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## Phishing scammers target USU professors, IT asks for caution

► **By Cassidy Woolsey**  
staff writer

Computer security threats targeted USU professors on Jan. 16 and again on Feb. 12, said Bob Bayn, security analyst for USU’s information technology department.

Three professors were victimized by a phishing scam, resulting in stolen bank account information, Bayn said. This allowed the hackers to take money from their direct deposits on Banner.

The first scam originated from a Russian web server, misleading professors to enter their account information into a bogus Banner page almost identical to USU’s. The second scam originated from an Italian web server but had the same objective, he said.

“It was a very credible message,” he said. “Unless you knew what to look for, it was pretty deceiving.”

The message received had a forged USU sender address, a USU logo and had a link similar to usu.edu.

However, the distinction lied in what came before the usu.edu portion, Bayn said.

By hovering over the link

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## GAO wants fee changes for student debit cards

► **By Ricardo Lopez**  
Los Angeles Times

The U.S. Government Accountability Office on Thursday urged more transparency in the debit card system used to electronically disburse college students’ financial aid, and said that transaction fees for the cards quickly add up.

In a report, the GAO said that the use of debit cards has risen in the past decade. Though only 11 percent of schools in the U.S. have contracts with companies to offer the debit cards, the 852 schools that do are disproportionately large, accounting for 40 percent of U.S. college enrollment, according to the GAO.

Congressional investigators said that though fees on the

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# Harmony in Sochi

*Olympic spirit transcends political stigmas in Russia after rough beginning*

► **By Mariah Noble**  
features editor

For the last week and a half, 88 nations from around the globe have come together to focus on one thing: the Olympics.

The 2014 Winter Olympic Games, which began Feb. 7 in Sochi, Russia, have brought several social issues into the public eye.

Stacy St. Clair from the Chicago Tribune tweeted on Feb. 4 about the lack of safe water in her hotel, accompanied by a photo of the yellow water coming from the sink. The next day, Harry Reekie, a CNN sports reporter, tweeted about the conditions of his hotel room, using the word “shambles” to describe it.

Despite these complaints, some feel the American media has been too critical of conditions, both physical and political, in the host country.

“I just wish that the American media were just a little bit less mean about it,” said Taira Koybaeva, U S U associate professor of global communications. “I watched a show on TV the other day, ... and (the host) said the whole world is watching for Putin to fail. Well, wait a minute: This is not Putin’s Olympics. I mean, these are people and this is a country. Don’t want a whole nation to fail just because you don’t like Putin.”

Koybaeva is a dual citizen of both the United States and the Russian Federation. She was born and raised in Russia and said she claims both countries as her own, “like having two parents.”

She said many countries have issues but feels criticism is not the answer.

“If we do not stop criticizing, we will never like each other,” Koybaeva said. “So what good does it give us to say, ‘Well, they’re so bad. Well, they’re so inept.’ ... We’re not ideal either. I say a little bit better sportsmanship would be a wonderful thing to have.”

Matt Ditto, a junior majoring in exercise science, spent two years in Russia while serving a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and said he was there when it was announced the country would host the 2014 games. He said he felt the excitement of the people there.

“They’re just super unified when it comes to athletics or anything else that has their name attached for Russia,” Ditto said.

He said at first he found the posts about conditions amusing because he remembered having similar experiences, but after a while, they started to bother him.

“It makes me upset,” Ditto said. “It makes me frustrated with our culture — I don’t know if frustrated with our culture is the right word, but probably just disappointed to think, ‘OK, here we’re going into a situation where they’ve tried to improve something. ... We’re going outside of our county and then bagging on somebody else’s country.’ It’s kind of not cool.”

Alina Androsova, a Russian citizen volunteering in Sochi as a timekeeper for the curling events, said

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## USU/SA Exec. Council raises some scholarships with Tier II tuition

► **By Danielle Manley**  
assistant news editor

The USU Student Association Executive Council passed a resolution Tuesday recommending an increase in Tier II tuition by 29 percent to increase scholarships for the USU Spirit Squad and Utah Statesman as well as secure scholarships for student government positions.

USU/SA President Doug Fiefia said the student involvement office received a memo in March 2013 that stated current monies funding scholarships will be reviewed and aren’t promised in the future.

Scholarship funding for USU/SA student officer positions, Spirit Squad members and the Utah Statesman editors and assistant editors currently comes from a combination of student fees and USU President Stan Albrecht’s discretionary fund.

“In order for these programs to stay financially solvent and to continue scholarships for the students who are representative of the university, there needs to be an increase and secure funding,” the legislation states.

The resolution moves the money from its current funding source to strictly student fees and Tier II tuition.

According to the Utah System of Higher Education website, Tier II tuition is based on a recommendation by the institution’s president and board of trustees and is added to the first tier of tuition set by the Utah Legislature.

Student Advocate Vice President Daryn Frischknecht, who sponsored the bill, said the money will now come from a more reliable source.

“We’re just securing those monies and scholarships and giving those increases to the much-needed Spirit Squad and Statesman,” she said.

The resolution gives exactly \$149,159 to the Office of Student Involvement for those scholarships.

The recommendation still needs to be passed by Albrecht, the USU Board of Trustees and the Utah Board of Regents, but there was no discussion on the legislation during the Executive Council’s public meeting except during an executive session.

Fiefia said the Tier II tuition ad hoc committee has been discussing the resolution for two weeks and said the Executive Council members had already discussed the issues.

The council voted to pass the resolution through a first and second reading and voted in favor of recommending it to Albrecht.

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Nation & World

In brief

War zone breaks out in Kiev’s main square

Violence flared up this week in Ukraine’s capital city of Kiev. Police forces moved in on protesters on Tuesday, creating a war zone in the city’s main square. Twenty six died and hundreds were injured in the clashes.

On Wednesday Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich sacked Volodymyr Zamana, head of the country’s armed forces, in response to the violent clashes on Tuesday.

The European Union will meet on Thursday to discuss sanctions for “those responsible” for the violence.

Late on Wednesday, Yanukovich said he agreed to a truce with the opposition and negotiations will begin in the coming days.

Facebook buys \$19 B app with 150 million users

Facebook bought a messaging app called What’sApp on Tuesday for \$19 billion. It was the social network’s biggest acquisition to date.

What’sApp has more than 450 million monthly users and is mostly popular with people who are trying to avoid text messaging rates. In a statement about the purchase, Facebook owner Mark Zuckerberg called the transaction an “incredible value.”

Iraq bombings kill 49

At least 49 people were killed when series of car bombs went off in the Iraqi cities of Baghdad and Hilla on Tuesday. The explosions took place a day after 23 people were killed in bombings in Baghdad.

Anti-gov protests heat up in Thailand capital

Four people have been killed and dozens were injured in police clashes with protesters in Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. Police were attempting to retake official sites that have been controlled by protesters since 2013.

Anti-government protests have been going on since November 2013. Protesters are calling for the government to step down. The government has said it plans to take back all of the protestor-controlled sites.

Bombers hit Beirut

Four people died and dozens more were injured in two suicide bomber attacks in the Lebanese capital of Beirut on Wednesday. The explosions came from a car and motorcycle.

The incident is part of a series of attacks carried out by radical Sunni militant groups on Shia strongholds. The groups said the attacks will continue until the Lebanese Shia groups pull their troops out of Syria, where they are allied with Syrian government forces.

Compiled from staff and media reports

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STE2M center opens at USU

Campus program hopes to facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration

By Lindsey Snyder  
staff writer

USU recently welcomed a STE2M center to campus. The center, run by David Feldon, is a place where students can go and collaborate with others in the fields of science, technology, education, engineering and mathematics.

Feldon said STEM education focuses primarily on work in these fields.

“The STE2M Center is a new center whose purpose is to build a larger and more densely interconnected network of stakeholders engaged in STEM education and STEM workforce development in Utah,” Feldon said. “The National Science Foundation invented the acronym as a single term for all the endeavors they support.”

The center is located in the west part of Edith Bowen Laboratory School.

Feldon said the center is a place for students and faculty to network on research projects, learn about internships, influence poli-



Mikayla Kapp photo

**THE USU STE2M CENTER** collaborates learning in the fields of science, technology and engineering. It is located on the west side of Edith Bowen Laboratory School.

cy and prepare for the workforce.

“We are currently engaging with the university and the state to change the ways we recruit and train science teachers at USU to better meet the educational needs of Utah,” Feldon said.

According to the STE2M center website, the center is separate from USU, but Feldon will still report to the provost.

“David Feldon, the director of the STE2M center, will be keeping my office and the USU deans aware of the conversations that are going on,” said Noelle Cockett, USU provost. “That way, the university can provide support for faculty and students involved in STEM.”

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Sochi

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what she’s seen of the Olympics has been beautiful. She said she works with people from at least eight different countries, and the Olympics have helped her feel connected.

“I’m just enjoying talking to people, learning new things,” Androsova said. “The world becomes more open, if you know what I mean. In U.S.A. there are probably lots of legends about Russia, but the same is in Russia. So when you are talking to people, you can recognize what the truth is and probably learn more about other people, countries and cultures.”

Others, like Utahn David Zumbrennen, said they agree the Olympics have a special way of connecting people.

Zumbrennen has worked at nine different Olympics, including the one this year in Sochi, and he said it has changed his life.

“You can’t describe it,” Zumbrennen said. “Sometimes the feelings and magic can get lost, but I try to take my time each day and just soak in the atmosphere, etc. ... (The experience has) changed my life just by what I do for work, friends I have, how I value myself and culture and people.”

He said the criticisms are fair, but they disappear when people begin to focus on the games.

“They (the criticisms) may be there physically, but the games are about the athletes, the human spirit, global peace and friendship, and without fail, it always turns to that because that’s what the Olympic games do,” Zumbrennen said. “It’s what they are.”

He said the games inspire passion, hope, goodwill and love.

“It changes people and cities forever,” Zumbrennen said. “Sochi and the people of Russia will never be the same. They will be stronger, a better people. I have greater love, respect, etc. for these people and their culture (now).”

He said as the games begin and develop, the petty complaints disappear and people are able to focus on what really matters.

“The criticisms are fair, but you tell me, have you heard a hotel story in the last few days?” he said.

Ditto said the way he gained appreciation for the Russian people and culture was through being there and spending time with them.

He said there are opportunities for students to expand their worldview locally.

“We have over 900 international students here on campus and hundreds of diversity students,” Ditto



Mark Reis/Colorado Springs Gazette/MCT

**THE USA-2 BOBSLED TEAM OF JAMIE GREUBEL AND AJA EVANS** celebrate their bronze medal finish in the women’s bobsled finals during the Winter Olympics on Wednesday.

said.

He’d like to see people bridge the gap between themselves and those who they consider different.

“People around the world are all the same,” Ditto said. “There’s really no difference. ... People are people regardless of culture, color, race.”

Zumbrennen said he tries to keep in mind a quote from Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the modern International Olympic Committee: “The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part; the essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well.”

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Phishing

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before clicking, an unusual address before the usu.edu is shown, which indicates a scam.

“The warning we need to get out is to know where you are going before you click,” Bayn said.

IT is watching for suspicious activity and will warn people if another scam is reported. They will also be reviewing time stamps on direct deposits, Bayn said.

However, unless the victim uses Aggiemail, IT won’t be able to know if the hackers are reaching them through Yahoo, Gmail and other accounts, he said.

“It’s not just professors,” Bayn said. “Students can also be hit by this stuff. Just be cautious, and most likely in a year from now, I suspect this sort of thing won’t be successful and they will move on.”

The USU Controllers Office is currently working with the bank to resolve the issue.

“We filed a fraud report with the bank and they are working on it,” said Dan Christensen, a controller at USU.

Within the last six months, other universities have been target by related phishing scams.

In October, the University of Utah’s School of Medicine had a similar scam where at least three individuals’ direct deposit information was accessed and their paychecks stolen.

“I am surprised only three of our professors had stolen information,” Bayn said. “The message was fairly elaborate.”

There were 14 individuals who received the message and felt suspicious enough to alert IT. Bayn said that is how they became aware of the problem.

Colin Flint, a professor of political science, was a receiver of the phishing message. Flint said he realized it was a scam because of the unfamiliar address.

“I don’t get these types of messages very often,” Flint said. “I am always cautious when I get an email from someone I don’t know. This just reinforces that level of caution.”

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Friday, Feb. 7

• Police filed a report on a hit and run traffic accident that occurred in the west stadium parking lot. A white Nissan was hit on the left passenger door. There are no suspects at this time.

• Police responded to an intrusion alarm in the Fine Arts Museum. The alarm was activated by a facility employee who was cleaning the building.

• Police responded to Richards Hall for a fire alarm. A student had burnt her food. The smoke was cleared out of the area and the alarm was reset.

Saturday, Feb. 8

• USU Police were dispatched to Old Main Hill on a report of individuals who were throwing snowballs at passing cars. Police were unable to identify any suspects. No further action was taken.

• USU Police contacted an intoxicated individual who was walking along 800 East. The individual struggled to walk and had very slurred speech. They dropped their coat in the roadway and when contacted to inform them about the coat, she attempted to run into a sorority house. The woman was contacted on the porch of the house and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage could be detected. The individual was determined to be 19 years old. She was arrested for a minor in possession of alcohol charge and

released to a sorority sister. The individual in question had been drinking at the Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

• USU Police observed four individuals walking from the Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity. One of the individuals appeared to be intoxicated. Contact was made with that individual, and it was confirmed that he was intoxicated. It was also determined that the individual was 18 years old. He was cited for MIP alcohol and released.

Monday, Feb. 9

• A backpack was left by a vehicle in the west parking lot of the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum. An event staff member reported the backpack as a suspicious package. Officers were able to contact the owner of the vehicle and determined the backpack was not a threat.

Tuesday, Feb. 10

• USU Police are investigating a possible rape.

• USU Police responded to a fire alarm at Merrill Hall. Police arrived and met a resident assistant in the lobby. Police entered the room where the alarm had activated to smell an odor of something burnt. Police found a pan was left on the stove that was still on, thus the burning pan. The alarm was reset.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

• USU Police and Logan Emergency Medical

Services responded to a housing unit on campus on a report of an intoxicated individual cutting on his arm. Upon arrival, it was found that the male had superficial wounds on his wrist. The male was transported to Logan Regional Hospital for medical treatment and evaluation.

• USU Police assisted North Park Police with a working structure fire in North Logan. USU Police were first on scene with the Logan Police right behind them. Upon arrival, police found the two cars in the garage on fire with 20-foot flames emitting from the side of the house. Police assisted the residents and neighbors out of their houses. Fire units arrived and put out the fire.

• USU Police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for failure to signal. When the driver was contacted, a strong odor of marijuana was detected. In addition to the odor, there were several pieces of marijuana shake on the driver's lap. The driver was arrested and the vehicle was searched. A little more than half a pound of marijuana was found, in addition to a bong and other items of paraphernalia. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the driver was involved in the distribution of marijuana. The driver was booked into jail for one charge of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute in a drug-free zone and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia in a drug-free zone.

► Compiled by Lis Stewart

## STE2M

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Feldon said the goals of the center are “to become the first place people come when they are looking to connect with others with common interests related to research, outreach or analysis of data related to STEM education or workforce development.”

Cockett said an advantage to having the center on USU's campus is that it will help recognize the university's efforts to incorporate STEM education.

“The federal government and businesses anticipate the emerging economy requires a more and better-trained workforce in order to be internationally competitive,” Feldon said.

According to the STE2M Center website, the center strives for high student involvement and participation.

Beth MacDonald, an assistant professor in mathematics education got involved with STEM education in January.

“To integrate early on in students' academic careers better supports their understanding of these different opportunities,” MacDonald said.

The USU STE2M center will help host the Bridgerland Science and Engineering Fair for Cache and Rich counties Feb. 22 at the Eccles Conference Center.

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## Debit

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debit cards are comparable to conventional bank-issued cards, two large companies charge fees for purchases made using a personal identification number, or PIN. Those charges can quickly accumulate.

“No basic or student account that we reviewed for comparison purposes charged a transaction fee for using the account's debit card,” the report said. The GAO said that about a third of all PIN transactions are for amounts less than \$15, which can make a 50-cent fee an expensive addition.

The report also urged the Department of Education to draw up requirements that would make agreements between colleges and card companies more transparent.

The GAO highlighted conflicts of interest that may exist when colleges provide information to students about debit card options.

“Schools may have incentives to influence student choice because some receive payments from card providers based on the number of card accounts or transactions, leading some consumer advocates to question whether schools always act in their students' best interests,” the report said. “Furthermore, the contracts between schools and card providers are not publicly available and data on these cards are limited.”

The report said that while some schools have revenue-sharing agreements \_ where the school receives a payment based on the number of accounts opened or other parameters \_ the number of these arrangements appeared to be declining.

Colleges have opted to contract with companies to offer electronic options to disperse funds, the report said. The move often results in lower administrative costs associated with processing paper checks, which is partly why an increasing number of schools have moved toward these types of contracts.

One company, Higher One Holdings Inc., accounts for 57 percent of the college debit card market, congressional investigators said. Other financial firms that offer the services include

U.S. Bank and Wells Fargo, but other competitors' market share ranges from 2 percent to as much as 10 percent.

Higher One has seen strong growth in recent years. For 2012, the New Haven, Conn.-based company reported a profit of \$36.9 million, the GAO said. Nearly 80 percent of its 2012 revenue came from accounts opened by students and other college community members.

Higher One, which ended revenue-sharing agreements in 2007 and has sought to end those arrangements in existing contracts, said it has made “considerable changes to ensure our student account offerings are fair, valuable, fully transparent,” according to a statement from Casey McGuane, the company's chief operating officer.

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## Disabilities ‘can’t’ hinder sense of adventure

*Families and students experience outdoors through nonprofit organization, Common Ground*

► **By Noelle Johansen**  
digital editor

The word “can’t” is not part of the vocabulary at Common Ground Outdoor Adventures.

Common Ground volunteers will accompany participating adults with disabilities in the annual dogsled race in Jackson Hole, Wyo. this weekend, Feb. 21-23. The race is just one of the extreme adventures Common Ground facilitates throughout the year.

“People start asking about this trip in June,” said Bryce Patten, Common Ground program director and USU graduate. “We usually get about 15 participants that come dogsledding with us, then about seven staff and volunteers to help out.”

Founded in 1993 and established as a nonprofit in 1997, Common Ground provides

“life-enhancing outdoor recreational opportunities for youth and adults with disabilities,” according to its website. Activities include snowshoeing and skiing in the winter and hiking and whitewater rafting in the summer.

Patten, who will have been with Common Ground for six years in April, said the 12-mile dogsled run is a “fantastic experience for everyone.”

“You know, there are not that many people that get to go dogsledding,” he said.

Based on ability, participants drive the sleds or sit in the basket, eye-level with the dogs pulling them, Patten said. The participants stay at the Teton Science School, and the dogsled race is made possible through Jackson Hole Iditarod Sled Dog Tours, Patten said.

“I don’t know how many years it’s been, maybe 15, something like that,” said Frank Teasley, owner of Jackson Hole Iditarod Sled Dog Tours.

“They’ve basically pretty much become family with us. I mean, they know the dogs’ names and they’re returning clientele every year,” he said of Common Ground.

Teasley began his tours in 1979 with seven dogs. He now has 187 dogs and said he receives daily tour requests throughout the week. He said he shares a good relationship with

Common Ground.

“I guess the most important thing is that most of these people could not get out and experience the public lands the national forest at this time of year if we weren’t able to accommodate them,” Teasley said. “It’s worth it to us. It’s just a good cause.”

Common Ground intern Jordan Pease, a senior in social work at USU, said dogsled drivers, or mushers, teach participants the dog calls so the participants can be more engaged



photo courtesy of Common Ground

**DOGSLEDS CARRY PASSENGERS** who visit Wyoming with Common Ground.

in the experience.

“In that sense, we don’t hold their hands,” Pease said. “We treat them the way we would treat anyone without a disability and expect them to pay attention and learn.”

Pease began interning at Common Ground in August 2013. His first Common Ground experience, however, dates back several years to

when he was a participant, he said.

Pease has arthrogryposis multiplex congenita.

“It’s a hardening in the connective tissue between the joints,” Pease said of his disability. “You can’t bend your joints; your muscles have nowhere to go so they deplete.”

When Pease moved as a teenager with his family from

Texas to Utah, he said his parents were determined to get him on a pair of skis.

“I was a stubborn teenager, and luckily I had parents who were just as stubborn as I was,” Pease said. “They really helped me find Common Ground. I was going to ski.”

He said his brothers started

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## Steve’s vow for the triumphant return of the game show

► **Steve Schwartzman**

*Just  
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Ladies and gentlebeards, it’s time for a hearty installment of “Did You Know ... ?” Our DYK of the day is ...

Did you know “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?” is still a thing?

No fooling. It’s still kicking in its 17th year. You read that correctly.

Remember when “Millionaire” was the biggest prime-time explosion to hit network television since the Apollo 11 landing or the time Dan Rather ate a bagel? I still recall one of the most intense experiences I ever had in my long tenure as an avid television devotee.

The date was Nov. 19, 1999, and daytime IRS agent John Carpenter was about to do something no bystander had ever accomplished before: If he could correctly guess which U.S. president was once a guest on the TV show “Laugh-In,” he would be the first “Millionaire” contestant to actually win the top prize.

So far, Carpenter had gone 14 consecutive questions without so much as blinking, let alone using a lifeline, but on this last inquiry, he opted for a phone a friend; a quick dial-up to his dad. The moment was so pulse-pounding and pandemonious, the only proper way to to even speak on it is his direct quote to his father.

“Um ... I don’t really need your help. I just wanted to let you know that I’m going to win the million dollars ... because the U.S. president that appeared on ‘Laugh-In’ is Richard Nixon. That’s my final answer.”

I’ve never heard a crowd so loud in my screen-gazing life — and I’ve watched both Mark McGwire’s record-breaking 62nd home run and a very strong amount of Nickelode-

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## Hale puts new twist on fairy tales

Many of us are used to the classic “girl-is-in-distress-and-a-handsome-man-comes-to-save-her” fairy tale, and we all know that man is generally a prince. We hardly ever get to hear about their “happily ever after.”

But Shannon Hale’s “Princess Academy” takes the classic storyline to a whole different level.

There are no weak girls who fall under some curse or have some horrible stepfamily to make it all go horribly wrong for them. Instead, you get to see a small society where women are equal to men, where they work just as hard as men, and are sometimes even respected more for their wisdom. It’s certainly a different take than most fairytales have.

Why is it called “Princess Academy”? What fairy tale could that relate to? It doesn’t relate to any one fairy tale, and it’s not retelling of any

specific story. In this story, girls are chosen to go to an academy where they will learn how to be a princess and eventually a queen, so the prince can choose his bride from the selection of girls. How was the selection of girls chosen? The priests would divine the province where the future princess would come from, and then they would send the girls through the academy and let the prince choose his wife.

It takes place in a small mountain village where the people quarry for a valuable stone called linder, but while they have such an important



**Gillian Ponce**

**Good  
Reads**

trade item, the kingdom doesn’t consider the village, Mount Eskel, a province. The way the system is set up, and how the traders, who are part of the kingdom, treat the citizens from the mountain really shows how some societies work and how the societal structure makes a difference. Even though it is set in the past, the truth to how it works still

applies today.


Hale does an amazing job with her characters. As you read, you realize there is so much more to them than meets the eye. With the main character, Miri, you realize this almost as

soon as you start reading. But many of Miri’s friends have much deeper back stories than they appear at first, such as Britta and Katar, some of the girls Miri went to the academy with. You get to see sides of them revealed that other books don’t always reveal, and it makes the book that much more fascinating.

Not only do the characters have more story behind them, but their home, Mount Eskel, has many stories behind it that add to the story. Hale works in tales of the mountain in with the plot, between traditions the participate in or just general storytelling, which helps the entire book fit together.

Hale is amazingly poetic in her writing, something I have not seen in many of the books I have read that

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# ROTC camouflaged by misconceptions



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**CADETS FROM THE ROTC LISTEN** as their instructor lectures in a leadership laboratory class on Thursday. Students said they receive hands-on experience through the program.

## Students gain 'real-life skills' through training

► **By Marissa Neeley**  
staff writer

In the early 1900s, Utah State was considered the West Point of the West, placing more Reserved Officer Training Corps cadets into the Army than other universities, said Zach Smith, a recruiter for the Army ROTC.

Many students may not know about the Reserved Officer Training Corps here at USU, but two programs, the Air Force as part of the aerospace studies department, and the Army as part of the military science department, are available.

The main mission for the AFROTC is to develop future leaders for the Air Force, said Lt. Col. Alex Dubovik, commander of the Air Force ROTC detachment and aerospace studies department head.

The AFROTC said their detachment at USU is relatively large.

"There are 90 cadets in the program, six of

which are female," Dubovik said.

Training revolves around leadership.

"I want people to come in and do their best at every task they are given," Dubovik said.

The AFROTC is organized into a cadet wing. Juniors and seniors fill the senior leadership roles within it. Every cadet is assigned a job within the wing and is responsible for specific functions. Juniors and seniors are charged with structuring the weekly leadership lab and serve as mentors to the newer cadets, Dubovik said.

"The most beneficial part is that juniors and seniors learn key leadership skills and are afforded the opportunity to reflect on what they did right or wrong and what they can improve on," he said. "They get to make mistakes and learn from them in a controlled environment prior to heading out into the real Air Force."

Dubovik said what cadets learn in the

**Alex Dubovik**  
lieutenant colonel

*"I'm proud of what we do around the world on behalf of the American people and our allies."*

AFROTC will benefit them in the Air Force.

"It instills the skills they will use in the Air Force," he said. "Depending on the job they get, many may supervise 100 or more people shortly after graduation."

Some common misconceptions are that those in the ROTC program have no social life, they can't get an AFROTC scholarship unless they have a financial need, they have no money, have drill sergeants yelling at them, are committed to serving in the Air Force until retirement, they have to be

pilots and they must shave their heads, Dubovik said.

"I think they do have a social life which sometimes includes fun activities organized by the cadet corps, such as the escape and evasion exercises," he said.

Additionally, financial need isn't consid-

ered when awarding scholarships. There may be yelling when they attend field training, but that's about the extent of their boot camp experience. There's no requirement to remain in the Air Force until retirement. They serve their contracted active duty service commitment, which is determined by the job they receive. The majority of those in the program and in the Air Force are not pilots. Lastly, cadets don't have to shave their heads or wear their uniforms every day, he said.

Cadets are expected to be motivated, disciplined and display a willingness to improve and help others to improve, Dubovik said. He said they need an ability to adapt to a military thought process and culture and are also expected to be good citizens and good neighbors.

"I love what we do, I love our Air Force community and I'm proud of what we do around the world on behalf of the American people and our allies," he said.

There are both similarities and differences between the Air Force and Army.

"Everyone who graduates from AFROTC is commissioned in the rank of second lieutenant."

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## Twist

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have similar plots. She's well detailed but not overly detailed to the point where it bores you, like I get during too much description. The story flows beautifully and

moves along at a great pace. It's never too slow, but you're never thinking she needs to slow down either. The editor did a great job at reviewing, so there are no grammatical errors that distract from the book.

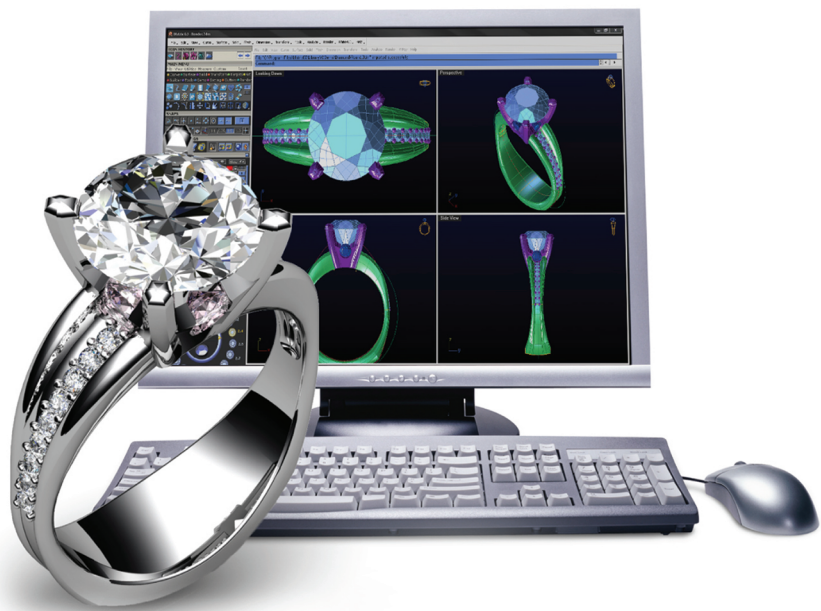
I would recommend this book to anyone who loves fairy tale style books. Hale does a wonderful job of mak-

ing everything fit together in a well-thought-out plot.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Aggies down Aztecs in thriller

► **By Logan Jones**  
staff writer

The Utah State women's basketball team led from opening tip to final buzzer Wednesday, beating conference opponent San Diego State 79-69 and snapping a four-game losing skid. The Aggies improve to a 5-9 conference record while the Aztecs drop to 6-7.

Senior Jennifer Schlott led all scorers with 33 points on 9-of-19 shooting and did it all on an upset stomach.

"She played a little bit sick tonight. We brought a bucket over at the first timeout," said head coach Jerry Finkbeiner. "She still put together two good halves."

Schlott added seven assists

and two steals in a solid effort. She now owns the Mountain West record for points scored in league play.

USU struck first with a Makenlee Williams 3-pointer. Williams scored the Aggies' first eight points and led all scorers at halftime with 19 points on 6-of-12 shooting, including 4-of-8 from distance.

"Mak had the best first half of her career here at Utah State," Finkbeiner said. "She did all the little things right and set herself up to half a really good first half."

USU scored 27 points off of 21 Aztec turnovers for the game, a credit to the Aggies' aggressive defense. Elise Nelson, who finished the game with eight rebounds, four

**Jerry Finkbeiner**  
women's basketball

*"Mak had the best first half of her career at Utah State. She did all the little things right."*

assists and four steals, provided the Aggies with several key hustle plays throughout the game.

"Elise's stat line won't get anybody's attention, but she had as much to do with this

win as Schlott did over 40 minutes," Coach Finkbeiner said. "She's always the fiber of our team."

Less than three minutes into the second half, Aztec guard Ariell Bostick was carried off the court and into the locker room with an injured left knee. Bostick did not return.

SDSU regrouped after the injury and made a strong push to pull within six points of the Aggies, the smallest margin of the second half, but back-to-back baskets by Franny Vaalu silenced the Aztec run.

USU takes on the Fresno State Bulldogs and former head coach Reagan Pebley at 3 p.m. Saturday in California.

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**SENIOR JENNIFER SCHLOTT** puts up a shot over an SDSU defender Wednesday at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

# Off the field: married student-athletes work overtime

► **By Emily Duke**  
staff writer

She was beautiful. He saw her in class, but never said a word until the last day. Now he didn't have class as an excuse to see her anymore.

But when he walked into one of his summer courses a few weeks later amongst a group of football teammates, there she was.

"See that girl back there? I'll get her," Kevin Whimpey said to his teammates. "Just watch."

And he did. Kevin and Shaylee Whimpey dated for a year after they met and were married June 1, 2012.

Ashlan Rogers and Jefferson Court had been dating for a year and a half when he found himself speeding along the road from Ogden to Logan, a diamond ring in his pocket.

His heart sank when he saw flashing red and blue lights in his rear view mirror. He tried to explain that he was in a hurry, that she was going to be mad if he was late.

"I'm going to propose to my girlfriend right now," he said. He got the ticket anyway.

"He got here and he wanted to go for a walk in the canyon, and we walked up to the top of the mountain and it overlooked everything," Ashlan said.

She knew the question was coming, but now that the time was here, she started to panic.

"I just kept shaking my head and saying, 'No, let's just go. I don't want to do this right now,'" Ashlan said. "I was totally freaking out, like, 'No,

no, no, no, no,' but he finally got me over there, and it worked out."

He finally got her to calm down and dropped to one knee.

"She said 'No' at first, and

she was a cheerleader on the USU Spirit Squad.

Jefferson is a tight end on the football team, and Ashlan plays libero for Aggie volleyball.

Both couples said it is hard

and Shaylee would leave to go cheer for another athletic event.

"It was hard not seeing each other, but it opened up some time for the Xbox for me," Kevin said jokingly.



then quickly 'Yes.'" Jefferson said.

They were married July 19, 2013.

Being a married student can be a challenge. It takes work to balance time with housework, school and family, but the Whimpeys and Courts add one more thing to that — they are members of collegiate athletic teams.

Kevin is an offensive lineman for the USU football team. When he met Shaylee,

balancing time together with athletics.

"We basically just never really saw each other that much, so that was kinda hard," Shaylee said.

During spring football practice, Kevin would leave at 5 a.m. and wouldn't be home until 6 or 7 p.m.

"She would get home at seven, and we'd eat and go to bed," he said.

A lot of nights, Kevin would get home from practices

Shaylee cheered for one year while married and decided this year that the time required on top

of work and school was just too much.

The Courts faced a similar situation, because their athletic seasons overlap.

"Road trips sucked," Jefferson said.

The volleyball team usually traveled from Wednesday to Sunday, whereas the football team would be gone Friday to Saturday. The teams often traveled on opposite weeks, which made seeing each other even more of a challenge.

"I would call him on my road trips

stressed.

"When you're at practice, you're at practice. You've got to work hard at that, and then as soon as that's done, you've just got to get right to the studying and the homework, whatever you have," Jefferson said.

But Ashlan said it would get hard to want to study when sports takes up so much of their time.

"Some people think it's easier to do school when they're married, but for us it's harder because since we don't see each other very often, we don't want to leave each other to go study," she said.

Shaylee said the key to balancing it all is prioritizing.

"You just have to make sure that you make the relationship a priority when you're both really busy," she said.

"I would just preach not stressing," Kevin said. "We're both really busy, but I'm a lot more laid back when it comes to stressing out over stupid things, which most guys are, so I would just try to get her refocused when she gets stressed out."

The Whimpeys and the Courts focus on having fun being married.

"When we are together, we always just have so much fun. He always makes me laugh," Ashlan said.

"I love how sporadic she is," Jefferson said. "She is the happiest person ever whenever I walk in the door and she sees me. When she wants to go do something, it's always the most random thing ever, and it's so much fun."

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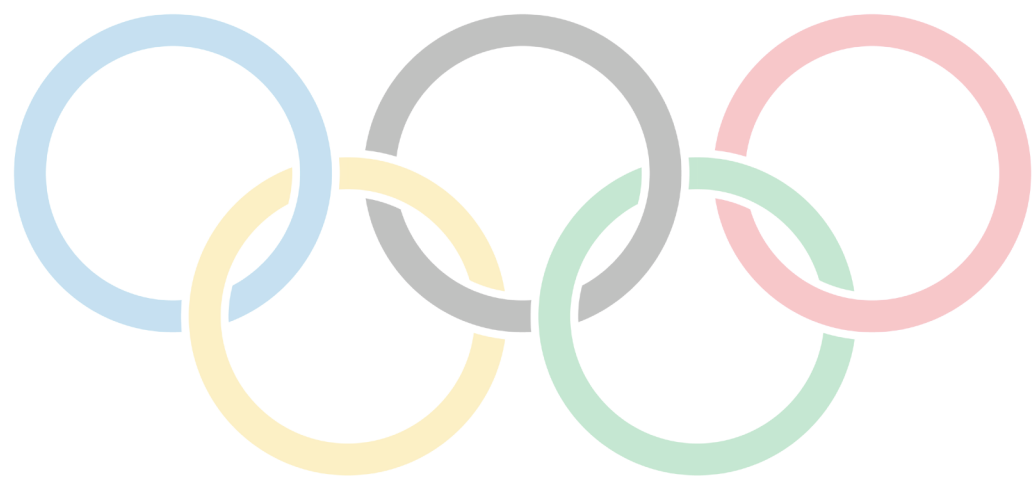
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# State your case:

Which United States Olympic performance has been most impressive so far in Sochi?



► By Jeff Dahdah  
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► By Emily Duke  
staff writer

## NEW CHALLENGER

The first ever men’s slopestyle event in the Olympics took place Friday. The course was the subject of complaints about snow, quality and overall safety. None of this seemed to matter to the Americans.

The opening stamp for what will be an iconic event was a sweep for the U.S. skiers. It was simply a dominant performance by the Americans. They had four people in the finals and boosted the U.S. medal count. It was only the third sweep for the U.S. in winter olympic history. The most recent was the snowboard halfpipe event in 2002, and the last one was in 1956 in men’s figure skating.

What’s more is the gold medalist, Joss Christensen, and silver medalist, Gus Kenworthy, have been friends since childhood. The bronze medalist, Nick Goepper, had won the past two X Games events.

So to recap, the U.S. swept its first ever skiing event, in the first ever ski slopestyle event, topped by two childhood friends and rounded out by the man on top of the event for the last two years. Nothing in the Olympics so far has topped that. In fact, the only thing that could top that would be the first gold in men’s hockey since the “Miracle on Ice” team.

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## NEW CHALLENGER

The most impressive U.S. moment in the Sochi Olympics happened Monday night when Meryl Davis and Charlie White won the gold medal for ice dancing.

The chemistry the pair shares was evident. The duo gave the best performance they could have hoped for, scoring 116.63 points in the free dance to finish with 195.52 overall.

The gold medal performance marked a historic win for the U.S. as it was the first gold medal ever won by a pair of American figure skaters in the Olympics.

Davis and White have been partners for 17 years and are the current reigning world champions in ice dancing. They train alongside Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir of Canada, who took home the silver.

Davis and White took home a silver medal in Vancouver four years ago behind Virtue and Moir, then beat Virtue and Moir to the gold this time by 4.53 points.

The duo became the first American figure skaters to ever have a medal of each color, adding their gold to their silver from Vancouver and their bronze in the new team skating event.

Perhaps the most impressive part of the victory was that White and Davis were awarded the highest points total ever in an ice dancing event, making their performance literally the best in history.

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# Married

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The Courts like watching the TV show “The Vampire Diaries” together. Jefferson especially likes to tease Ashlan about obsessing over it.

“He’s already seen them, so it’s fun to get to talk about it with someone,” Ashlan said.

Kevin and Shaylee love to spend time with their dog.

“We have a dog, and Kevin talks to it like it’s a real person and will have little conversations with the dog,” Shaylee said.

Kevin, laughing, said

Shaylee talks to the dog as well.

The Courts’ advice for married students is to remember that whatever they are doing in life, do it 100 percent, whether that is school, sports or their relationshipship.

Jefferson said it isn’t all about one person when getting married, and Ashlan said

to not let outside stresses take over the marriage.

“We make sure that even though we do spend over half of our lives in sports and school, we do realize how important it is to take even a little bit of time and be together and make that time special,” she said.

The Whimpeys’ advice was

to not sweat the small stuff. Shaylee said it’s very important to support a spouse.

“I don’t know how much she watches, but she comes,” Kevin said about Shaylee watching his football games. “I’ll ask her how I did and she’ll be like, ‘Uh, the nachos were good.’”

Shaylee laughed and

shrugged her shoulders.

“The nachos are good,” she said.

She’s not the biggest football fan, but she likes being there for him.

“I don’t watch it all, but I watch Kevin,” she said.

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# The top-10 athlete nicknames

Kevin Durant has said he want his nickname to be “The Servant.” He has been called “The Durantula,” “The Slim Reaper” and “KD,” but none have been satisfactory to him. In light of this, here is a list of the top-10 athlete nicknames of all time.



Jeff Dahdah

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1. George Herman Ruth — ‘Babe,’ ‘The Great Bambino,’ ‘The Sultan of Swat’

Ruth initially received the nickname “Babe” because of his childish antics and chubby baby-face. The nickname of “The Great Bambino” because of his Italian fans, who called him Bambino, which is Italian for Babe. He was also called “The Sultan of Swat” because of the way he would hit home runs; he would just swat them.

2. William Perry — ‘The Fridge’

Perry was a defensive lineman for the Chicago Bears from 1984-95. Bears coach Mike Ditka decided to put Perry in at fullback in short-distance situations. He came to the Bears with the nickname “The Fridge” from college, where they called him that for being — wait for it — as big as a refrigerator.

3. “Shoeless” Joe Jackson

Jackson played for the White Sox during their controversial 1919 season that saw the team fix the World Series. However, he is most remembered for his nickname which he claimed he received in a game when he took off his cleats because they were hurting him. A fan noticed him running the bases in his socks and called Jackson a “shoeless son of a gun,” and the nickname stuck.

4. Julius Erving — ‘Dr. J’

Erving was a basketball player in the ’70s and ’80s. He received his nickname for the way he “operated” on the basketball court or how he “doctored” shots. In any case, he was dubbed “Dr. J” and carried the name through most of his career.

5. Reggie Jackson — ‘Mr. October’

Jackson has been considered one of the most clutch postseason hitters ever. He claimed five World Series championships and two World Series MVP awards. He was also the first player ever to hit three home runs in one World Series game, which he did as a Yankee in game 6 of the 1977 World Series

against the Dodgers.

6. Jack Nicklaus — ‘The Golden Bear’

Nicklaus won a record 18 golf major championships in his day. He was nicknamed “The Golden Bear” for his blonde hair and his stocky build. People also attach the bear reference to him being from California — which has a bear on its state flag — and the fact that you don’t want to wake a

bear.

7. “Iron” Mike Tyson

Tyson was a heavyweight champion at the tail end of boxing glory days. He was nicknamed “Iron Mike” simply because of his strength and fast, hammering fists. The nickname followed him throughout most of his professional career.

8. Earvin “Magic” Johnson

This is a nickname that has basically become Johnson’s name. He is just recognized as “Magic” Johnson. Why do people call him that? Simply because, from a young age, his play was magical.

9. Ozzie Smith — ‘The Wizard,’ ‘The Wizard of Oz’

Smith was nicknamed “The Wizard,” for his stellar defensive play. He is widely recognized as the greatest shortstop in Cardinals history and one of the best in MLB history. With a name like Osborn and a nickname like “The Wizard,” it was just too easy to call him “The Wizard of Oz.”

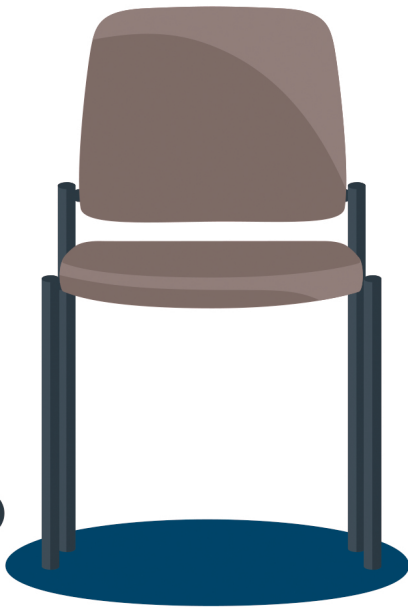
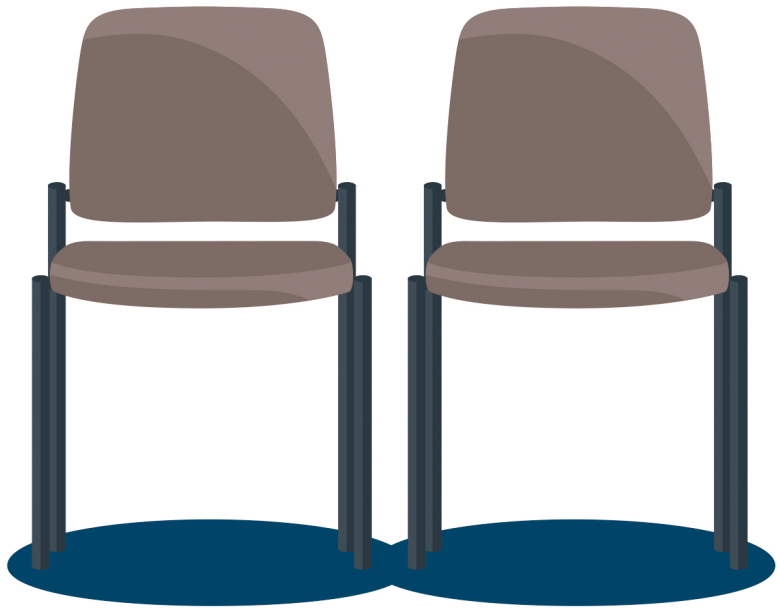
10. Adam “Pac-Man” Jones

This is simply a funny name. Jones was known for his stellar returning ability, but while convenient, the nickname did not stem from that. “Pac-Man” was given the nickname by his mother when he was a kid, because he would change direction very abruptly and quickly like the video game character.

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## Don't subjugate smokers with a majority rule

► **By Harrison Kleiner**  
guest columnist

I applaud Ms. Frischknecht's desire to let student voices be heard in the debate about the proposed smoking ban. However, we should be wary of the majoritarianism that would follow from making the rule based on the most voiced opinion. Instead of simply counting voices, we should pay attention to the operative principles behind those opinions. Why do people support the ban, and do they have principled reasons for doing so?

At best, those advocating the smoking ban are making an argument based upon the harm principle. The harm principle is that principle of jurisprudence that would justify the prohibition of any action that causes direct harm to others. Cases such as murder or theft are the most obvious examples of this principle at work. Now there is plenty of evidence that secondhand smoke is harmful to others in indoor spaces, but the only studies I could find on outdoor smoking found that the pollutants were highly localized and that notable negative effects occurred only within 2 feet of the smoker. We might then think you could avoid the ill effects of secondhand smoke outdoors by just not being a close talker. More seriously, I find it hard to believe a quick walk across

"smokers patio" or crossing paths with a smoker on a sidewalk has any measurably negative health effect at all.

But if the harm principle were the real motivation for the ban, those arguing we have a "right" to clean air would be much more interested in banning automobile traffic during inversions than banning smoking on campus. The effects of our bad air are far more detrimental to our health because the PM 2.5 levels are much higher and we are exposed for far longer periods of time. If they really wanted to make a difference with our air quality, they would take up unpopular proposals like making it even more inconvenient for students to park near campus so as to encourage public transportation use. But since I hear quite the opposite on those issues, I am skeptical the harm principle is the real motivation behind the proposed ban.

What I think is really going on is that many students on campus just don't like the smell of cigarette smoke and would prefer to never have to smell it on campus, or worse, they just prefer to never see anyone doing something they don't approve of; but do such preferences, no matter how widely held, justify a ban?

When I consider this question, my mind

made in a letter to his son: "The most improper job of any man, even saints (who at any rate were at least unwilling to take it on), is bossing other men. Not one in a million is fit for it, and least of all those who seek the opportunity."

In a state widely known for its libertarian

leanings and its emphasis on free agency, it is odd to find such enthusiasm for a rule that basically bosses other people about. If the smell of cigarette smoke is a sufficient menace, there are other ways of dealing with it that fall well short of the bossiness of this proposed campus-wide ban. Enforcement of the existing 25 feet from building entrance ban would be the place to start. If this is not enough, we might consider creating established smoking zones in identified problem areas.

Much of my argument has depended on the claim that the

motivation behind the smoking ban is not a principled argument but rather an attempt to force majority preferences on the whole campus community, but let us suppose I am wrong about this. Even if it were a moral issue, I would argue we should not have a campus-wide ban. I do not say this because I think the law and morality are divorced. Quite to the contrary, as one who subscribes to the natural law, I think morality is the ultimate justification for the law, but no advocate of the natural law believes we should use the law to prescribe every virtue or forbid every vice. As St. Augustine notes, "The law which is framed for the government of states,

allows and leaves unpunished many things that are punished by Divine providence." St. Thomas Aquinas argues the attempt to forbid all vices will actually backfire. Given the inability to legally enforce the whole of morality, laws that try to do too much will be ignored and this will result in an evil even greater than the forbidden vice; namely, a general contempt for the rule of law. As such, our human law should not attempt to prohibit or forbid everything that violates the natural law or the eternal law. To the particular issue at hand, the campus-wide smoking ban would be a token ban. It would be unenforced and likely unenforceable, thus inviting Aquinas' concern about fostering contempt for, in this case, other campus rules.

I would encourage the USU/SA representatives and students across campus to back away from the temptation to use what power they have to enforce majority preferences on the few. The greatest virtue for anyone in a ruling class is knowing that the thing to do with power is to restrain its use.

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## Just because we have a primary doesn't mean we need to use it

Count My Vote is an elitist initiative cloaked in the guise of populism. I'm sure many of us have been harassed by those persistent signature-gatherers at the TSC and outside the library. They are hard to miss, sitting at their tables asking us to sign the petition. They say things like, "Don't you want your vote to count?" or, "It's time to update Utah's election systems." I've spoken with many of these petitioners; some are students here at USU who are getting paid to gather signatures, but most are professional signature-gatherers paid to travel state to state. Their understanding of Count My Vote is surface level at best, and often they tell bold-faced lies in order to gather signatures. Before signing any petition, I encourage every student to study Utah's caucus and convention system in order to understand how Count My Vote would change state politics. In order to be properly informed, I would like to illuminate a few key facts about the Count My Vote initiative.

First of all, it is important to understand how Count My Vote is funded. In the roughly nine months the Count My Vote initiative has been rolling forward, close to \$1 million has been raised primarily from just thirty donors, which includes Gail Miller, owner of the Larry Miller Group and Megaplex theaters, and former Democratic first lady Norma Matheson. With so much capital coming from so few contributors, one has to wonder what their motives could be. In states with a direct primary system, candidates with wealthy backers can get into



the political scene without the direct accountability that makes the caucus system in Utah great. By eliminating the caucus system and changing to a direct primary, Count My Vote supporters will take the power from the people and place it into the hands of the kind of people who hire professional signature-gatherers.

Many Count My Vote supporters claim Utah's caucus system is outdated and inefficient. They point to other states as an example for progress and efficiency. Why would we want to be like other states? Just because they have a primary doesn't mean we should too. Utah has done plenty of great things without a primary system. For example: Utah has consistently passed a balanced budget. Utah's economic policies have fostered consistent economic growth. As of October 2013, Utah's unemployment rate was at 4.6 percent, whereas the national unemployment rate was at 7.3 percent. I believe our elected officials have played a major role in ensuring Utah's continued success, and the caucus system keeps them account-

able to the people.

The caucus and convention system in Utah provides a way for candidates to be vetted. Every spring, neighbors get together for caucus night to select delegates to represent them at the convention. Those elected as delegates meet with candidates from their party to determine which candidate would best represent the interests of their neighborhood or precinct. Then, in late April, all 4,000 delegates from around the state get together at a convention and vote for the candidates who will represent the party in the general election. The caucus and convention system is representative democracy at the most local level.

It is my sincere desire that all students would take the time to learn the facts about Count My Vote. If you would really like to get involved, come out to caucus night and see how the system works first-hand. This year the Democratic caucus will be on March 18 and the Republican caucus will be on March 20. We owe it to ourselves, our community, and our state to be participants, not merely observers in the political process. Please don't allow these biased professional petitioners persuade you to sign away our caucus system. Your vote counts for more than you think.

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## Forum letters

### Obama is wrong about gender gap

To the editor:

In his State of the Union address, President Obama claimed: "(Women) make 77 cents for every dollar a man earns," and that "in 2014, it's an embarrassment" to our country. Though a wage gap may exist, Obama's judgment of our country is completely wrong. The wage gap is actually an indicator of our country's family values.

Obama ignores the fact that women of today didn't plan on a lifetime of work and they didn't prepare themselves to earn six figures a year like their male counterparts, but that they were preparing themselves for a life no less noble than that of business executive or an engineer. They were planning on becoming mothers. They were planning on rais-

ing the future of America.

As women prepared to become mothers, they took different paths than men. It wouldn't make sense for a woman to invest her time and energy in becoming an engineer if soon after graduation she was going to take 10 years off to be a mother. A woman couldn't work 70 hours a week at a law firm, take a break to raise a family and then return and expect to become a partner at the law firm. Women planned to have employment gaps throughout their careers. These gaps in employment explain much of the wage gap which our president calls an embarrassment.

All through middle school and high school, the greatest motivation for doing well is to be able to go to school, get good grades and get a good job. If young women of the 1970s only "revised their expectations" in their late teens, it was already too late. They simply couldn't get

the same jobs or university degrees as the men who had been preparing to work since childhood. Goldin's findings are confirmed in an article published on economist.com. The article explains that it wasn't until the 1980s that women began graduating from college at the same rate as men, and even then these women were graduating with lower paying degrees in education and childhood development.

Now I would ask, Mr. President, is it so bad that women chose to raise families? Is it so bad that they invested their lives in building strong families? When you shouted: "I firmly believe when women succeed, America succeeds," were you implying that women have not succeeded in their roles?

Your mother would be ashamed of you.

- Josh Richards

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**COMMON GROUND** takes an annual trip to Jackson Hole, Wyo. to go dogsledding.

# Common

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snowboarding once they moved to Utah. “That first year they would go without me but they would film it for me so I could watch or I’d hang out in the lodge,” Pease said. “We were like, you know what, we’re going to make this possible for all of us to go together.” When he was 16 years old, Pease skied with his father in a Common Ground activity. He said the experience left his father in tears. Now, as a husband and father, he said he skies every weekend he can. “We’re really trying to let people know that adaptive sports exist, and not just the simple ones that you would hear about but like, downhill skiing for paraplegics and stuff like that,” Pease said. “It’s like no one’s really heard of a lot of this, and so we’re just really wanting people to know that this is out there. This is an option.” Emotional experiences like Pease’s are not un-

usual at Common Ground. Patten said one father was having difficulty connecting with his son who had a disability. Patten said he invited them to come to a skiing activity. “He was able to ski with his son,” Patten said. “He was like, ‘That was the best day of my life because I was able to spend that time with my son, and I never thought I’d be able to do that.’ We get that a lot.” The Common Ground activities would be impossible were it not for volunteers. Patten said volunteer hours look good on resumes, but also make lasting impressions on the volunteers themselves. “I love the effect that it has on people’s lives,” Patten said. “Not only just our participants, but others. You look at people with disabilities and you think, ‘They can’t, they can’t.’ That’s what they’re told their whole lives.” Common Ground is about overcoming those obstacles caused by disabilities, he said. “We spit in the face of ‘can’t,’” Pease said.

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# ROTC

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and enters into active duty service,” Dubovik said. “In the Army they receive the same rank, but entry into active duty is a competitive process where the top candidates are selected for active duty and the remainder enters the National Guard or the (Army) Reserves. Army cadets can also choose the Guard or Reserve over active duty if desired.” When looking for recruits for the Army, recruiters look for more than the physically able or the intelligent. “We look for those that want to be in the Army,” Smith said. “Those that have been joining want to be here.” Recruiters have a goal every year of how many to contract. There are about 12-15 recruits a year in the Army ROTC. “We recruit on campus, Snow College, robotics, anybody in high school or college,” Smith said. Like the Air Force, the Army ROTC is relatively large with 80 cadets, eight of which are female. Also, like the Air Force, there are common misconceptions regarding the Army. “If you join the Army, you’re not going to die. It’s actually pretty rare. It doesn’t limit your freedom. There’s no debt, and it’s a good job. It’s just like any other job. You don’t get yelled at a lot, but more than any other profession.” The ROTC puts more people in the Army than the Air Force does. There are 19 people in

**Zach Smith**

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either the National Guard or active duty, Smith said. “We give cadets options to go to airborne, air assault and mountain warfare schools or cultural understanding language program,” he said. The purpose of the Army ROTC is to develop leaders. The class, called Foundations in Leadership, is available for all students whether they’re part of the program or not, Smith said. “It’s not scary, and we do a lot of fun stuff,” Smith said. There is a rivalry between the AFROTC and the Army ROTC, said Dustin Flores, a senior in English education and in the Army ROTC program. “We’re better than the Air Force,” he said. Flores was in prior service before coming to USU. The Army buttered it up and he joined, but he later learned about leadership. “There is a good family setting here. It is really unified. We celebrate together,” Flores said. Flores is currently a cadet commander. “I oversee what goes on in training,” he said. “I make sure they do what they need to do.” Flores has been commissioned as an officer in the Utah National Guard for six years after graduation. Some cadets, however, go into active duty. “The ROTC gave me a lot of guidance,” he said. “You not only learn how to be a leader and manager but learn how to organize. We get real-life skills because we are so hands-on in our training.”

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# Return

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on’s “Kids Choice Awards” — as Carpenter officially won the grand prize in a hailstorm of confetti. No suspenseful “24” season finale would ever top that moment in my 11-year old heart. After all that — the music, the pageantry, the final answers, the Regis Philbin doing Regis things — just more than 14 years later, it stands as a lackluster, faded memory, dragging down with it the legacy and prowess of what is now game show’s past, relegated to a daytime slot on CBS just after what has to be a courtroom show that you only notice in the break room during lunch hour at work. Sure, a few Ken Jennings highlights and visual snippets of something called a “banker” did their best to keep the dream alive, but alas, the world of “Real Housewives” and what appears to be a duck-wielding ZZ Top put the hallowed game show era to sleep — cue muted “The Price is Right” failure tune. If you ask me — and we all know a college humor columnist’s opinion is paramount above most — I say enough is enough. We’ve ridden this silenced game show phase for far too long, and if we have to weld ourselves to the shills that are the current source of popularity in television today, then so be it; and I’ll willingly be your flag-bearer. While we’re all rapt with the wind-flowing energy of change and resurrecting something that once was beyond great, let’s brainstorm how we can bring the “Wheel of Fortune” spirit to a “Honey Boo Boo” generation.

— “Bring em Back”: This is simple. Contestants are split into teams. Teams must construct a plan to convince as many celebrities as possible to return to a current television program they once starred in. Celebrities are given point totals based on popularity, quality of show and frequency — scaling anywhere from “anyone who died in the ‘Game of Thrones’ red wedding scene” to

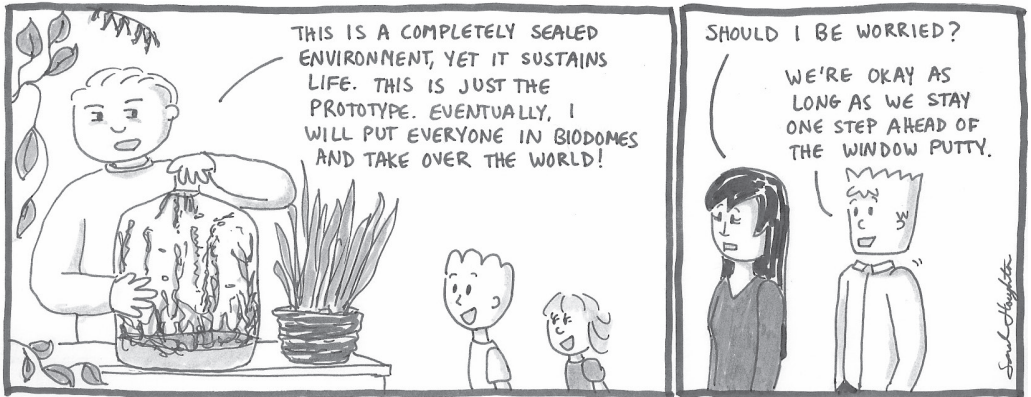
the coup de grace “Troy from ‘Community’” — and the team with the highest point value at sweeps week wins. — “Doctor Where”: This is a compressed conglomerate of popular shows “Doctor Who” and “The Amazing Race.” Essentially, contestants search culturally and aesthetically diverse parts of the world, completing challenges in an effort to find Doctor Who’s long lost sibling Doctor Where. This is also a prime spinoff for any implementation of Doctors “How,” “What,” “When,” “Why” and fan-favorite “Can I Eat This Entire Burrito In One Sitting?” **Note:** I understand this show has a grave similarity in tone to “Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?” You’re probably correct, but where I already wrote a column on that show, let’s just pretend we never came to that notion. It’ll be our secret. — “Legends of the Hidden Podcast”: It’s just the truth, everyone. The world is crazy-bonkers-ballyhoo for podcasting. It’s the new love-notes-with-milky-pens craze. This program brings to life the once iconic, children-fueled “Legends of the Hidden Temple,” but instead of clues hidden inside a temple based on facts of historical hysteria, contestants listen to cryptic clues found on any possible podcast program on Stitcher, iTunes or my old roommate Mike’s computer. Grand prizes are awarded when contestants successfully avert censorship tribal guards and seek out lost transcripts that they tweet or Instagram to the proper account. The catch? They never have to leave their couch. Foolproof. — **Jimmy Fallon:** Just use him. It doesn’t matter how. The dude’s on fire right now. That’s what I have for now, but believe me when I say however we enact this plan of redemption, it will change how we view earth in its current state. Send me your ideas; like, now. Together we can make history in a way on a “Daily Double” could, and I’ll even accept suggestions in the form of a questions. I’m just that interesting.

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- Getting the Grade workshop, 10-11 a.m., 315A
- Understanding Emotions workshop, 12:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., TSC 310
- Graduate student research training series: oral presentations, 1-2 p.m., Merrill-Cazier Library 101
- Third Thursday at 3: Museum and Music, 3-4 p.m., Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art

Friday, Feb. 21

- Take Back the Night, 5 p.m., TSC 313
- A Night of Soul, 7 p.m., TSC Ballroom
- Symphonic Band and Wind Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Chase Fine Arts Center, Kent Concert Hall
- Tight ‘N’ Bright Dance Party, 9-11:55 p.m., Delta Sigma Phi
- Bronze Museum performance, 6-8 p.m., Pier 49 San Francisco Style Sourdough Piz-za

Saturday, Feb. 22

- Bridgerland Science and Engineering Fair, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Eccles Conference Center
- Indoor Triathlon, 10 a.m., HPER
- Men’s Tennis vs. Colorado Mesa, 1-3 p.m., Sports Academy
- Chili Cook-off Fundraiser, 5 p.m., The Junction
- Emily Pack performance, 6-8 p.m., Pier 49 San Francisco Style Sourdough Pizza



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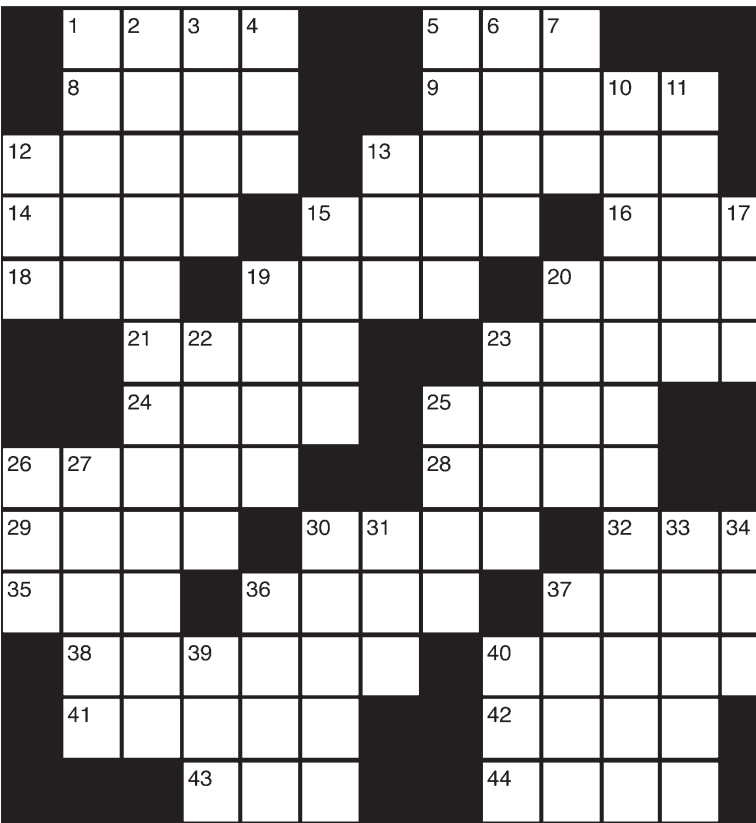
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