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Benefits of organic food still being evaluated

► **By Katie Larsen**
staff writer

As the growing season begins for farms in Cache Valley, the USU Student Organic Farm is already selling produce. Every Wednesday beginning as early as March, the organic farm sells its produce from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the TSC Patio.

The farm, which is managed entirely by students, provides workers with experience and skills many employers value.

“Our interns and students managers have gone on to do wonderful things once they have graduated,” said Jennifer Reeve, assistant professor of organic and sustainable agriculture. “We’ve heard back from many of them saying the student farm has provided a lot of credibility on their CV (curriculum vitae) and a lot of applied hands-on knowledge. Basically, these students are running a business.”

While the students who help run the organic farm benefit from the experience, do people benefit from eating the produce?

“It depends on what you are looking at,” Reeve said. “There’s quite a bit of evidence, or growing evidence now, that organically produced produce tends to have higher levels of antioxidant compounds, but they’re not necessarily considered nutrients, so the research is really mixed.”

In order to be considered an organic farm, certain regulations regarding fertilizers and pesticides must be met. No synthetic fertilizers can be used on the reasoning behind the claim that organic farming is better for the environment.

“The biggest positive thing about gardening organically is you add the organic matter to your soil, and increasing the organic matter in the soil makes it more long-term sustainable,” said Jeanette Norton, professor of soil microbiology at USU. “So the organic matter in the soil helps the soil structure, it helps the soil nutrient supplying capacity and it stores water better in the soil.”

What makes compost and manure different from synthetic fertilizers is it puts carbon back into the soil while adding

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Aggies advocate for change of fate



Kylee Larsen photo

‘MAMA JACKIE,’ OR JACKIE THOMPSON, talks about discrimination and microaggressions at the “Change the Fate” event Wednesday in the TSC Auditorium.

Hispanic enrollment rises, other groups falling

► **By Chris Campbell**
staff writer

While enrollment numbers for Hispanics are increasing, enrollment numbers for other races and ethnicities has decreased over the last four years, according to data points graphed from USU’s Office of Analysis, Assessment and Accreditation.

Students said possible reasons for the upward trend in Hispanic enrollment include an increase in the Hispanic population in the U.S. as a whole and an increased determination in the Latino culture to succeed.

Leo Torres-Reyes, a freshman majoring

in biology and member of Latino Student Union, or LSU, said many Hispanics are starting to understand college is an essential way to be successful.

“Our parents are coming into this country for us to have a better future,” Torres-Reyes said. “And I think a lot of Hispanics are starting to realize that college is what’s going to get them further into the future.”

Sandra Martinez, a sophomore majoring in sociology and the president of LSU, said the Latino population is growing in the U.S. in general as Mexicans immigrate to get a better job and education.

“Not that all the other ethnicities and

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Students gather to raise awareness of the consequences of microaggressions

► **By Melanie Fenstermaker**
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Holding signs that read, “You’re too pretty to be gay,” “You’re not Mormon? But you’re such a nice person” and “You’re smart, for a Mexican,” USU students marched through the TSC on Wednesday to raise awareness about microaggression.

“We are all capable of saying these types of statements and not knowing how they affect people,” said Lacey Haggan, a marriage and family graduate student who helped plan the event. “These microaggressions are very harmful. People who are saying it and people who are receiving it don’t really recognize it. We are all the victims, but we are all the culprits.”

Before the march, the students gathered in the TSC Auditorium to watch a video called “Changing the Fate of Utah State.” The video showed pictures of students holding posters with micro-aggressive statements that had been directed at them in the past. They told personal stories about encounters with discrimination due to religion, sex, race or otherwise at USU.

During the event, students discussed with each other the microaggressions they faced on campus. Some said they were discriminated against for their disabilities.

“I’ve been discriminated against because I have a service

dog,” said Shandrea Hickok, a psychology and environmental science major. “I’ve experienced feedback from a lot of staff and students on campus with my service dog, viewing her as a choice, not understanding why I need her.”

Others said they were discriminated against based on age and physical appearance.

“Some people discriminate against me because of my age because I’m an older student,” said Shauntae Draper, a history education major. “They assume things about my appearance. Because I’m white and I’m married, they assume that I don’t want to be friends with them because we’re different.”

It was difficult for students to share their stories about microaggression, said Sheree Haggan, intern for the Access and Diversity Center and communication major at USU. She said each student who marched with a poster got “emotionally naked” in front of campus.

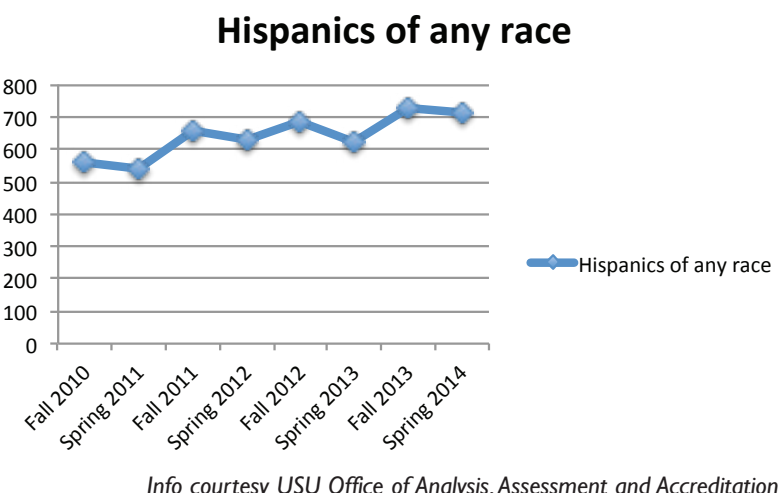
“To have over sixty people show up and expose themselves for the benefit of all people was huge. Powerful,” Haggan said. “These students did something to change the rest of the world, like Rosa Parks. These students got naked in front of everybody for the betterment of this campus.”

After the video, a guest speaker, Jackie Thompson, addressed the group about the importance

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Have you experienced microaggressions? Tell us your story at utahstatesman.com

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SOUTHERN UTAH is the home of Escalante Canyons, a wild and rugged remote area that lies in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

Utah congressman pushes national parks bill

► **By Connor Comeau**
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A bill introduced by Utah Rep. Rob Bishop limiting the president’s power of authorizing any new national park or monument without having an environmental review done first is under consideration in Congress.

The review would follow guidelines set by the National Environmental Policy Act, a bill passed in 1969 that requires any federal act involving to the environment follow a strict set of policies before it can move forward. Bishop’s bill would also limit the creation of a park or monument in a state to one every four years unless there is a strict

act by Congress.

In a statement, Bishop said the passage of the bill would allow parks and monuments to be created with public input.

“The American people deserve the opportunity to participate in land-use decisions regardless if they (were) made by Congress or the president,” Bishop said.

There are 47 state parks within Utah under the control of the Utah Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. National Park Service. About 90 percent of all national park lands are also owned by the federal government. Jon Jarvis, director of the National Park Service, said it is usually this way with most parks, especially in the West.

“National parks are a crown jewel of the country, so they must be preserved by the right people,” Jarvis said in a statement.

There are steps taken before the president can authorize any national park or monument. According to the National Park Service website, in order for a park or monument to be created, there are guidelines an area must follow. First, the area must be either naturally or historically significant. Then the NPS sends people out to the specified area to find out the significance of that area’s resource. If that gets approved, boundaries are then set to the area before being sent off to Congress for approval.

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Nation & World

In brief

Palstinian political groups reach agreement

Two Palestinian political groups announced an agreement on Wednesday to create a united Palestinian government within five weeks. The two groups are the Hamas, which runs the Gaza Strip, and the Palestinian Liberal Organization, which runs the West Bank.

By joining, the two sides will be working together for the first time in seven years. After the united government is created, they plan on holding Palestinian elections within six months.

The announcement came as the U.S.-mediated peace talks between Palestine and Israel are likely coming to a close. The talks are approaching the renewal deadline of April 29 without much ground gained between the two sides.

Kenyan police station car bomb kills four

A car bomb was set off in Kenya's capital city of Nairobi. The bomb exploded outside of a police station while the occupants of the car were being taken in for questioning. The explosion killed four people, including two policemen.

Who was behind the attack is still unclear, though Nairobi has seen some attacks from Somali al-Shabab militants in the past.

Police also found a live grenade at the scene that was secured.

16 Sherpas killed in Mt. Everest accident

An avalanche on Mount Everest killed 16 Sherpas Friday. The guides were scaling the section and securing ropes for climbers to use later in the day when the avalanche struck. It was the deadliest accident in modern mountaineering on Everest.

The Nepalese government raised the level of compensation they are offering to families of Sherpas who die on everest.

Sherpas in Nepal have threatened to boycott guiding if they do not get a larger share of the revenue from foreign climbers.

Democrats consider Salt Lake for convention

The Democratic Party asked 15 cities to submit bids to host the 2016 Democratic National Convention on Tuesday. Salt Lake City is included on the list of the 15 cities that will be considered.

The other cities are: Atlanta, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Detroit, Indianapolis, Las Vegas, Nashville, Miami, Philadelphia, New York, Orlando, Phoenix and Pittsburgh.

The mayors of the cities have until June 6 to submit their bids, and the host city will be chosen around the end of 2014 or start of 2015.

Venezuelan protesters demand prez resign

A new round of violent protests have erupted in Venezuela this week. The violence took place near Caracas, the capital city of Venezuela, and was for the "resurgence of democracy."

The protesters largely used petrol bombs in the demonstrations. Police used tear gas and water cannons to break up the protest.

Protests originally started with students demanding the government address the crime rate, food shortages and inflation. The protests have evolved into demanding the resignation of President Nicolas Maduro.

South Sudan president fires chief of army

South Sudanese President Salva Kiir sacked the country's army chief, Gen. James Hoth, on Wednesday. The announcement came on state television.

Kiir didn't provide a reason for the action, but rebel forces did take the oil hub of Bentiu last week. The country has been having an internal conflict since December.

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On your marks, get set, code

Coding competition to be held at USU this Saturday

► By Ashlyn Runyan

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The Association of Computing Machinery — Women's Section will be hosting a code-a-thon at USU on Saturday.

Keri Laughter, ACMW president, said in a traditional code-a-thon or hack-a-thon, participating programmers bring their own ideas, spend all day programming, and then present it at the end. There are usually no prizes, either.

"It's just, 'I feel good because I made something I wanted to,'" she said.

Laughter said Saturday's event will be slightly different with the USU Entrepreneurship Club pitching the ideas for the programmers to try their hand at.

"We modified it because the Entrepreneurs Club has been pestering us about wanting more people that can code and write applications," she said. "We are

going to let them come and present their ideas, and the computer science students will pick the idea they want to work on."

Casey Staley, former executive vice president of marketing for the Entrepreneurship Club, said the club helps students with their business ideas.

"It's not always easy when you are going to college and you have a good idea that you think could make you some money," he said.

"We provide the resources, we provide the networking opportunities and even individuals who are successful entrepreneurs to come in and help students form and build their businesses."

Staley said the business world and the computer world are

becoming more and more connected.

"Nowadays it's a lot more common to have something web-based," he said. "It really was not that hard to get students to come up with a few ideas that are web-based."

Because time is limited for the event, Laughter said the products of this event will likely not be finished products.

"Even if it's just a design and they present a few slides about what they think the design should look like, or if they could get an actual mock-up that works a little bit, they can show that off," she said.

Greg Daniels, a senior in computer science, said he will be participating because of the nature of the event.

"I don't like normal coding competitions, but I like prototyping things," he said.

Prizes will be given to teams

judged to have the best ideas, Laughter said.

"We are trying to get some people from industry to judge," she said. "It will give the students a chance to mingle with people from industry as well."

Staley said he is excited for the cooperation between the two clubs that he hopes will continue if Saturday's event goes over well.

"It will be a great little cohort," he said.

Laughter said the main purpose for the joint event is to encourage the members of the two clubs to meet each other.

"I'm hoping that through networking, the entrepreneurs can say, 'Hey, I know this guy,' and the computer science students can gain experience working on real projects," she said.

Great things come out of things like this, Laughter said.

"Google gives their employees 20 percent of their 40 hours per week to work on what they want," she said. "They have seen more productivity out of people by doing that."

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Parks

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The process used means it could be up to a year or more before a new land area gets NPS and congressional approval. James Doyle, chief of communications for the Intermountain office of the NPS, said the NPS takes a lot time to ensure an area meets the criteria.

"With us being in charge of 91 parks and monuments in eight states, it's important that we coordinate with the right people during the process so we get it right," Doyle said.

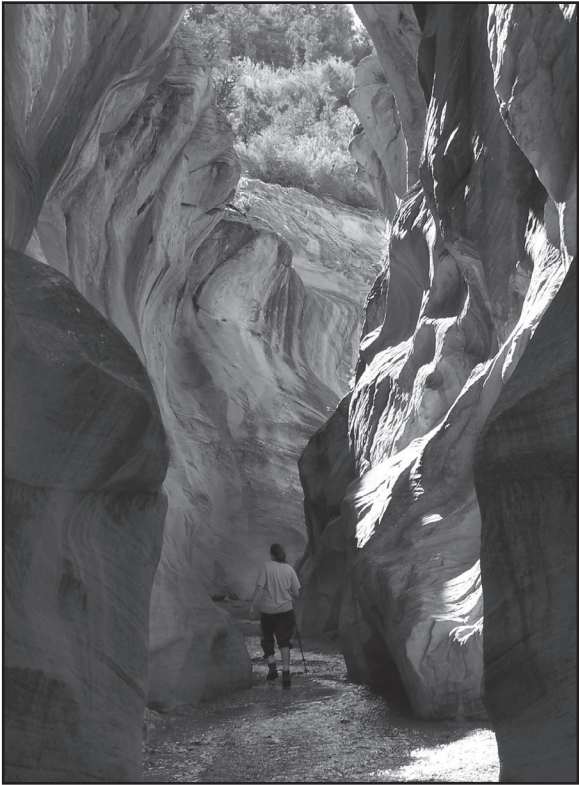
Since the bill was introduced to Congress in April 2013, titled House Resolution 1459, it has been met with some criticism. Currently, the president can authorize any national park or monument with-

out any lengthy review. Opponents say since Congress can be slow at passing any land act bill, the president's authorization is necessary.

An example of criticism over a national park or monument is the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in southern Utah. It was designated by former President Bill Clinton in 1996 under the Antiquities Act, which allows the president to restrict public land use by the federal government. Opponents of this authorization brought up the question of whether or not that much land could be protected by the act itself.

With the congressional session now adjourned for the summer, the bill is awaiting approval from the Senate. If it approves the bill, it will head to President Obama's desk for either his signature or veto.

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A HIKER MAKES HER WAY along Willis Creek Narrows in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in southern Utah. Over thousands of years, the two-foot wide creek has carved the Navajo sandstone into a slot canyon with 200 to 300 feet high cliffs with the passage as narrow as four feet wide.

The Police Blotter

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Friday, April 11

- USU Police responded to The Junction to speak with an individual about his soon-to-be ex-wife. The complainant wanted officers to document that she came to visit him.
- USU Police and Logan EMS responded to the south area of campus housing. A male individual dislocated his knee and was transported to Logan Regional Hospital.

Saturday, April 12

- USU Police found a dog that was locked in a car. All windows were rolled down, so no further action was taken.
- USU Police responded to an area of USU Housing on a report of a suspicious male individual with keys in his hand. The complainant didn't explain any other reasons for why the person was suspicious. Officers searched the area and were unable to locate anybody.
- USU Police received a report of students in the

- tunnels leading from the Ray B. West Building to Old Main.
- USU Police responded to Moen Hall because a group of males were allegedly harassing a group of females. Complainants said the male individuals were trying to the girls to go to a concert with them. The suspects left before officers arrived. They did not commit any crimes and were unknown to any residents.
- Tuesday, April 15**
- USU Police responded to the area of 700 East and Old Main Hill on a report of a suspicious male, wearing blue jeans and a white shirt attempting to open the doors of several vehicles. Officers were unable to locate the individual.
- Wednesday, April 16**
- USU Police received a report of a motorcycle driving fast on Champ Lane and stopping fast at a crosswalk. The investigation is continuing.
- An individual reported a person on a motorcycle followed her closely and also followed her

- to her parking lot on campus. Police are investigating.
- An individual reported an incident of fraud. He said he was trying to sell an item on the Internet, was contacted by a person of Interest and was sent a check \$940 more than the asking price. Officers discovered it was a fraudulent check and turned it over to the bank.
- USU Police are investigating a possible child abuse incident involving an assistant professor.
- USU Police responded to the Merrill-Cazier Library on a report of graffiti in the men's restroom on the main floor. The graffiti was located and photographed and Facilities was contacted for clean up.
- Thursday, April 17**
- USU Police are investigating an illegal dumping incident that occurred in the west parking lot of Aggie Village.

► Compiled by Danielle Manley

Organic

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other components, including nitrogen. These nutrients contribute to the structure of the soil, unlike synthetic fertilizers which don't replace organic matter to the soil. Without organic matter, the soil quality decreases.

"You don't have the organic matter to bring individual soil particles and bind them into clumps which adds structure to the soil," said Astrid Jacobson, assistant professor of soil chemistry. "So you start breaking down the soil functions over a long period of time."

Organic farms use cover crops and crop rotation to add nutrients back into the soil. Jacobson said the student managers of the organic farm have done well over the years in regards to cover crops and crop rotation.

"They found some very nice combi-

nations that work great in Cache Valley and work very well in the student farm," Jacobson said. "So if you go out there, the soil looks beautiful. It looks like crumbly, chocolate cake."

Care must also be taken in regards to what type of compost is used on organic farms.

"It depends on where you get the compost," Norton said. "If it is dairy manure, you have to be careful about the salt content. If the compost has weed seeds, you have make sure it was heated enough to kill the seeds."

While the pesticides for organic farms are not synthetic, toxins are still present.

"In general, the pesticides allowed in organic farming are less toxic, but they are still toxic," Reeve said. "The question is then are the residues or any possible residues of toxic pesticides on produce toxic to human health? The honest answer is we don't know."

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Dam model provides real-life experience

► **By Maile Burnett**
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A USU model dam is providing data and research about a new design for the Isabella Dam in California, giving engineering students the opportunity to apply what they learn in the classroom to a real-life problem.

Rhen Thurgood, a graduate student in civil engineering who is on the dam research team, said the dam, located at USU's Water Research Lab, is one-third the size of a football field and a 1:45 scale model of the actual Isabella Dam. Isabella Dam does not meet the standards for flood-safety, Thurgood said. In the event of a massive flood, the dam wouldn't have the needed capacity to release extra water safely.

Blake Tullis, associate professor in civil and environmental engineering, said the flood estimates are based on statistics. The worst possible flood estimate would have a water flow of 506,000 cubic feet per second, Tullis said. If this were to happen, there is the small town of Isabella near the dam and the city of Bakersfield down the canyon where the water would flow.

"If the probable maximum flood happened, Bakersfield would be in trouble," Tullis said.

They test the model at the Water

Research Lab at this maximum flood level, channeling the water from First Dam and back to the Logan River.

Thurgood said working on the model gives him a head-start in the real world. Being able to work on the model, collect and analyze data, design, and build is a valuable experience for a later career.

Mitch Dabbling, also a civil engineer, will graduate at the end of this semester with his master's and has a job waiting for him as a water engineer. Dabbling said this hands-on experience was instrumental in his interviews. It set him apart and showed he knew how to apply it to real-life problems.

"It's not sitting in a classroom," he said. "It's doing something that matters."

Tullis said the Millsite Dam near Ferron, Utah has also benefitted from the research of labyrinth weirs, the type of dam being tested. The Millsite Dam is undergoing construction this year.

Tullis said the design of the dam, an arced labyrinth weir, was researched at developed by graduate students at USU. The purpose of the dam is to discharge flood wa-

ters more slowly than the current dam would if water flooded over it or the dam broke. The zig-zagging walls allow for more water to flow over the top and into an emergency release channel, Tullis said.

The research team just finished making modifications to the dam. The first model was tested, and they found the channel was not deep enough, Thurgood said. With the new modifications, they expect this model to be the blueprint for the new Isabella Dam.

Dabbling said the changes are why these studies are done. While it's expensive to build the models, it's a lot cheaper to build and modify one than to build the actual dam and do it wrong, Dabbling said. The model is built as accurately as possible to match the landscape around Isabella Dam. If something fails on a dam, the liability comes back to the way it was built and the care taken to make sure it was safe, Dabbling said.

"If we're an inch off in here, that's four feet off in the real world," Dabbling said.

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BLAKE TULLIS (LEFT) AND RHEN THURGOOD (RIGHT) examine the model dam at the USU Water Research Lab. The model simulates the Isabella Dam in California and is one-third the size of a football field.

Enroll

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ances aren't, but I think the Latinos are very determined and very hard-working," Martinez said. "And so I think that's a big reason why we are the ones with an upward trend here at USU."

Karrie Begay, the multicultural recruitment specialist at USU's Admissions office, said the determination aspect of Latino culture in combination with the Development Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act has made getting a better life and living the "American dream" more attainable.

Begay said the DREAM Act makes it possible for undocumented students to come to school without being penalized or deported. She said in Utah, those who have been living in the state for three years, who will graduate from a high school in the state or who either have a certain kind of visa or are working on filing paperwork, can apply for the DREAM Act.

"They won't get any sort of government funding to come to school," Begay said. "They can apply for as many private scholarships, but it does give them the option to not get turned down by a higher education institution."

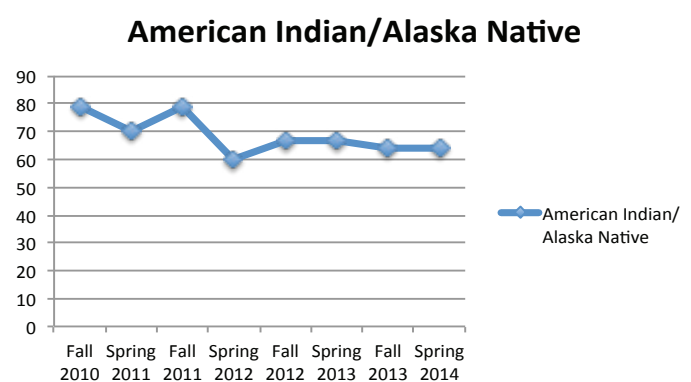
Martinez said another thing that has possibly helped is the Latino Student Union and Access and Diversity reaching out to high school students.

"Even with our event Fiesta Americas, we let our students know that we are Latinos and that we can come to college, and we offer them scholarships," Martinez said.

Black and African American trend

The trend of black and African-American enrollment has gone slightly downward since 2010, but it is not very sharp. In fact, it has stayed more consistent than Asians, Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders, American Indian/Alaska Natives and even Caucasians in recent years. In addition, the number of black compared to white students is very different. There are just more than 100 black students enrolled for the spring semester of 2014, compared to more than 12,000 white students.

The trend of black students has been up and down because there are generally more students in the fall semesters than



there are in the spring.

Shalayna Guiao, a senior majoring in vocal performance and president of USU's Black Student Union, or BSU, and Jeunee Roberts, a junior majoring in vocal performance and vice president of BSU, said there is no one reason for this up and down trend nor the slight decline. They said could be due to a number of factors, including matriculation.

Roberts said it might also have to do with recruitment mostly visiting places where they have had past success. She said the Athletic department seems to have brought in the most black students.

Roberts said the way advertising has been done at USU tends to emphasize black people playing sports even though there are other things they can be good at, and she questioned why it does not emphasize that.

"As human beings, we are capable of learning different subjects and emphasizing in something that we are good at," Guiao said.

Roberts said she feels like black students are often used as a sales pitch for the school. She had seen situations in which the school tried to show that it is inclusive even though there is clearly an overwhelming majority.

"I think it happens a lot especially when people come to visit the school," Roberts said. "They want to show that it's 'all inclusive' when that 'all inclusive' would mean five white kids and one black kid."

Roberts said in contrast, historically black colleges and universities, or HBCUs, do not feel the need to show off their diversity because it is already their comfort zone, whereas black people are outside Utah's comfort zone.

"I think the question should come down to 'Is this school really trying to get a diverse campus?'" Roberts said. "Is that really what they're looking for?"

Other trends

Begay, who is half Hispanic

and half Native American, said a reason for the low numbers of enrolled Native American students is because college is an unknown place for them.

"In the American Indian culture, it's always taught to you that you're supposed to stay close to your home and take care of your family and your elders," Begay said. "Sometimes for some families, college isn't a priority because your family always comes first."

She said despite this, the college mindset among the Native Americans has recently been increasing.

Begay said the collectivist mindset of Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in taking care of their families could be a reason for the low numbers of that group as well.

Begay said she is not entirely sure why there is a downward trend with the white student enrollment. She said it could possibly be a result of the age of missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints being lowered. However, she said the recruitment strategies have changed to keep those numbers up, and USU ended up being among the top Utah schools after that incident, having been able to keep from having a deficit.

Recruitment

Begay said USU's recruitment goes to all of the West Coast states. In addition, it has also been implemented in the East Coast over the last two to three years, with open houses held and scholarships handed out on the spot.

According to Begay, there is an increased interest in USU among people in the East Coast partly because the price of tuition is lower here than it is there. Because of this, a growth of various groups is expected in the coming years.

"I wouldn't pinpoint just one race, but I would pinpoint a bunch of different ones," Begay said.

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Business world adapts as Information Age changes

► **By Marissa Neeley**
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The last few years and the next few years have been referred to both the Digital Age and the Information Age. With the explosion of the Internet and technology, the world is changing, including the business world.

Technology used in business

"The explosion of mobile technology has been one of the biggest changes to have impacted business over the last many years," said Sriram

Varadan, a master's student in management information systems.

A lot of organizations are embracing bring your own device, or BYOD, he said.

"Employees are encouraged to bring their own device to work and connect with a secure environment to discharge their duties," Varadan said. "Things like BYOD and mobile technology explosion have helped the growth of cloud-based computing. These advances have made businesses focus on their core competencies, made them lean and agile and thereby enabling them to respond faster

to the consumer."

Technology has changed the way business is done, he said.

"Access to the internet has exploded with the advent of smartphones," Varadan said. "New markets have opened up. Facebook is no longer only for the youth. With over 1.13 billion users — just a little less than the population of India — it has revolutionized marketing in a big way."

The business world cannot continue to work the same old way to survive in this information age, he said.

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“Many C-suite executives now directly interact with their consumers on Facebook,” Varadan said. “Technology is changing the way consumers perceive the real world. Businesses need to be cognizant of this and learn to work in this new world.”

Progress in technology can never be bad, he said.

“It is the improper/inefficient usage of technology that often leads businesses to fail,” Varadan said. “Technology is a means to the end and not the end itself. Very often businesses get carried away, losing sight of the end objective while getting deeply engrossed in the magical world that new technology promises. Technology can and should be the enabler of business goals.”

Technological changes to business market

Technology is a business enabler, he said.

“Being a marketing professional for over 10 years, I can say with confidence that the single biggest thing that has changed the way business market to consumers is the smartphone,” Varadan said. “It is now official that more people access the Internet from a mobile device than desktops and laptops. Smartphones are not just a channel to reach consumers but a vehicle to understand consumers better.”

Some major changes in business within the last few years include cloud computing, the Internet, 3-D printing and the mobile internet. Cloud technology has made quick discussions and meetings a click away. There is phenomenal progress, although the trend is yet to catch up, said Shruti Pitre, a graduate student in manage-



Samantha Behl photo illustration

SMART DEVICES and other technology have changed the business world.

ment information systems.

E-commerce is making the traditional brick and mortar retailing stronger, he said.

“It has resulted in consolidation of businesses,” Vardan said. “The ones that have not reinvented themselves in the face of e-commerce have perished and the ones that have leveraged it, to do better have flourished. Amazon may have killed Barnes & Noble, but the ones that continue to survive have found their niche and have not just survive, but grown in the face of competition.”

Telecommuting

Technology makes it easier to be connected, whether to an organization’s computerized information systems or to work colleagues, regardless of one’s physical location, said Kathy Chudoba, associate professor and director of MMIS in the Huntsman School of Business.

“Telecommuting is work away from

the office, usually during normal business hours,” she said. “It can range from low intensity of one to two days a week to full-time telecommuting. A telecommuter may work from home, a coffee shop, the library, or anywhere he or she is able to concentrate and remain connected. Telecommuting will continue to be an important option for employees and organizations, and more and more people will become at least part-time telecommuters.”

Chudoba and a colleague are currently conducting a study with a Fortune 500 company that decided to allow some of its information technology employees to telecommute one or two days a week, as part of a pilot program.

Management in other areas of the business that depend on IT were concerned because they were afraid performance would suffer if the IT professionals weren’t always in company offices. They found just the opposite. Managers of the IT professionals and the customers or clients who IT supported said the performance of those who were telecommuting remained the same or improved over a six-month period.

Some of the customers and clients were not even aware there was a telecommuting pilot program because the IT professionals performed their

work seamlessly, whether done in the office or at home, she said.

“Start-ups, smaller organizations and companies in the technology sector often have no concerns about a new employee telecommuting from day one,” Chudoba said. “Larger and more established organizations may prefer that employees not telecommute for the first six months or so in order for the new employee to learn and become part of the company’s culture, establish working relationships with colleagues, and so forth.”

Almost any job as an IT professional can be done as a telecommuter, at least some of time. Some tasks, such as gathering requirements or conducting training programs or discussing strategic issues, are best done face-to-face, she said.

Rate of technological advances speeding up

Technology is advancing at a pace hard to keep up with, Pitre said.

“Whenever there is a ‘new idea’ a business needs to catch up with to keep from being left out in the race to be the best, bam: There is a new development which works better and the business now needs to shift direction again,” Pitre said.

Technology without a doubt chang-

es the way people conduct business sometimes for the good and others for the worse, she said.

“Communication and sharing of knowledge/information has definitely benefitted immensely from all advancements of technology,” Pitre said. “From having endless reams of paper stacked in huge storerooms to retrieving a file off the cloud, communication has become effective, easy and productive. Mobile working, on-the-move meetings, working lunches over the Internet are an everyday affair in today’s world. For an organization to not have its presence online is unheard of.”

Downfalls to technology

With all of these technological changes, however, there are of course reverse effects too, she said.

“Information security is a risk to be considered,” Pitre said. “Network qualities may not always be optimal. Business continuity plans may not work effectively if a disaster strikes.”

There are some definite downfalls of technology having grown at such a rapid pace, she said.

“I believe today humans, as a race, are losing touch with humanity as an aspect,” Pitre said. “Machines, automation, virtual realities – all these are taking on so much importance in human life, that we are losing our understanding of historical significance of evolution. Today’s business world has organizations and people more frustrated than ever before, at even small waiting times.”

At the end of the day, it is machines which are being developed to make work easier and better. It’s all a matter of convenience, she said.

“Can technology be misused? Yes, it can,” Pitre said. “For me, technical advances have definitely introduced changes for the better than worse. From travelling every day for over four hours to completing my meetings in an hour over the Internet. My productivity is phenomenal, I am satisfied with my quality of work and the business benefits from having most things accomplished well in time. My business life is well-balanced and easily organized.”

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of anti-violence and anti-microaggression.

“My heart was sad and cried when I heard some of the microaggressions,” Thompson said. “Prejudice and discrimination is ugly in any shape, form or fashion. Intentional or unintentional.”

After the march, Haggan said she hoped to make Changing the Fate of Utah State an annual event. She hopes to get more people involved by sharing the hashtag #changingthefate on social networking sites. The “Changing the Fate of Utah State” video that was shown at the event can be found on Youtube.

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ATOMICA gears up for final local show



Local band faces 'bittersweet' end

► **By Miranda Lorenc**
staff writer

Local alternative rock band ATOMICA will celebrate its two-year anniversary, its debut album and hold its final local show Saturday at The Factory Pizzeria at 9 p.m.

The band was founded in Logan by USU student and lead guitarist Nikolai Croft, USU alumnus and bass player Francisco Herrero and drummer Steve Cook. They said they were looking to add the rock 'n' roll genre in the list of local bands.

"ATOMICA is an upbeat rock punk band that has taken on a funkier sound as time has gone on," said Ryan Cannon, a junior going into drawing and painting. "They are the loudest



Ryan Costanzo photos

ATOMICA formed two years ago. Members include Steve Cook (top), Nikolai Croft (bottom) and Francisco Herrero (right).

band I have seen in Logan, in my opinion."

Fans of the classics like Nirvana, Bad Religion and Rancid, members of ATOMICA enjoy playing their music loud-

ly with meaning and purpose behind their lyrics.

"I try to play music that means something more than a work of art or a message," said Croft, a senior majoring



in psychology. "It's something beyond that. Nothing's better than seeing your music affect the lives of those around you."

Thier list of songs includes titles like "Tuition is too Damn

High," "King Kong" and "Serenity Now." "Stupid People are Taking Over" is a favorite among the band's fans and is one of the few songs that has been filmed as a music video.

They also do covers of songs by the Beastie Boys, who they like to style their music after.

"Their lyrics are pretty fun

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Steve shares his parting advice: 'remember'

The day I started writing these things, I told myself I would do anything I could to avoid the whole "sappy final column" headache. I suppose it just felt too much like those far-too-convenient final episodes of a TV show, except not in the cool way where people get killed off — more like the mundane clip shows where everything gets resolved and "Good Riddance" by Green Day plays at the end. Gag.

That being said, there are some tremors you just can't shake, which is why I knew this day would come



Steve Schwartzman

Just a few laughs

and I would be sitting here at this desk finding the best possible way to send myself off from an experience so full of memories and lessons, it could fill its own "Chicken Soup For the Soul" volume.

I went back and counted. Between sports, editorials and this weekly piece, I've written 104 columns for The Statesman. By happenstantial estimation, that is roughly 70,000 words printed and snuggled around my human-Silly-Putty of a mugshot all in the hope that people — and it really didn't

matter how many — would stop for a small handful of moments and read them.

Now, I am not asking you as the reader go through all the effort to bethink 70,000 words — most of them just fleeting '90s references — but I do ask you to embrace just one, the only word that matters in the grand scheme of everything: remember.

To this budding columnist, that is really what matters. We do what we do now because someday later, it will be of value to us. When you

Steve Schwartzman

"I wanted you to remember it ... to aid in remembering something about you."

break everything down, rid yourself of every possession, privilege and nuance, all you have left are your memories.

It's honestly why I even started this column. I feel we all personally see life in a different format, and for me, life is a sitcom, a collection of idiosyncratic stories and laugh tracks

— those stories not connecting to each other so much as they do to those who watch them. I walked into The Statesman office aspiring to produce those episodes to the masses. I remember giving that

pitch to former adviser Jay Wamsley, who pointed me to the features editor desk and gave me a chance to do the one thing I sincerely thought would allow me to make a difference.

Four years later and I've produced every episodic topic from Slurpees and Netflix to the 2012 election and Proposition 8. You heard my heartfelt diatribes about my world of fantasy football and breakfast cereals and got to know all about my several triumphs and defeats in the world of dating or my all-things zany friendships — including Mike, who is in more than 20 of my columns and is, to clarify a question I get all the time, a real person. I even started a fan club. Heck, I once wrote a column about not knowing what

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USU choirs to be showcased at Temple Square



Director excited about opportunity to highlight talent and allow students to perform in new venue for different audience

► **By Katie Whitmore**
staff writer

The USU University Chorale and USU Chamber Singers are joining forces to tackle a performance in the Tabernacle at Temple Square in Salt Lake City.

The choirs were invited to perform alongside five other choirs from all over Utah at the Temple Square Festival of Choirs.

“This performance is meant to be a celebration of Aggies,” said Cory Evans, director of the choirs. “We have invited many alumni from Utah to come support us. We are proud to be Aggies in the Tabernacle.”

Evans said it was exciting to be invited to the event.

“It shows the great respect and esteem that our program has,” Evans said.

More than 100 singers from the chorale and chamber singers groups will be combining with about ten singers from the USU Eastern campus.

“It is a great chance to strengthen the ties between the two campuses,” Evans said.

The choirs will meet at Temple Square on April 25 at 8 p.m. to perform 14 songs from a variety of styles. The festival is free and open to anyone ages 8 and up.

“You will get to hear a lot of diverse choral music that spans different genres,” said Kevin Diehl, a graduate student in conducting.

Both Evans and Diehl said the most exciting part is the chance to perform in the venue.

“The organ is the most exciting part,” Diehl said. “It is a historical piece with a rich background. It is well-known and has a familiar sound.”

The organ, built in 1867, has been a familiar sight and sound for those who have watched a performance from the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Evans referred to the organ as a “soul-stirring” sonance.



“The Tabernacle is a historical and unique venue with great acoustics,” he said. “It is really a prestigious chance to get invited to perform in the Tabernacle.”

Gabby Magallanes, a freshman majoring in music therapy and a member of the chorale singers group, said she was looking forward to Saturday’s performance.

“I am really excited because I am from Salt Lake City,” Magallanes said. “It is like I am going home to perform. It’s great because it is so close that my family will get to see me perform.”

Evans said it was a great opportunity for the students to get out of Cache Valley and perform for a larger audience.

The USU Chamber Singers recorded a CD at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Logan last year.

The CD, “Devotion,” features thirteen sacred songs. “Devotion” is available at the USU Campus Store and online.

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DIRECTOR CORY EVANS (TOP) PREPARES TWO USU CHOIRS FOR A CONCERT IN THE TABERNACLE AT TEMPLE SQUARE this weekend. Jon Kurecki (middle) plays drums for the choir and also sings. Cristina Johnson (bottom) sings in the USU Chamber Singers.

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Pope Francis, tolerant but rigorous, wins hearts and minds

► **Chicago Tribune**

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Monday, April 21:

Fifteen months ago, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio had chosen his room in a home for elderly Argentine priests. Like other Roman Catholic bishops who turn 75, he had submitted his retirement letter to the Vatican. Then another abdication upended his plans: Benedict XVI, his stamina fading, was the first pope in 598 years to leave by resignation, not death. On March 13, 2013, Bergoglio’s peers elected him pope on their fifth ballot.

He took the papal name Francis to evoke Francis of Assisi, a 13th-century saint whose time with Roman beggars at St. Peter’s Basilica had converted the silk merchant’s son to a life of poverty. The new pope, an accountant’s son, opened with a subdued, servile request to the throng in St. Peter’s Square, and to the world’s 1.2 billion Catholics: “Before the bishop blesses his people, I ask you to pray to the Lord that he will bless me.”

The world noted his humility, that rarest of leadership traits. In the succeeding year, his warmth, informality and spoken tolerance have made him a living oxymoron: a religious celebrity, even to many nonbelievers and other non-Catholics. As of his second Easter as pope, Francis has achieved a breakthrough that each of us can evaluate but none of us can deny: Some of those who have disliked the Roman Catholic Church now find themselves liking this first man from the Americas to lead it.

The sheer global heft of his church — if it were a nation, only China and India would be more populous — makes it, and its leaders, objects of spiritual but also secular inquiry: In the United States and many other lands, Catholics and their institutions are the biggest private providers of education, health care and charity. What’s more, if only for lack of competition, a pope is the closest thing Earth has to a globally recognized voice on social issues — a head-turning distinction guaranteed to make his official pronouncements tumultuously controversial. Francis has the power to provoke planetary conversation, as with his oft-quoted statement last summer that “... if a homosexual person is of good will and is in search of God, I am no one to judge.”

More than his immediate predecessors, Francis has used that limelight to lobby for service to the millions of impoverished people marginalized from thriving economies. The former cardinal who routinely trod miserable and dangerous alleys of Buenos Aires, communing with the least of his flock, today demands more than generous donations and noble senti-

ments. He wants gritty, hands-on action. Whether you’re of the Catholic or any other persuasion, or of none at all, Pope Francis hopes to change how you spend your weekends. “I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets,” he wrote in a November mission statement, “rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security.”

The companion to this emphasis on helping the poor is his evidently heartfelt outreach to those hurt or angered by agents of his church. He has apologized and welcomed those estranged from Catholicism without changing church policies that critics condemn as rigid and restrictive. His compromise, essentially, is to stick to church teachings on controversial issues but to stress, by word and deed, Gospel messages of kindness and compassion. Earlier this month, the paradox showed vividly:

Francis made headlines with unscripted and unequivocal words, taking personal responsibility and asking forgiveness for the “evil” committed by clerics who molested children. He acknowledged the “personal, moral damage carried out by men of the church” and pledged stronger (if unspecified) punishments.

Two days later, he used equally unequivocal words to reaffirm that he is not rewriting Catholic doctrine: “It is horrific even to think that there are children, victims of abortion, who will never see the light of day.” And while his love for gays as children of God is a recurring theme, so is inflexibility on same-sex marriage (“anthropological regression”).

These complexities — the welcoming pastor, the rigorous shepherd — still are settling in ways that liberal and conservative Catholics struggle to parse; it can be tricky to square Francis’ humane sensitivities with his enduring imperatives. In naming him its Person of the Year, Time magazine synthesized the conundrums in a passage worth airing at length:

The papacy is mysterious and magical: It turns a septuagenarian into a superstar while revealing almost nothing about the man himself. And it raises hopes in every corner of the world — hopes that can never be fulfilled, for they are irreconcilable. The elderly traditionalist who pines for the old Latin Mass and the devout young woman who wishes she could be a priest both have hopes. The ambitious monsignor in the Vatican Curia and the evangelizing deacon in a remote Filipino village both have hopes. No pope can make them all happy at once.

This pope signals no intent to aggravate, or to appease. Francis, after all, says he joined the Jesuits — aka “God’s Marines” — because that order was on “the front lines of the Church, grounded in obedience and discipline.” If you follow not only news coverage of him but also his words,

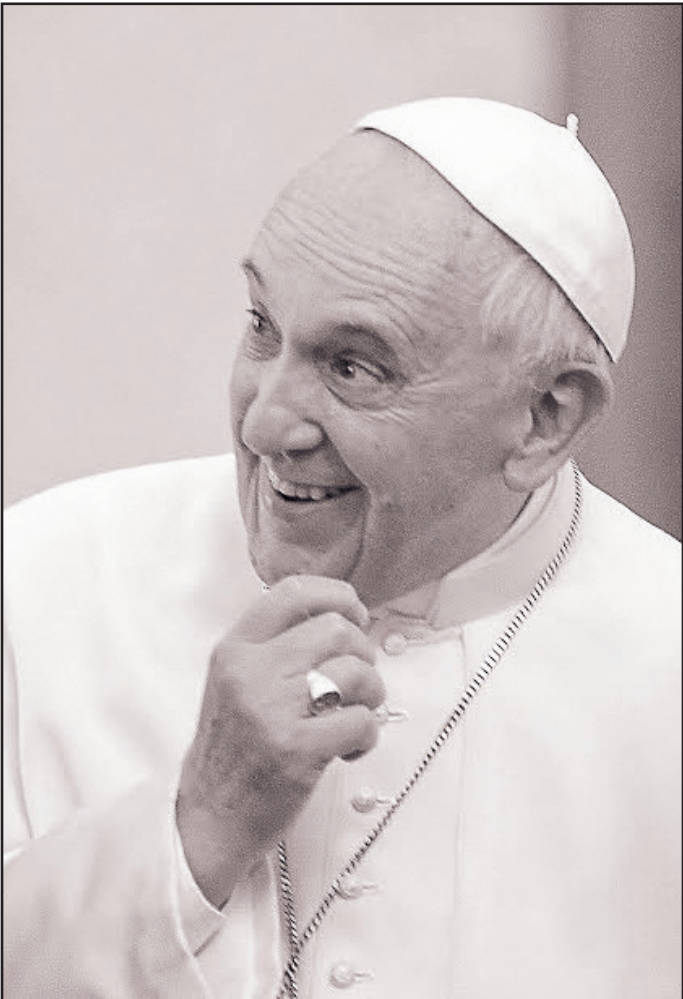


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POPE FRANCIS SMILES during a private audience with leaders at the Vatican on March 27, 2014.

you sense a man aware that while he is pope, he is but the 266th pope — the fleeting guardian, we’ve written, of multimillennial values in a culture prone to preach that what’s new is therefore good.

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‘Bachelorette’ contestant dies in Utah

► **By Bill Lindelof**
The Sacramento Bee

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Eric Hill, a former resident of Citrus Heights and a contestant on an upcoming edition of the television series “The Bachelorette,” has died from injuries suffered in a paragliding accident in Utah.

Hill, a 2000 graduate of Del Campo High School, died Wednesday morning after reportedly being in a coma since Sunday afternoon when his parachute collapsed during paragliding near Point of the Mountain in Draper, a community near Salt Lake City.

Friends of Hill said he had recently finished taping “The Bachelorette,” and was a contestant on Andi Dorfman’s upcoming season of the ABC show.

His sister Karen Tracy posted the news of her brother’s death on her Facebook page:

“Eric shared his final journey with us this morning as all his immediate family were able to be at his side

when he passed away,” she wrote.

People Magazine reported that Hill, 32, was an extreme sports enthusiast and had been on a mission to travel to every country in the world in fewer than 1,200 days, which he dubbed Global Odyssey.

Friends say he lived life to the fullest, even performing handstands on the edge of Half Dome and the Great Wall of China.

Gary Zavoral taught Eric in church and was his Venturing leader in Boy Scouts. Venturing is a youth development program.

“Eric was always doing extreme sports before there was such a thing,” said Zavoral. “He did handstands on the edge atop Half Dome, on a Coos Bay pier 50 feet above boulders and, on his Global Odyssey, on top of the Great Wall of China. Now I’m sure he’s doing handstands on the edge of heaven.”

Melissa Zavoral Hoof attended elementary, high school and college at Brigham Young University with Hill. She said that people were drawn to her charming, good-look-

ing friend who she described as outgoing. It did not surprise her that Hill went on “The Bachelorette.”

“That was his personality,” she said. “He was fun-loving, willing to try something new.”

Utah television station KUTV reported that Hill was paragliding with friends at the flight park in Draper when the canopy of his parachute partially collapsed 15 to 20 feet above ground, violently sending him into the mountain-side.

Crews found him unconscious but breathing. Hill had to be reached by a rescue team that scaled the steep terrain before he was then taken by helicopter to the hospital.

“It was amazing to be with so many of his friends and family yesterday in the hospital who came to express their love for Eric,” his sister wrote. “He gave us such a gift of a life fully lived and fully shared, and allowed us all to be a part of his last adventure here on Earth.”

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“Aggies are awesome!”

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ny, especially if you know who they're about," said Alex Phillips, a senior majoring in marketing.

Their first album, produced by Shane Harris at Ash Studios, debuts this week. It will feature 11 tracks and costs \$10. So far, they have recorded 19 songs total and another five or six are unreleased.

"Almost all of our songs consist of some sort of crowd vocal section. I sometimes feel like a cheerleader getting everybody to sing along," Croft said.

ATOMICA's performances are full of high energy and enthusiasm, Croft said. They once had a few friends dress up as pirates during a show for one of their songs.

What makes their show so entertaining, Cannon said, was "the way they interact with the crowd and the long solos from everybody in the band, especially Nik."

Before ATOMICA, band members Cook and Croft played with different bands. Croft played in a group called Upcollar\$ while Cook played with The Chucks. They met through shared venues and were good friends by the time they met Herrera, who put out a Facebook post looking for others interested in starting a punk band.

"We got along great. Every-

thing fell into place almost seamlessly," said Herrera, who graduated in 2011 with his bachelor's degree in liberal arts.

Their first show at Burt's Tiki Lounge was about a month after they formed the group. After that, they were playing four or five shows a month until work and school started to get in the way. Now they only play a couple times a month.

"It was nerve-racking at first," Herrera said. "Now we've played the songs so much that it's smooth sailing, and we have a pretty tight sound."

Two years after their first performance, the members of ATOMICA are moving on to new projects. Croft will be attending graduate school, while Herrera and Cook will be playing for another local punk band, The Cotton Ponies.

"It'll definitely be bitter-sweet," Herrera said. "We've put everything into this project for the past two years, so it'll be weird once it's finished."

ATOMICA is planning on doing one last tour in the Chicago/Milwaukee area this summer before they officially split up, but their last show in Logan is the one on Saturday night. Admission is free.

"If you like punk music, shredding guitar solos and a crazy front man, you'll like ATOMICA," Phillips said.

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Advice

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to write my column about. It was the most haphazard barrage of catchphrases and knee jerks with the most "you-had-to-be-there" style of humor that it made you wonder if I was even there.

And I did all of it for one reason. I wanted you to remember it, and maybe even use it to aid in remembering something about you.

That's the credo I lay as I walk away from 120 fulfilled weeks with this publication. Remember every moment you can. Write it down. It doesn't matter how long or how eloquent, as long as you find the courage in you to go back and look at it every now and again.

Share those memories with those close to you. Create new and unique memories for yourself instead of laying out a stream of #AggieStrife tweets about there being "nothing to do in Logan" when there is a wealth of smiles and ideas out there.

Always add more characters to your memories, those characters generally coming in the form of friends — which, it turns out, are easier to attain than you realize. As it turns out, all you have to do is be yourself.

Be willing, as hard as it always is, to even keep the less-than-enjoyable memories in your book, because as

impressive as it is to show off what you have accomplished, it says so much more about you as a person to share what you have survived.

Remember everything, all of it, and tuck it in your pocket as proof that everything will be fine, we'll always be happier in the end, and when we spread all those memories out on the table and look back, we'll all find we just might be cooler than we really thought we were.

In considering how I wanted to end this journey, I looked back on the very first line I ever wrote for The Statesman, and was eerily enchanted by just how full-circle it was: "Every life seems to revolve around change — the only constants being death, taxes and Joan Rivers having cheekbones sharp enough to slice various cuts of meat."

Change is always a good thing — except, quite possibly, for Joan Rivers. The columnists of Statesman future will most assuredly be a gift to us, because every story is worth telling and every word matters.

Remember that.

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Retelling revives classic fairy tale



Gillian Ponce

Good reads

I can't believe it's here, but this is the final book review for the year. I'm heading off on new adventures in unknown places and won't be coming back to USU. It's been great being an Aggie. I'll always love the school and especially the people I've met while here. Anyway, I hope by now we've established that I love romance in my books, and I will not stray from what I like to read for this last book. It's the typical fairy tale romance that I love to read and hope you'll enjoy as well.

"Before Midnight" by Cameron Dokey is another retelling of a fairy tale. Can you guess which one by the title? That's right: "Cinderella." Now, "Cinderella" is honestly one of my least favorite fairy tales. It only ranks above "Snow White" for me, but this version of "Cinderella" makes me actually love the fairy tale again.

So, let's just start with the technical stuff about the book. Dokey is an amazing writer. Her phrasing and style just set the mood and time of the book perfectly. You feel the sorrow and joy of the characters. I remember times I would just feel sick about something that had been happening in the book because it felt so realistic to me. Books that do that are my favorite, and I will recommend them over and over.

I would love to say she wrote with no grammatical errors — which I'm pretty sure she did — but there were some errors on my Kindle, which I attribute to the Kindle edition.

Now, on to the fun stuff. The story was true to the time period and stuck to the speech and mannerisms that would be present in that time. The most interesting conflict was the one that made up the story. The conflicts in "Cinderella" retellings can take so many various approaches, but this one was a completely new twist to the others I've seen.

While having the conflict be a little different is fantastic and much more interesting than most retellings, my favorite difference is the characters. They don't stay the same to the stories many of us know. There are many additional characters who I've never seen before and different personalities for the ones we do know.

Another thing I really loved was that it didn't stick to anything basic that would perhaps be seen in most plots. It had a lot of plot twists that totally threw me off and sometimes made me angry until they got resolved.

The last thing I want to mention about this book that I don't mention about many books is the moral of it. A lot of times, I read because I love to read and I love being swept away in the story. I don't care what the book is trying to teach or what I should be learning, but "Before Midnight" actually talks a lot about something I think we need to keep in mind a lot: the power of wishes. I can't tell anything more without giving away the book, but certainly keep that in mind while reading.

Yes, you know the story. It's a common one, and even if we don't like it, we still know it. So, if you're looking for a refreshing change from the day-to-day story that you know, "Before Midnight" is a great choice for this, especially if you enjoy fairy tales and fantasy stories and, most importantly, happy endings.

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Handing out end-of-year accolades

Playing in its inaugural year in the Mountain West Conference, Utah State Athletics saw a handful of high-quality performances resulting in a number of post-season accolades. Here's a look back at the Aggies' first season in the conference with the annual Utah Statesman Sports Awards:

Coach



DeLayne Ripplinger photo

Matt Wells, football

Talk about having big shoes to fill and doing it in style. Wells took the reigns of the football team this season and picked up right where former head coach Gary Andersen left off.

Wells set a school record for most wins in a first season as a head coach with nine and did so as the 11th-youngest head coach in the country. His efforts resulted in him winning Mountain West Conference Coach of the Year, only the fourth coach to win the award in his first season.

Successful programs start with a head coach and how much players believe in them. There's no doubt USU's football program, from the players and fans all the way up to the university administration, believes in Matt Wells.

Honorable mentions: Nadalie Walsh, gymnastics; Steve Johnson, softball; Sean McInerney, women's tennis

Player



Kylee Larsen photo

Jennifer Schlott, women's basketball

Schlott finished fourth in the country in scoring, set numerous school and conference records and signed a training camp contract with a WNBA team.

With a career-high 44 points against UCSB in December, Schlott became the first USU women's basketball player to eclipse the 40-point plateau in school history. The offensive outbreak was just the beginning for the Arizona native, as she went on to set school and conference records for points in a season as well.

She topped the 30-point mark in 10 of 18 conference games, and as if scoring wasn't enough, also led the conference in assists with 5.7 per game.

Schlott became USU women's basketball's first-ever All-American, earning honorable mention from the Associated Press and being named MWC player of the year.

All things considered, Schlott may have cemented herself as the greatest women's basketball player ever to come through USU with her performance this season.

Honorable mentions: Noelle Johnson, softball; Chari Hawkins, track and field; McKenzie Davis, women's tennis; Tyler Larsen, Joey Demartino, Jake Doughty, football; Spencer Butterfield, men's basketball

Game



Kylee Larsen photo

Men's basketball vs CSU in MWC Tournament

With two minutes and 40 seconds left in the game facing an 11-point deficit, it looked like the Aggies' season was over. With 1:07 left and the deficit still at seven, there seemed to be no pulse left.

Fast forward 19 seconds and suddenly USU had a 1-point lead.

In easily the craziest finish of the season for Stew Morrill and company, Jalen Moore hit a 3-pointer, stole the ensuing inbounds pass and found Preston Medlin for an open 3-pointer, pulled down the offensive rebound when Medlin missed, got the ball back to Medlin, who then found Spencer Butterfield for a 3-pointer to cut the deficit to one.

Colorado State then self-imploded and was issued a technical foul. Butterfield went to the line and hit two free throws to take the lead, then hit four more in the final 15 seconds to ice the game.

Honorable Mention: Women's basketball vs. UNM in MWC tournament; women's basketball vs. CSU in MWC tournament; women's soccer vs. New Mexico in MWC tournament; gymnastics vs. BYU



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State your case:

Would you rather draft Andrew Wiggins or Jabari Parker in June's NBA Draft?

► By Jeffrey Dahdah
assistant sports editor

► By Calvin Makelky
staff writer

NEW CHALLENGER

NEW CHALLENGER

While I would be happy if I were an NBA franchise with almost anyone who will go in the top-10, the best player in the draft is Jabari Parker. In all seriousness, Parker is good — like, really good. Parker averaged 19.1 points per game and 8.7 rebounds per game in arguably the best conference in college basketball. Teams could not find an answer for him all season — well, Mercer could.

Parker is refined. Let me tell you exactly what I mean when I say he is refined. Parker understands the game. He understands adjustments. If one aspect of the game doesn't work, he will simply use another facet of it.

The most important thing about Parker is that he is a product of the best coach in the country right now: Mike Krzyzewski. Look at the last top pick from Krzyzewski: Kyrie Irving. Playing for Krzyzewski is the best thing on Parker's resume.

I want Parker. If I were literally any franchise, I would want him. If I were Duke, I would miss him already. As a college basketball fan, I miss him. I'm a mess without him. I miss being near him, I miss his musk. When this all gets sorted out, I think we should get an apartment together. That's how much I want Parker on the Jazz.

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No one has a higher ceiling than Wiggins in this draft. Period. While he started his collegiate career slow, Wiggins caught fire once he became comfortable. After mid-February, he scored 15 points or more in every game — minus a blowout. The biggest criticism of Wiggins was that he didn't have the "killer instinct" or ability to take over games. He proved that theory wrong. Wiggins torched West Virginia for 41 points.

The other misconception about Wiggins is that he doesn't shoot as well as Parker. Wiggins only shot 1 percent worse from three than Parker, shot 3 percent better than Parker from the line and sported a higher true shooting percentage.

Wiggins has all the tangible traits to be a superstar in this league — quickness, explosive athleticism, ball-handling, shooting, length — you name it, he has it. What doesn't get mentioned enough though is his ability to defend. With a 7-foot wingspan, 6-foot-8 height, great lateral quickness and the versatility to guard multiple positions, Wiggins will dominate both sides of the ball. He will be Paul George 2.0.

You draft who will become the best player in the draft, not the best right now. I choose Wiggins all day.

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SOFTBALL

Aggies drop series to Broncos

► By Calvin Makelky
staff writer

In a three-game series with Boise State on Tuesday and Wednesday at home, the Utah State softball team was swept by the Broncos. The Aggies lost the first game 5-1, the second game 11-9 and the final game 10-1.

With the three losses, USU drops to 17-27 overall and 5-10 in the Mountain West. Boise State improves to 26-19 overall and 11-7 in conference play.

In the first game, Boise State went up 1-0 in the top of the third inning after an error by freshman third baseman Victoria Saucedo.

It was a pitcher's duel for most of the game between USU's Noelle Johnson and BSU's Rebecca Patton. Neither allowed an earned run going into the seventh inning until the Broncos exploded for five-straight hits, including a home run, to put the Broncos up 5-0.

Johnson tacked on a run in the seventh with her own homer, but the Aggies fell 5-1.

The Aggie offense only managed five hits and no walks in the game.

In game two of the double-header, the Aggie bats finally started to do some damage.

USU scored five runs in the first inning, led by junior outfielder Hailey Froton's eighth home run of the season.

With two outs in the third and the Aggies up 6-5, the game was suspended until Wednesday due to lightning and high winds.

Resuming play at noon Wednesday, the Broncos took control with six combined runs in the sixth and seventh innings. Trying to mount a comeback in the last inning, sophomore outfielder Kirystn Namba scored on a throwing error and junior shortstop Jolene Koons knocked

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Kylee Larsen photo

Women's Newcomer

Bailey McIntire, gymnastics

McIntire made a big entrance into the college gymnastics scene with a No. 2 finish in the all-around in her first appearance as an Aggie. It was a sign of things to come for the freshman: She won the all-around in her second meet with a career-best 38.800.

In the Regional Championship meet April 5, McIntire notched team-highs in three events: the floor exercise, the uneven bars and shared the team-high on the vault. She showed she could perform with the best in her first season and when it counted most.

She set two career-highs against No. 18 Denver in February, and with just two seniors leaving the team, McIntire highlights a strong core of gymnasts returning next season.

Honorable mentions: Jessica Brooksby, Natalie Stoven, women's soccer; Hannah Gleason, volleyball



Kylee Larsen photo

Men's Newcomer

Jalen Moore, men's basketball

Moore was the only freshman to play in all 32 games this season and started in five. He finished shooting 52 percent from the field while contributing a modest 5.7 points and 2.7 rebounds in an average of 17 minutes per game.

While he may not have lit up the stat sheet, Moore was a hustle player who made plays for the Aggies and adjusted quickly to playing at the college level, even after breaking his nose early at the start of the season and having to play with a mask.

In the Aggies overtime loss to then-No. 7 San Diego State at home in January, Moore scored a career-high 16 points and pulled down seven rebounds as USU nearly pulled off the upset.

With five seniors graduating and four others leaving the team, the Cache Valley-native and son of USU legend Jimmy Moore could quickly become USU's next big star.

Honorable mentions: Darrell Garretson, Nick Vigil, football; Dennis Baumgartner, men's tennis



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Team

Football

For the second-straight season, the Aggies earned a bowl bid and returned to Logan victorious. It was the first time in school history USU had posted back-to-back bowl wins, and the Aggies won the Mountain Division of the MWC in their first season in the conference.

The senior class departs with a school-record 31 wins in their four years. The defense finished ranked No. 7 in the country in scoring defense, and the offense set five school records and did it all while losing five key starters.

At least five players garnered national postseason accolades, and the team as a whole ranks among the best in the country in total number of wins over the last three seasons.

Honorable Mention: Women's soccer; gymnastics; women's tennis

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Tavin Stucki



Hail
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I've written my final Statesman column hundreds of times in my head.

Some previous versions would have gone very well, with a photo of me giving a double-fingered salute to various entities I've interacted with during my time at Utah State, while others

might have sounded like tear-filled speeches behind an awards podium.

I always imagined myself finishing college with a prestigious job lined up, all ready to move my brilliant trophy wife and one-and-a-half children to sunny California where we spend our weekends watching baseball from our stadium box suites: Let me tell you, the Tavin in this scenario looks devilishly good with that thick beard, flashy suit and leather briefcase.

The real Tavin doesn't have anything in that scenario. Maybe that's because I've never been all that great at planning, or maybe that's because I've always played life by ear. Maybe it's because that life wasn't meant to be, or maybe it's out of reach because I'm just plain

Tavin Stucki

"Thanks for reading my stuff. Seriously, it's the best feeling in the world for people to tell you they liked an article you wrote."

not good enough for it.

At any rate, I find myself forced to re-write the chapters in my life story that didn't quite go according to plan.

But composing my

thoughts now isn't as difficult as I anticipated, and I think it's because I've decided I'm primarily going to write to myself.

So here's to you, Past Tavin: Thanks for all the times you decided to joke around and make life more fun than being that autonomously rigid fun-sucker who sucks the life out of the newspaper. I'm glad you made that decision to change: Life has been a lot less tense and a lot more enjoyable since.

Here's to you, Near-Future Tavin: Keep your chin up in the job search. I know it wears on you to hear of so many newspapers folding and laying off veteran reporters, and I know it wears on you even more when you read articles written

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Parting thoughts on journalism, life in general and the great unknown

Paul Christiansen



The
Book
of
Paul

And so this too, like all good things, must come to an end.

For the past four months I've had the opportunity to sit behind my laptop, clicking keys and delivering my ideas and opinions through this newspaper. And Aggies throughout this campus and beyond have, for whatever reasons, wasted time and eyesight taking in these words that won't likely be remembered through

the generations to come.

I've always been a glass-half-empty kind of guy, but even with my solemn negativity — I prefer the term "realism" — guiding me as I typed up these remarks onto a blank Word document each week, I was not deterred.

This, my final entry as an op-ed columnist for The Utah Statesman, won't be much different than its predecessors. It'll still be full of the things I think are witty, sober truths and observations.

I'm relatively new to the field of journalism. I've only been taking courses within the major for two years, beginning in Fall 2012. But in my short time as a working journalist, I've learned what journalism is and what it is not.

Journalism isn't wearing a pair of horn-rimmed glasses on your face while a buttoned-down shirt-and-tie combination covers the blazing "S" scrawled across your chest; there are very few stories that involve uncovering a government cover-up through information acquired from a mysterious figure lurking in the shadows of a parking garage; there are few death threats made and even fewer explosives hidden in mailboxes; and — though this has been known to happen to me — it isn't falling victim to an irrevocable crush on an intelligent, ambitious co-worker; at least, not very often.

Journalism isn't like it's presented in the movies. But that doesn't make it any less meaningful or important. There is still a romantic quality to it.

Journalism is a lot of early mornings and even more late nights; it's too many cups of coffee and discarded cans from empty energy drinks littering the back seat of your car; it's having to drop plans at the last minute so you can cover a story before someone else beats you to it; it's back pain and red eyes from staring at a computer screen for hours; it's second-guessing each line you write; it's wanting the next story to be something that'll make a difference to someone, somewhere.

It will always be like that. The competition won't go away, and the self-critiques are healthy. It's good to want to always be better.

When I entered into USU's department of journalism and communication, I was told by many friends and family to rethink my decision — after all, haven't we

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Do something f***ing awesome this summer

It's bittersweet, the end of the semester. By bittersweet, we mean a totally awesome, spread-your-wings, go-on-a-bender type of feeling.

It's great — and then we have to figure out what to do for four months until school begins again;

for those returning to campus, anyway. We're not saying it's a burden to have a large amount of free time during the warmest months of the year, of course not. No, no, no: We're just saying the options are endless.

Go on a study abroad trip to Western Europe. Tour Spain, France, Denmark, Greece, Italy — you name it. Don't forget to visit Amsterdam. Take a long vacation in India and learn the ancient lifestyle of the Hindu. Peace, love and harmony, man. Play some rad tunes on steel drums and dread your hair in Jamaica.

Perhaps your budget doesn't allow for those sort of luxuries. So you

need to work? Big deal — most of us do. Make some money for next semester. Get a job flipping burgers, waiting tables, painting houses or whatever. But no matter what, don't forget to leave enough play time.

If you're in the valley, make it a priority to do a few things, if you haven't already: Rent a cabin in Maple Grove Hot Springs in Idaho and float the Oneida Narrows the next day; drive out to Porcupine Dam with friends, food and a whole lot of courage — the best part is jumping off the cliff into the reservoir; hike to the Jardine Juniper in Logan Canyon and visit one of the oldest trees around; float Cutler Canal — uh ... legally of course; grab some climbing gear and navigate the world-renowned limestone walls of Logan Canyon; take a day trip to Bear Lake during Raspberry Days; spend a day at Bloomington Lake and ride the rope swing from the top; take a bike ride to the

nearest park and picnic with your friends; read a book on Old Main Hill; brave the campus cops and wade in the TSC Patio fountain; and last but not least, barbeque until your pants fall off — but only if you're sober.

If you happen to be taking courses here, make the best of it and get an A — Hell, try to get 100 percent in the class. Make new friends. Go to school barefoot.

What we're really trying to say is have a great summer. We don't mean the end-of-high-school-year-book-HAGS-don't-ever-change sort of way, but hey, if you want to change, go for it. Work to better yourself and your attitude — there's always room for improvement, right?

Use the summer to have the best four months of your life on all your grand adventures. Have a good attitude. You won't regret the outcome.

Basically, just have a kick-ass summer.

Our View

An Editorial Opinion



N. KOREA MAKES MANDATORY HAIRCUT

Forum letters

Help me find the rightful owner?

To All USU Professors:

Several years ago I sent a box of genealogy materials to a USU professor. In the box were a 19th-century Bible, several letters, newspaper clippings, baptism certificates, a beautiful wedding photo and even a Civil War pension certificate. I sent the box to the USU professor because we both believed his family may be descendants of the prominent name in the Bible, Henry Buckwalter from New York.

Imagine my dismay when I today received an email from the great-great-great grandson of Henry Buckwalter, Ross Buckwalter, who learned through FamilySearch.org that

I had the box of materials. He naturally is eager to see this family history and is willing to drive to Logan in order to see the contents of the box. Imagine my dismay also that I had to inform him I had sent the materials on to a USU professor after vainly seeking contact with the Buckwalter family.

My plea: If you are the professor who received this box of family history. Would you please contact Ross Buckwalter at rossmbuck@gmail.com, or contact me at gtsmith@viterbo.edu. There is a Buckwalter family out there in Pennsylvania eager to see the Bible, and perhaps they will recognize the bride in the photograph.

Thank you.

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Tavin Stucki

Stucki

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by sports writers who can't write or don't know what they're talking about, but remember what Past Tavin always says: Talent rises to the top. You'll get there, kid. Just keep doing what you do.

Distant Future Tavin: Please don't turn into that guy who nobody likes. Make sure you keep your faith, keep your charisma and keep your temper in check when it matters most. Be nice to your family — more nice than you think you need to. Thank those who do you a service, even small ones or when they're not doing anything outside their normal responsibilities. Get up in plenty of time to cook breakfast, buy produce and please, please, please don't be afraid to spend a little more for good food.

Dear Career-Man Tavin:

Work smarter, not harder, and when the occasion calls for it, do both. Don't take more than you can handle, but don't be afraid of taking on more than you're comfortable with. Be engaged in whatever you're doing, wherever you're doing it: Pay attention in the board room, but leave work at work. Delegate out of necessity and to help your staff grow, not just to pawn your responsibilities off on someone else. Treat interns like you wanted to be treated as an intern.

Present Tavin, congratulations on graduating. Please don't mess it up in the next week by forgetting to finish one of the last two or three projects you have left. I know you're looking for work, but keep in mind how your housing contract doesn't expire until midway through the summer. You definitely need to find a full-time job in your field, but you should also enjoy that last Logan summer.

Lastly, to all those who

helped me get here, thanks. Thanks for giving me an opportunity to string-write prep football at the Deseret News with no experience. Thanks for giving me a job as the sports editor at The Statesman as a sophomore even though the other applicant had more than three more years of experience than I did. Thanks for trusting me to handle the news desk despite never having written a breaking news piece. Thanks for the opportunity to be editor-in-chief during a tough transitional period.

And thanks for reading my stuff. Seriously, it's the best feeling in the world for people to tell you they liked an article you wrote.

– Tavin Stucki is the editor-in-chief of The Utah Statesman. He is the only Utah Statesman employee to have won “Most Professional Journalist” twice in its 30-plus year existence. Send any comments to tstuckinews@gmail.com.

Christiansen

From Page 11

been hearing for years that print media is on its way out? Yet, I was drawn to it nevertheless.

Two years later, I'm preparing to graduate and take my first steps into the real world, trading one conservative state that I've exchange blows with for another as I make the move to Gillette, Wyo., to begin a new chapter in my life.

I've never been more terrified — or more excited, for that matter. Many of you, my fellow Aggies, are getting ready to take those same awkward first steps into your own bright futures. This university is known for producing extraordinary graduates, whether you be an engineer or a musician, a political scientist or a biologist.

Or perhaps, in some cases, a journalist. Remember, my friends, that journalists are the watchdogs on society. We are that criticized force that seeks out the truth in the muddled fiction and delivers it to the public that needs — and deserves — to know it. Try to keep in mind that everything I've contributed has been written with good intentions and hopes to better our university and our community.

Tom Stoppard, a British playwright, penned a line for his production “The Real Thing” that seems appropriate in this instance: “I don't think writers are sacred, but words are. They deserve respect. If you get the right ones in the right order, you can nudge the world a little or make a poem which children will speak for you when you're dead.”

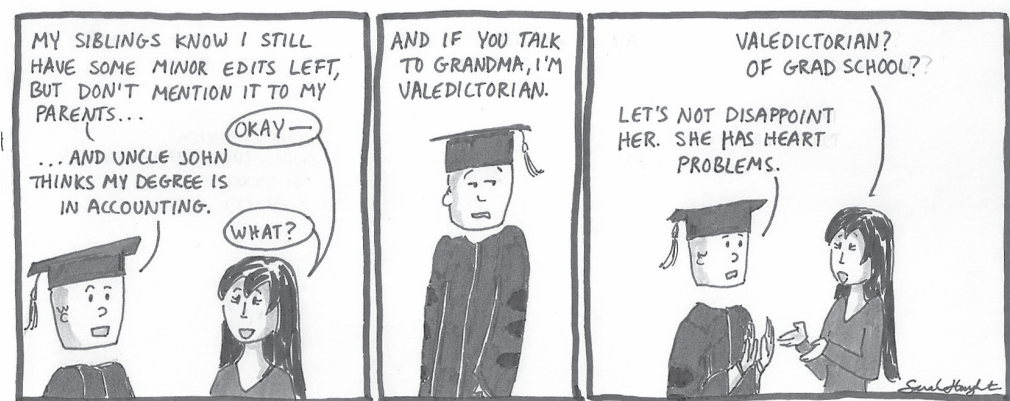
For those of you graduating this spring, go out there and nudge the world a little bit, whether by word or by action. For those of you who will continue your education here at USU, be proud of the knowledge you gain each and every day. It might just help you in an unexpected way somewhere down the line.

I'm only a writer and nothing special. But I hope my words have meant something to some of you. If I'm quickly forgotten after I leave this university, after my footsteps no longer ring out in the halls of Old Main or the Agricultural Sciences Building that has been a second home to me in recent years, so be it.

But I will always fondly remember my time spent as an Aggie here at Utah State University.

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CONVERTED-BASKETBALL PLAYER FRANNY VAAULU pitches during the 10-1 loss to Boise State on Wednesday. The Aggies gave up a Mountain West record 17 walks in the game.

Drop

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in two runs with a single to left. However, the rally ended when Froton lined out to end the game.

Junior pitcher Franny Vaaulu pitched the first three innings for the Aggies, giving up just three hits, but five runs, three of them earned.

Freshman Abby Indreland came in as relief but took the loss as she was hammered for six runs and seven hits in four innings of work.

In the final game of the series the Aggies allowed a Mountain West record 17 walks.

Instead of Johnson, Vaaulu and Indreland pitched once again for the Aggies. Vaaulu started and allowed just three hits in just more than three innings of work, but she gave up 10 runs, six of them earned.

Vaaulu struggled to throw strikes, walking 15 batters and throwing 144 pitches.

She wasn't helped out by the Aggie defense either, which committed two errors.

The Broncos scored a run in the top of the first, then struck the Aggies for nine runs in the next three innings. Koons singled in the third to knock in senior second baseman Allison Lenzora to give the Aggies their only run of the game.

The Aggies only recorded five hits once again, but Boise State had only three.

Utah State softball resumes play when they head to New Mexico to face the Lobos this Friday through Sunday, April 25-27.

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- Enchanted Modernities-Mysticism, Landscape and the American West, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art

Friday, April 25

- Scotty McCreery Concert, 7:30 p.m. doors open at 6:30 p.m., Spectrum
- Languages, Philosophy and Communication student research symposium, 4-6:15 p.m., Old Main
- Biology Seminar: Matt Schroer, 9:30 a.m., Natural Resources building 204

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- May 2-3 Commencement
- May 8 Deadline for instructors to submit final grades
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