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# Elections 2014: High number of unopposed candidates could lead to write-in bylaw changes

► **By Danielle Manley**  
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Members of the Executive Council debated changing the election bylaws concerning write-in candidates at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

Co-sponsors Daryn Frischknecht, Student Advocate vice president, and Casey Saxton, Public Relations and Marketing director, proposed the changes.

Currently, the bylaws are vague when referring to write-in candidates. Legislature states those students won't be sponsored by the elections committee and consequently won't have their platform, photo or video on the USU/SA website, and their name won't be on the primary or final election ballot.

The bill proposed would allow write-in candidates to have their name of the final ballot if they receive the top number of votes in the primary election or the second highest number of votes, or if their votes are 10 percent of the highest number of votes.

Kevin Meacham, Service VP, asked if the write-in candidate would be subject to the audit

was concerned about providing voters with information and promoting an informed voting decision.

In years past, platforms were provided alongside the names of candidates on the ballot. Esplin said it might be a possibility to have the write-in candidate pay the \$20 fee official candidates pay and receive their platform on the ballot as well.

Esplin's idea would prevent a scenario where a student wants to read the platform of a write-in candidate with his or her name on the ballot but doesn't know where to go to receive the information.

"That's the punishment for not filing, is that their platform is not included on our website," Saxton said. "They're going to have to inform the voters of their platforms in other ways."

Charley Riddle, Athletics and Campus Recreation VP, thought it would be helpful to let voters know a candidate is a write-in if the name ends up on the final ballot.

"I'd even be fine if they had their name on the ballot and in parentheses it says 'write-in,' and that's why they don't have a platform," he said.

The council passed the bill as a first reading, and it will be brought up for a second reading at the next council meeting at 5 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Senate Chambers, TSC 336.

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## Researchers looking for what makes meat tasty

► **By Skyler Andreasen**  
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Students and community members participated in taste tests to help USU researchers figure out if a cow's diet affects the quality of meat last month.

Jan. 30 was the last day of the experiment where participants were given samples of meat to smell, taste and evaluate. According to Silvano Martini, an associate professor in the nutrition, dietetics and food sciences department, participants were given six meat samples and were asked to rate how much they like each meat sample in all of five categories: smell, flavor, taste, juiciness and overall.

"The upper level of the scale says, 'I like it extremely,' and the lower level says 'I don't like it at all,'" Martini said.

"We wanted to see if the different quality and flavor were affected by the different diet," she said.

The experiment is a collaboration between three professors: Jerrad Legako, also in the NDFS department, Jennifer MacAdams of the plants, soils and climate department, and Martini.

Participation was not limited to students at USU. This study was open to the public, and all participants were given coupons for free ice cream from Aggie Ice Cream, according to Martini.

The testing room was dimly lit by a red-colored light. According to Martini, this was so the participants would not judge how much they liked the samples by the color or appearance. This was strictly a taste and flavor test.

The main reason for con-

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## Programs asking EC for Tier II tuition money to add more employees

► **By Danielle Manley**  
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Requests for an increase in Tier II tuition were given to the USU Student Association Executive Council on Tuesday, and all groups requested money to finance an additional staff position.

Different programs and departments at a university receive money from students' tuition, labeled "Tier II." Examples include the library, IT services, academic advising and partial employee compensation. The numbers vary from university to university and are set according to the amount of requests.

According to the Utah System of Higher Education website, the second tier of tuition is based on a recommendation by the institution's president and board of trustees. Implementation of Tier II tuition requires public notice and a public hearing.

The USHE website states the first tier of tuition must be the same across all institutions and is based on the budget set by the Utah Legislature.

At Tuesday night's meeting, four requests were made for Tier

Fast Facts

What they're asking for:

- Career Services: \$33,650
- University Advising: \$121,448
- Counseling and Psychological Services: \$124,825
- Academic Resource Center: \$43,350

II tuition increases from Career Services, University Advising, Counseling and Psychological Services and the Academic Resource Center. All the groups are housed in Student Services.

Derek Jack from Career Services explained the responsibility of his department is to help students make connections early in college and choose a satisfying career.

"At Career Services, we not only help students, but alumni,"

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## Protecting 'The Blind Side'



India Earl photo

**COLLINS TUOHY** talks about the true story behind the 2009 movie, "The Blind Side," which is based off her family's adoption of now NFL football star Michael Oher.

## Sister of football player Michael Oher visits USU, tells story behind blockbuster movie about her family

► **By Marissa Neeley**  
staff writer

The Evan N. Stevenson Ballroom was packed during Wednesday's Common Hour featuring Collins Tuohy, sister to adopted brother Michael Oher, whose story was turned into the 2009 movie "The Blind Side."

Tuohy said no matter where she goes, she always gets asked two questions: What everyone in her family is up to now, and was the movie accurate?

"My little brother is playing college basketball in Baltimore," she said. "So I have two brothers in Maryland. They are about 10 minutes apart. Michael is in Phoenix right now training. He's trying to get back to the Super Bowl."

Tuohy said she and her mother Leigh Anne just wrapped up a TV show about adoption and foster care. They both travel around the country and speak. Tuohy has a sugar cookie business and opened her second location yesterday. Her dad franchises tacos and broadcasts for the Memphis Grizzlies.

"The movie is really accurate. The director and producer lived with us on and off for two years," she said. "There were a few minor mistakes."

There is a part in the movie where Collins is playing volleyball. Tuohy said she has never played volleyball in her life. Also, in the movie, Michael was depicted as older than Collins.

"Michael and I are actually the same age," she said. "It's great because when we're 40, people will think I'm 36."

In the movie, there is a part when Leigh Anne is eating a salad with some other ladies at a restaurant. Tuohy said that didn't actually happen, but the things said during that scene were actually said to her mom six months after Michael came into their home.

Michael would walk a quarter of a mile to get to school before they knew him. The main street in Memphis is comparable to Fifth Avenue in New

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# Mother: Cooper’s suicide not in vain

► **By Katie Larsen**  
staff writer

It was a friend who raped Kristin Cooper on Aug. 4, 1995. Five months later, it was her mother who found her dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Her mother, Andrea Cooper, presented the Kristen’s Story Tuesday evening in the Taggart Student Center to raise awareness of acquaintance rape among USU students.

“The number one issue for our office is awareness,” Sexual Abuse and Anti-Violence Information intern Ian Hanock said. “The national average is one in five college women are sexually assaulted. Most people don’t think it, but that holds pretty true to our campus as well.”

The event was organized by Mandy LaPatriello, Alpha Chi Omega president, and M.E. Culbertson, vice president of philanthropy as part of the sorority’s Lyre Fest activities.

“Only three colleges got the grant out of 12 applicants, and this is her last tour,” Culbertson said.

Cooper’s presentation began with her describing

her daughter’s life as a college student.

“She wanted to be noticed,” Cooper said. “She wanted to be more than a number. She had a wonderful time at Baker (University). She chose Alpha Chi Omega, and it was wonderful for Kristin.”

However, Cooper noticed her daughter exhibiting signs of depression when she returned home for Thanksgiving break, three months after the rape.

“She cried the whole time,” Cooper said. “She stayed in her room. She didn’t want to see her high school friends. She would retreat to her room and her journal and would be crying. I thought, ‘OK, she is severely depressed, and when she comes home for Christmas, I’m going to have her see a counselor.’”

According to Cooper, by the time her daughter came home for winter break, she appeared to have recuperated from her depression.

“Do any of you know why she was so happy?” Cooper asked the audience. “She had already made the decision. After she died, I found a three-page

suicide note in her journal that she had written in October.”

It was after a New Year’s Eve party in 1995 when Cooper found her daughter’s body.

“We got to the middle of the house and I could see Kristin in the family room, and she was lying on her back like she was sound asleep,” Cooper said. “The music was just blasting from the speaker in our living room. I said to Kristin, ‘That music is awfully loud isn’t it?’ I thought she had too much to drink and had passed out.

“The closer I got, it looked like she wasn’t breathing. I started to have a panic attack. I thought, ‘Oh my god, she must have died from alcohol poisoning,’ so I walked over to her, and when I leaned over her there was no pulse, she wasn’t breathing and I saw a gun in her hand.”

It wasn’t until Cooper read her daughter’s diary that she discovered Kristin had been raped by a friend.

“When I got further into the journal, she had this

poem describing what it felt like to be raped,” Cooper said.

After questioning her daughter’s roommates, Cooper was able to guess the identity of the man who raped her daughter.

“I wrote him a rather sarcastic letter,” Cooper said. “I said ‘Dear so-and-so, I know you were a friend of Kristin’s. I’m sure you have heard by now she committed suicide and the reason she did it was because she was raped by someone she thought she could trust and she could not live with the pain and the hurt.’”

At the end of Cooper’s presentation, she gave advice to USU students about how to help those who had been acquaintance-raped.

“When you are raped, you have already lost control,” Cooper said. “If you are trying to take control away from her, that is not good. Encourage action.”

According to Cooper, the 15 years spent touring the country raising awareness of acquaintance rape among college students was worth it.

“It is such a huge reward, and I feel like Kristin has not died in vain,” Cooper said. “Even though her death was a tragedy, I feel like it was not in vain because people are being helped.”

## Meat

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ducting this experiment is to see if the taste of meat affects peoples’ choices in purchase and consumption, according to Martini.

“There is a lot of research behind the sensory panels,” Martini said. “Trying to improve the quality of life, the quality of society, trying to get better foods that are healthier and also trying to promote sustainability.”

Martin Carrillo, a junior in the civil engineering program who participated in the experiment, said he believes taste does affect how consumers buy meat. He said tests like this will affect our community in the future.

“It kind of drives the market to look at these studies and find out what people like,” he said. “You find a meat that you like, you go with it. If you don’t, you don’t.”

“I thought it interesting because it asked questions that I didn’t really consider much, like at the end when it asked ‘Do you prefer grain fed or grass fed?’” said Austin Greer, a junior and civil engineering major.

“I put grass fed because I get all of my meat from my grandpa,” Greer said. “All of his cows are grass fed, so that’s what I eat. I’ve never actually paid attention to that. Now I’m really

curious to see the difference, to see if I was really liking the grass fed diet.”

Martini said the experiment is being analyzed from many different angles.

“Twenty years ago, everybody would do work in their lab and do their rad experiments and would not interact with anybody else,” she said. “These days, we need to make sure that we all work together towards the achievement of a single goal, which is improve the quality of the food, so that we can get a healthier society.”

Jon Solorio, a senior and food sciences major, stood at the door to facilitate the experiment and to help the participants if they had any questions. Solorio is in Martini’s sensory science class this semester.

“I know that a lot of the research that goes on in the NDFS department can be applied to the agriculture in the Utah and Idaho area,” he said. “Any results that they find here, if it’s helpful, can go straight to Utah and Idaho beef farmers and can help them to know how to run

**Martin Carrillo**  
USU student

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their operations better. It’s a direct impact.”

Solorio said the NDFS department appreciates the continued help.

“This is a good way to get involved and help our department’s research. It really does help out a lot of the research projects that happen, and this does happen a lot more than people think,” Solorio said. “There’s a lot of cheese and milk and all sorts of things that get taste tested. Just a little bit of their time and they can get some free ice cream, but also help us out a lot.”

Future taste-testing events will be posted in the NDFS building, as well as the USU advertising boards. There is a signup sheet near the west door of the NDFS building where people can add themselves to the list to receive emails about upcoming taste testing events.

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**KRISTA YARDLEY** organizes meat samples in individual cups at the Jan. 31 meat-tasting event hosted by USU researchers.

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# Relationship wellness stressed

*Student Health Services hosts week to teach about healthy relationships*

► **By Chris Nicholson**  
staff writer

Love may be in the air this time of year, but not everyone knows what to do with it. Healthy Relationships and Sexual Responsibility Week, hosted by USU Student Health Services, aims to educate students about these issues.

“This time of year, most people reflect on the relationships they have or want to have,” said Ryan Barfuss, USU prevention specialist, who was in charge of the event.

“We want students to have the information they need to be safe and help them discover and create those relationships that last forever,” he said.

He said this applies whether they are married, single, looking or not.

The main event of the week was held Tuesday in the TSC International Lounge. Various tables were set up with displays, and an expert panel answered relationship questions.

One table hosted a raffle for date packages including dinner and Cache Valley Fun Park tickets, funded by the donations of local businesses. Another was auctioning dates with any of five USU students.

Ian Hancock, a volunteer at the Sexual Assault and Anti-Violence Information Office’s table, said there are no statistics collected for sexual assault on USU campus specifically, but the university does follow national trends. Between one in four and one in five women will be victims of assault during their college years.

“This can be anything from unwanted advances to more serious things like rape and stalking,” he said.

SAAVI was distributing “Man Cards” which contain a pledge for men “to never commit, condone or cover up any acts of sexual assault, rape, abuse or violence against any man, woman or child.”

Hancock said men need to be positive examples because they are an important part of campus



Madeline Payne photo

**RELATIONSHIP AND SEXUAL RESPONSIBILITY WEEK** was organized to teach students about the importance of knowing the signs of unhealthy relationships and how to build healthy ones.

and their perspective is necessary. SAAVI’s efforts are directed mainly toward prevention through grassroots efforts such as this.

“Women shouldn’t have to defend themselves or be afraid,” he said.

At 12:30 p.m. the expert panel convened, consisting of Hancock, Barfuss, social work grad student Ashley Atkins, and marriage and family therapist David Robinson. David Bush, director and research coordinator for CAPS, led the discussion.

The first question dealt with sensing red flags in an unhealthy relationship.

Barfuss said while much has changed since his dating years with the advent of social media and texting, “Unhealthy boundaries are if the person is checking your messages or voicemails and being over-controlling.”

Atkins said to be on the alert for abuse, whether emotional or physical, and to check in with oneself on what’s compatible and what isn’t.

In discussing “the one” who would be a perfect match in a rela-

tionship, the panelists felt it was an issue of taking time and really getting to know people.

“I don’t know if there’s only ‘one,’” Barfuss said. “We’re compatible with multiple people for the rest of our lives, but we definitely need to have common interests, backgrounds and usually beliefs. Otherwise we’re

always struggling, fighting or working on something.”

With regard to trusting again after a bad relationship, Hancock returned to the theme of taking time.

“It’s OK to take a little time and regroup after a relationship and slowly ease into a new relationship, not just going head-on,” Hancock said.

Bush said the best resource he’s encountered in 20 years has been a book called “Rebuilding: When Your Relationship Ends” by Bruce Fisher, which offers 16 building blocks to recovery.

“A mistake a lot of couples make is to put trust in a person, but human beings are fallible,” he said. “It makes more sense to put trust in

the principles that govern relationships. If both parties are committed to those principles, relationships will grow despite difficulties and disappointments.”

One question dealt with the effects of pornography on relationships. Robinson said many of his clients didn’t know what true intimacy was about because pornography had provided a “pseudo-connection” and completely taken over.

“Do they know how to reach out, communicate and be a partner?” he said. “It does take a lot of effort on both parts.”

“The person offended or violated often becomes a control freak,” Bush said. “The least effective strategy is to try to fix, control or manage the other’s behavior. It’s much more effective to explore our ability to influence, not control, each other in a healthy way, and establish a feeling of trust and understanding.”

The panelists were not enthused about kissing on the first date.

“It creeps me out,” Atkins said. “You miss out on a lot of things if you do the physical intimacy first. Take it slow and steady.”

“A lot of couples have ‘fallen into sex’ instead of falling into love,” Robinson said. “You really have to establish a friendship which will keep your marriage going. Without that foundation, you won’t do well as a couple.”

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Nation & World

## In brief

### Sochi Olympic games start this weekend

The 2014 Winter Olympic games will be held starting Thursday in Sochi, Russia. The games will go on despite worldwide protests about Russia’s controversial laws concerning homosexuality.

Gay rights activists across the world are expected to hold protests in 19 different cities. Activists want Olympic sponsors, such as McDonald’s, Coca-Cola, Samsung and Visa, to speak out against Russia’s laws on homosexuality.

### Israel building again in East Jerusalem

Israeli officials have approved 558 new apartments in Jewish settlements in East Jerusalem. It is considered illegal under international law, but the Israeli government disputes this law.

The approval comes during U.S.-mediated peace talks. Palestinian officials are accusing the Israeli government of undermining the talks by building on the land. There has been little progress in the negotiations, which are mediated by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

### Philippine government requests Western help

Benigno S. Aquino, president of the Philippines, has called for the help of Western powers in his country’s resistance to China’s claim on the seas near the Philippines. He compared China’s claim to the water to Hitler’s claim to Czech land in 1938.

Like the situation in 1938, the Philippines faces demands to give up territory to a stronger nation.

“If we say yes to something we believe is wrong now, what guarantee is there that the wrong will not be further exacerbated down the line?” Aquino said in an interview in his home. “At what point do you say, ‘Enough is enough?’ Well, the world has to say it.”

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# Blind

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York. 40,000 to 50,000 people would drive down that street everyday, Tuohy said.

“10 years ago, scarcely enough, if something had happened to Michael, no one would be contacted and no one would have cared,” she said.

Tuohy said Michael is valued now by so many people. She said people use her to get to him.

“Who do we misappropriately value?” she asked. “We do it to everyone — restaurant workers, teachers we don’t like. We do it to garbage men all the time. My garbage men get turkeys at Thanksgiving. They love me.”

Tuohy said she tells adults all the time to get out of their golf circle and do something for someone else.

“There is something you can do for someone,” she said. “You just have to get off your butt and do it. Giving is a crazy, crazy gift. It’s an addictive gift.”

Tuohy issued a challenge to all those in attendance.

“When you leave here, stop



India Earl photo

and turn around and meet someone you never had the chance to meet yet,” she said. “Place value on someone.”

Tuohy said the point of the movie wasn’t to tell people to adopt a child off the street or participate in foster care, the point was to help people realize they can help someone.

“Shame on you if you pass up on an opportunity,” Tuohy said.

Those in attendance enjoyed the presentation.

“I really liked how she talked about Michael walking on that street for all those years and no one valued him,” said Olivia Snarr, a sophomore majoring in graphic design.

“It made me think how we value people.”

Snarr said it was also interesting how the movie was accurate. She said it makes her want to go back and watch the movie.

“I really liked it,” said Carlie Barnes, a freshman majoring in computer science. “It was inspirational. This is your life. Go out and make something out of it. I like it when she was talking about how people thought they were twins because she talked about Michael so much. Color doesn’t matter.”

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# Tier II

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he said. “It takes time and effort and some intentional planning to be able to do something like this effectively.”

The department offers a course, PSY 1220, called Career and Life Planning. There are four sections with approximately 280 students in each section and about 200 students on a waitlist.

Jack requested finances to fund additional instructors for two more sections of the course. Each instructor would receive \$3,000 for compensation plus benefits. Six sections total would cost \$18,000 plus benefits, which is \$7,650.

Eighty percent of the Career Services budget comes from the various fairs and expos held by the group semester, Jack said. The group doesn’t receive any Tier II tuition currently, but has in the past.

Jack also requested finances for an assessment program, \$1,000, and wages for three graduate level interns, \$7,000.

The total amount of money requested was \$33,650.

University Advising also requested funds for staffing needs. The office is responsible for undeclared students, undeclared business, nursing and allied health, students exploring associate degrees and peer advisers.

Stephanie Hamblin said the number of students her office deals with is over the limit, according to the National Academic Advising Association.

NACADA recommends the student-to-adviser ratio be no higher than 300 to 1. Hamblin said her office’s ratio is 464 to 1.

“It’s astronomical,” she said. “It’s doubling and tripling.”

Her office requested permanent funding for an adviser currently receiving temporary funding and finances to hire an additional professional adviser, which came out to \$99,443. She also asked for \$28,000 to assist the ongoing needs of students. Her requests totaled at \$121,448.

Executive Council members voted to approve \$46,724 for one permanent position. President Doug Fiefa said the council would look into the \$28,000 at the second reading next week.

Counseling and Psychological Services requested funding for many aspects of its office. Dave Bush explained issues affecting his employees

including students waiting two to three weeks for an appointment and needing to reach out to USU students on the regional campuses.

Bush said the current funding doesn’t support assisting the 12,000-plus distance education students.

He also said the American Psychological Association has criticized his office for having a high student-to-counselor ratio.

CAPS asked for \$124,825 to fund various positions and programs in the office. The executive council approved \$30,000.

Dennis Kohler, associate director of the Academic Resource Center, presented last and also asked for \$43,350 to fund a salary for a program coordinator.

The three main programs Kohler mentioned under the ARC are math and statistics tutoring, supplemental instruction and a course called Strategies for Academic Success, PSY 1730, accommodating about 500 students a year.

In two years, 200 students were added to the course and nine sections were added. The ARC also facilitates 68 undergraduate and graduate internships. Though some courses are housed under the psychology department, they’re funded by the ARC.

“Allow us to move to 100 to 120 new seats in PSY 1730,” Koeler said. “We’d like to roll out some new programs. We’ve got great staff. We have these great ideas and don’t have the time necessarily.”

The council voted to approve the full amount, \$43,350, for the ARC.

Before the council voted on the requests, the Tier II Tuition Ad Hoc Committee convened and made a preliminary decision. Ad hoc committee members are Kevin Meacham, Service vice president, Daryn Frischknecht, Student Advocate VP, Matt Anderson, Senate pro tempore and College of Humanities and Social Sciences senator, Matt Ditto, College of Education and Human Resources senator, Brittney Garbrick, Graduate Studies senator, and Fiefa.

Fiefa brought the decisions to the council and said the group made its decision based on the intent of members doing research and homework on the issues presented before the next meeting on Feb. 11.

Approved requests passed as a first reading and will go through a second reading next week. After the council finalizes its decisions, the requests will go to USU President Stan Albrecht, the Board of Trustees and finally to the Board of Regents.

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## Cache Valley residents interact with wildlife



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**HUNDREDS OF ELK** gather to feed at Hardware Ranch in Hyrum each winter. The area is reserved for wildlife management, but visitors are welcome to see them up close from a wagon.

### Experiences at Hardware Ranch teach and touch visitors

► **By Chelsea Hunter**  
assistant features writer

Staying occupied in Logan during the winter months can be a challenge. For those struggling to find new activities, Hardware Ranch provides a chance to see wildlife up close.

Hardware Ranch is a 14,000-acre

Wildlife Management Area open to the public, except for 800 acres used to feed Elk during the winter. However, visitors may go on a horse-drawn wagon ride through this area for an up-close encounter with hundreds of these elk.

The land was purchased by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources in 1946 with the purpose of pro-

viding a place for wintering elk to go, according to Northern Region Outreach program manager Phil Douglass.

"At that time, they purchased the ranch to keep peace with the farmers and ranchers in Cache Valley," Douglass said. "The elk-feeding operation began for the purpose of keeping big game animals, especial-

ly elk, out of haystacks, residential areas and highways."

The wildlife began to be open to the public in the 1950s. Douglass said the people who were running the operation at the time decided they would start bringing people on the hay wagon with them to watch as they fed the elk. Today, the tradition continues for a minimal fee.

"It's a unique experience that's difficult to replicate," said ranch manager Brad Hunt. "We're close to the Wasatch Front, right in the heart of Cache Valley. It's a fun way to do something during the winter to get out of the smog and inversion that we get boxed into sometimes. You take a trip up here and actually get to see the sun shine."

Hunt said it is a rare opportunity to be able to view elk up close.

"Elk are very aware and sensitive to what goes on in their environment, and they are very difficult to get that close to," Hunt said. "Yet we can get you within 10 or 20 feet of them."

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### 'Why did they ever get rid of ... ?' February edition



**Steve Schwartzman**

Just  
a few  
laughs

If you think about it, it's an amazing thing February never gets picked on. Did anyone on the school bus receive the barrage of mockery more than the shortest kids on campus? No chance. But unlike our disservice to the short kids and relegating them to have to play basketball alone on the monkey bars, we endow the shortest month with the same respect we'd give anyone else, and do so by electing it eligible for yet

another rendition of "Why did they ever get rid of ... ?"

— Why did they ever get rid of "Where in the World Is Carmen Sandiego?"

Before I begin, let me make this abundantly clear: Any mistaking this program with "Where's Waldo?" is a transgression punishable by being grounded for a month and having your Skip It taken away. No excuses.

This PBS-made masterpiece of a game show was brought together to contain the three most pertinent components of child learning: geography, deductive reasoning and a Capella choir. Before networks became flooded with intensely shot crime shows featuring former cast members of "Dharma and Greg," Carmen Sandiego was the highest form of mystery since "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?" and if nothing else, it taught us the meaning of the

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## The face behind the name: Ray B. West Building

Located on the south side of the Quad and adjacent to Old Main, the Ray B. West Building is the place students go for help with English. However, few people are aware of who Ray B. West actually was or why his namesake was chosen for the building that now houses the English department.

According to the English department's website, the building was first used as a military training center, and it was not turned over to the school until 1920 when students of the newly-formed engineering department used it as a laboratory under the supervision of Ray Benedict West. West was the founder of the College

of Engineering. The building did not receive its name until 1986, and by this time there was another Ray B. West at USU.

Ray Benedict West Jr. worked as an English professor, published many of his own books and edited a literary magazine named The Western Review. Many of his works can be found in the Merrill-Cazier Library archives today.

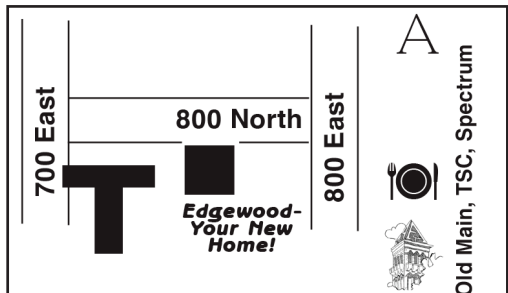
Although the building was not originally named for Ray B. West Jr., he is accepted as a part of the West legacy, and his name gives a literary connection to the building that now houses mostly English students. His photograph hangs on the second floor.



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# Ally Carter writes another hit



Gillian Ponce

Good reads

Ally Carter wrote “I’d Tell You I Love You, But Then I’d Have to Kill You” book, but “Gallagher Girls” isn’t her only series worth reading. In “Heist Society” you’re introduced to Katarina Bishop. Being a con artist is a family business she desperately wants to get out of. At the age of 15, she scammed her way into the best boarding school in the country in an attempt to leave the family business once and for all, but soon after beginning, she’s blamed for a practical joke she had nothing to do with. After being kicked out, she learns friend and fellow con artist, W. W. Hale the Fifth, staged the joke with help from Kat’s cousin. Hale and Kat’s cousin, Gabrielle, tell her that her dad has gotten into a bit of trouble, something that — for once — he didn’t do. It’s up to Kat, Hale and Gabrielle to help him. The three recruit others to help out.

Now Kat and her team have to track down five stolen paintings and return them to clear her dad’s name. Can her team of seven teenagers do it, and with a two-week deadline? Carter includes a little bit of romance but has two sequels to this series that are equally good and have more romance than this first one. The story is amazing. Ally Carter has a style and voice unique to her books that helps develop her characters really well. Each acts the way their personality is described and is well-maintained. You also feel attached to them, whether it’s good or bad. You get frustrated, fall in love with them or feel like they’re your new best friend. You feel very close to them. The story is well-paced and doesn’t have fluff. It’s a short, easy read for those who don’t have much time. This series also includes a crossover of the heisters with spies from “Gallagher Girls.” So if you enjoy books about spies and thieves with a bit of romance and a lot of action, Carter writes another big hit with “Heist Society.”

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## February

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word “sleuths,” a morsel of verbiage I still hold to the highest esteem to this day. Admit it, though. You loved “Rockapella.” If they did a musical cameo on “All That,” you’d totally wish you were there. — Why did they ever get rid of “Da bomb?” The first time I encountered this credo was the scene in “Clueless” when Donald Faison’s character was caught getting his head shaved. Ever since, it has lingered with me. It just seemed to hit the subject of existential cultural hype square on the nose. Explosive, sudden, attention grabbing — the best things in life, and they had a home to come to with two simple words, generally spoken by Keenan and Kel. Unfortunately, our jealousy-guarded motto met its demise when modern society watered it down. It started with “Da,” slowly becoming “The,” and before we knew it, no bystander could survive a bomb label without somebody in the vicinity padlocking a “.com” on top of it. Sad, truly; one of those special things that left us too soon. — Why did they ever get rid of Emotional collaborative pop ballads?

P. Diddy, Faith Evans and 112’s “I’ll Be Missing You”? Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men’s “One Sweet Day”? Anything from Live Aid? I can sense you are getting hazy-eyed just reading this. I’d blame you, but that would make me a hypocrite. Any and all of these will be performed at my funeral with my harmonized recording involved. If you’re gonna go out, go out on top. — Why did they ever get rid of transparent devices? Corded phones, video game controllers, calculators, shoes, remote controls, Game Boys, everything. What a golden age. We grew up in the era of transparency. It wasn’t enough to simply enjoy or lackluster electronics; we desired to view just how they functioned. It was an age of exploration and discovery and turned our minds into gold, and anyone who knows the liberation of getting the

high score on “Cruisin’ World” knows the gripping need for clear everything to make a comeback. — Why did they ever get rid of Koosh balls? America, welcome to our finest and best self-esteem builder. Ever try to catch a Koosh ball in midair? Of course you didn’t. Nobody had to; it was just that easy. Koosh balls taught us we could do anything if those things lacked a solid surface, and even Rosie O’Donnell could look cool when sling-shotting colorful objects toward a camera. Wisdom never so sweet. That’s all until March. Think these selections weren’t quite “da bomb?” I enjoy a challenge. Tweet me some better ideas. Until then, we’ll see you “One Sweet Day.” Don’t cry, seriously, it was just a joke. That song does things to people. — Steve Schwartzman is a senior finishing a degree in communication studies. With eight years of column writing and improvisational comedy under his belt, he lives to make you laugh. Send thoughts to steve.schwartzman@aggiemail.usu.edu.

Steve Schwartzman

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## Hardware

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Austin Hanny, a junior studying finance and economics, said he enjoys looking at the elk and the wagon ride makes for a good date. “It’s cool being that close to the elk and being able to experience their size and awesomeness first hand,” Hanny said. “It’s pretty fun riding the sleigh out to the feeding grounds too.” Depending on the day, Douglass said visitors see anywhere from 400 to 700 elk in the meadow and more when the conditions are right. “The thing that really affects how many are here is weather,” Douglass said. “The very cold temperatures combined with snow, usually those are the years we see numbers into the six and seven hundreds.” The many generations of elk are now accustomed to the wagons and know there is no danger to them as long as the people stay in the wagon, he said. “They are wild animals,” Douglass said. “There’s nothing that makes them come down other than their memory that tells them this is a good place to go to get a free meal.” Douglass said one of their wagon drivers told him about an experience that had affected him when a mother and daughter who came to see the elk. The daughter was blind. The mother said because her daughter was

blind, she had highly developed her other senses. The driver directed the wagon into the middle of the elk, as is customary, where it stopped to let passengers get a good look at the elk and ask questions. While they were stopped, an elk came up to the blind girl, nuzzled her arm that was hanging outside the wagon and stood there to let her touch it. “When we say that Hardware Ranch is a place where you can make a connection with wildlife, for this person, that was something she wasn’t able to see but she was literally able to feel,” Douglass said. He said it was a very special moment for the girl and her mother, as well as everyone on the wagon who watched. He said they were amazed because it was a wild animal. “That was the most meaningful experience that he had, and he has had a lot of meaningful experiences,” Douglass said. “It really does bring people close to wildlife and makes the connection with people and wildlife, but it also strengthens their family and friendship relationships. It’s just a great family and wildlife tradition.” Hardware Ranch is located in Hyrum, Utah, about 18 miles up Blacksmith Fork Canyon. Wagon rides run Friday through Monday until the end of February.


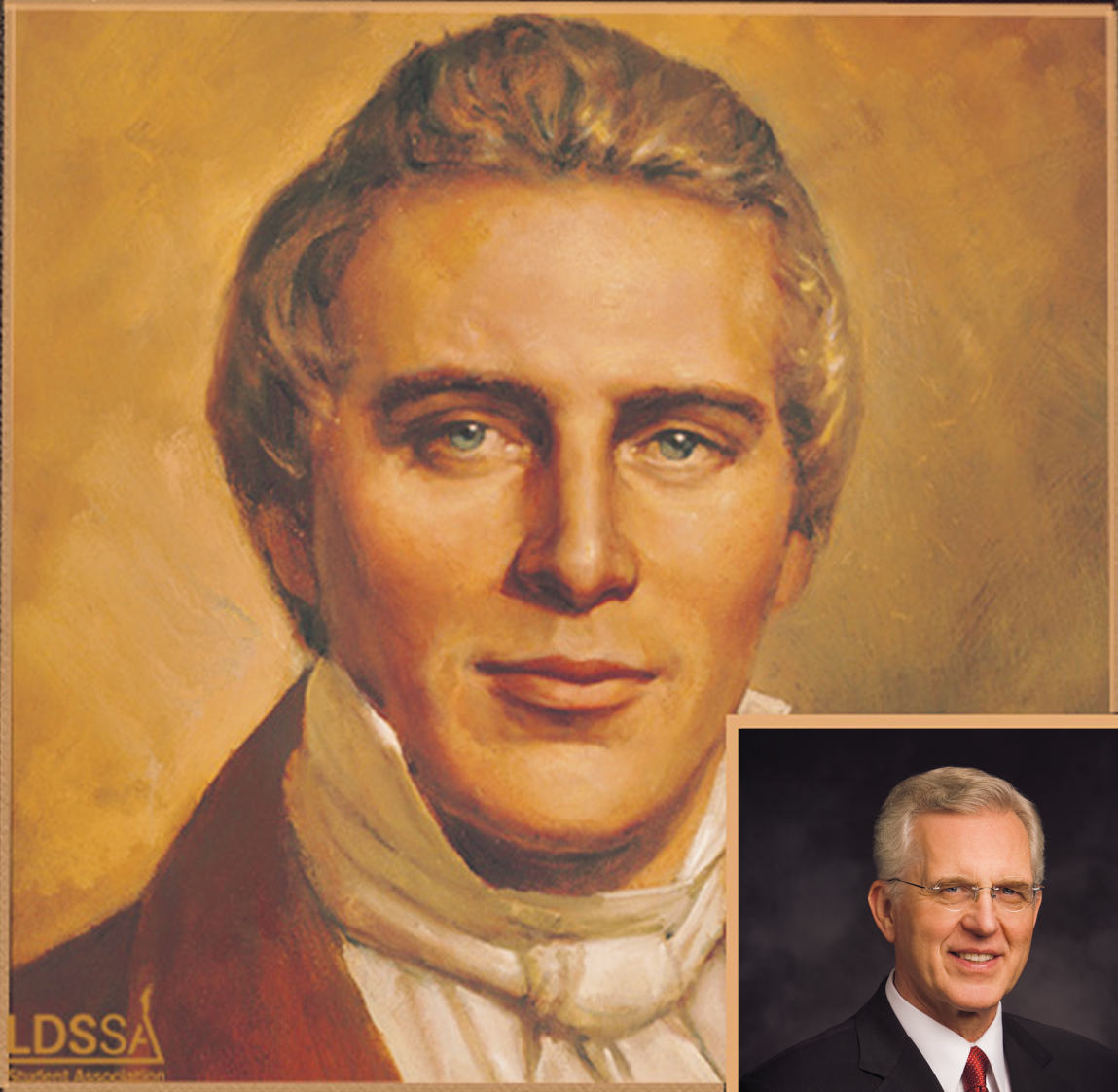


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MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Aggies down Wolf Pack to snap skid

► **By Jeff Dahdah**  
assistant sports editor

After a five-game losing streak, the Aggies are back in the win column.

The Utah State men's basketball team defeated Nevada 83-75 in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum on Wednesday.

The win brought them to 3-7 in conference and avenged a loss to the Wolf Pack in Reno on Jan. 11.

"Under the circumstances, I have to be really proud

of our team for rallying this week," said USU head coach Stew Morrill. "It's hard when you are 2-7 and you just got your tail kicked a number of times."

The Aggies had their troubles in the beginning of the game, finding themselves down by eight a couple of times. They scored just two points over a six-minute stretch. They also didn't make a 3-pointer until there were 55 seconds left in the half. Despite this, the Aggies took

a 28-27 lead into the half.

The Aggies would not surrender the lead for the rest of the game. Though it was back-and-forth, the score did not go in favor of the Wolf Pack at any point during the second half.

"We talked about that at halftime, coming out in the second half aggressive and not giving in," said senior guard Spencer Butterfield. "We played hard in the first half, but we just needed to continue that in the second

half, so that was huge."

Butterfield and senior Jarred Shaw both had double-doubles in the game, Butterfield with 20 points and 11 rebounds and Shaw with 17 and 13.

"I thought our guys were really engaged and really played hard and gave themselves a chance to win," Morrill said. "We obviously needed a win, and a lot of guys did really good things."

Guard Preston Medlin and forward Kyle Davis also

scored in the double digits for the Aggies; Medlin had 14 and Davis had 12.

The Aggies out-rebounded the Wolf Pack 40-30 with Butterfield and Shaw accounting for 60 percent of the team's rebounds.

USU went 25-of-30 from the free-throw line, equating to 30 percent of the team's total points.

After going 1-of-7 from three-point range in the first half, the Aggies shot 5-of-7 from behind the arc in the

second half.

USU will play Boise State in the Spectrum on Saturday. The Aggies lost to the Broncos 78-74 in Boise on Jan. 18.

"They have been great this week," Morrill said. "That's what gives you a chance. We were in a good frame of mind all week long."

The Aggies have four home games remaining this season.

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FOOTBALL

# Signing day

## Aggies announce a strong 2014 football recruiting class

► **By Jeff Dahdah**  
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National signing day took place Wednesday, which meant Utah State football head coach Matt Wells could announce his second recruiting class at USU. The class consisted of 26 athletes.

"This has been something we've been working on for 12 months. I remember this time a year ago, we'd just gotten done looking at a bunch of 2013 kids," Wells said. "There are several on here that we offered on this day a year ago. It's kind of neat and satisfying for us as a staff to see the culmination of our efforts come down to signing a kid and getting to talk about him

publicly."

The class features 18 high school players and eight junior college transfers. Of the 28 signees, nine are in-state recruits, eight are from California, four are from Texas, four from Florida and one is from Missouri.

"We were just really aggressive about what we wanted from Florida, Texas and California. California is a little different from those two with a lot more junior college kids," Wells said. "We put three coaches in California, two in Texas and two in Florida. You emphasize where you put your guys and time and effort.

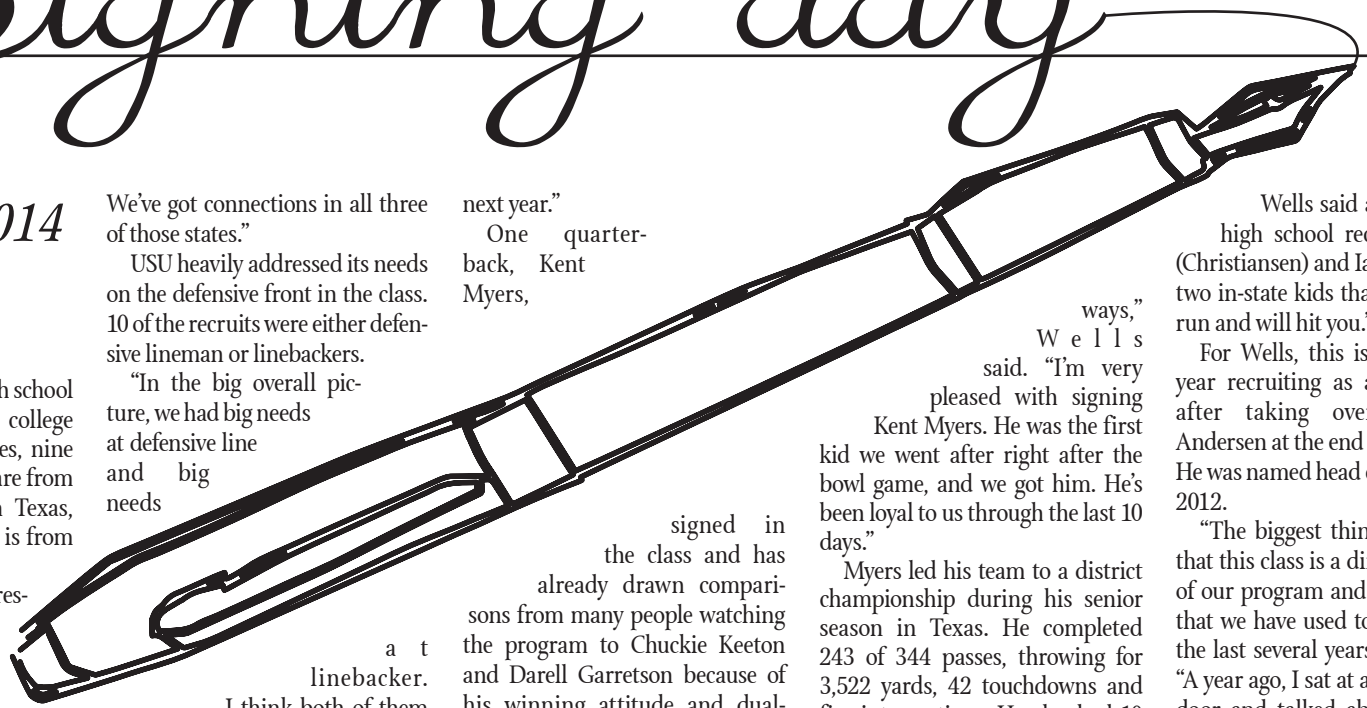
We've got connections in all three of those states."

USU heavily addressed its needs on the defensive front in the class. 10 of the recruits were either defensive lineman or linebackers.

"In the big overall picture, we had big needs at defensive line and big needs

next year."

One quarter-back, Kent Myers,



signed in the class and has already drawn comparisons from many people watching the program to Chuckie Keeton and Darell Garretson because of his winning attitude and dual-threat ability. Wells is among those making that comparison.

"He's got moxie. He has great character and a great family. I think he's got a bright future. He carries himself well. He's very similar to Darell and Chuckie in those

ways," Wells said. "I'm very pleased with signing Kent Myers. He was the first kid we went after right after the bowl game, and we got him. He's been loyal to us through the last 10 days."

Myers led his team to a district championship during his senior season in Texas. He completed 243 of 344 passes, throwing for 3,522 yards, 42 touchdowns and five interceptions. He also had 10 rushing touchdowns that season.

There are five signees who are currently enrolled at USU, two of whom were in high school not too long ago but graduated early.

"They're going to get thrown into the fire right out of the gate,"

Wells said about the two high school recruits. "Chase (Christiansen) and Ian (Togiai) are two in-state kids that are tall, can run and will hit you."

For Wells, this is his first full year recruiting as a head coach after taking over for Gary Andersen at the end of last season. He was named head coach Dec. 20, 2012.

"The biggest thing I look at is that this class is a direct reflection of our program and the blueprint that we have used to build it over the last several years," Wells said. "A year ago, I sat at a podium next door and talked about the blueprint for Aggie football and how it wasn't going to change. I think this class shouts out that it's not going to change."

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SPIRIT SQUAD

# Utah State cheer names Troumbley as new head coach

► **By Curtis Lundstrom**  
sports editor

For the sixth time this year, a Utah State team has a new look at head coach.

The USU Spirit Squad welcomed Nicole Troumbley on Monday as the new head coach of the team.

"It's an incredible team, there's incredible talent," Troumbley said. "It's so neat to be up here and be back in this environment and feel everyone's energy. From the team, but also from the student body and campus in

general, it's nice to be back up here."

Troumbley, a former Spirit Squad member and USU alumna, was appointed by interim head coach and Student Involvement and Leadership director Linda Zimmerman nearly four months after former head coach Jennifer Hollingsworth resigned.

It is the fourth coaching position for Troumbley, who has also served in different coaching capacities over the past 10 years at Mountain Crest High School, West ide High School and Salt Lake

Community College.

Zimmerman said Troumbley was the leading candidate through the entire hiring process.

"In just three days she's come in and done an incredible job already," she said. "I'm just thrilled to have someone with a passion and a love for the program. ... You have to have that."

Troumbley was a member of the Spirit Squad from 2005-08 and also cheered at Mountain Crest and Snow College before coming to USU. She graduated with a degree in psychology

and also minored in FCHD and sociology.

It's always been an aspiration for Troumbley to have a career in cheerleading and dancing, something she said she's been glued to since she was a little girl. She said her biggest goal is a sense of consistency.

"With so much that's happened this last year, so many changes, my biggest goal is to have them come back together and feel that consistency with one coach they know is going

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**USU CHEER COACH NICOLE TROUMBLEY** watches as her team stunts during practice at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.



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SOFTBALL

# Aggies ready to take the diamond in 2014



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**DANI CHAPLIN MAKES A PLAY** at home plate to record an out at LaRee and LeGrand Johnson Field Johnson against Nevada.

## Cheer

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to be here and isn't going anywhere," she said. While Troumbley's first love was dance and cheer, she found a new love through the Spirit Squad — her husband Tommy. Tommy was a member of the team when Troumbley tried out, and she said he played a large role in helping her improve her stunting and ability, so much in fact that she was afraid to face him

after failing to make the team he first year. But as fate would have it, the pair was reunited a short time later away from the team and, as Troumbley said, "The rest is history." "The rest" includes a 10-year marriage, two children and countless hours spent with her husband, who is familiar with the profession and understands the stresses and time commitments associate with it. But from the couples' time on the team to now, Troumbley said the biggest difference she's seen is the talent level.

"The competition at tryouts and the talent that comes out, the talent just keeps climbing and climbing," she said. Troumbley and the Spirit Squad are on the sidelines for every home basketball game and travel to a number of away games as well, including the Mountain West Conference tournament in Las Vegas in march. "One of the neatest things is as you work with these students," Troumbley said, "is seeing the kind of individuals they develop into."

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## USU aims to triple win total from last season

► By Calvin Makelky  
staff writer

Following a rough season last year that saw the Aggies win only 11 games, the Utah State softball team looks to turn a corner as new head coach Steve Johnson takes the reigns. Although the Aggies have struggled mightily recently, the softball program has had tremendous success in the past dating back to the early 1980s. The 1980 and 1981 USU softball teams won national championships in the now-defunct Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, which preceded the NCAA in softball. "I think the biggest thing is just finding the consistency, trying to elevate our game both mentally and on the field to a whole new level," said Johnson, who came to USU after serving as an assistant coach at Auburn for the last five years. "We want to make the routine plays routine, limit our mental and physical errors. Just by that consistency, we elevate our play across the board."

number of strengths they will look to play to, and they'll rely heavily on a number of players. "We got a solid pitching staff. We got a really good No. 1 in Noelle Johnson. She's going to be expected, as the one returner with experience, she'll have a lot more innings," Johnson said. "We have two freshman, Abby Indreland and Cheyenne Harper, that will be counted on for a lot. They've got to get their feet wet at the college level." The Aggies have struggled defensively, allowing nine or more runs in 11 games last season. But Johnson said the defense has gone from weakness to strength. "I think defensively, our infielders are pretty strong," Johnson said. "We've got a good mix of returners and freshman in there." On offense, Johnson is confident the Aggies can produce runs. "I think offensively, we've got eight to nine sticks that can produce for us. It's just going to be a matter of taking what we've done in practice and putting it into games," Johnson said. "We showed some great improvement in our short fall season, and now it's just going to be 'can we build on that improvement and continue strong into this season?'"

### Team Goals

The Aggies hope to make some noise in their first sea-

son in the Mountain West Conference. "Personally, I think we've got a chance ... at winning 20 of our non-conference games," Johnson said. "Competing in the Mountain West is going to be different because it's a step up competition-wise from the WAC, but we have so many new kids and so many things we're doing, it's new for everybody." Johnson said he expects the team to be above .500 in conference play on top of winning 20 non-conference games — a feat that would triple last season's win total. "The kids have set a little loftier standards. The kids set their own goals, and their goal is to win the Mountain West and to get to a regional," Johnson said. "It's going to take a lot of work to get to that point to turn around from 11 (wins) to a regional team, but I don't think it is out of question. If they do what they did in the fall, if they can translate what they've learned this spring, then I think it's something they can certainly shoot for." The Aggies begin their regular season Thursday in St. George, Utah at the Red Desert Classic. From there they will play three tournaments in California. After a trip to play UVU, they open conference play at home against Colorado State on Friday, March 21.

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**JUNIOR BEN CLIFFORD DEFENDS** a shot against Nevada's Cole Huff during USU's 83-75 win over the Wolf Pack Wednesday at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

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## GMOs are not the end of life as we know it

News broke last week that British scientists have been developing a substance that produces high levels of anthocyanins, a pigment found in fruits such as cranberries, blackberries and blueberries. But the pigment does much more than just lend a distinct hue to a few berries; it also helps increase visual acuteness, combat obesity and diabetes and has anti-inflammatory capabilities shown to slow down the spread of cancer in laboratory mice.

It all sounds pretty good to me, and I think it probably sounds pretty good to you as well, my fellow Aggies.

But what if I told you this beneficial substance was one of those dreaded GMOs — genetically modified organisms — you often hear horror stories about? Would you be deterred by the fact that scientists genetically modified regular red tomatoes by adding the purple pigment from the *antirrhinum* genus of plants, better known as snapdragons?

Pop culture provides negative connotations we associate with genetic engineering. These have largely been brought about by amazing — as seen in the film “Jurassic Park” — and ridiculous — such as seen in Adrien Brody’s “Splice” — scientific ideas.

I, for one, am not bothered by this fact, and I made this publicly known earlier this week via a civil disagreement on Facebook. In that conversation, the person I was arguing with attempted to tell me GMOs are the leading cause of cancer in the world and engineered by greedy, bloodthirsty corporations only out to make a quick buck. I was then told everyone in America needs to go back to family farming in order to shut down these large-scale industrial farms.

I’m a journalist; facts are kind of what I’ve been brought up on, and I’m not one for fear-mongering or widespread farce. I think it’s safe to assume most who read my weekly column are well aware of my political, moral and ideological beliefs. I did not vote for Willard “Mitt” Romney in the 2012 presidential election, I do not believe corporations are people and I am largely against the schemes and profiteering associated with American capitalism.

That being said, large-scale farming is here to stay, folks. And it’s allowing a lot of good, old-fashioned Americans — and a lot of Utahns — to live their lives doing what they’ve been doing for years.

When I think about farming, I see men and women who have put their blood, sweat and tears into their work. They

**Paul Christiansen**



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tirelessly toil in their day-to-day routine to plant, weed, water, grow and harvest the crops they can then sell and distribute to the stores where we shop. But farming has taken a hit over the years economically and is no longer the lucrative business it once was. In order to stay afloat, those farmers could no longer only grow small crops to feed their families and small communities.

This is where the fickle entity of big business stepped in. Industries began funding farms, causing a shift to large operations. This killed two birds with one stone: It allowed farmers to continue living the way they had always done while simultaneously providing food to those like me who don’t have the land, time, knowledge and ability to grow our own food.

The times have changed, that’s obvious. Whether or not it’s because of cultural shifts in everyday life or unfettered laziness in the majority of society is a different subject entirely. No, it’s not the way it used to be, but nothing is.

GMOs are picking up the slack where traditional and modern farming fall short, making up nearly 70 percent of the food in your local supermar-

ket. While that might alarm some of us, there is no conclusive scientific evidence to suggest these types of foods are any more dangerous than those that come from traditional means of production. In fact, there’s an overwhelming amount of consensus for this idea among scientists.

Where the problem lies is in the hundreds of millions of pounds of pesticides used to treat these GMO crops. Where as these chemicals will kill weeds and insects, the genetically-altered crops remain intact. While I think this is something that needs work, the crops themselves are not what’s harmful.

But I digress. These super tomatoes are being produced as a means of treatment, destined to aid those suffering from cancer. These aren’t even your typical type of GMOs; rather, they’re being created for a homeopathic medicinal use rather than a nutritional food supply. For all you hipsters and hippies so opposed to GMOs because you think they cause all the health problems, I only ask you to provide me some proof. Perhaps you should also consider what this small, purple tomato could potentially do for humanity.

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## Candidates should recruit opponents

**Tavin Stucki**



**Hail to the Chief**

official candidates who have declared their intentions to run for USU/SA office get up in arms about how I hate each of them personally and other such nonsense, let me clarify.

This isn’t about you. Elections are not about individual candidates. Elections are about the voters — the people paying, at least in part, for your lavish scholarships, stipends and budgets you are trusted with. These funds, positions and valued parking passes are not yours. They are not mandated as a gift for you to take and use as your own. They belong to we the students.

As counterintuitive as it is for a candidate to recruit a formidable race opponent, that’s exactly what needs to happen if these candidates truly value what’s best for the students they represent.

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They represent our collective money that we have trusted you to be a steward over.

Don’t you think for one second you have a right to use or campaign to use these things with-

out public comment and criticism.

Back to my original point: If these candidates truly cared about the students and our funds they’ve been trusted with, they would go out and recruit quality opponents in their elections.

Let me rephrase that: If Casey Saxton, Zoe Fairbairn, Dallin Laird, Geoff Andrews, Samuel Wright, Shelby Clayson, Derek Hastings, Patrick Adams and Mikayla Mills really cared about the students and our funds they’ve been trusted with, they would go out and recruit quality opponents in their elections. Any candidates who do this will, in all likelihood, win my vote. If it turns out another candidate they recruit is a bet-

**Tavin Stucki**

**“Elections are not about individual candidates. Elections are about the voters.”**

ter fit and wins the election, that’s OK too.

The point, again, is that having the choice is more important than the position, and especially more important than the individual candidate.

It’s not as if these one-person-parade candidates should have much to fear. Write-in candidates have an uphill battle as it is, and rightly so as a punishment for not doing something as simple as meeting a deadline.

But having the ability to choose a better candidate is still most important. The Executive Council entertained a proposal Tuesday to change election bylaws to allow write-in candidates who finished first or second place in the primaries with at least 10 percent of the overall vote to have their name included on the final ballot.

The Executive Council will vote on this legislation at 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

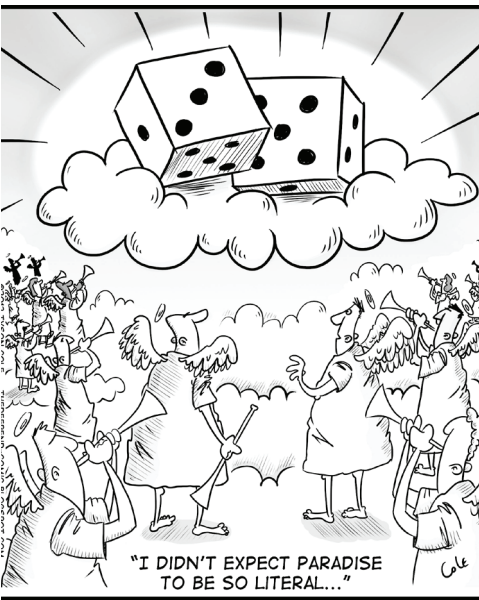
I fully support this and applaud our current student body officers’ efforts to put our best interests, as students at large, ahead of their own.

If you also support this legislation, bring it up with one or more members of the Executive Council. Their names and contact information can be found at <http://www.usu.edu/usua>.

It’s a huge statement of what USU/SA Public Relations and Marketing director Casey Saxton and Student Advocate Daryn Frischknecht prioritize, since they brought the proposal forth.

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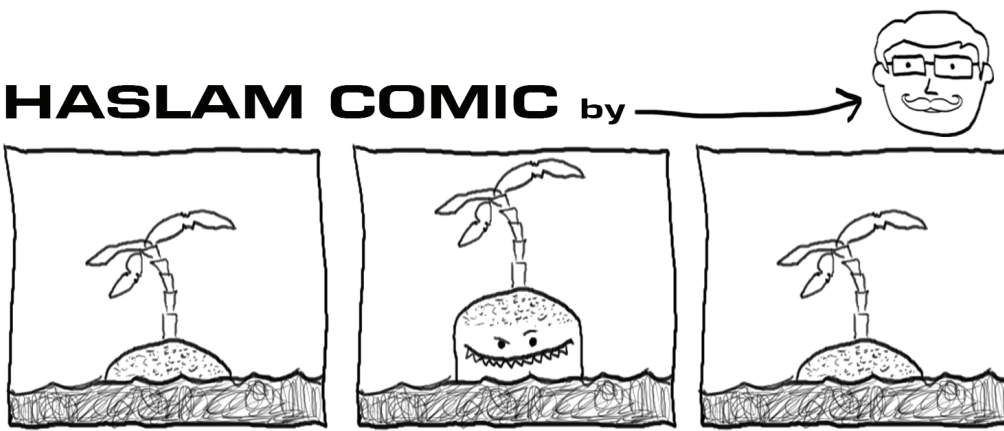
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## Friday Feb. 7

## Saturday Feb. 8

- Testing like a pro: test prep and test taking strategies, 10-11 a.m., TSC 315A
- Traditions Week Hello Walk, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Old Main to Business Building
- Education and Human Services Week: decorate valentine hearts, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., library, TSC, Education building
- Candida, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Caine Lyric Theatre
- A Passion for Place: Harrison Groutage Retrospective, all day, Twain Tippetts Exhibition Hall

- Tanner Talks: Community and the Liberal Arts, 12-1 p.m., Merrill-Cazier Library 101
- CEHS Week dance, 8:30-11:30 p.m., HPER building
- Swim Lesson Session 2 Registration Open, all day, HPER pool
- Female + Form exhibit, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art

- Candida Matinee, 2-4 p.m., Caine Lyric Theatre
- YC Monster Concert, 6 p.m., Caine Fine Arts Center Kent Concert Hall

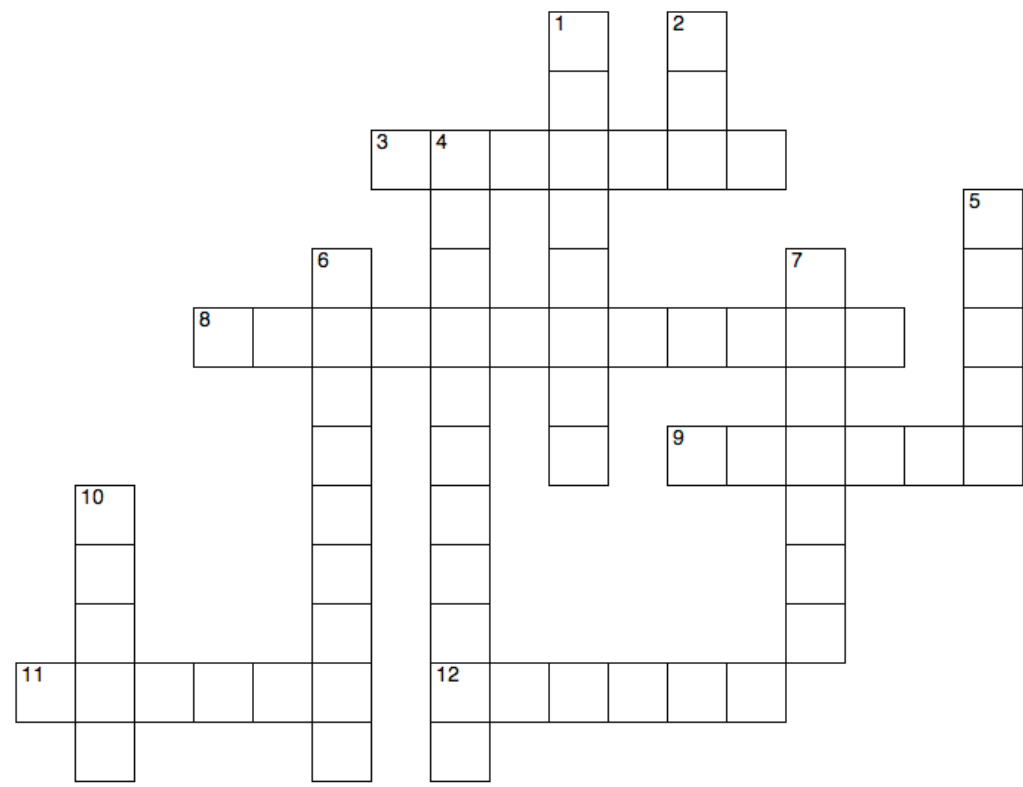
## Monday Feb. 10

- Sweatshirt Swap, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., TSC Hub
- Traditions Week Snowman Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., Haight Alumni Center
- Swim Lesson Session 2 Registration Open, all day, HPER pool



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