Between Nov. 30 and the start of Pepsi’s contract Dec. 18, Coke products and equipment will gradually be removed and Pepsi will start to install their equipment on campus, according to Andersen. However, most of these changes will take place after students head home for the holidays. “Some changes will occur before the students leave for Christmas break,” Andersen said. “Most changes will occur, at least in Dining Services, after the students are gone...

so when they come back, all the changes will be in place. It minimizes the impact on the students that way.” Pepsi will cover the costs of installing their advertisements and equipment, according to Andersen. He said Dining Services will be doing some promotions to make it exciting to have Pepsi on campus, and the money for this will come from the Dining Services marketing fund. Pepsi won the bid in part because they offered more money to USU than Coke did, Andersen said. Pepsi will donate more than \$500,000 to be used for scholarships over the course of the contract. “We’re really excited about that, and that’s something we didn’t have with Coke. We didn’t have any scholarship money at all with Coke,” Andersen said. “Right now the plan is to provide scholarships for living in central campus for up to 50 students every year.” Pepsi products are nothing new to campus. Both Coke and Pepsi products are sold in the Quickstop on the first floor of the Taggart Student Center. However, when the new contract takes effect, the two brands will not coexist. Only Pepsi products will be sold on campus, according to Andersen. Some changes in products include Rockstar energy drinks replacing Monster, Aquafina and Aquavista bottled water replacing Desani and Gatorade replacing Powerade, according to Andersen. “I’m pretty excited about it,” said Chris O’Neal of USU’s track and field team. “I think it’s really cool because I’ve always been more of a Gatorade person compared to a Powerade person.”

**Chris O’Neal**  
USU track

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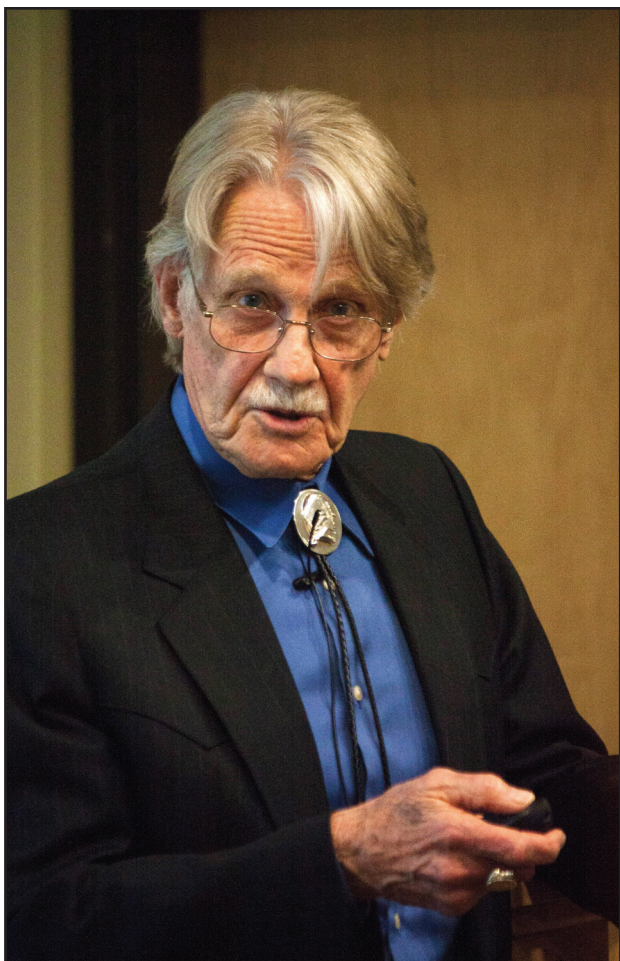
“Some other things that they’ll be able to bring in are all the Starbucks products,” Andersen said. “We have them in the Quickstop now, they’ll be available everywhere. Things like Sunny Delight is also another product that will become available, their juices are all Ocean Spray, which is a great product...it’ll be a good change.” Pepsi does not have the rights to sell Dr Pepper in the bottle or the can, but Andersen said the soda will still be available in soda fountains across campus. Some students may not approve of the switch in soft drinks. “That’s the way with everything,” Andersen said. “You’ve got people who like Nike better than Adidas. Everyone has their own preferences, but we still need to do what’s in the best interest of Utah State University and the students of Utah State University.”



# ’02 Nobel Prize winner speaks about economy and housing

► **By Marissa Neeley**  
staff writer

The Orson A. Christensen Auditorium was packed Wednesday as Nobel Laureate Vernon L. Smith spoke about how the price of one’s house correlates with the health of the economy. Smith spoke as part of the George S. Eccles Memorial Lecture in Economics. The Huntsman School of Business invites distinguished guests speaking as part of this memorial lecture, which also celebrated its 40th birthday Wednesday. These guests included Nobel Prize winner Peter Drucker, author Milton Friedman and former chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan. Smith was awarded the Nobel Prize in economic sciences in 2002 for his work in experimental economics. He authored and coauthored more than 280 articles and books on capital theory, finance, natural resource economics and experimental economics. He is the president and founder of the International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics. Randy Simmons, a professor of political economy, has known Smith since 1983. He said the most significant thing Smith has done is his invention of a new field of economics. “He tested economic theory in his lab — how people will react,” Simmons said. “He created real world markets among students in his classroom. It has grown to have a huge impact on how economists think. Are assumptions in human nature correct?” Simmons continued, “Besides, he’s a really nice guy.” Smith spoke on the Great Recession as a household-bank balance sheet crisis and the Great Depression as a household-bank balance sheet crisis. He also talked about housing as the U.S. business cycle and as a leading indicator in 11 of the last 14 recessions, but only the Great Depression and the Great Recession as balance sheet crises. Also, he described why stock market crashes do not bring recessions and achieving escape momentum from recessions with many damaged household and bank balance sheets. This is not achieved by monetary expansion or by government deficit spending, he said. Looking at a graph of percent changes in gross domestic product and components from 2003-10, Smith said nondurable consumption is most stable. “This story is not new,” Smith said. “It’s very, very old.” Imbalance in the depression was fueled by a massive flow of



Meghann Nixon photo

**NOBEL LAUREATE VERNON L. SMITH** speaks to a packed auditorium Wednesday. mortgage credit, Smith said. This is what economist Adam Smith described as “too much of other people’s money,” to which Smith shorted to OPM. Housing led in 11 of the past 14 recessions, Smith said. Only

# Mission gap dollars not a budget killer for USU/SA

► **By Danielle Manley**  
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The USU Student Association Executive Council decided to increase their budget by two percent on Tuesday. The council passed their budget in April at \$914,452 with significant cuts from various departments. After they voted on the initial budget, they voted to subtract two percent across the board to give them \$906,258. “We took a precautionary without knowing the enrollment numbers,” said Linda Zimmerman, the Student Involvement and Leadership executive director. “On top, we cut two percent just to be careful.” Members and advisers were expecting a significant decrease in enrollment for the 2013-14 academic year due to the age requirement drop for missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Enrollment numbers did not drop as low as expected. In fact, USU/SA Public Relations and Marketing director Casey Saxton said enrollment decreased by a few hundred. “Admissions worked hard to make sure enrollment stayed steady,” Saxton said. The council passed their budgets with the expectation of fewer students and consequently, a decrease in the money derived from student fees. “My personal opinion is that the

money should be used for its original intention,” Saxton said. The budget increase was first discussed by the council on Nov. 5 at the weekly executive council meeting. Members originally had concerns about what the money would be used for if the budgets were not increased. The funds would be put into a savings account for the activity fund. At the meeting on Nov. 5, Athletics and Campus Recreation Vice President Charley Riddle said it didn’t make sense to him for students to pay fees into a savings account. He would rather see it dispersed into activity funds, as in the executive council budgets. The approved increase wasn’t presented in the form of a bill or voted on because it was part of the \$914,452 budget passed in April. In other business, USU/SA President Doug Fiefia presented a new idea to the council to bring in more funds for the student association called sponsorship tiers. In the future, Fiefia wants council members to reach out to the community and bring sponsorship funds from local businesses and organizations. The system he set up includes four categories: bronze, silver, gold and platinum. The areas come with a different set of perks and benefits depending on how much money the sponsor gives. Some benefits for the businesses

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In brief

Campus & Community

USU scientists and alumni study desert plant survival

Utah State University ecologist John Stark, USU alum Zoe Cardon and their students are another step closer to understanding a natural phenomenon that enables desert plants to access water and nutrients they desperately need — even in the driest circumstances.

“We’ve long known plants reach deep below surface soil to take water up into their shoots and leaves, said Stark, professor in USU’s Department of Biology and the USU Ecology Center. “What we’re discovering is, through a process called hydraulic lift, plants also leak water into the bone-dry surface soil to release nutrients and stir microbial activity critical to the plants’ survival.”

Stark and Cardon, senior scientist with the Ecosystems Center of the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass., along with Patrick Herron of the University of Connecticut and USU alum Jed Rasmussen, now a doctoral candidate in microbiology at the University of Iowa’s Carver College of Medicine, published findings from their hydraulic lift experiment with sagebrush, the first investigation of its kind, in the Nov. 4, online Early Edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The team’s research was supported by the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Correction:

In the caption for the Nov. 12 wild art photo about the Veterans Day POW/MIA memorial, it was incorrectly stated that the Army ROTC was involved. While the memorial was for all branches of the military, it was staffed by just Air Force ROTC members.

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USU student business group gets real-world experience

► By Marissa Neeley  
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The Business Intelligence Group is an organization within the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business that gives students high rate of job placement upon graduation.

David Olsen, department head for management information systems, started the BI Group four years ago. It is not for credit and members are not paid. Students in the group are interested in business intelligence, tools and techniques for analyzing data.

The group looks for non-obvious correlations like a project future or customer loyalty. Some groups try to get free available stock market data, Olsen said.

“I’ve been in the business intelligence group for a little over a year,” said Chad Williams, a senior in accounting. “Right now I am the project manager for analyzing data from Backcountry.com. Backcountry.com is a Park City-based company that sells quality camping and outdoor equipment online all over the United States. We are trying help them recognize purchasing patterns for the

purpose of increasing customer loyalty. We have done things like figure out what customers purchase at the same time. We figure out what influences a customer to come back to a website.”

For Meghan Lewis, a master’s student in MIS, the BI Group gives her opportunities to put the knowledge learned in class to use.

“Being a member of the BI Group has given me the opportunity to meet and work with professionals from companies such as Backcountry.com and Conservice,” Lewis said. “It has been useful to have the opportunity to apply the concepts learned in classes to real-life data and to learn new business intelligence and data analytic techniques.”

“Students that actively participate have a higher job placement and more job offers,” Olsen said. “They

usually make \$10,000 more in starting salary. That’s kind of a big deal.”

Williams said he was in a recent job interview and was able to talk about his business intelligence experience.

“The interviewer didn’t ask about my previous internship as a manager, my involvement with campus activities or grades from classes,” Williams said. “Out of all the accomplishments on my resume, the interviewer only wanted to talk about my experience in the business intelligence club. My experience with the Business Intelligence Group gave me a great competitive advantage in the interview. It is a shame most students fail to recognize how great of an opportunity they are passing up by not participating in clubs like the BI Group.”

There are about 10 to 11 people in the BI group with subgroups of three

David Olsen  
Department head

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include a free booth at Day on the Quad or advertising at major events like the Howl or End of Year Bash.

“It’s a really great idea,” Saxton said. “It’s an opportunity for the student association to bring in money. I don’t know why there hasn’t been something like this in the past.”

The money would be allocated

to separate funds in the student association. The officer recruiting the sponsorship money would receive 65 percent, the student activities board would receive 30 percent and five percent would go to the Taggart Student Center.

Fiefia presented the idea in hopes of receiving feedback. He’s in the process of writing legislation in order to pass it through the council.

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the last recovering in 14 recoveries occurred without housing.

On why stock market crashes do not cause recessions, Smith said stock market excesses are constrained by margin requirements and limited investor use of OPM. Property rights limits on OPM combine with “call” feature of loans internalizes the primary damage from crashes. Households and banks generally are

or four who work on a project. There have been more female students over the years, which is good for them because they can get jobs in MIS that are flexible, are high-paying and allow them to live in different places, Olsen said.

“Business intelligence transforms large amounts of large data into meaning and useful information for businesses,” Williams said. “A lot of people hear words like data or computers and tune out. Computers and data are part of what we use, but business intelligence has much more depth. I love business intelligence because it focuses on answering important questions managers have always wanted to know. Business intelligence allows me to make important business decisions.”

“Through the contacts I met during the BI Group, I was invited to participate in a 24-hour All-Women’s Hackathon at the Backcountry.com offices in Park City last March,” Lewis said. “I put together a group of four current and former USU students, and our team took first place in our category of the competition.”

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not seriously impacted.

Michael Thomas, a clinical assistant professor, summarized Smith’s presentation.

“In a normal economy, a large amount of purchases are consumer goods,” Thomas said. “Going along, inflation and other disruptions to the economy aren’t really going to be affected but with assets such as housing. When you the change the rules and the laws that are affecting those things, you can get really big bubbles that can have long-term effects.”

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## Workshop aims to teach students how to deal with relationship loss

► **By Mariah Noble**  
staff writer

At some point, each of us will experience loss, according to Jim Davis, executive director of the Student Health and Wellness Center. For this reason, Counseling and Psychological Services will hold a workshop at 11:30 Thursday in TSC 310B for students dealing with the loss of a relationship.

David Bush, the director of CAPS, said the organization began putting on the event years ago after the death of a student who was very involved on campus. He said the event exists to help people deal with both personal and community tragedies, like the accident that occurred at USU the first day of school this semester.

"We all want to believe that we can control the universe, that bad things don't happen to good people, but they do," Bush said. "We feel vulnerable living in a world we don't control. We hold onto things even though we need to let go and move on. These circumstances force us to accept conditions that we want to deny."

Bush said one experience fairly common among students is the loss of family members such as parents or grandparents. He said this is often difficult for students because they are so heavily invested in these relationships.

This loss of relationships with family members does not always



Kylee Larsen photo

**USU COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES** will host a workshop to teach students how to deal with personal traumatic experiences. It will primarily focus on coping with the loss of family relationships.

come as a result of death.

Nicole Vouvalis, USU diversity specialist, said students who "come out" as LGBT to their families often run the risk of losing relationships.

Another group of students who face that possibility, according to

Vouvalis, are students who "come out" as atheists to religious families. But, she said, there are resources available to those individuals.

"I think the most important thing is that students understand that Counseling and Psychological

Services isn't for students who are 'messed-up,' but that it's a support structure," Vouvalis said. "They really are the best resource on campus for dealing with loss."

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## Aggies take part in No-Shave November, alternatives

► **By Gillian Ponce**  
staff writer

Many people have heard of No-Shave November, the time of the year when guys don't shave their faces and girls don't shave their legs. Enter "Movember," a month-long event where men can grow an impressive mustache to raise money for prostate cancer research.

Many males at USU — especially students — have been taking part in these activities and welcome the chance to grow out a beard or mustache. Freshman Aditya Chauhan said he loves seeing how an individual's look change every day simply by growing and stylizing their facial hair.

Chauhan said he heard about the annual events from his friends and decided to take the opportunity to grow out his beard.

"It's something new for me, and I have

never done something like that," he said. "When some girls say 'Dude, please shave,' and others say 'You look good,' then you will know who you should choose."

There are also some alternatives to No-Shave November, and many of them aren't as widespread and well-known.

Some events going on across the country include No-Shout November, a movement geared toward sports fans. This idea, invoked at other collegiate institutions across the country, is designed to promote good will. While a person is at a game of any sort, no aggressive shouting at either competing team is allowed.

In the past, No-Shot November was

**Aditya Chauhan**  
anti-shaving enthusiast

*"It's something new for me and I have never done something like that."*

organized and promoted by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA, to get hunters to put down their guns and bows and avoid hunting during the month. The idea garnished little support and has since been disbanded.

There are several counterculture November movements currently going on at USU and in Cache Valley.

One apartment of USU students is participating in No-Sweets November, and this month-long event has also has been deemed No-Sugar November by other groups of students.

"We just wanted to eat healthier," said Natalee Scoresby, a freshman Aggie. "We

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## Oh, nothing, just the greatest Twitter find ever

**Steve Schwartzman**



*Just a few laughs*

I have an incredibly important announcement — like, very important. The type of stuff that shifts our social society as we know it. You may want to sit down first. You are most definitely not prepared for this.

The Baconator has a Twitter.

Yes, The Baconator — @IAmBaconator. I'm serious.

I didn't believe it either. I mean, tender mercies exist in life, but how could the universe be so insurmountably generous so as to fulfill all of our begging concerns and build it better and with more natural worth all at once in one simple social media account? And yet, all it took was a quick message about an after-basketball-game trip to Wendy's and the shameful hashtag #frostyheaven — I promised myself I wasn't going to admit that to you — and, minutes later, the time-honored website suggested I follow America's most-celebrated two-meat, one-cheese, all-iconic grilled sandwich morsel.

It was exciting. No, it was more than that; so much more. It was like the tearing down of the Berlin Wall, except that event looks stupid in comparison to this. I am positive all of you agree.

Now, I know what you must be saying: "I get this is phenomenal and all, Steve, but (intermittent pause to check Fantasy Football scores) a Twitter account means nothing if the tweets aren't that interesting, and burgers can't type because they

don't have fingers. Also I find you insatiably attractive."

I hear you, most bystanders reading this, and in response: shame on you. No come-on about my appearance will save you even a little from questioning The Royal Baconator's ability to share with the world messages of the highest acclaim. I'm not necessarily guaranteeing a burger can actually type coherent phrases; I'm simply claiming if a burger could type coherent phrases they would be the most vital and bewildering pieces of information and, golly gee whiz, this Twitter account is proof.

Still not convinced for who knows what possible reason? Look, it's really not that hard. Let's take a look at some actual tweets from Baconator's thread.

On Nov. 9 — "I'm in the #bacon business, and business is good." — This teaches us two vital things about our favorite burger: It has no fear being transparent, and it prides itself on positivity. Imagine life if all of us were as willfully open and positive as the Baconator. Think about that beautiful world, then put bacon on it. It doesn't get much better, does it?

On Jul. 30 — "#ImSingleBecause you didn't order a double or a triple." — Wow. I mean wow. Just clever. And funny. And perfect. Speaking of that word...

On Aug. 2 — "Meat + Meat = Perfect. I'm saying I'm perfect. #SimpleMath" — We're exhorted here that one should never shirk on embracing who they are, and if Baconator is perfect, they might as well sing it to the world. The emphasis on Baconator's math skills here also adds dramatically to the equation — pun very intended.

On Nov. 2 — "Baconator

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# Needed construction will bring FAC up to code for students and patrons

► **By Christopher Campbell**  
staff writer

Students with classes in the Chase Fine Arts Center may have noticed the courtyard in front of the building has been closed down since Oct.14 due to ongoing construction. The project is being done on the Kent Concert Hall to bring it up to code to meet the standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, or ADA, and isn't expected to be completed until February or March.

According to Quin Whitaker, a structural engineer at USU who was part of a committee to approve the project, the lobby in front of the concert hall will be expanded. These modifications will replace the outside concrete stairs, located at the entrance in the courtyard, and extend to the first row of trees in front of them.

As visitors walk inside, there will be a staircase with an elevator on one side, Whitaker said. On the level above, there will be two new restrooms. Jarrod Larsen, manager of the arts center, said funds for the project were provided by the state as capital improvement money to use for disability purposes. Specifically, it is to conform to ADA regulations requiring an elevator.

"Say you're in a wheelchair, and you need to get from downstairs to the Kent lobby. You've got to go all the way around and up the ramps," Larsen said. "And those ramps aren't really to code anymore. They're really steep."

Larsen said because the ramps are so steep, an attendant needs to be available at all times to help push someone in a wheelchair up or down.

Another purpose for the project is to put in ADA-approved restrooms, Larsen said. The rooms need to have at least one stall big enough for a wheelchair to get into

and turn around. He said there are also some shelving issues in the restrooms that need to be brought up to code.

"I think it's great they're redoing the atrium and making it more handicapped accessible," said Tori Moss, who works as a staff assistant in the Fine Arts-Visual side of the arts center. "But it will be great when it's done."

Moss said because of the construction, students attending class in Kent Concert HALL have to go through an entrance at the southwest corner of the building by the music department. She said there are hundreds of students attending class, so it increases traffic flow in that area.

"It makes life so difficult for everyone," said Chantry Olsen, who works as an office assistant in the music department. "It takes like 15 minutes to clear all of those kids out of that one exit."

Whitaker said construction was supposed to start near the beginning of the summer and be completed by mid-November.

However, budget and legislative issues delayed the process.

The project was initially estimated to cost \$1.5 million, Whitaker said, but it ended up being closer to \$1.9 million.

"Getting those funds put together has been the biggest task," Whitaker said. "It's delayed the project by about two or three months."

Whitaker said the legislature held on to the funds until May, whereas the money is usually approved by March.

The project is supposed to be done by mid-February. However, cold-weather conditions may delay it from being completed until early March.

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Kylie Haslam photo

**MANY AGGIE STUDENTS ARE TAKING PART IN NO-SWEETS NOVEMBER**, also known as No-Sugar November. This month-long challenge keeps students from eating any desserts and unhealthy snack foods.

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are avoiding the freshman 15."

Scoresby said the activity hasn't been easy.

"We messed up a couple times, but we are doing great for the most part," she said. "The hardest part is saying no to brownies. My roommate and I went to her grandparents' and they had pumpkin pie. Things like that are the hardest to pass up."

Along with No-Shave November and No-Sweets November, some female students are participating in No-Makeup November, when girls don't use makeup for the entire month. Some male students are taking

part in No-Shirt November, where they can wear jackets, vests and other outerwear, but no shirts. There's also No-Shovel November, where students don't shovel snow in November.

Whatever the cause and whatever the activity, November gives students a chance to break through their common routine, said Easton Humphreys, an undeclared freshman.

"It's the middle of the semester, and things are getting serious," he said. "Having a little tradition to break up the busyness can really do wonders for you and keep your spirits up when you start to feel overwhelmed."

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## Workshop

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Tony Flores, program coordinator for the Veterans Resource Office, said student veterans experience loss in some obvious ways, such as someone passing away through training exercises, combat or accidents.

But, he said, there are also less-obvious changes veterans experience. "There's that sense of loss of identity," Flores said. "I can't speak for everybody, but for a lot of people, it's a 24-hour-a-day job. Life everyday is your military service, and you can do that for a few years up to 20-plus years. That day when they don't have to put on that uniform and go to work, there is that sort of loss of identity."

Flores said in addition to workshops like the one CAPS is putting on, veterans have resources for help, such as militaryonesource.mil and the crisis hotline. But because of the mentality and training of people in the military, he said, many of them adjust more easily by staying "focused on the next objective."

"You have to keep moving forward," said Dallas Nutt, a veteran and senior majoring in geology. "Forward progress is better than no progress at all."

Davis said success is based on resiliency — the ability to adapt to change. He said the college years are when students are subject to more stressors than they have been exposed to in the past, partly because parents are no longer sheltering them.

"Part of parents' responsibility is to buffer children from change," Davis said.

He said in a scientific sense, the human body is meant to maintain and restore individuals back to a baseline, called homeostasis, when changes occur. He gave examples such as individuals sweating when they are too warm and feeling the sensation of hunger when they have low blood sugar.

"If we get sad, our body doesn't have that kind of coping skill," Davis said. "We mourn and we grieve. It's not quite the homeostasis that we have in other bodily stations. It's easy to fall into things that are not good."

Davis said this workshop helps people form healthier habits as opposed to the nonproductive ones.

The two most common diagnoses in the student health and wellness center are, respectively, depression and anxiety, Davis said, adding he is concerned this generation of students is moving away from core coping and communicative skills because of the increase in technology.

"Social media for me seems to be misnamed because you're sitting down, looking at the screen," Davis said. "You can't see emotion, can't read facial expression. You lose that social interaction with nonverbal cues."

He said being prepared for and actually talking about challenges in a shared setting helps students to better tolerate their grief and loss. Bush said students working together can help each other better cope and said he hopes students will feel comfortable sharing with each other.

"That's one of the things I love about a workshop," Bush said. "Two heads are better than one. It's helpful to hear other strategies on dealing with loss."

He said oftentimes in group therapy sessions like this, students who begin as strangers will feel a strong sense of support by the end.

Getting through the stage of denial is difficult, Bush said, but once students start to face the feelings they have, they can start to forgive, move on and open themselves up to new relationships.

"When it comes down to it, dealing with loss can be best managed by celebrating the positive things that came from the person or item that you lost rather than the loss itself," Davis said.

Bush said belief systems are another source some people turn to in times of crisis, but challenges can either strengthen their faith or fill them with doubt, he said, depending on the person's individual view.

"Loss is part of the human experience," Bush said. "Once we accept that that is part of the teaching process, then we embrace the process and learn to let go. I think we live more courageously."

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## Steve

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gonna Baconate." — Enough said.

On Jul. 25 — "Write a haiku about which Wendy's item I should get the sumo judges. Winner gets a \$500 gift card. Tag it #GreatLate" — Two things here. First the ever-vital emphasis on the lifeblood of our societal short-term literature known as the haiku. One who appreciates haikus truly appreciates both life in general and the splendor that comes with counting to 17, thus it's only natural Big B would bring it into the open.

Steve Schwartzman

“So readers, celebrate. Sing a song, do a dance, kiss a woman on the street, for the world has found its apex.”

Second, talk about your generosity. 500 bones for tweeting a haiku? What's more charitable than that? It doesn't stop there: a quick thread and you'll see Baconator dishes out cash prizes for everything from memes to song lyrics and photos and all in between. For years we've known our friend as Baconator, the legendary burger, but lucky for us we are beginning to dig deeper into Baconator, the humanitarian. One can only imagine the amount of Make-A-Wish appearances Baconator must make on a weekly basis. Almost makes me wish I had lupus.

So, readers, celebrate. Sing a song, do a dance, kiss a woman on the street, for the world has found its apex. In all the annals of personal history, truly, you will be able to express deeply to your offspring exactly where you were and what you were doing the moment you brought @IAmBaconator into your life. You're welcome.

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## FOOTBALL

# Stewart: 'Imma Aggie' inspired

USU football  
player recorded  
fan favorite

► By Weston Mangum  
staff writer

If you've seen the Aggies play this year, chances are you've seen Rashard Stewart take the field. And, chances are, if you've gone to a game at Romney Stadium, you've also heard Stewart's song "Imma Aggie" playing over the sound system during pregame warm ups. The rap song, which Stewart wrote and recorded, has become a favorite among both fans and players.

"It's fun to look up in the stands and see the whole Hurd, the whole Aggie crowd singing the song," Stewart said. "It really gives me the chills, and I want to thank them for that."

"Imma Aggie" has become the unofficial pump up anthem for USU football over the past two seasons since Stewart released the jam. Stewart recorded the song before the 2012-13 season, and it has grown in popularity since then. Stewart recorded the song in his music studio, and it caught on with the Aggie coaching staff and team. "Imma Aggie" is based off of the song "Wild Boy" by rapper MGK.

"I was in the studio back in



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**MEMBERS OF THE USU FOOTBALL TEAM** run out onto the field prior to the Aggies' game against Weber State on Sept. 14 at Romney Stadium.

Miami," Stewart said. "The song 'Wild Boy' came on and I just thought about Utah State. I said, 'Let's funk it up,' so I made a little remake and made it really catchy so that the fans could get it."

"I sent it up here. (Head coach) Matt Wells decided

to play it when (former head coach) Gary Anderson was here. They said, 'Let's use it,' and so we did."

Making music is nothing new to Stewart. Music has been a big part of the junior cornerback's life since he was young, and it looks to be a big part of his life moving forward.

"I've been doing music for like six years now," Stewart said. "Since I was a little kid, me and my older cousin have been making beats on the PlayStation. It became a real hobby. That's really how I express myself, through the music."

Stewart expresses himself in

"Imma Aggie," especially his pride in being an Aggie. The Hurd's "I believe that we will win" chant is incorporated into the song. Lyrics include the line "Them Aggies say that Logan is the best town, the loudest town." Stewart is proud to be an Aggie, and he stands by the lyrics he uses in the song.

"Every thing that I say in that song is true," Stewart said. "I don't rap fibs. Everything that I say in that song is true, so believe that."

Stewart is grateful for the support he feels from USU fan's, and "Imma Aggie" is his way of giving back to the supporters.

"Logan is the best town, to me," Stewart said. "That's because of the simple fact that it's a football town, and they really support us. They never let us down, even after a loss. We really support Logan, and we're going to keep winning, for Logan."

While "Imma Aggie" is a hit, it's not Stewart's only song. He is signed to a music label in his hometown Miami and has released numerous other songs.

"I'm signed to a label back in Miami called GMC," Stewart said. "This is just one of the songs that I've done. I always critique myself, because I have a lot of music that I'm planning on making a mix tape during the summer."

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## Glance Aggie Schedules Football

**SATURDAY, Nov. 23**  
USU vs. Colorado State, 1:30 p.m.,  
Romney Stadium  
**SATURDAY, Nov. 30**  
USU vs. Wyoming, Noon

## Men's Basketball

**SATURDAY, Nov. 16**  
USU at UCSB, 8 p.m.,  
Santa Barbara, Calif.

## Women's Basketball

**WEDNESDAY, Nov. 13**  
USU vs. Loyola Marymount, 7 p.m.,  
Dee Glen Smith Spectrum

## Volleyball

**THURSDAY, Nov. 14**  
USU vs. SJSU, 7 p.m.,  
Dee Glen Smith Spectrum  
**SATURDAY, Nov. 16**  
USU vs. Fresno State, 7 p.m.,  
Dee Glen Smith Spectrum

## AP Top 25 Football

RK TEAM	RECORD	PTS
1 Alabama (56)	9-0	1472
2 Florida State (3)	9-0	1418
3 Ohio State	9-0	1310
4 Baylor	8-0	1303
5 Stanford	8-1	1272
6 Oregon	8-1	1139
7 Auburn	9-1	1109
8 Clemson	8-1	1049
9 Missouri	9-1	1012
10 Texas A&M	8-2	909
11 South Carolina	7-2	857
12 Oklahoma State	8-1	780
13 UCLA	7-2	669
14 Michigan State	8-1	633
15 UCF	7-1	596
16 Fresno State	9-0	588
17 Wisconsin	7-2	503
18 LSU	7-3	470
19 Louisville	8-1	467
20 Northern Illinois	9-0	396
21 Arizona State	7-2	362
22 Oklahoma	7-2	285
23 Texas	7-2	185
24 Miami (FL)	7-2	121
25 Georgia	6-3	78

Others receiving votes: Ole Miss 68, Minnesota 60, Nebraska 16, Duke 11, USC 10, Washington 9, Ball State 7, Virginia Tech 5, Brigham Young 3, Notre Dame 2, Houston 1

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# USU downs Loyola Marymount, moves to 2-0

► By Jeff Dahdah  
assistant sports editor

The Utah State women's basketball team cruised to a 100-58 win Wednesday night against Loyola Marymount University. The Aggies improve to 2-0 on the season with the win. LMU drops to 0-2 after an opening loss to the Aggies' Mountain West Conference foe New Mexico.

"I'm really proud of our girls because there is some confidence starting to show now," said USU head coach Jerry Finkbeiner. "We've got some momentum and some belief in what we are trying to do."

USU started the game with a 7-0 run in the first three minutes. They kept up the intensity from there, cruising to a 48-24 lead at halftime.

At one point during the first half, USU's Cristal Turner had 11-straight Aggie points.

The Aggies dominated the half with senior guard Jennifer Schlott only playing eight minutes due to foul trouble. She picked up her fourth foul 14 minutes into the game.

There were 10 different players for the Aggies who found their way on to the scoreboard as Makenlee Williams, Ingrida Strikas, Jasmine Porter, Turner and Schlott all had double-digit points. Williams led all scorers in the game with 19 points.

The Aggies also had a nice rebounding day, collecting 57 team rebounds while Franny Vaaulu and Stephanie Bairstow had double-digit rebounds. Finkbeiner wasn't



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**MAKENLEE WILLIAMS DRIBBLES** down the court during USU's win over Loyola Marymount on Wednesday.

satisfied with the team's performance on the glass, however.

"We have to rebound better," he said. "We have to sure

up the offensive boards."

USU shot extremely well from behind the 3-point arc, finishing with 42 percent. Turner hit four 3-pointers in

the game — three of those coming in consecutive order in the first half.

"The whole team was moving the ball around and taking the right shots," Turner said. "We weren't forcing anything, nobody was rushing their shots and that had a lot to do with it."

Utah State will take on in-state rival Utah in Tuesday in Logan. They are looking to avenge a 28-point loss in Salt Lake last year to the Utes. The Aggies look to have a 3-0 start for the first time since the 2009-10 season. The Aggies have scored 100 points or more in consecutive games, marking the first time they have done this since 1979.

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## Basketball

RK TEAM	RECORD	PTS
1 Kentucky (28)	2-0	1,552
2 Michigan State (22)	1-0	1,549
3 Louisville (12)	1-0	1,494
4 Duke (3)	1-0	1,454
5 Kansas	1-0	1,358
6 Arizona	1-0	1,291
7 Michigan	1-0	1,154
8 Oklahoma State	1-0	1,124
9 Syracuse	1-0	1,087
10 Ohio State	1-0	1,033
11 Florida	1-0	995
12 North Carolina	1-0	950
13 Memphis	0-0	743
14 VCU	1-0	708
15 Gonzaga	1-0	561
16 Wichita State	1-0	555
17 Marquette	1-0	491
18 Oregon	1-0	484
19 Connecticut	1-0	441
20 Wisconsin	1-0	357
21 Notre Dame	2-0	328
22 New Mexico	1-0	240
23 Baylor	1-0	235
24 UCLA	1-0	196
25 Virginia	1-0	170

Others receiving votes: Creighton 148, Tennessee 138, Indiana 78, Iowa 54, Harvard 46, Boise State 24, Colorado 18, Villanova 14, Arizona State 11, LSU 8, Washington 8, UNLV 6, Pittsburgh 6, Georgetown 4, Stanford 3, Saint Louis 3, Missouri 3, Cincinnati 2, Towson 1



## THIS WEEK IN UTAH STATE ATHLETICS

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# State your case:

Should teams deliberately tank their seasons in order to improve their overall draft stock?

YES

NO

► By Calvin Makelky  
staff writer

► By Emily Duke  
staff writer

### NEW CHALLENGER

Yes, there are certain times when a sports team should tank. The perfect example of this is in the NBA this season. The 2014 draft class is full of potential franchise-changers in Andrew Wiggins, Jabari Parker, Marcus Smart and Julius Randle.

NBA teams have two ways improving, either through the draft or via free agency. Teams in small markets though, like the Utah Jazz, cannot lure big time free agents; therefore, they must acquire star talent through the draft.

So this year, teams like Jazz had two options: sign veterans and hope to slip in as a seventh or eighth seed in the playoffs, or let them walk and center the team on a young, inexperienced core. Option one has no chance of winning a championship anytime soon, while the second option allows the players with a future to gain experience and obtain a high draft pick in the process. This allows them to add a potential superstar, which every championship team must have.

Once a team is having a poor year, why try to win? The 2011 Minnesota Vikings would have had the second pick in the 2012 NFL Draft if they hadn't won the last game of year. Instead, they won and missed out on picking Robert Griffin III. Can you imagine a backfield with RGIII and Adrian Peterson? Winning with the season already lost does not help a pro sports team — rather, it hurts the team.

Some people say tanking is wrong because it hurts fan support, yet what will the Jazz fanbase say after getting Andrew Wiggins or Jabari Parker? Fans must realize tanking teams are trying to become great. It takes time, and being a middle-of-the-road team is the worst position to be in.

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### LAST WEEK'S WINNER

The hashtag #TankForWiggins started trending on Twitter before the NBA season even started. With the deep 2014 NBA Draft class, including Duke's Jabari Parker and Kansas' Andrew Wiggins, there has been a lot of talk about teams "tanking" the current season for better better draft stock in the upcoming year.

Is this a program building strategy owners and coaches should endorse? The obvious answer is no.

Besides the fact that fans deserve the best their team can give on any given day, anyone who follows sports will tell you losing breeds a mentality of losing in the long run.

Mike Krzyzewski of Duke said it perfectly when asked about the subject: "As an American, I wouldn't like to think that an American team would [ever] want to lose or create situations where you would want to lose."

He added: "If that is happening, shame on whoever is doing it."

But, does it even work? Assuming the point of tanking a season is to obtain the No. 1 draft pick, how many of those picks have led their teams to a title in the the past 20 years?

From 1993-2012, only one No. 1 pick has led his draft team to a title. Tim Duncan, No. 1 pick in '97, led the Spurs to the '99 title and several more titles since. LeBron James, the No. 1 pick in 2003, is the only other No. 1 with a title at all, but it wasn't with the team that drafted him. Sorry Cleveland.

Even if we assume every team in the last 20 years to get a No. 1 pick tanked the previous season to do it, it's not a very effective strategy.



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# College ball players in too much of a hurry to reach NBA

Jeff Dahdah

The Cardinal Rule



basketball has become, for about ten players a year, NBA training camp. These players are the ones who would have been huge for a campus, but instead spend one year there and then leave, never to think about their college days again.

Kevin Love could have been UCLA's next Bill Walton. Instead people forget he even took UCLA to the Final Four. Kyrie

Irving could have been to Duke what Grant Hill was, but instead he played only a handful of games for the Blue Devils. Anthony Bennett could have led UNLV to a Final Four just like Larry Johnson, but instead played in just one NCAA Tournament game.

Player rivalries leave with this system. You are unlikely to see players like Patrick Ewing and Pearl Washington face off multiple times in a career. These are not the classic rivalries like Michael Jordan and David Thompson vying for conference championships against each other. Breathtaking battles like Larry Bird squaring off with Magic Johnson in the championship don't happen as often.

Instead, coach rivalries have become far more prevalent in college basketball. Mike Krzyzewski and Roy Williams; Rick Pitino and John Calipari; college basketball is becoming less about the players in their current jersey and more about what jersey the player will wear a year from now.

This year's class of players to go one-and-done include Jabari Parker, Andrew Wiggins and Julius Randle. They all played in the same stadium Tuesday night with representatives from every NBA team watching their every move. However, something good did come from this. Players were suddenly the focal point. Calipari, Krzyzewski, Tom Izzo and Bill Self were all in the same stadium, yet they weren't the story. The story was about the players; yes, for the reason of their future NBA careers, but at least everyone knew and everyone watched for the superstars of college basketball today.

Players like Creighton's Doug

McDermott have become a novelty in college basketball. McDermott is a senior. Imagine that; a senior in college basketball. Not only is he a senior, but also he started every season in his college career. McDermott is also the preseason favorite for the Naismith. He did not stay one year and bounce to the NBA. True, he is not the caliber of NBA prospect Irving was, who was also a freshman at the same time as McDermott, but he is to Creighton's program what Bird was Indiana State's — a constant leader for an extended period of time.

All of the people who went to the games and who tuned in to watch this early in the season saw players attached to the great teams of college basketball. They saw rock-chalk-Wiggins, Parker as a Blue Devil and Randle with Kentucky across his chest. Hopefully they saw something that will make them want to see more of

these talents and continue to watch them and college basketball some time before mid-February.

Maybe after seeing the spectacle that was the "Champions Classic," people will watch for more great players squaring off. Hopefully people will watch Wiggins take on Oklahoma State's Marcus Smart this season — twice. Hopefully fans will get excited not just about Louisville vs. Kentucky this season, but be excited to see Randle take on Russ Smith. Maybe in the hoopla that is the North

Carolina against Duke games every year, people will take the time to take a look at how Parker stacks up against James McAdoo. Some fans may actually want to see Michigan's preseason all-American Mitch McGary take on Michigan State's senior — you heard it right — senior Keith Appling; again, twice.

Hopefully people will see past the blaring inevitable future for these players that is the NBA. With any luck, people will see past the NBA teams potentially tanking for these players. Maybe fans will start to understand just how exciting the college basketball regular season is. If spectators can do this, then they can understand just how special this college basketball season is going to be, not just how special this draft class will be.

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## Two-party system won't change

Here's a friendly warning to our readers: Never ask a political scientist about the two-party system in real life. They won't be offended or bemused. No, the terrible risk you run is they'll launch into electrified, incomprehensible babbling about things like single-member-single-district (SMSD) elections, multiparty election thresholds and ruling coalitions and something dreadful-sounding called "Duverger's Law."

Send me a message if you manage to get out of that conversation in less than two hours — I'll be impressed.

But I'll admit — the reality is that in these rather dry and complicated political theories, we find the explanation for why the U.S. has a rigid two-party system, why third parties year after year fail to accrue any in-

**Briana Bowen**



**From the left**

fluence, and why our system is frankly unlikely to change.

Let's have a quick POLS 1100 lesson. The unique configuration of American elections means in almost every race — whether it's for a U.S. House seat or a U.S. Senate seat or even the presidency — there is one and only one prize at stake in that district or state during that election cycle. Regardless

of how many candidates vie for the seat, the one candidate who gets a plurality of the votes — that is, more than any one else; usually 51 percent or more — will win the only prize.

It comes down to this: there's no prize for second place in American elections. There was no "second place" for Democrat Scott Howell, who ran unsuccessfully against Senator Orrin Hatch in 2012; there was no "second place" for Mitt Romney, who won about 47 percent of the national vote in the 2012 presidential election — a narrow margin of defeat, but that didn't matter because it simply wasn't first place.

In order to even have a shot at claiming coveted first place, a candidate must have the backing of a major political party, for it's through that party

organization that money, campaign ads, volunteers and loyal voters will come. Without the party label and support, few candidates would ever be able to seriously contend for office. And even with a major party endorsement, a candidate may well lose to the other major party candidate.

So what about candidates who don't affiliate with a major party? "Third" parties — any party other than the Republican and Democratic Parties — don't have a prayer of being able to sponsor a candidate able to win over 51 percent of the voting public. Third party candidates might eke out 5-10 percent of the vote on a good year — but remember, because there's no prize for anything but first place in our elections, this marginal support falls by the wayside

and third parties never even get a foot in the door.

My conclusion is this: whether we like it or not — and frankly, whether or not it's the best system — the U.S. is stuck with a two-party system simply by nature of our Constitutional political structure. Perhaps the tone of our debate, then, should shift away from that which we simply cannot change and move toward that which we can do to improve American democracy within the system we have.

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## Apathy is to blame for US problems

The gridlock in Washington, D.C. and the recent government shutdown has led some to bemoan our two party system of government. Cries for a strong third party can be heard all over the country. Some argue the current two-party system over-empowers minority fringe groups that do not accurately reflect public opinion. I would argue just the opposite. In order to accomplish anything of substance, our two-party system of government forces differing political groups to come together under one banner. The Republican Party brings together a wide variety of conservative-minded individuals including traditional conservatives, libertarians, the tea party and many other types of conservatives. The Democratic Party brings together environmentalists, free-market liberals, New Deal liberals and many other liberal groups un-

**Andy Pierucci**



**From the right**

der their wing.

Some say the founders were opposed to political parties and our current system goes against their intentions. In some ways this is true, but the reality is, our constitution favors a two-party system. The same founders who spoke out against political factions became the creators of the original American political parties. The supporters of John Adams and Alexander Hamilton were members of what became known as the Federalist Party.

Those who supported Thomas Jefferson and James Madison were members of the Democratic-Republican Party.

Members of Congress deal with issues of great importance, and their decisions can have far reaching effects. On a given day, issues such as immigration reform, social security, national spending, national defense, homeland security and much more are discussed, debated and voted on in our nation's capitol. These issues require policymaking stability and unity, which can only be found in the broad based views of our two parties. A two-party system of government requires individuals to focus on areas of agreement more than areas of disagreement.

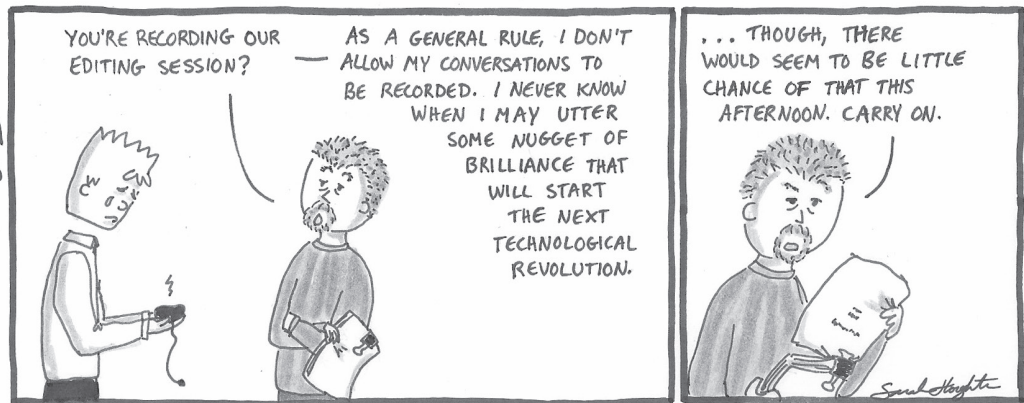
The current gridlock in D.C. is not a result of the two-party system of government, but rather due to an alarming rise in apathy and a decline in vot-

er participation. Fringe groups are able to gain control of political parties because of the growing number of people who turn a blind eye to the American political process. As citizens participate in government, government responds. America needs you to take an interest in its future. A great man once said, "If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything." Do not sit idly by while our system of government is being hijacked by fringe groups. Take the time to

consider where you stand on the issues of the day and then find the party that most closely resembles your thinking. The more people get involved in the parties, the more the parties will reflect public opinion.

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**Nov. 14 puzzle answer**

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### USU not religiously diverse

**To the editor:**

I joke that I came to USU for the cultural experience. I grew up in Palo Alto, Calif., the heart of silicon valley. It is impossible to go a day without seeing someone of a different race of religion — Palo Alto is such a mix of so many different religions and ethnicities that the culture has evolved into one that incorporates the traditions, foods, and even sayings from other places.

When I came to USU, I expected there to be less diversity than Palo Alto. I was aware of how fortunate I was, growing up in such a diverse community. However, I found myself to be unprepared for not only the lack of representation of different ethnic or religious groups, but also the accepted stereotypes and negative comments towards people of other backgrounds, that people hear and say without blinking an eye.

I am Jewish. I could write a book about some of the responses I've gotten when I tell people that. The least of which is, "really?" I feel, as part of group that is so underrepresented, that I must act "perfectly" in the eyes of others. I am the first Jewish person many people have met, and may be the last. I don't want to leave anyone with a sour taste of the Jewish faith.

I must respectfully disagree that USU is religiously diverse. The groups described in the recent article on increasing religious diversity are mostly Christian. Yes, there is growing Christian diversity on campus, but Christianity is not the only religion in the world. It saddens me still that the Muslim Student

Union was mentioned briefly, but with it a comment on how hard it was to practice Islam after 9/11. It shouldn't be hard to practice any religion on campus. An accepting and diverse community would prove to be an easy environment to practice whatever religion people choose.

I love USU. I love Logan. I love how people are friendly and generous. Yet, claiming an increase of religious diversity at USU is false. Christian diversity maybe, but the people of Logan, and the people who read The Statesman have the right to be well informed and aware that religious diversity can go beyond Christian diversity. It can extend to religions from all over the world, like Islam and Judaism.

**— Ilana Kornfeld**

### USU Police protect against booze-related offenses

**To the editor:**

I'm confused. Why did the front page of the Oct. 29, 2013 issue of The USU Statesman highlight "cop security" at the Howl and subsequently criticize the same police presence in the opinion section? Did I read two separate newspapers on the same day?

The "cop security" article stated, "Student volunteers were encouraged to deal with any problems, including MIPs. However, if there was an issue the students could not handle, police stepped in." Furthermore, the article stated a lead volunteer's challenge, "...the biggest difficulty he faced was dealing with the number of students."

In contrast, the editor's

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## Forum Letters

opinion stated, "Not everyone drinks to the point of public indecency, civil unrest or intoxication." Although this is true, this opinion failed to mention what alcohol can lead to when people are irresponsible. Has anyone who contributed to this opinion ever seen the aftermath of alcohol-fueled incidents committed by those few irresponsible college-aged drinkers? I have. Incidents I have personally dealt with include sexual assault, domestic violence, suicidal ideations and DUIs. It isn't pretty. Are we naive enough to think some of these things did not happen after the Howl?

Also, it's important to note a large police presence is required to do more than augment volunteers and look out for MIPs. You can't expect volunteers to fully contain intoxicated individuals or a large crowd. Police are counted as first responders if there is an emergency. Volunteers cannot handle a crowd of 6,000 in the case of accidents or incidents. Therefore, volunteers must trust there is sufficient police presence to handle an emergency.

I believe those of age have the right to drink if they so choose. However, the few irresponsible individuals who break the law through disorderly conduct or MIPs ruin it for the responsible drinkers. This makes it necessary for increased police presence at events such as the Howl. Whether at the Howl, a sporting event, or during day-to-day activities, I appreciate the presence of law enforcement officers. They protect us all, including offenders, from the horrors of alcohol-fueled offenses.

**— Mike Steele**





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Thursday  
Partly cloudy



43/28  
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Chance of snow



41/23  
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## Thursday Nov. 14

## Friday Nov. 15

## Saturday Nov. 16

- Spring 2014 Registration–Freshmen
- Phi Upsilon Omicron Donation Drive for CAP-SA, FL 205 All Day
- Why Would You Build a Career Sticking Your Head in the Ground?, LIB 154 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Letting Go, Dealing with Loss, TSC 310B 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. San Jose State, Spectrum 7-9 p.m.
- Baller's Club, TSC Lounge 7-9 p.m.
- Caine Chamber Ensembles, Performance Hall 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- Warren Miller Ticket To Ride, TSC Kent Concert Hall 8 p.m.

- Open Registration Begins for Spring 2014
- Phi Upsilon Omicron Donation Drive for CAP-SA, FL 205 All Day
- Former VP of Dominican Republic Visits USU, TSC Auditorium 1:30 p.m.
- Mr. and Ms. International Pageant, TSC Ballroom 7-9 p.m.
- USU Hockey vs BYU, Eccles Ice Sheet 7 p.m.
- Nothing Is As It Seems, Chase Fine Arts Center 7:30-9:30 p.m.

- CPR & AED Training (National Safety Council), HPER 114 9:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.
- Annual Turkey Trot, HPER 10 a.m.
- Volleyball vs. Fresno State, Spectrum 7-9 p.m.
- Nothing Is As It Seems, Chase Fine Arts Center 7:30-9:30 p.m.



Today is Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Luke Rosemann, a junior majoring in communications studies from North Salt Lake City, Utah.

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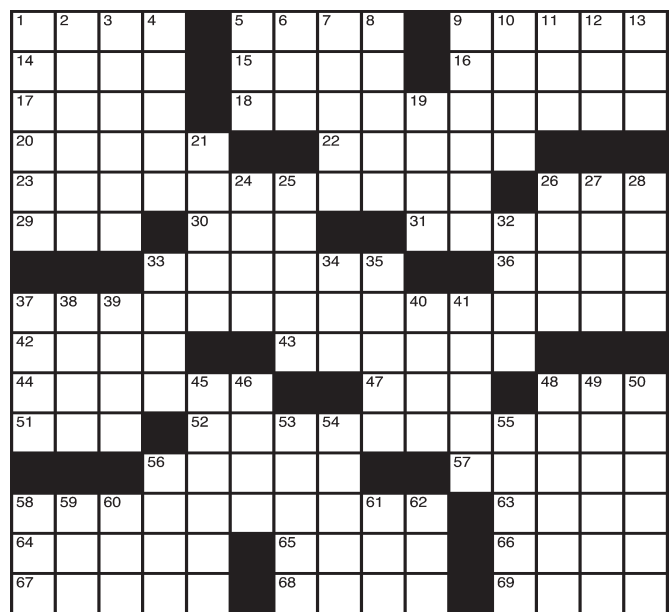
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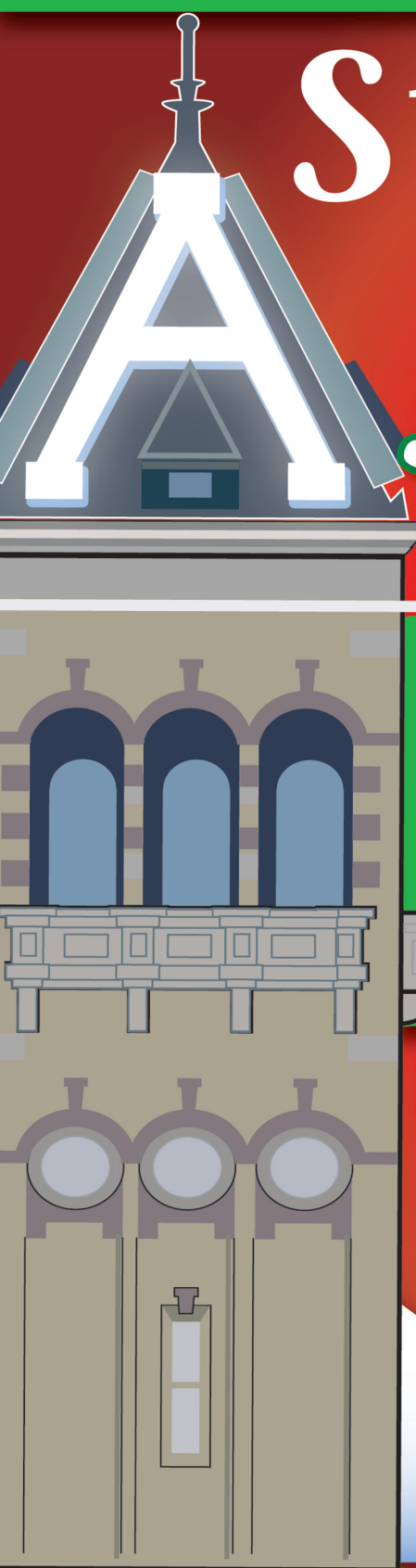
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