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# USU/SA gets brutally honest with students



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**USU/SA REPRESENTATIVES** explain their policies to students at Brutally Honest on Wednesday in the TSC Auditorium. From left: USU/SA President Doug Fiefia, Public Relations and Marketing Director Casey Saxton, Organizations and Campus VP Sonina Hernandez, Administrative Assistant Trevor Olsen, Service VP Kevin Meacham and Programming VP Thomas Rogers.

*Students get the chance to ask officers about parking, spending, service and future plans for the university*

► **By Danielle Manley**  
assistant news editor

An audience of about 20 students filled the TSC Auditorium Wednesday for the Brutally Honest public forum during Common Hour.

Student asked members of the USU Student Association Executive Council questions about their positions, past legislation and future plans. Publicity and Campus Relations Director for the Val R. Christensen Service Center Mary Taggart asked pre-scripted questions and invited the audience to chime in.

Service Vice President Kevin Meacham was asked to justify spending money on iPads as rewards for a service project.

“My initial thought is I understand their thoughts and concerns,” Meacham said. “Personally,

it’s hurting to me because it’s service. Second, the service center, as with others, puts aside money for a budget. We decided we would spend those funds to motivate students to serve. Everyone needs some type of motivation to serve.”

Meacham’s department is hosting an event during November called Aggies Giving Service (AGS). Students are encouraged to log their service hours and the student with the most hours will receive an iPad.

“The idea behind AGS is to log your service hours,” Meacham said. “But mostly to promote service. We’re providing them with a direct opportunity.”

A student in the audience followed Meacham’s response with a question about the spending in the MyVoice campaign, held the first week of this month to encourage students to voice comments and

concerns on my.usu.edu. She asked why \$1,500 was spent when clubs in the service center have to pay money to host a fundraiser.

“There are things that students don’t do on their own,” said Doug Fiefia, USU/SA president. “That was the justification. It wasn’t buying concerns or spending money to get those concerns, it was a way to attract students.”

Fiefia said there has never been a way for the executive council to receive concerns from all students

around campus.

“MyVoice is one of the best things we’ve done and has been done,” said Casey Saxton, public relations and marketing director. “\$1,500, even more than that, was spent on the campaign. It was an effective use of student money. The student voice is invaluable. I think that it was a very beneficial use

of student money.”

Saxton said the service budget is separate from his and the pres-

ident’s budget. The MyVoice campaign was paid for with Saxton’s and Fiefia’s budgets.

Administrative Assistant Trevor Olsen was asked about his goal of informing students about the current legislation in Academic Senate and Executive Council. He said students aren’t necessarily interested in the legislation, and he’s transitioned his goal to getting students excited.

“I’m not sure students even understand that we pass legislation that affects them,” Olsen said. “This is different than high school student government. We don’t sit and plan dances. We actually do things for students and change policies to benefit students. I want students to understand that before pushing legislation.”

Student Advocate VP Daryn Frischknecht was asked how she

uses her position to advocate for student concerns. She explained the importance of students using MyVoice to talk with officers.

“As student advocate... I’m supposed to take these concerns and advocate for the students,” she said. “One thing I’ve been noticing is students don’t take advantage of this position and voice those concerns face to face. MyVoice will help a lot. I love it when students come to my office.”

She was also asked about an initiative she’s been working on with Associate Vice President of Student Services Eric Olsen. Hoping to speak with President Albrecht soon, Frischknecht is investigating the possibility of making USU a tobacco-free campus.

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## Executive Council mulls possible parking changes

► **By Danielle Manley**  
assistant news editor

A sensitive and frustrating topic to many students was discussed at the USU Student Association Executive Council’s public meeting on Tuesday — parking.

A presentation was given by Director of Parking and Transportation James Nye, Executive Director of Housing Steve Jensen and Assistant Director of Parking and Transportation Joe Izatt. Nye said changes needed to happen because of new buildings on campus.

“Anytime you change something on one side of the campus, it affects the other side of the campus,” Nye said.

He showed the council on a map which parking areas would be affected when the new recreation building and the Wayne Estes Center are finished. Because of access to the Wayne Estes center, 12 stalls will be lost on 800 East.

The Black permit parking lot south of the Spectrum will also be lost.

“It’s human behavior to park as close to the event site as possible,” Nye said. “We need to make a plan. We have to have a plan for this whole section of campus.”

Changes he suggested include making the Big Blue Terrace 24 hours and changing the Blue Premium lot. He also wants to open the Red permit parking lot

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## Students win prizes for hours logged

► **By Madison Maners**  
staff writer

November is Aggies Giving Service (AGS) competition month and features blitz nights with 14 service activities. The three students with the most service hours logged on AGS will be awarded iPads on Dec. 5.

“We’ve tried to provide as many service activities to students as possible throughout the month so they can rack up their hours,” said Mary Taggart, publicist for the Val R. Christensen Service Center. “This whole month is really just to make students aware of the service opportunities that are at their fingertips.”

AGS is a system set up by the the service center to allow individuals, clubs and classes to log service hours and receive a service transcript. The goal of the competition and AGS is to inform students and make service opportunities more accessible to them.

“The main point of AGS is just to promote service,” Taggart said. “The iPad’s great and everything, but we really want to just make the service center as accessible as possible for students. We want them to get excited and to get energized about just service in general.”

Melanie Rossiter helped organize Stuff-A-Bus Night, which took place on Monday. Volunteers loaded onto buses and went to neighborhoods



Meghann Nixon photo illustration

**THREE STUDENTS** will win iPads for logging the most hours on the Aggies Giving Service website, which is sponsored by the Val R. Christensen Service Center.

to collect donations for the Cache Community Food Pantry.

“It’s a signature event in the service center,” Rossiter said. “We meet in the Romney Stadium and have two Aggie Shuttles. Different

organizations come on different nights, but we encourage everyone to come. It’s the largest drive in Cache Valley so it’s really important for

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In brief

Campus & Community

Students holding bake sale help the Philippines

Edith Bowen Laboratory School students will hold a bake sale to help typhoon victims in the Philippines from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Hub.

The bake sale is organized by six 5th graders, who are getting their whole school involved by baking to earn funds for Lyssa Bevan, one of the three USU alumni in the Philippines doing student teaching.

Dance company makes weeklong tour of valley

The Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company brings what is described as an exciting performance to the Caine College of the Arts Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performance Hall on Utah State University’s campus.

The performance is part of a weeklong residency for the dance company in Cache Valley public schools.

“The Caine College of the Arts is honored and delighted to host and welcome Utah’s own Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company to our campus as part of its 50th anniversary tour,” said Craig Jessop, dean of USU’s Caine College of the Arts. “We congratulate and thank Ririe-Woodbury for its unparalleled contribution to the cultural life of our state through the beauty and grace of dance.

The dance company was founded in 1964 by Joan Woodbury and Shirley Ririe, both professors of dance at the University of Utah. Throughout the years the company has performed in every state in the United States, as well as in Europe, South Africa, Southeast Asia, the Caribbean and the British Isles.

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Sustainability house underway

Utah Conservation Corps uses grant to make educational resource property safer for Utah State University and community

► By Amanda Grover  
staff writer

The Utah Conservation Corps received a \$8,000 Community Forestry Partnership Grant in early November to fund removal of safety hazards on USU’s Wuthrich property.

The UCC gained management of a house on the property in May 2013, which is now home to their staff. The grant launched the Blue Goes Green House project.

Sean Damitz, director of the UCC, said their ultimate goal is to make the house more efficient and safe and to use the house as an educational piece on sustainability for USU and the community.

The UCC has management over the house for the next 10 years, and Damitz estimates it must be at least 100 years old. They want to take care of the house, practice fuel reduction and provide hands-on training for members and USU students.

The UCC hopes to make the house water and energy efficient. Damitz submitted a proposal to USU facilities to place solar panels on the roof, which has to be replaced within the next two years. They also plan to install insulation.

Damitz said the Blue Goes Green House project fits in with what the UCC does as a mission.

“It’s an opportunity to practice what we preach

as a conservation organization,” he said.

It also fits with the university’s mission to have more engagement and outreach to the community and to make it more sustainable, he said.

The house is safety concern and the UCC hopes to beautify the property. The aim of the grant is to remove the slash piles, dying trees and dead limbs.

“Personally, I’m really afraid that a big storm is going to come and knock this tree over on the house,” Damitz said.

USU Facilities will be aiding in the project.

“On the landscape side of things, we’re cleaning up some of the rogue trees and doing some basic maintenance to eliminate hazards around the property,” said Robert Reeder, USU Facilities director.

The project involves many students. In April, the UCC will host a large volunteer project in conjunction with the Val R. Christensen Service Center’s Service Week and again during Earth Week. An arborist will show volunteers how to take care of and remove trees and slash piles.

“An arborist will assess the tree. He will look at the stability and health of the tree. He will take the risk out of the tree,” Reeder said.

Damitz said students might find themselves

with an old house and land that needs to be taken care of in the future. This project will allow them to be involved, to see how the UCC completed it and what they could have done differently.

USU’s Engineers Without Borders chapter is also working with the project. Damitz said they spend weeks in Third World countries building dry-composting latrines. He said student-based research that does good on the other side of the world can do good close to home as well, and it provides them with an opportunity to test the technology out.

The UCC is part of student services on campus. Their main office was in the Fieldhouse before they acquired the BGG House, but everything else was spread out. The acquisition of the property provided a convenient space for the UCC, according to Damitz.

The field crews run from the spring through end of fall. All of their tools are now in one place. they have two sheds and plenty of parking for the field workers and the staff to perform the behind the scenes work.

“It’s a nice office. I don’t have to wear a shirt and tie out here,” Damitz said.

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Parking

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— where the old agriculture building used to be — after 6 p.m., opening up 86 stalls.

“It’s like standing in front of the firing squad to talk about making this 24 hours,” Jensen said. “It has got to happen. If we don’t do that, it’ll fill up and then we’re in trouble. We need to really start looking ahead. I know this building is 18 months down the road. We’d like to try and solve some of those problems before they happen.”

Nye said he’s open to ideas about the Blue Premium permit lot. He mentioned extending the limit to two and a half hours or three, or opening it up after 6 p.m. Because there are various ideas, he’s sending a parking survey to all students, faculty and staff by the

end of the week or early next week. Student Advocate Vice President Daryn Frischknecht and Executive VP Emily Esplin contributed questions to the survey.

“We’re going to work tirelessly to make sure this works smoothly, that your events are taken care of,” Nye said about the Big Blue Terrace. “We’ve even said for the first year, we’d document the usage. It’d be free of charge and then we’ll sit down to see if there’d be an appropriate charge. We need to know who’s using the facility.”

Another change he suggested is increasing the student fee for Aggie Shuttle by \$1, extending the evening service two hours to 9:30 p.m. Nye said it could possibly help with the parking that happens with programming events.

Few questions were asked by the council. Frischknecht asked about clarification of the proposed changes and Student Involvement and Leadership Executive Director Linda Zimmerman asked about the Big Blue Terrace being open on Saturday.

Nye said the terrace would likely open up at 7 p.m. on Friday and stay open through Saturday.

He also talked about the importance of the revenue parking and transportation generates.

“The one thing you need to realize is 10 percent of our revenue goes back to students in the form of scholarships,” Nye said. “About \$140,00 a year gives back to students for scholarships.”

All three parking representatives stressed the idea of making changes now to prevent future problems.

“We’re trying to create a longer term vision,” Izatt said. “Too many times we’ve been making short term decisions. That’s really the thrust of what we’re doing here. Let’s be a visionary and look to the future.”

The council also changed discussed changing their meeting next week because of Thanksgiving break. The meeting was rescheduled to 7 a.m. Nov. 25.

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# Gettysburg Address remembered in ceremony

► **By Steve Vogel**  
*The Washington Post*

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — On a blustery Tuesday marking the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address, thousands gathered at the national cemetery to remember President Abraham Lincoln’s call for “a new birth of freedom.”

The U.S. Marine Band played some of the same songs played when it accompanied Lincoln to Gettysburg for the dedication of the cemetery that holds many of the Union soldiers killed in the decisive Civil War battle four months earlier. A Lincoln impersonator, hatless and wearing white gloves, recited the address Tuesday with a Kentucky twang.

But the emotional highlight came when 16 people, some with flags in their lapels, stood at a railing in the front row before the stage and raised their right hands to take the oath of citizenship from Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

The United States, Scalia told the gathering, is “a nation of immigrants” who came seeking opportunity and freedom.

“That freedom is not free, as the dead who rest here can attest,” Scalia said.

Lisa Castro, a 37-year-old native of Congo, said she was thrilled to take the oath at the



Washington Post photo by Katherine Frey

**RE-ENACTOR JAMES GETTY**, portraying Abraham Lincoln, speaks with Civil War historian James McPherson on Tuesday in Gettysburg, Pa., before an event commemorating the 150th anniversary of Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address.

Gettysburg anniversary.

“This feeling of having the freedom and ability to accomplish anything we can in our lives, it’s very exciting,” said Castro, whose 1-year-old

daughter, Abigail, slept in a bassinet bundled against the cold as her mother took the oath.

Speakers at the 90-minute ceremony included Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, Pennsylvania

Gov. Tom Corbett, members of Congress and Civil War historian James McPherson.

Most of those taking the stage acknowledged that they could not meet the brief eloquence Lincoln reached in the address and instead quoted him at length.

Jewell, who kept her talk to 272 words, approximately the length of the original address, said Lincoln’s words “tell us what it means to be American. They call us to unfinished work, not just to win a war, but to build a more perfect nation.”

The battle, fought from July 1 to 3 in 1863, left nearly 51,000 soldiers wounded, dead, missing or captured and ended with a Union victory that forced Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee to retreat to Virginia. Though the war would continue for nearly two more years, Gettysburg was “the hinge of fate on which turned the destiny of that nation and its new birth of freedom,” McPherson said in his keynote address.

Lincoln’s remarks — “that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth” — infused the soldiers’ sacrifice with a meaning that has echoed through the generations.

“It’s so familiar that we sometimes say or hear it without thinking of its meaning,” McPherson said.

## USU accounting club receives top awards

► **By Marissa Neeley**  
*staff writer*

USU accounting students were honored last week with an award of excellence and \$1,000 for being an outstanding student chapter by the Institute of Management Accountants at their leadership conference in Charlotte, N.C.

The money went toward financing the club’s trip to North Carolina and will help finance their service projects, according to Frank Shuman, the IMA adviser.

“The IMA is a national professional association for accountants,” Shuman said. “There are 87 student chapters in the US.”

This is the fifth time USU received an outstanding chapter award and the first time since 2009, Shuman said.

“Year after year, the USU IMA chapter has received top awards and is considered to be one of the best IMA student chapters in the nation,” said Matthew Hall, a former IMA officer. “This is largely because of the amazing opportunities that this chapter presents to its members. These opportunities include networking with successful business leaders and hearing them speak, networking with other business students, learning what it

takes to be a successful financial leader, providing service to the community and many others.”

To receive the best strategic plan award, they had to have a goal and mission statement, plan professional meetings, socials, tour a manufacturing facility and do lots of service, said USU IMA president Mike Bills.

Students in the student chapter volunteer with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistant program of the Internal Revenue Service. This program trains students to do taxes for low income families.

“IMA helps students get involved and network,” Bills said. “It helps with professionals, professors and service.”

USU IMA also received awards for best strategic plan, best program and activities and best communications.

Every year, the student chapter has to apply to be involved in the IMA and to participate in the annual competition with other student chapters. When applying, they select which level they want to do — gold, silver or bronze. The student chapters are graded in these areas on if they met the

requirements.

In addition to professional meetings and guest speakers, the IMA student chapter does service projects. They have an annual Sub for Santa fundraiser. Last year they raised \$450 and were able to sponsor seven kids, Shuman said.

As for Bills, he has two internship offers in the summer in Washington, D.C. from two out of the four biggest accounting firms in the nation. He will work for one of them in auditing, but hopes to work in an industry firm at some point.

“Being a part of IMA has been a great experience for me and has helped to enhance my educational experience,” Hall said. “One of the great things about IMA is the networking opportunities that it presents. As an officer in the organization last year, I was able to go out to dinner with several great business leaders including CFOs, partners from CPA firms, successful entrepreneurs and many others.”

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## Service

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us to get all our volunteers there.”

Members of USU’s Greek organizations signed up for this week’s Stuff-A-Bus. Kevin Meacham, USU/SA service VP, said the Greeks have been helpful with the event in the past and looked forward to their contributions this year.

“They really do so much,” Meacham said. “They’re awesome. They are so fun to work with, very proactive, very volunteer oriented. Just some really great people.”

Hours for the AGS competition can be logged until Dec. 4 at usu.edu/ags. For more information about logging hours or service activities, visit the service center on the third floor of the Taggart Student Center or contact Kevin Meacham at kpmeacham@gmail.com.

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## Brutal

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“It’s all about health,” she said. “Even secondhand smoke is harmful for the body. There are about 1,500 universities that have switched to tobacco-free campuses, just following this national trend.”

She said she wants to gather student’s opinions and put together a survey to send out in January. She’s also researching whether it’s a possibility for USU to make the transition.

Saxton was asked about how students can utilize his office for graphic design purposes. He said he has three graphic designers and the resources are free for clubs and organizations on campus. Requests have to be turned in five to seven weeks in advance to guarantee it will be finished. The TV displays in the Hub can also be used by students.

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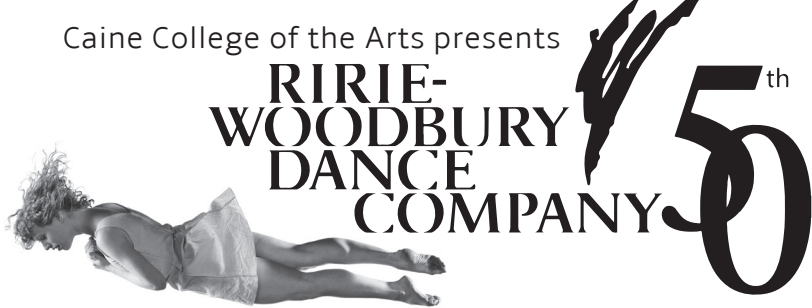


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## Post-Mormons address life after the LDS church

► **By Paul Christiansen**  
features editor

Acceptance and understanding — two human liberties sought after by most USU students and members of the Cache Valley community — were the topics discussed during a panel question-and-answer session put on by the USU Post-Mormons and USU LIFE — Love Is For Everyone. These campus organizations held the panel to discuss life after leaving the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a situation many students in Logan deal with on a daily basis.

“That particular topic is difficult for many of us to even speak of,” said Nick Virgil, one of the event’s organizers and a panelist.

Virgil said the USU Post-Mormons organization decided to interview and choose USU students to share their experiences that lead them to leave the LDS faith, as well as the incidents and choices that helped them make their life-changing decisions.

“These are not the best stories,” Virgil said. “These are experiences that we felt were worth sharing to the public.”

As the discussion began, Virgil advised the audience to keep the conversation flowing through civil questioning.

“I ask folks to be polite with questions,” Virgil said. “Don’t be attacking the individual — that won’t be tolerated. Attacks against any religious group will also not be tolerated.”

Panelist Adison Pace grew up in the Salt Lake area. He said he went through the first two decades of his life as a strong member of the Mormon church, serving a two-year mission in the Dominican Republic. Pace, an openly gay member of the USU community, said he had long battled with hiding his homosexuality before his mission, and upon returning home, he decided to leave the church.

“In my process of coming out, I decided to no longer attend LDS meetings,” he said. “I found for my emotional health that it was a lot health-

ier for me, and I’ve been a lot happier outside of it.”

David Daines, another panelist, said he left the LDS church 11 months after returning home from his mission. He said the writings and thoughts of Eckhart Tolle, a German philosopher, helped him to open his mind and see the world around him differently.

“I decided to take a look at the religion I was in without this screen before my eyes, as if I was someone who had never learned about Mormonism,” said Daines, adding that he found the things he was taught about the religion while growing up didn’t coincide with historical and scientific fact. “After that happened, I took that same look at the Bible and at religion in general, and that lead me to where I’m at right now as an atheist.”

Warren Bailey, a gay USU student who recently wed, said the faith’s objection to same-sex relationships always made him feel as if he didn’t belong.

“I just realized that there



Jeff Dahdah photo

**POST-MORMON PANELISTS WARREN BAILEY AND AMMON HANSEN** participated in a question-and-answer discussion Tuesday night that focused on their life experiences before and after leaving the LDS church.

are certain parts of the church and the gospel that they teach that I didn’t agree with, and I didn’t want to be a part of that anymore,” he said.

Bailey said while he had grown up a part of the LDS

faith and met many wonderful church members in his youth, he began to distance himself from the religion when he started feeling as if the LDS church was set around a “conditional membership.”

“I don’t believe that you should have to conform to certain precepts to be a part of an organization,” he said.

Bailey said he saw many people within the church

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## Sure-fire tips to bring attitude to your gratitude

**Steve Schwartzman**



**Just  
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It’s the third week of November, ladies and gentleman, and you know what that means. It’s time to break out this season’s hottest thank-fashions.

It’s that time of year when gratefulness floods our Facebook feeds and fills our hearts to the brim — unless our favorite sports teams don’t win. If you’re anybody, you’re finding a way to trans-

fer your annually-packaged gratefulness from a trusty aerosol can into an Oreo pie tin and shove it forcefully into the face of everyone you come in contact with. You may try to avoid it, but this fad just won’t die. This time of year, gratitude is the new pink.

With so many “thank-yous” windsurfing the airwaves, everyone is wondering just what the hottest thankfuls are on the streets this season. For those finding difficulties seeking just what you’ll share at the dinner table, social media platform, girlfriend’s couch, park bench, hammocks, mini trampolines, George Foreman Grills and everything in between, here are

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## ‘Reliefs: The Art of Woodprints’ exhibit now open at the Nora Eccles Harrison Museum

► **By Clayton Leuba**  
assistant features editor

The Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art at USU is home to a variety of artistic media. A selection of woodcut prints, many of which have never been on display in the museum before, are currently the focus of more attention than usual.

In “Reliefs: The Art of Woodprints,” a selection of 22 woodcut prints, which demonstrate the use of various tools and techniques, are on display on the museum’s upper floor. The pieces serve to provide an educational introduction to the artistic process of woodcut printing — or wood block printing — to students.

The intricate prints are created by carving a design into a block or sheet of wood, to which ink is applied and pressed to a piece of paper on a press, said Casey Allen, the museum registrar. In order to properly place ink to create an image, the wooden carvings must represent a mirror image of the design to be copied.

“Woodcut is almost like creating a reverse of an image and then creating it on paper,” Allen said.

A unique characteristic, which other printmaking processes lack, is the presence of the fine-grain detail created by the natural grain of

the wood.

According to Allen, most artists work along this grain, creating a finished work that flows with the natural form of the wood.

“It allows the artist to use the material they are working with in a very intimate way,” Allen said. “Part of the design is getting it to work along with the design of the grain already in the wood.”

The selection of pieces on display in the museum, which were chosen from the museum’s collection by Allen and printmaking professor Kathy Puzey, are divided between the wide, shallow drawers of an industrial sized metal cabinet, said Andrea DeHann, a staff assistant at the museum.

The drawers, which are each topped with clear glass, contain works showing various artistic forms and techniques of woodcut printing by artists including Karen Kunc, Marion Hyde and Werner Drewes.

Informational text has also been placed inside each of the drawers, providing historical and artistic insight to the medium of woodcuts along with explanations on each artist’s rendition of the process, according to Allen.

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Madeline Payne photo

**JADE BLAD, A VISITOR SERVICE WORKER** at the Nora Eccles Harrison Museum, examines some woodprint art featured in the exhibit.

An advertisement for Jerrick's Fine Jewelry. It features a large yellow ribbon tied in a bow at the top. Below the ribbon are two diamond rings: one with a large square-cut diamond and another with a round-cut diamond. The text "Jerrick's Fine Jewelry" is written in a cursive font, followed by "930 N. Main, Logan" and "435-753-9755".

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# Poetry and a Beverage will return Saturday

PoBev, short for Poetry and a Beverage, will be held for the third time this semester at 9 p.m. Saturday in the Taggart Student Center International Lounge. Students will gather for poetry, free beverages and refreshments like sparkling cider, pumpkin pie and other pumpkin-flavored treats.

Keala Baucom is in charge of making sure everything is set up for PoBev and running smoothly, and that includes ordering the food. She said she tries to correlate the refreshments with the month.

Students come to PoBev to enjoy three hours of live performances put on by talented students just like themselves, Baucom said. Anyone can step up to the open mic with either a poem to recite or a bit of music to perform to the audience. Many even perform music and poetry they have written themselves, she said.

Jessica DeGraw, an undeclared freshman at USU, is a frequent patron of monthly event. She said she is eager to see what talent shows up on Saturday.

"I love PoBev. I'm always blown away by the talent of everyone who performs," she said. "I definitely want to go to every single one."

Baucom said there are always a lot of musicians and poets who want to perform.

"We used to allow each performer to do

two songs or poems, but we've had to limit that down to one," she said. "People took up too much time and not everyone would be able to get through. Now they can just do one song, and that way more performers get a chance to go up on stage."

There is no need to schedule ahead of time if a student wants to perform, Baucom said, but individuals are advised to come 15 minutes before the event starts to ensure their name is added to the list before PoBev begins.

There will be more than just performances, Baucom said. Contests and activities put on by the PoBev hosts will also be featured Saturday night. This month's contest in particular will be held in honor of No-Shave November, or Movember. Girls and guys alike can come to show off their accumulated leg or facial hair, she said, and the people with the most impressive display will be crowned the winners.

PoBev has been around for a while, but Kaela says it has only been officially held under the title "Poetry and a Beverage" for a few years.

"PoBev used to just be known as an open mic night where students could come listen to music and enjoy free treats, but it wasn't ever 'PoBev' until a few years ago," Baucom said. "Ever since we gave it this official name, it has just become more and more popular."

Baucom said the event has a lot to offer to just about any student.

"The reason why I love doing PoBev



Nick Carpenter photo  
**USU'S POETRY AND A BEVERAGE EVENT** will hold its November session on Saturday.

is because it's a great social event for all students to come out to," she said. "There's no other event like it. It's different from the usual things going on around campus. Plus, it's the best of both worlds; it's good for people to come and sit and listen, but also for people who want to socialize."

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# USU's chapter of UNICEF to 'Sing Out for Equality'

By Gillian Ponce  
staff writer

While some people have heard of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, more commonly known as UNICEF, many don't know exactly what the organization does.

"UNICEF's main goal is to stop preventable death in children across the globe by providing vaccines, clean water, building schools and ending human trafficking," said Kelsey Tolbert, the vice president of advocacy for the USU chapter of UNICEF.

USU's chapter of UNICEF will partner with the Perspectives club — a club that promotes diverse perspectives on gender, equality and feminist issues — Thursday night to bring a "Sing Out for Equality" night. The event will be held from 7-10 p.m. in The Depot room inside The Junction. The entrance fee will be \$2.

"We chose to do a karaoke night because we wanted an event that would be really fun to attend," Tolbert said. The event's purpose is not to raise money, Tolbert said.

"We are doing it strictly to spread the word about the

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# Panel

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"ignoring and not paying attention to" the teachings of kindness and acceptance within the gospel. Ultimately, he said, this was one of the main factors that drove him away from the church.

The USU Post-Mormon group's intent is often misinterpreted by members of the USU student body who think the organization is very anti-LDS, Virgil said, but "it's quite the opposite." He said anyone is welcome to come to the group's meetings — called "Heathen Sunday" and held every Sunday afternoon at the Quads Cafe — and take part in discussion and conversation.

"We have had a lot of individuals come who are very active LDS members, and we've also had members who come that are thinking about leaving the church," Virgil said. "The amazing thing about the group of individuals that I've met at these Sunday meetings is that no one encourages anyone to leave — that is a personal choice that you make."

The last thing the Post-Mormon group wants to do is put individuals through the difficulties associated with leaving the LDS faith, Virgil said, but the group is designed to be a support to those who make that choice.

The panel members said they all lost personal relationships and the sense of community associated with being a member of the LDS faith, but Panelist Ammon Hansen noted students from all different faiths shouldn't be too quick to judge people who are different from them.

"I know a lot of really, really wonderful Mormons that go to USU," Hansen said. "I think it's really easy to kind of hit fire and write people off because they are Mormon. But we want people to get to know us, as non-Mormons, because of who we are underneath. We should give LDS people that same opportunity. Don't automatically think that because someone's LDS they won't be your friend."

The USU Post-Mormons plan to hold two more panel discussions in the spring.

Virgil said the group hopes to involve the USU LGBTQA community and the Center for Women and Gender in the upcoming panels.

# Steve

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some helpful tips to make sure you dress your thank-you to impress this holiday.

Be up-to-date on pop culture events — movies, TV shows, albums, even new Lego Bionicles. The general public goes bonkers for stuff like that. Giving back to the community by making quilts and care packages for hospitalized children? Nah. You easily filled your learning-about-humanity quota when your favorite characters got engaged to close that season finale.

Remember the last person who hugged you — nothing screams "compassionate with a sense of emotional priority" much like an extremely specific, idiosyncratic moment of platonic affection from a bystander only you know exists. In most cases referring to a hug

Steve Schwartzman

*"It's that time of year when gratefulness floods our Face-book feeds and fills our hearts to the brim — unless our favorite sports teams don't win."*

is a deadlock, but don't be afraid to get a little creative. Anecdotes about brief mystery high-fives, nice notes, synchronized cartwheels and reenacting Jamiroquai music videos are just a few examples of how to knock this category out of the park. To assure tears be steadfast,

include one of the big three phrases: "I really needed that," "Just when I was about to give up" or "But at the end of the day, what we really need...is people."

Over-embellish a book you read — any book. Seriously. It doesn't even have to exist. All you have to do is provide any and all explanations about how the book changed your life by teaching you the value of fill-in-the-blank. The beauty of it is nobody on Earth reads anymore, so they have no foundation on catching you in the act. I can't begin to tell you how many times I've wept and declared my newfound sense of hope in clinging to family during times of economic struggle from reading "Stellaluna." Which brings me to my next point...

When all else fails, bring up your family — This age-old tool will never fail. Not since the spawning of the "Growing Pains" theme song have we so readily accepted the sentimental elasticity

stemming from being formally interconnected from the same sequence of wombs. A technique tip here: If you decide to use this time to highlight each family member — focus now, this is vital — only tear up when talking about mom. Too much crying devalues the sincerity of the thank you, and if you're going to use that ammunition for anyone, it might as well be the one you subleased an apartment inside of.

Finally, and most importantly, be grateful for the tab key — If you've ever survived the late-night frustration using your faulty mouse touch pad to switch from "username" to "password" to purchase the sole season of "Teen Angel" on Amazon, you know exactly what I'm getting at.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone. Until Dead Week, may your phrases of gratitude be fashionable, your sports teams victorious and your yams candied with colored marshmallows.

# Woodprint

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"It really gives a whole new look to what art can be," Allen said. "It shows us you can make art without paint and a paintbrush. You can make art in a different way."

The museum's display, which was created to serve as a reference material for Puzey's printmaking classes, is an opportunity for all students to broaden their artistic understanding, Allen said.

"For the non-art person, it is an educational introduction to an artistic process," Allen said. "One of our main goals when we have exhibits like this is to expose and educate students to an artistic process."

"Reliefs: The Art of Printmaking" became available for viewing Monday and will remain on display until March 7. Admission to the museum is free, but a donation of \$3 is suggested. The display is located in the museum's Study Center Gallery.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Schlott's career-high sparks Aggies to win



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**SENIOR JENNIFER SCHLOTT** shoots over a trio of Utah defenders during the Aggies' 77-61 win over the Utes on Tuesday at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum. Schlott had 37 points in the win.

► **By Jeffrey Dahdah**  
assistant sports editor

With the game on Tuesday night tied at 46 with under 12 minutes left, it looked like the contest between the Utes and Aggies would come down to the wire.

The Utah State women's basketball team had other plans.

Led by senior Jennifer Schlott, USU pulled away from the Utes and won by a score of 77-61.

Schlott scored six straight Aggie points to give USU a 52-49 lead with 10:17 left, and the team would not look back. The Aggies went on a 14-0 run during a four-minute stretch and found themselves up 16 points against their Pac-12 adversaries.

"I thought defensively we picked it up a notch," Schlott said. "We went for steals. We were in their faces. We just put pressure on them."

Utah defeated USU last year in dominating fashion by a score of 92-64 in Salt Lake. The Utes out rebounded the Aggies 43-25 during that game.

Before the game, USU head coach Jerry Finkbeiner identified rebounding as a focal point for the matchup. The Aggies managed to out-rebound the Utes by five, with

junior guard Elise Nelson leading the way in the category with 10 rebounds.

"We just needed to get boards, out-rebound them. We needed to block people out and keep them off the boards," said sophomore guard Mackenlee Williams. "Coach said we will win if we do that, and we executed it just the way it was supposed

to go."

Schlott nearly had half of the team's points with 37. The total was a career-high, eclipsing her previous high of 32. Schlott also had six rebounds, seven assists and two steals.

"I'm just trying to do whatever I need to do to get the win," Schlott said. "I know I have to be an offensive threat this year, but Franny (Vaalu) set some great screens for me. It's always great having shoot-

ers on the outside. It's just about all the offense."

"Sometimes when she goes in the lane I just think, 'How did she just get that off?' But she is a great player and I love playing with her," said Williams about Schlott.

USU also secured the ball well, recording only six turnovers. The Utes were not as safe with possession, turning the ball over 14 times.

"That's what we want under 12, so six is great," Williams said. "They aren't a bad defensive team, so I'm impressed with that."

This is the first time since the 1978-79 season the Aggies have started out the season 3-0. The average margin of victory in their three wins this season is 38.3 points.

"It's huge, it helps us recruit in-wise and Mountain West-wise," said Schlott about the start to the season. "I think it definitely sets the tone for the Mountain West."

The Aggies have now defeated two teams they lost to last year, both by wide margins.

USU hasn't defeated Utah since the 2009-10 season, but before then they hadn't beaten Utah since 1974. The win last night brought the Aggies win-

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**Fast Stats**

- Senior Jennifer Schlott recorded a career-high 37 points in the win
- It was only USU's third win over Utah all-time

## FOOTBALL

# Utah State ready to lock horns with Colorado State Rams

► **By Curtis Lundstrom**  
sports editor

Heading into Saturday's matchup against Colorado State, the Utah State football team is playing with a purpose.

"The biggest way teams make strides at this point in the year is if they're able to motivate themselves. They have something to play for, have individual motivation and group motivation," said USU head coach Matt Wells. "Our guys have that. We're playing for something. We're in the middle of the Mountain West race and who knows how this thing is going to unfold here in the next couple of weeks."

It's a game that's become increasingly competitive between the Rams and the Aggies. In 2011, Colorado State spoiled USU's homecoming with a 35-34 overtime win after Robert Turbin was stopped short of the goal line

on a two-point conversion attempt.

In 2012, the Aggies snapped a four-game losing streak against the Rams with a 31-19 win in Fort Collins behind 205 rushing yards from Kerwynn Williams.

This season, USU is 5-1 in conference play and tied atop the MWC standings with Boise State.

"We're in the middle of the Mountain West race and who knows how this thing is going to unfold here in the next couple of weeks," Wells said. "We've got a 12-day stretch here where we've got to give everything we've got from both a coaching standpoint and a player standpoint. This is a big game against Colorado State."

The Rams are looking to fight their way into the MWC title game picture, sitting a game back of the Aggies and Broncos in the Mountain Division.

Colorado State — who leads



Delayne Ripplinger photo

**WIDE RECEIVER RONALD BUTLER** is taken down by a Hawaii defender during USU's win Nov. 2 at Romney Stadium.

the all-time series against USU 36-31-2 — boasts a balanced offensive attack, ranking 24th nationally in rushing at 214.8 yards per game and 40th in passing with 256.3

yards per game. The Rams average 36.5 points per game, which is 27th best in the country.

Leading the way for the

Rams is quarterback Garrett Grayson, who has thrown for 2,785 yards and 18 touchdowns this season.

"He has mobility, he has escapability, and he's a very accurate throwing," Wells said of Grayson. "You can tell by a lot of the stuff that they do, the audibles and double counts, that he's got a really good feel. I'm sure Coach (Dave) Baldwin has him very schooled up in what they're doing. They're very comfortable with what his abilities are right now."

Complimenting Grayson's passing is running back Kapri Bibbs, who has amassed 1,439 yards on the ground and 25 touchdowns.

"With Kapri Bibbs right now the bottom line is that he's the hottest back in the nation," Wells said. "When you look at his production, his stats and his numbers right now, he's playing better than any back in the country. He's got 1,000 yards over

five weeks, 600 yards over two games and all those touchdowns."

Defensively, the Rams are 103rd in the country having allowed 450.5 yards per game and 31.5 points per game. But despite CSU's appearance on paper, Wells said the Aggies aren't overlooking the defense.

"They've played well and have stuck around in games," Wells said. "They've made some opportunistic turnovers and things like that on their defense. Basically, it comes down to us, as we talk about in our offensive room. It's all about us and what we do and how we do it. We're going to have to execute and play really well and at a very high level to win the game Saturday."

Kickoff is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Romney Stadium.

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# State your case:

## Which NBA general manager do you think anonymously said his team was tanking?



► **By Logan Jones**  
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staff writer

### NEW CHALLENGER

Ryan McDonough's every action as new manager of the Phoenix Suns has matched the words of the anonymous report.

The Suns have been steadily circling the drain since 2010 when Amar'e Stoudemire left for the Knicks and Lance Blanks tried being a GM. Blanks was canned last April after the second-worst season in franchise history and replaced by McDonough, who has done nothing but deal veterans and acquire draft picks ever since.

In McDonough's short time as GM, the Suns have dealt Jared Dudley, Caron Butler and Luis Scola with nothing to show for it but a protected first round pick. Furthermore, McDonough waived Michael Beasley and traded center Marcin Gortat and three other players for Emeka Okafor and another protected first round pick. Sensing a theme yet?

Nothing McDonough has done as GM has placed Phoenix in a position to win. He's shed every one of his team's best players and intends to sacrifice this season for a potential franchise-saving draft.

The Suns aren't a big enough market to attract what the anonymous GM calls the "superstars" of the league, the organization knows they'd never make it out of the first round of the playoffs, and another season as a league bottom-feeder could result in a major draft pick.

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### NEW CHALLENGER

I initially thought the "tanking" general manager in the NBA belonged to the 76ers, but looking closely at the quote, it strongly resembles the Jazz.

"Our team isn't good enough to win and we know it, so this season we want to develop and evaluate our young players..."

Utah ranks sixth in average team age, with the 76ers, Cavaliers, Rockets, Blazers and Pelicans. Of those teams, only the 76ers can actually say they "tanked" the offseason. The success of the 76ers this season is deluding this theory.

"...the last place you want to be is in the middle...make the playoffs and be first-round fodder for one of the premier teams or miss the playoffs and pick somewhere around 11th to 14th in the draft..."

The Jazz have either picked between 14 and 11 in the past five season or they were bounced out of the playoffs in the first round. Jazz are the premier middle-of-the-pack team.

"You need superstars to compete in this league, and the playing field for those guys is tilted toward a few big-market teams..."

Obviously, the Jazz are not a big market team; in fact, they rank 27th of the 30 teams at a team average of population in the city. The 76ers rank ninth.

The Utah Jazz meet every point this GM described. It only makes sense that the Jazz's Dennis Lindsay is the mystery GM.

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# USU hosts staff appreciation

**By USU Media Relations**

LOGAN, Utah — Utah State football is set to return to Merlin Olsen Field at Romney Stadium this weekend as it hosts Colorado State in a Mountain West Conference game on Saturday, November 23. The game will be televised on CBS Sports Network with kickoff set for 1:30 p.m.

Saturday's game will be the annual USU Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day. Employees of Utah State can receive dis-

counted game tickets for \$11. By showing their university ID card, they can receive the discounted price for themselves and family members. The offer is only available at the USU Ticket Office on the first floor of the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

Utah State men's basketball will be hosting Mississippi State on Saturday night following the football game at 7 p.m. For fans who would like to attend both games, a special ticket offer is available for \$40 for the pair of events.

For Aggie football ticket information, fans can contact the USU Athletics Ticket Office over the phone by calling 1-888-USTATE-1 or 435-797-0305 during regular hours of operation. Fans can also buy their tickets in person at the USU Ticket Office inside the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum or online by clicking on the "Buy Tickets" tab at [www.UtahStateAggies.com](http://www.UtahStateAggies.com).

## Basketball

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total against the Utes to 3-31 all time, and USU picked up its first win over a Pac-12 team in three years.

"It feels so good. They spanked us last year," Schlott said. "It's really nice to get the win, and the way we got it, we played really well."

USU takes on Idaho State on Friday at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum. It will be the fourth-straight home game to begin the season, something Finkbeiner sees as very valuable and a luxury the Aggies didn't have last season.

"Last year we started with our first six on the road, so starting with the four at home, we have more time to practice and get better," Finkbeiner said. "That was our goal, to get better at the beginning of the season."

Tipoff between the Aggies and Bengals is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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Samantha Behl photo  
**SENIOR JENNIFER SCHLOTT** scores two of 37 points in USU's win over Utah on Tuesday at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Aggies host Bulldogs in undefeated clash

► **By Curtis Lundstrom**  
sports editor

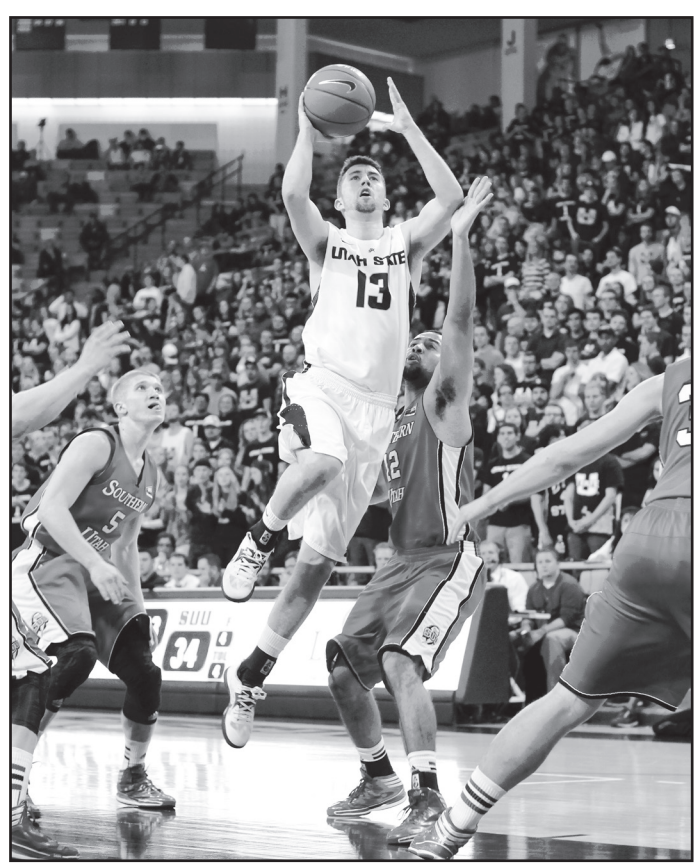
Nov. 8 marked the first time since 1977 a Pac-12 school had visited the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum and the Utah State men's basketball team made the most of it with a win over USC.

It's a feat the Aggies hope to duplicate on Saturday when they host an SEC team for the first time since 1971 as the Mississippi State Bulldogs visit Logan.

The Bulldogs are 3-0 with wins over Prairie View A&M, Kennesaw State and Mississippi Valley State by an average margin of 20.0 points per game.

Offensively Mississippi State appears to be a mirror of USU, with four players averaging double-digits in scoring and eight players averaging between 7 and 16 points. Sophomore Gavin Ware leads the way with 15.7 points per game, followed by Fred Thomas at 12.5, Colin Borchert at 12.0 and Roquez Johnson at 11.0 per game.

In a 94-72 win over MVSU on Tuesday, the Bulldogs placed an emphasis on the post game and put the ball in the hands of Ware, Borchert and Johnson. The Aggies have averaged 4.0 blocks per game through their first three contests.



Samantha Behl photo  
**SENIOR PRESTON MEDLIN** puts up a shot against Southern Utah on Nov. 12 at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

USU has also limited its opponents to 62.0 points per game so far this season, nearly 20 points below Mississippi State's average of 81. The Aggies will look to continue their dominance on the glass, having out-rebounded opponents by an average of

game.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Aggies must continue to rely on their depth and the leadership of seniors Preston Medlin, Jarred Shaw and Spencer Butterfield. The trio has combined to average more than 40 points per game, or more than half of the scoring load.

The Bulldogs have allowed an average of 69.5 points per game to their opponents, a statistic the Aggies hope to exploit.

USU has done well distributing the ball through three games, averaging 17.3 assists per game and shooting 49.4 percent from the field. Mississippi State has shot just below the Aggies, averaging 47.1 percent on its shots so far this season.

The Bulldogs have also turned the ball over an average of 14.6 times per game this season, compared to 9.6 turnovers per game for the Aggies.

USU is 2-0 against SEC teams with wins over Arkansas in 1971 and LSU in 1970.


Tipoff between the Aggies and Bulldogs is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

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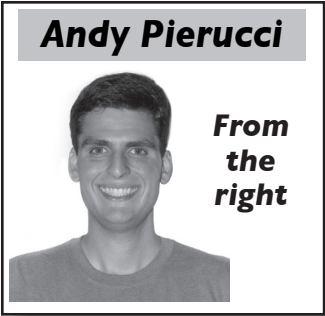


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Andy Pierucci

From the right

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Andy Pierucci

“You don’t need to be wealthy or famous to be a candidate; campaigns are more about issues than a popularity contest.”

regular individuals to run for office. You don’t need to be wealthy or famous to be a candidate; campaigns are more about issues than

a popularity contest.

So now that the neighborhood elections have been explained, what is CMV? CMV is a ballot being initiative-bankrolled by extremely wealthy individuals and touted as a logical and necessary reform to our current system. CMV would eliminate the neighborhood conventions and replace them with a direct primary system. Primaries require candidates to raise large sums of money, usually from lobbyists and outside special interest groups, to be spent on billboards, junk-mail, radio and television ads and newspapers.

Supporters of CMV say

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## In JFK conspiracy theories, facts are very unimportant

► **By Glenn Garvin**  
The Miami Herald (MCT)

Back in the mid-1970s, a certain loopy fringe of American college students was enthralled with a nutball sci-fi novel called “The Eye in the Pyramid.” Among the book’s many dotty characters was a sinister professional hit man named Harry Coin. On Nov. 22, 1963, Coin, hired by a mysterious group of conspirators to kill President Kennedy, arrives in Dallas to set up his sniper’s nest on a highway overpass.

But as he awaits Kennedy’s motorcade, he’s astonished to see another gunman in the Texas School Book Depository a block away. And wait — there’s a guy with a rifle on the grassy knoll just below, one in the Dal-Tex building across the street, and, a bit farther, yet another atop the Dallas County Records Building. “Great God Almighty!” cries out the frustrated Coin. “How the (bleep) many of us are there here?”

I’m sure I’m not the only one feeling a little bit like Harry Coin these days. The JFK Assassination Conspiracy Cult has never been small, and as the 50th anniversary of Kennedy’s death approaches, it’s hitting warp speed. In a History Channel documentary ( “JFK Assassination: The Definitive Guide”) that airs on Nov. 22, Vincent Bugliosi — the former Manson Family prose-

cutor and author of “Reclaim History,” an encyclopedic study of the assassination — says he has counted up 42 different conspiracy theories involving 82 assassins and 214 accomplices.

Practically anybody or any institution can be tossed into the pot of suspects these days. The Vatican did it! (I’m sure there are all kinds of reasons why Pope Paul VI would have wanted to kill the first Catholic president of the United States. Just give me a few years to think of one.) The Federal Reserve did it! (Take that, you damned Keynesians!) The CIA did it because Kennedy was going to end the Vietnam War and cost the military-industrial complex a lot of potential profits! (No word yet on why the CIA didn’t kill President Eisenhower a decade earlier for ending the Korean war. Maybe its profit margins were smaller?)

The Vietnam War theory is a good example of how conspiracy-itis is immune from either evidence or rational argument. Kennedy was elected president as a militant Cold War hawk who pledged an America that would “pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe” in the fight against communism. Just three weeks before his assassination, Kennedy’s administration

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## Forum Letters

### The Statesman hates me

To the editor:

Your comments from “Most People Don’t Understand the Journalism Industry At All” were over the line.

Here is the briefest of biographies: I used to be an avid Statesman reader and letter-to-the-editor writer; then a while back, the paper decided to give

opinion column space to someone who would write week after week about nothing except why my religion was terrible and how I was a moron for following it. I stopped reading.

I would think one would not have to “thoroughly understand the journalism industry” to know that constantly insulting your readers isn’t the best way to sell papers. I picked

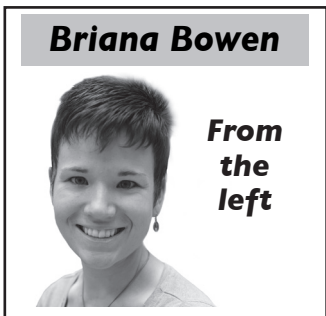
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## Count my vote: a way to modernize elections

One of the fundamental truths of American politics is that in order to get elected to public office, you must first win a party nomination. A political party must officially endorse you as their first and sole choice for the office. Then, once each political party has picked their nominee — set forth their “champion,” if you will — the two nominees race against each other in the general election to win the ultimate prize: the position in elected office.

It doesn’t matter which office we’re talking about. From the Utah Legislature to the U.S. Congress, all candidates have to go through the same laborious two-step



Briana Bowen

From the left

process: first, the nominating process, where individuals within the same political party compete to win their party’s nomination, and second, the general election, where the official nominees from different political parties try to win more votes than their opponent in order to officially win the seat.

A recent illustration of this two-step process was Utah’s 2012 race for U.S. Senate. Orrin Hatch and Dan Liljenquist, both Republicans, ran against each other during the nominating process to win the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate. Hatch, of course, won the nomination. Around the same time, Scott Howell won the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate. Hatch and Howell, the Republican and Democratic nominees, then faced off in the general election. Hatch defeated Howell, winning another term in the Senate.

The reason I relate this mini-political science lecture is because most Amer-

Briana Bowen

“Sometimes, the nominating process... can be more important than the general election itself.”

icans have very little understanding of the nominating process. And sometimes, the nominating process - which determines who the candidates are in the general election - can be more

important than the general election itself.

So how does the nominating process work? In most states, the political parties hold what’s called a primary election to determine nominations, which is an internal election where a party’s members vote for their favorite of several candidates vying for the nomination. The nomination is given to whichever candidate receives the most votes. It sounds simple.

Then there’s Utah.

In terms of modernity and simplicity, Utah’s nominating process is positively primitive. Rather than holding a simple primary election to determine which

candidates advance to the general election, Utah still uses a caucus and convention system. This means voters in each party meet in precinct caucuses and elect delegates to progress to county caucuses, where delegates will be selected to advance to respective state party conventions, where complex rules stipulate a supermajority of delegates must vote for one candidate or else an automatic primary will be triggered. If you got lost in that last sentence, well, that’s rather my point.

Fortunately, a smart group of Utahns have got-

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up another edition of the Statesman hoping the attitude of the opinion columnists had changed to something more professional and was treated instead to manners 101, as if I were some six-year-old back-talking the editor. Apparently, the haughty attitude of the staff at the Statesman hasn't changed since I last "subscribed."

I also found it sadly amusing that you violated your rule about civil written dialogue in the very letter that you made it.

That letter wasn't classy.

– Nathan Searcy

Respectful talk should apply to everybody

To the editor:

A few days ago, the Statesman published an article in the Our View section regarding a Post-Mormon discussion panel. The article mentioned the need for USU students to understand and respect those at USU who are not Mormon or who no longer affiliate with the LDS church. I applaud the idea, although I would argue a discussion on respectful dialogue also applies to those who do not consider themselves members of the LDS church.

This paper had no problem publishing material in years past written by Liz Emery, who enjoyed mocking Mormon ideas and beliefs, often suggesting active LDS students were close-minded sheep, obedient to the commands

of their powerful church leaders without daring to think for themselves.

I think it is very common for us to forget that while minorities should not be persecuted or excluded for their beliefs and lifestyles, neither should those of the dominant faith or culture be subject to disrespectful remarks about their beliefs. We should all be in this together. That way, we will be able to get rid of all of the "us vs. them" problems for good.

– Tyler Thomas

U.S. gov't keeps spying on foreign allies

To the Editor,

The decision of the United States government to spy on foreign allies has caused quite a stir recently in global news. The biggest controversy is over the wire-tapping of German Chancellor Angela Merkel. All of this came about after the release of NSA documents. Many countries are now furious with the U.S. government. And rightfully so in my opinion. I believe the U.S. government should forever discontinue spying on allied nations' leaders.

According to a CNN article, Merkel said Germany's trust with the U.S. had been "severely shaken." These allegations that have come out against the United States have also ruined the trust with many world leaders and allies. According to the same article, France had more than 70 million phone calls tapped in one month. This evidence that is coming out would be frightening for any country who would want to ally itself with the United States. A New York

Times article has classified this as a "diplomatic crisis." Many nations are now calling for legislation to ban all spying on their countries. Basically, we have angered our friends and threatened our chances of ever gaining more allies.

I would hope it would be common sense that the government should not be spying on our allies. You would expect the government would consider the economic consequences if our allies ever found out. Spying and loss of trust could greatly affect trade, tariffs, taxes and other relations with our allies. In an article called "Trust and Growth," they found GDP growth is positively correlated with trust. The study states GDP grows by about one percent for each fifteen points of "trust" in their research. So, by losing the trust of other countries, we put our economic growth in peril. If you want your allies to remain on your side, you should probably treat them as your friends. Spying on emails and phone calls don't seem like really friendly activities.

In conclusion, our country has gotten itself into a lot of trouble because we decided to spy on our allies. There is not anything we can do about the fact that we spied on them before. What we can do now is commit to all of our allies to never spy on them again. Rebuilding the trust we once had with them will take time. However, I believe committing to never spy on them again is the only way we can maintain any of our remaining allies that we have remaining. The government should pass legislation to permanently ban spying on ally nations.

– Tyler Sorenson

JFK

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helped to instigate a coup in South Vietnam in hope of installing a government that would press the war against the communist North more aggressively. The idea that he was killed because he was soft on communism is preposterous.

Even more outrageous is the belief that a lifelong Marxist like Lee Harvey Oswald would be the trigger man in a plot supposedly aimed at making America more anti-communist. What's been largely lost in all the conspiracy hoo-hah over motives is that the forensic evidence tying Oswald to the assassination is mountainous and indisputable. The murder weapon was purchased by Oswald through the mail with an order-form filled out in his handwriting and his wife took photos of Oswald posing with it months before the assassination. It bore his palm print and was found in a room in the building in which he worked. (The only employee missing when cops

sealed the building off a few minutes after Kennedy was shot: Oswald.)

And Oswald was a communist, not a McCarthy-blacklisted liberal but an honest-to-Stalin red who had once defected to the Soviet Union and, just a couple of months before the assassination, visited the Soviet and Cuban embassies in Mexico City seeking travel visas. Does that sound like a guy who was at the top of the military-industrial complex's list of political assassins?

But conspiracy theories never expire at the hands of evidence and logical refutation. Mostly, they don't expire at all. Thirty years ago, the theory that Oswald wasn't really Oswald at all, that he'd been bodysnatched (by the KGB or the CIA, take your pick) and replaced with a trained-assassin imposter, was so popular that Oswald's family had his body exhumed and examined by pathologists. From dental records and scars, the pathologists concluded that the body was irrefutably Oswald. And yet the imposter theory has been put forth again in debates and television reports over the past few weeks, as if

the exhumation never happened.

Last week I asked Gerald Posner, author of the definitive anti-conspiracy book "Case Closed," what he considered the single stupidest idea he had ever encountered about the assassination. The Driver Theory, he replied. Derived from a blurry frame in the Zapruder film of the assassination, it posits that the Secret Service agent driving Kennedy's limo turned and shot him three shots with a pistol. "And somehow Jackie Kennedy, and Texas Gov. John Connally and his wife, who were all there in the car, just failed to notice," he explained. I laughed. Posner didn't.

"I know it sounds funny," he said. "It's become a big board game, Who Killed JFK, and everybody can play, every theory is equal. We've turned the assassination into a carnival, and we've forgotten how serious it was: that America suffered a political assassination and history was changed."

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UNICEF

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obstacles we face in gaining human equality," she said. "I believe that the best way to stop a problem is to become educated on the topic. There are so many people trapped into the human trafficking industry and we consume those products without even realizing that our proceeds go to these slave drivers and drug lords."

A great deal of domestic violence and racism go unnoticed, Tolbert said, and UNICEF wants to give an opportunity for people to come out Thursday night to have a great time and walk away knowing a little more about what's going on in the world.

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"That way if they ever encounter someone being treated poorly, they will know where they can turn to get it stopped," she said.

This event is for USU students and also for the Cache County community.

"We will be having a raffle and giving away prizes from Cold Stone, Jumpzone, Rock-Haus and Charlie's," Tolbert said. "These prizes were donated to us by the businesses themselves. Everyone gets a raffle ticket upon entry and another ticket if they sing. We will have cookies, Rice Krispies, and brownies, as well as an unlimited soda bar."

This event has taken about a month of preparation to plan, Tolbert said.

"The woman who is in charge of The Depot has been very easy to work with and has helped us greatly," Tolbert said. "This is a great venue as there is a karaoke machine and the snacks. The goal is to have a great time and get the word out. The more people that attend, the better. Proceeds go to paying for the event. Any extra will go to the host clubs to help them plan the next activity."

Tolbert said the event is sure to be "both entertaining and enlightening."

– gillian.ponce95@gmail.com

ple, long-overdue reform Utah needs to revitalize a healthy democracy.

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ten together and created the Count My Vote initiative: a straightforward, intuitive plan to transform Utah's nominating process into a

direct primary system. Under this plan, party nominations would be determined by the popular vote of the people in each political party, not on the vote of a removed, ideological cadre of delegates — representing less than 1 percent of Utah's voting population — at state conventions. Count My Vote is the sensible, sim-

their delegates.

The only people who would benefit from CMV are the junk-mail companies, the media and professional political consultants. CMV would be more truthful if it was entitled "buy my vote." We, the people of Utah, would lose out. Rather than being accountable to the voters of Utah, elected officials would be obligated to the special interest groups who got them elected.

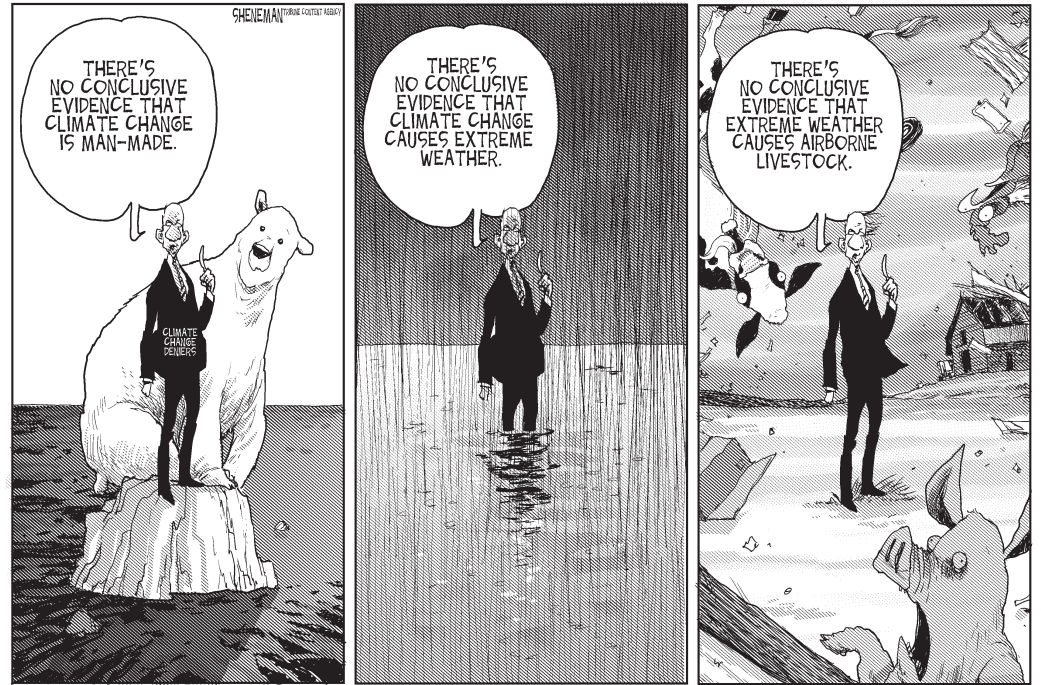
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that the neighborhood elections elect extremists. The facts say otherwise. In the 2010 U.S. Senate race, it was the more moderate candidate, Tim Bridgewater, who took 57 percent of the vote from GOP delegates over Mike Lee. It was in the primary that Lee was able to take the majority of the vote and move on to the general election, where he was elected. In 2008, Chris Cannon and Jason Chaffetz went to a primary where Chaffetz defeated the incumbent.

CMV says the current system decreases voter participation. This is false. The neighborhood elections allow for more voter participation, not less. With this system, Utahns' are able to vote at their neighborhood election, then at their party convention, then in the primary election and finally in the general election. While voter turnout in the primary and general elections has decreased, the turnout in neighborhood elections has greatly increased over the past several years. Caucus night attendance has increased every year since 2006, when 23,000 Utahns attended their neighborhood elections. Last year 125,000 Utahns came out to caucus night to elect



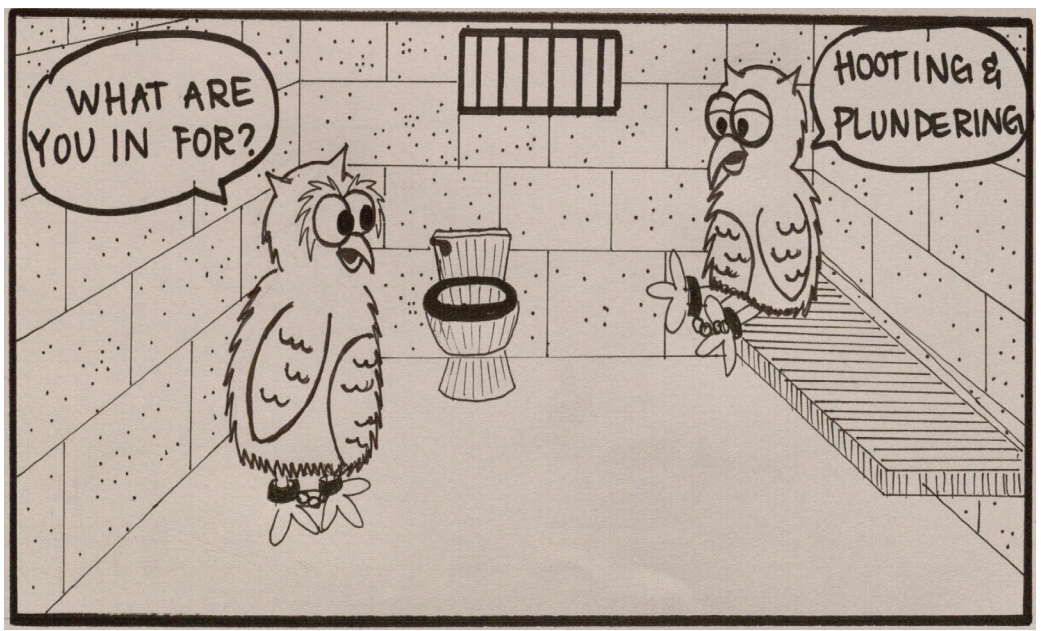
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- Overcoming Test Anxiety, TSC 315A 10-11 a.m.
- The Fragile Self, Chase Fine Arts Center 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Effective Coping TSC 310B 12-1:30 p.m.
- Celebrity Server 6-8 p.m.
- Sing Out for Equality Karaoke Night, The Depot 7-10 p.m.
- USU Hockey vs. Arizona State, Eccles Ice Center 7 p.m.

Friday Nov. 22

- Fighting and Foodways, Lecture by Tiffany Tung, Museum of Anthropology 6 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Idaho State, Dee Glen Smith Spectrum 7-9 p.m.
- USU Hockey vs. Montana Tech, Eccles Ice Center 7 p.m.
- USU Physics November Demo Show ESLC 7-8 p.m.

Saturday Nov. 23

- Football vs. Colorado State, Romney Stadium 1:30-5:30 p.m.
- Utah State Men's Gymnastics Intersquad Competition, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- Diwali, TSC Ballroom 6-11 p.m.
- USU Hockey vs. San Jose State, Eccles Ice Center 7 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Mississippi State, Dee Glen Smith Spectrum 7-9 p.m.
- Symphonies of Color & Movement Alexander Scriabins Prometheus, Kent Concert Hall 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Puzzle answers inside



Today is Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Kelsey Kushan, a senior majoring in Human Movement Science from Holladay, Utah.

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1 Something to pass or lower

7 Crocus kin

11 Samosa veggie

14 Biblical dancer

15 Item in a musician's kit

17 Western, e.g.

18 Kind and caring

19 Stadium section for charity workers?

21 Keats work

23 Steam

24 Calypso relative

25 Keats' "Sylvan historian"

26 Really old hardwood?

32 "Phooey!"

34 Give a damn?

35 Disney's "Bambi"?

41 Paralyze with dense mist, as an airport

42 "Horse Feathers" family name

44 "Merrie Melodies" theme song?

50 One of two single-digit Yankee

uniform numbers that aren't retired

51 A, in Acapulco

52 "Mazel \_\_\_!"

53 Ranch handle

54 Emperor Justinian as a young man?

61 "That's my intention"

62 Around the bend, so to speak

65 "Flavor" singer/songwriter

66 Beat badly

67 Letters to the Coast Guard

68 TV component?

69 Quick

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1 Chicken general?

2 Boar's Head product

3 Like November, in a way

4 Simple tie

5 First name in flight

6 Library requirement

7 "The wolf \_\_\_ the door"

8 Get to

9 Sit in traffic, say

10 Very, in Vienna

11 Words of tribute

12 Golden State motto

13 California Zephyr operator

16 "Law & Order: SVU" rank

20 Bottom line

21 Word of possession

22 Western challenge

27 Terse refusal

28 Who, in Paris

29 Item shortened at bitly.com

30 Md. hours

31 Cooperative group

33 Cake recipe word

36 As well

37 Massage beneficiary

38 Its atomic number is 50

39 Common sorting basis

40 Lakeside

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