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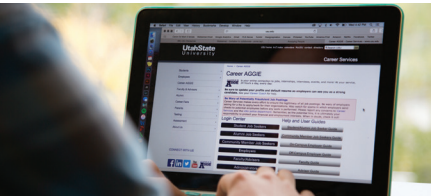
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Logan City Council approves of a pedestrian and bicycle master plan.

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# THE UTAH STATESMAN

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## THE ART OF THE SERVE

By **Thomas Sorenson**  
WRITER

The routine, Utah State sophomore Maddie Day said, is always the same.

The routine clears her mind. The routine helps her focus.

“For me, I dribble the ball three times,” Day said. “And then I go.”

Coaches in every sport preach the importance of fundamentals. In volleyball, the serve is fundamental.

“I’ve learned that volleyball comes down to who serves the best and who receive serves the best,” said head coach Grayson DuBose. “If you can do those two skills better than everyone else, you probably are going to win the majority of the matches you play.”

A good serve will throw the other team off-balance, forcing it into uncomfortable positions.

“That’s how we approach it,” DuBose said. “It’s our first line of defense. It’s our chance to help our defense get a little bit better.”

Leading up to a game, the coaching staff will watch film, looking for weaknesses in the opponent’s defense. If a particular player struggles controlling a serve attempt, for example, the Aggies might target her when she’s on the court. Opponents who struggle aiming their passes might also be targeted.

“If we serve it well enough, we can get them what we call ‘out of system,’ which means it’s not a perfect pass and now they have to go scramble and they have to set someone they may not want to set,” DuBose said.

The Aggies saw firsthand what good serves can do to a defense when they played the now-No. 1 USC Trojans on Sept. 10.

“People like [senior outside hitter Samantha] Bricio from USC, she had a tough serve and that was a difficult one to pick up,” said defensive specialist Tasia Taylor, the only freshman to appear in every set for USU this season.

“

*She can drive it nice and deep into the back end of the court, and that’s how she gets her aces.*

”

— *Grayson DuBose*

Bricio recorded eight service aces in a three-set sweep of the Aggies. When returning a serve, Taylor said, the goal is to put the offense

in the best position possible.

“You try to hit the setter, in front of the ten-foot line preferably,” Taylor said. “We have a position that we try to always aim for.”

But when the serve is placed in a position that makes it hard to control, as Bricio was able to do and as the Aggies work on every day in practice, it limits the options for the receiving team.

“We want them to pass it behind [the ten foot line],” Day said. “Then the setter has to run and go try to throw it out to someone, whereas if it’s a perfect pass they can run any set that they want.”

“If we can serve well enough maybe it takes the middle out of it and now our block is better because we only have to attend to two things instead of three,” DuBose said. “It takes away options typically.”

The strategy, then, is “to drive it hard and deep,” as DuBose described it, into the holes in the defense.

“We don’t try and serve it right at the person,” Day said. “We want to serve it in between two people so they have to communicate.”

While placement is important, the type of serve also has an impact. Some serves are much harder to return than others.

“That’s the beauty of the float serve,” DuBose said. “If you hit it right — you pop it low enough —



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**RACHEL GALE**, serves against USC on Sept. 10 in the Wayne Estes Center.

it will float like a knuckle ball in baseball. It takes these unpredictable paths: it’s dropping, it’s rising, it’s doing all this kind of stuff.”

The jump float serve — Day’s preferred serve — is hit with an open palm and no rotation on the ball, which causes the unpredictable movement. Sophomore middle blocker Carly Lenzen relies on the standing variation of the float serve.

“She can drive it nice and deep

into the back end of the court, and that’s how she gets her aces,” DuBose said.

Day prefers the jumping float, she said, because it allows her to get a high toss and high contact. After dribbling the ball three times to clear her mind, she takes two steps to gather momentum before tossing the ball in the air. The power in her swing is generated by the force of the jump.

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## CAPSA, USU BRACE FOR HALLOWEEN SEASON



File Photo

By **Sara Albertson**  
WRITER

“Thank you for calling CAPSA, this is Cassidy. How may I help you today?”

With October comes not only Halloween, but also Domestic Violence Awareness month, giving students the opportunity to become more informed about how serious domestic abuse is in Cache Valley.

Citizens Against Physical and Sexual Abuse, or CAPSA, knows how serious it is. In the state of Utah, there are 14 different domestic violence nonprofit shelters. CAP-

SA, here in Cache Valley, is one of two in the state that shelters men, as well as women.

Halloween is seen as a potential time for a rise in sexual harassment due to the nature of the holiday. However, there is not much to support the claim.

“It’s really difficult to say when is our busiest time of year, because we just had the red zone which is an actual time from August through November, when students go home for Thanksgiving, when students are at highest risk for being sexually assaulted,” Erazo said.

There are times that sexual assault reports increase, but if there was one reason for it, it could more easily be stopped, Boyd said.

However, USU plans on maintaining as much safety as possible for one of the biggest events of the year, the Howl, which will take place the night of Oct. 24.

“We have 6,000 tickets that are available, tickets went on sale last Tuesday and we have been averaging 500 ticket sales everyday,” said Madison Maners from the USU student association.

USU has already hired 35 on-campus po-

lice to cover the event, plus 181 volunteers and student body officers to help keep the event organized.

“We want to have some signage up that says costume is not consent ... We think that signage like that can serve as an extra reminder to students and people who are coming to campus,” Maners said.

From July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 CAPSA received 3,532 crisis calls from individuals seeking escape from abuse.

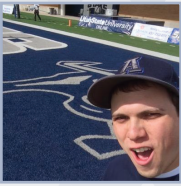
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# TWEETS OF THE WEEK



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"If I go to jail I hope you all visit me."  
-said Professor #aggielife



@ouzijie  
Oh #humansvszombies, the only time you will see kids running to class.  
#aggielife #aggiestrike



@\_thekidD3  
If you don't like business week you don't like free food #USUaggies  
#AggieLife



@kelseng  
So how about door to the business building that sometimes weighs  
400lbs #aggiestrike

# SPOOKFEST: WHY SLAM GETS SPOOKY IN CELEBRATION OF ITS FIRST HALLOWEEN

By **Katherine Taylor**  
WRITER

Why Slam, the poetry competition hosted by local music venue Why Sound, celebrated its first Halloween with a special event called Spookfest on Oct. 13.

Poets were encouraged to perform their spookiest poems. Performances were rated by a panel of judges who gave scores on a 10-point scale, with an added bonus of up to five "ghost points" given for especially scary pieces.

The winning poets were Kate Lange in first place, Justin Peterson in second and Elijah West in third.

Nate Hardy, a Utah State University student

who performed at Spookfest, credits both host Lange and the crowd at Why Slam for creating a great atmosphere.

"The host is amazing. She does such a good job," Hardy said. "If you can take something like poetry, which some people look at and say, 'That's lame,' and make it something where an entire room full of people is just going nuts over it, it's so much fun."

For Hardy, poetry is a way to break the monotony of everyday life.

"I'm trying to find a way to put this into words, but there's so much bullshit," Hardy said. "It's just looking for something that's not the daily grind. It's looking for something above that."

Hardy is grateful for the opportunity to share something he is passionate about with others at Why Slam.

"That's what I love about it," Hardy said. "It takes poetry, which is my passion, and makes it into something that people want to listen to; that's why I like the atmosphere here."

The floor of the downtown Logan venue served as seating for the crowd who gathered to watch the performers.

Justin Peterson, a poet who often performs at Why Slam under the name Weird Sense — "like weird sense of humor," Peterson said — has been happy to see the growth of the event and its community in recent months.

For Peterson, the highlight of the event was

seeing the new poets who performed.

"It was really nice seeing the old poets who are really good and have always been doing this," Peterson said. "But the new people to-night that are really good and came up for their first time made me feel happy, seeing that new talent is coming out."

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# Diversity Week to feature chances to try new things



PHOTO BY **Annie Hall**

By **Shanie Howard**  
WRITER

Diversity Week is coming up and Utah State University students have a lot to look forward to. Different events will be happening every day that celebrate and share the unique cultures, backgrounds and lifestyles of USU students.

This year's theme for Diversity Week is "individually unique, together we are strong." Luis Armenta, the vice president of the Access and Diversity Center, hopes it will bring USU students together.

"We want this event to give students a chance to see the beauty in the differences that other people have," Armenta said, "We are all just strings in a strong rope and hopefully this event will help bring students together so they can all see that."

The events going on will include: a global desert night on Monday with performances from the Latino Student Union, Polynesian Student Union and multicultural USU fraternities and sororities.

On Tuesday students will get the chance to help decorate a piñata, which is expected to be about the size of a car, while enjoying free brownies provided by the Access and Diversity Center.

On Wednesday there will be a Reggae Concert.

Thursday the Interfaith Student Association will be hosting a "speed-faithing" event where students can learn about different religions. Diversity Week will wrap up on Friday with an "Epic Tail Gate Fiesta" where food will be provided and students will get the chance to break the piñata that was decorated Tuesday.

"I am looking forward to the tailgate party the most. It's a great way to get excited for the football game. Go, Nick Vigil!" said Paige Heslop, a senior majoring in accounting.

But students are also concerned about finding time in their schedules to make it to these events.

"I'm not sure if I'll actually go to any part of Diversity Week," said Tessa Carvar, a sophomore majoring in political science. "But I'll definitely try if there's free dessert."

Nevertheless, Armenta encourages students to come with an open mind and to try new things.

For more information on events put on by USU's Access and Diversity Center go to [www.usu.edu/accesscenter/calendar](http://www.usu.edu/accesscenter/calendar).

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# TECH & MONEY

## USER BEWARE: Fraudulent posts on Career Aggie

By **Katherine Taylor**  
WRITER

Career Aggie, a site created by Career Services to match Utah State University students and alumni to potential employers, has experienced a recent outbreak of fraudulent postings and emails.

Visitors to the site are greeted by a disclaimer in red, warning students to be wary of potentially fraudulent job postings. When Hayden Atwood, a senior at USU, received a job offer for a job he didn't remember applying to through Career Aggie, he was immediately suspicious. "The job promised \$15 per hour and about 20 hours per week just doing menial tasks like picking up mail and making phone calls," Atwood said. "The part that sounded fishy to me was that this person was doing research in Brazil."

Atwood was wary of a situation that would require no face-to-face contact and would likely require him to provide his bank account information. His suspicions were validated later that day when his wife received the same email word-for-word, except for a change in the name of the sender.

"I knew then that it was fraudulent and decided to contact Career Services before someone fell into the trap and lost their money because of it," Atwood said.

Miguel Beal, a senior at USU, received a very similar email: A woman claimed to be a looking for an assistant while she was working in Brazil.

"Her email address was an odd name from an AOL account," Beal said. "Who uses AOL anymore?"

Beal, too, was suspicious of the high pay for such simple tasks.

"All I got out of the email was that she wanted someone to have a long-distance working relationship while getting paid too well for a job that was too simple," Beal said. "Usually, if it sounds too good to be true, then it is."

Beal is one of many students who have

been contacted by scammers through Career Aggie's email service. Career Services, the organization behind the site, has seen many fraudulent postings and users since its creation. Recently, several email scams have reached students through the site.

"Our latest rash will attach themselves to a legitimate company and access our database for email addresses," said Diana Maughan, the recruiting coordinator at Career Services. Allowing employers to access student email addresses is a central feature of Career Aggie, often utilized by employers on the site.

"We like to have our email addresses out on Career Aggie because legitimate employers look at those email addresses and will contact students," Maughan said. "There are people that have been contacted and gotten great jobs through Career Aggie, through this method. So we don't want to take the whole method away."

Though Career Services works hard to prevent fraud, the organization has to find the balance between preventing scams and crippling the website's utility to legitimate users.

"It's out there, and we do everything we can to keep it from happening, but they are going to slip through, because we do want employers and students to be accessible to each other," Maughan said.

Maughan said, students can best protect themselves by researching the jobs they are offered through Career Aggie.

"Always check out the job. Check out their web page, try to get a hold of them not through this person, but through the company," Maughan said.

Since scams often rely on an attachment to a legitimate company, it's important that students verify through the company — not the individual — that the individual is actually associated with the company they claim to be.

One frequent scam requires its victims to spend money sent to them in the form of a check.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY **Annie Hall**

"You're going to go spend your money, or supposedly this check's money, but then there's no money in that account," Maughan said. "If they're going to send you money for you to work and it seems like a really good-paying job, it's most likely a fraud."

Several students over the past year have brought fraudulent checks into the Career Services office.

"Last spring we actually had over \$10,000 worth of bogus checks in our office that students had brought in," Maughan said. There are a few common hallmarks of

fraudulent postings, Maughan said.

"Most likely, if everything is done through email, it's not going to be legitimate. There should be some phone calling going on, interviewing going on. If they're just going to hire you without interviewing, most likely it's not going to be a legitimate job either," Maughan said. "It comes up to the student to be responsible and do the due diligence to make sure it's legitimate."

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## Local donations to presidential campaigns lowest in 18 years

By **Brenna Kelly**  
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Logan citizens are contributing less in the current presidential election cycle than the city has in 18 years.

In the last election cycle, Logan citizens spent \$1,081,516 — an all-time high for the city. However, contributions saw a dramatic drop this election cycle, in which Logan has only spent \$31,935. According to OpenSecrets.org, that's roughly one-fortieth as much as the average contribution per city.

Gina Worthen is the vice chair for the Cache County Republican Party. She thinks voters are choosing to wait for a single, strong candidate before donating their money.

"I don't think it's a lack of interest. I think it's just almost an overwhelming number of candidates — good candidates," she said.

Worthen said Logan is typically politically active, especially during presidential election years. While the city has a notable concentration of Democrats, Cache Valley consistently votes conservative.

Republican Senator Ted Cruz has received 26.6 percent of the financial donations in Logan — more than any other candidate. He is followed closely by Ben Carson at 23.3 percent and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton at 19.9 percent.

"I think when you have upwards of 20 candidates all running for the same position — all vying for the same votes — I think people tend to hold onto their money," said Matthew Clewett, assistant director for the Govern-

ment Relations Council at Utah State University.

Clewett agrees with Worthen — there's more uncertainty at the beginning of election season. Candidates could drop out any time, and it's safest to contribute to a politician when he or she has the party bid.

Reid Stewart, however, contributed early on to the National Draft Ben Carson for President Committee.

"I figured he needed some help to get started, and so I gave a few thousand dollars," the 85-year-old Logan native said. "But I was going to wait to see who gets down to the final line and who the actual Republican guy is — or gal or whoever."

Stewart put it simply: He votes for "good people." He doesn't consider himself partisan, but the candidates he likes most are Carson, Carly Fiorina and Donald Trump.

As far as college students go, low monetary contributions don't necessarily mean low voter interest. Clewett said students carry lots of financial burdens, and so — while financial contributions are a good way to help a campaign — students often contribute to politicians in other ways.

"You can contact their offices. You can volunteer for them. You can man the phones for them. You can go attend rallies for them," Clewett said. "We still want to have our voices heard, and there are many ways that you can do that."

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# LOGAN APPROVES A CITY-WIDE BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

By **MORGAN PRATT**  
WRITER

The approval of a bicycle and pedestrian master plan by the Logan City Council was met with a standing ovation from helmeted bicycle on Oct. 6.

“This was needed in this city because we have really wide streets and we are looking to diversify the transportation options within the

valley,” said Stephanie Tomlin, the program coordinator for Aggie Blue Bikes at Utah State University.

The plan should make cycling and walking safer and more readily available to Logan residents by establishing bike lanes and safer pedestrian accessibility throughout the city.

As winners of the National Bike Challenge, which took place from

June to September, USU students and faculty could benefit from the new plan. The challenge encouraged people form across the country to track their cycling miles.

During the challenge, USU students, staff and faculty rode a total of 76,148 miles. They saved an estimated 28,604 pounds of CO2 and saved a total of \$17,957.

Among Utah State’s cycling com-

munity, Steve Simms, an archaeology professor, was the first place male rider. The male runner-up was Jeff Horsburgh, a civil and environmental engineering professor. The top female ride was Kristine Miller, from the English department. The female runner-up was Peg Arnold from Utah Public Radio.

As of the month of October, USU is still beating the rest of the universities throughout the nation, even though the competition is officially over. To date, Aggie cyclists biked 188,277 miles between 221 registered riders.

Shane Graham, an English professor, is currently in first place with 473 points and Cheryl Adams, a Merrill-Cazier Library faculty member, is at the top of the women leader board with 395 points for the month of October. The Merrill-Cazier Library team is winning the departmental contest with 975 points.

With more than two times the amount of pedestrians and five times the amount of cyclists compared with state averages, Logan could benefit from the plan.

But some cycling enthusiasts at USU are uncertain of the new plan. Nick Gittins, a senior studying history, got rid of his car years ago and bikes as his main mode of transportation. He said he is skeptical about the plan, because Logan doesn't always follow through with its commitments, especially if the plan is going to take 10 years to implement.

“Then they paint bike lanes in the middle of driving lanes in the middle of the road in some places, so their idea of biker safety is lacking,” he said.

Regardless of the poor implementation, Gittins said Logan needs the comprehensive plan, because he

said he is concerned about the air quality during the winter.

“Sure it is cold, but it is not that bad,” he said. “The worst part of it is how disgusting the air quality is outside.”

Russ Holley, the senior planner for Logan, said the city had a general plan in 1990 plan and another in 2011, but it they were both too vague.

He said one of the many reasons Logan adopted the current plan was to improve cyclist safety.

“Sixty percent of Americans are interested in walking and biking more, but they are concerned about their safety,” he said.

Holley said Cache Valley’s poor air quality was another reason the plan was approved.

“If we get people out of their automobiles, we can reduce the amount of pollution,” he said.

Air quality was not the only health concern, said Holley. They wanted to support a healthier Logan, Holley said.

“As Americans we are slowly becoming more obese and lack of exercise is one of the higher reasons,” he said. “If you can ride your bike to work, it is better than riding in your car.”

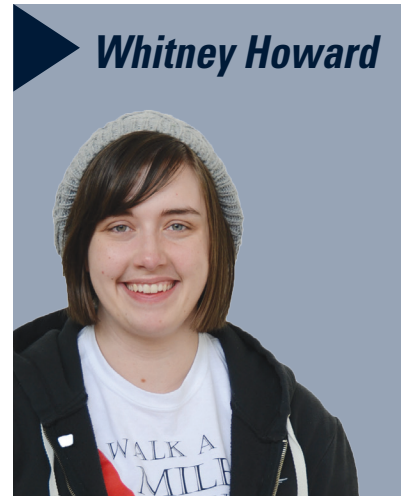
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**BIKES ARE LOCKED UP** outside the Taggart Student Center. Logan will Implement a city-wide plan for bike and pedestrian transportation.

PHOTO BY **Kelsie Lott**

# THE TRANSGENDER EXPERIENCE IS VALID



I am a cisgendered female. I have no idea how it feels to be born biologically male but know, deeply and genuinely, that I am female.

I can't know the feeling that everything — including the "M" on

my driver's license, the "gender" question on job applications and the bathroom I use — makes me question where I fit in the world.

I also can't know the fear of living authentically because I fear the reactions of others.

I can't know the transgender experience but, to me, it is a valid one. My heart bleeds for Ashley Hallstrom, a Cache Valley resident and transgendered woman who took her own life on Wednesday.

"Transgender" is a concept that cisgender people — a.k.a., people whose biological sex matches the sex they identify with — sometimes have difficulty wrapping their heads around. It's not an experience they can have firsthand. When people don't understand something, some-

times they react with fear and disgust.

Before Hallstrom did the unimaginable, she posted her last words on Facebook. In her note, she acknowledged this lack of sympathy.

"Everywhere I'd turn I'd see the hate that society had for us," Hallstrom wrote. "I had already been poisoned by a society that didn't understand us and, even worse, didn't want to even try."

At times like these, it makes me wonder why people are so quick to dismiss experiences that aren't their own.

Gender is complex, not nearly as black and white as we've come to initially believe. For some, transgendered-ness pushes the bounds of how they understand gender.

However, it's important to try.

Take the time to listen to people and validate their experiences. Take the effort to understand. I believe one of the biggest disservices you can do to another person is to invalidate who they are.

For transgendered people who are reading this, I sincerely hope you are doing okay. I want you to know that you have people in your life who love you exactly as you are and want you to be happy, alive and safe. Find those people and talk to them. There is also a national Trans Lifeline at (877) 565-8860 if you are in a crisis.

My email and Twitter are published at the bottom of this article, and you're more than welcome to reach out to me if you need some-

one to lean on. I'm completely serious.

Hallstrom made a plea in her note for a more accepting society, and this wish should not be made in vain.

"I believe my last words can help make the change that society needs to make so that one day there will be no others like me," Hallstrom wrote. "Please help make this change because trans people are everywhere. You may never know who you're hurting until it's too late. Please help fix society."

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# Being scared: It's more than just thrill-seeking — it's social



PHOTO BY **Kyle Todecheene**

By **MICHAEL BURNHAM**  
WRITER

Whether or not students believe ghosts slink in dark basement corners, the haunted attractions in Cache Valley have enough scare-seeking customers to keep them busy this month. “We’re noticing an increase of people coming,” said Scott Huskinson, the owner of the 10th West Scarehouse, which has been open for three years.

Huskinson said he’s not sure exactly why business has increased, but he thinks it has to do with word spreading about the venue.

There are only a few haunted attractions in the valley — namely the Haunted River Trail at Little Bear Bottoms, the 10th West Scarehouse and the Haunted Hollow at the American West Heritage Center.

Sharma Clark, one of the owners of Little Bear Bottoms, said she feels the good business comes from people who love being scared and the social aspect of participating in haunted venues.

“There are some people who love to be scared and love haunted things,” Clark said. “The great majority of them are just looking for

something to do. It turns out to be a social kind of thing.”

Clark may be more right than she knows. Crissa Levin, a psychology professor at Utah State University, said there are many reasons why humans purposely seek out scary situations, but the social aspect of the experience is the prominent motive.

“It’s a really good way to seek out other people,” Levin said. “Everything is better with other people.”

Levin said within the academic psychology world, the common phrase or title for this aspect of human nature is called the “need for affiliation.” She said humans feel a strong innate desire to belong, to be a part of things involving others.

“I think one of the reasons we love fear is because it not only gives us a reason to affiliate with others, but it also gives them the need to affiliate with us,” Levin said. “I would be really surprised if you found people who love getting scared on their own. I don’t think that is really a thing that tends to exist.”

Aside from the social aspect, Levin said there are many theories as to why humans enjoy being scared. One theory explains the joy of be-

ing scared as a physiological enjoyment, brought on by the high emotions aroused from being startled or surprised.

“Your body basically works the same for many different types of emotion,” Levin said. “The same systems are elevated whether you’re falling in love or you’re terrified. Your heart is going to be racing, your hands might be sweating or you might feel like you have butterflies in your stomach.”

She said often these emotions help humans feel self-aware.

“Fear just makes you feel alive,” she said. “And if you are in control of your surrounding environment, then you can decide that is fun.”

Levin said that the key factor in enjoying fear is not only consciously choosing to do something frightening, but also knowing the situation is under control.

“It’s never fun by anybody’s idea to have fear that is out of that person’s control,” Levin said. “It’s a sense of control and predictability that is the difference between fear that is fun and fear that is awful.”

Huskinson said he feels his business not only offers people a chance to get scared, but simply offers people something to do during the

month of October.

Clark said her business provides fun opportunities for dates and for families and a once-in-a-year opportunity.

Regardless of their reason for customers’ attendance, both business owners have seen an increase in attendance at their haunted attractions over the years.

“We just feel like we’re happy with how many are here,” Clark said.

Huskinson, who recently sold a large business, said he’s happy to be involved with something smaller and something he and his family can do together.

“It’s a fun project for us,” he said. “It’s kind of fun to have this as a creative outlet.”

And even though he originally refused to get in costume, vowing only to help his kids operate the venue, Huskinson said he can’t help but enjoy the other side of the scare experience — doing the scaring.

“Seriously, it’s really, really fun,” he said.

For readers of the Statesman, bring your student ID to the scarehouse and say you read this article and get \$2 off your ticket.

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## Ag. comm. and journalism students grab national spotlight

By **ELLIE DONALD**  
WRITER

Agricultural communication students gained national recognition at the Ag Media Summit for their media and leadership skills.

The summit is the largest meeting for communication professionals in the country. Students attend to participate in professionally taught workshops, gain experience outside of the class room and network for internship and scholarship opportunities. The 2015 Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow Critique Contest had 380 entries in 10 categories.

Utah State University is one of the youngest agricultural communication and journalism programs in the nation, yet three of USU’s students walked away with a national award in hand for their submissions.

“When you want to create a good product, you have to put extra time into it. Maybe more time than

other students, but it definitely pays off,” said Jamie Keyes, a senior in agricultural communications and journalism.

Keyes, along with seniors Paige Marez and Cassidy Woosley, submitted agriculturally-related articles, videos and photos into the nationwide contests. Results were announced at Ag Media Summit in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Keyes won multiple awards over the past two years, including the National Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow award, the Livestock Publication Council Forrest Bassford Award travel scholarship and the Herdmark Media Agriculture video award.

The Forest Bassford Award is the most prestigious award given to students by the Livestock Publications Council. Keyes submitted a documentary about her family’s ranch in Monticello, Utah to win the video contest.



PHOTO BY **Bradley Keyes**

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**JOHN HAWLEY** is an Ag Common student. He represented Utah State University as the first ever ACT national officer.



# SPORTS

## BASKETBALL OPENS PRACTICE FOR FIRST TIME IN 15 YEARS



PHOTOS BY **Kalen Taylor**

**(TOP LEFT) GRAYSON MOORE** goes up for a layup on Tuesday. **(TOP RIGHT) SHANE RECTOR GUARDS HENRY BOLTON** in practice on Tuesday. **(BOTTOM) USU RUNS SPRINTS** on Tuesday in the Dee Glenn Smith Spectrum.

By **Kalen Taylor**  
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time in over 15 years, the Utah State basketball team opened the doors to its practice.

The Aggies held Tuesday afternoon's practice in front of more than 100 fans who came to catch a glimpse of USU basketball. First-year head coach Tim Duryea ran a two-hour practice that showcased shooting, low post work by the forwards, defensive sets, fast breaks and conditioning.

"I wanted to give an inside look, kind of a learning experience for the fans," Duryea said. "I thought it was a great experience for our guys, I thought they responded well ... We had a really high-intensity practice and that's what it was all about."

Open practice is a new experience for USU players but not uncommon for other teams or in postseason play. Most tournaments have open practices for fans and media to watch.

This is the second Aggie basketball event this preseason following the Midnight Madness event held earlier this season. The madness event consisted of a scrimmage and some drills to show off the team's skills.

"We want the fans to be involved this year," said guard Julion Pearre. "We want them to get to know us ... Practicing in front of fans is a little different but we're looking to go to the NCAA tournament and there you have people in and out, and making noise. I think it was a good experience today."

Utah State's season is fast approaching. The first exhibition game is on Oct. 31 against

Oklahoma Panhandle State. The game will be played at 7 p.m. in the Spectrum. Duryea said the Aggies have a long ways to go before they are ready for the season.

"The things we have to install are basic things," Duryea said. "We don't have an in-bounds play yet, we don't have a press breaker in yet, we don't have a press in yet. We have a lot of things we need to do before we can actually function in a game setting."

Although USU isn't ready yet, the expectations are high for the upcoming season. Utah State returns five starters and has added a few junior college transfers to bolster the roster.

A season after going 11-7 in the Mountain West, the Aggies were picked to finish third in the league this year. The 11 victories are the most by any second-year program in league

history.

"It's no different than last year," said forward David Collette. "We knew we were better than they picked us last year. Quite honestly we know we are better than third. I know a lot of people think it's high but our goal is a championship and we won't settle for anything less."

In addition to the Oklahoma Panhandle game, Utah State will host Cal State Monterey Bay in an exhibition game on Nov. 6 before opening the regular season on the road at Weber State on Nov. 13. Conference play for the Aggies is set to tip off on Dec. 30 at San Jose State.

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## Fantasy Fire Week 7: Sit 'em and start 'em



**Start: Todd Gurley**

Set Gurley loose. Rookie running backs tend to be a dice roll, but in Gurley's case you can rest a little easier knowing he put up back-to-back monster weeks before heading into last week's bye. If you were lucky enough to find this gem on the waiver wire earlier in the year, now is the

time to start putting him to work.

The Rams want to run the ball, and Cleveland's sorry excuse for a rush defense is going to let them. The Browns are No. 29 in the league against opposing running backs, and Gurley is a lock to get plenty of touches no matter how the game plays out.

As an added incentive, Gurley already has five runs this year of over 20 yards. It's just so easy picturing him breaking loose against the hapless Browns, he's as much of a must-start as any workhorse back.

**Start: Dion Lewis**

Those who have grown used to Lewis' double-digit production sat in an annoyed stupor last week as known touchdown vulture LeGarrette Blount went for 93 yards and a

score against Indianapolis. Lewis touched the ball just seven times in the contest, and though New England's running back usage can be frustratingly unpredictable, the best play here is patience.

He cost you some points last week; now let him redeem himself in a bounce-back game against the Jets.

Other smart starts: Latavius Murray, Antonio Gates, John Brown, Charles Clay, Gary Barnidge.

**Sit: Allen Robinson**

Robinson flies under the radar for being a Jaguar, which is typically associated with being generally worthless in fantasy sports. But if he's on your team, you've quietly enjoyed several big weeks and reasonable

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St. Louis Rams running back Todd Gurley is tackled for a one-yard loss by Pittsburgh Steelers defensive end Stephon Tuitt during second quarter action on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015, at Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis. (Chris Lee/St. Louis Post-Dispatch/TNS)



# Aggies look to continue hot streak in SoCal



PHOTO BY Kyle Todecheene

(LEFT) KENT MYERS runs the ball against Boise State on Friday. (RIGHT) KYLER FACKRELL AND DESHANE HINES team up to tackle a Boise State player in Maverik Stadium on Friday. USU won the game 52-26.

By Ben Fordham  
WRITER

The Utah State football team travels to southern California on Friday to take on the San Diego State Aztecs following a monumental beat-down of Boise State.

USU, now 4-3 and a perfect 3-0 in conference play, has won 13 of its last 15 games on the road against Mountain West opponents but can't afford to take the Aztecs, also 4-3 and 3-0 in the MW, lightly.

"San Diego State has won three in a row and they have a lot of confidence," said head coach Matt Wells following the win against Boise State. "They are extremely physical. It will be a really good game. It fea-

tures the leaders in each division at 3-0."

The Aggie offense has been stellar against Mountain West opponents this season, averaging 47 points and 417 total yards and not a single turnover.

Senior wide receiver Hunter Sharp has been a huge reason for Utah State's success on offense.

"The best thing that Hunter Sharp does is he makes competitive catches, which is a tremendous quality for a wide receiver," added Matt Wells. "He's got strong hands, he's got strong forearms and he can highpoint a football."

Sharp is averaging just over 12 receiving yards per game this season with 278 total receiving yards from

23 receptions.

Kent Myers has been phenomenal as the Aggies' starting quarterback with an 8-1 career record. Myers completed 17 of 24 passes against a strong Boise State defense last week and currently averages seven yards per carry when running the football.

"It's just all about trust," Sharp said. "Kent has put in the work, and it's his time to shine. I'm always there, and I don't mind catching the ball."

The Aggie defense has been dominant.

Utah State ranks fourth in the nation for both forced turnovers with 18 and turnover margin, which is at a staggering plus 10 for USU.

"Our defenders have prepared all through spring, all through training camp and even in-season on a daily basis," Wells said. "We are ripping, stripping, forcing turnovers and learning how to recover turnovers. Our defensive line does it, our cornerbacks do it, our safeties do it."

San Diego State's defense has proven itself strong, as well. The Aztecs rank No. 10 in rush defense, No. 13 in total defense and No. 27 in scoring defense. Aztec linebackers Calvin Munson and Jake Fely look to create problems for the Aggie offense.

"He's big-time impressive. Munson and Fely are the heart and soul of that defense," Wells said. "Munson and Fely are awesome players,

and I have a lot of respect for them. You don't see them miss tackles, and they can cover backs in space. They're really, really good players."

Junior running back Donnel Pumphrey has stood out offensively for San Diego State as a dual threat. Pumphrey has 729 total rushing yards and 249 receiving yards on the season. He has scored eight touchdowns this year and averages nearly five yards per carry.

Friday's game will be played at Qualcomm Stadium at 8:30 p.m. Mountain Time. For Aggie fans unable to travel, the game is available on ESPN2.

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## FANTASY

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scores even when he doesn't find the end zone.

The Bills have repeatedly shut down star wideouts this season. Buf-falo is content to let quarterbacks toss to their second and third-best receivers as long as the top dog is neutralized. That means sitting Robinson, though if Allen Hurns happens to be on your roster he's worth flex consideration. There are plenty of good receivers with more favor-

able matchups on the waiver wire.

Other sits: All San Francisco players, Marcus Mariota, Alfred Morris, Leonard Hankerson, Keenan Allen, Amari Cooper.

**Pick up: Christine Michael**

Don't have any grand illusions of Michael turning into last year's DeMarco Murray — there's a reason he didn't cut it as a backup in Seattle. He's a serviceable back, but nothing spectacular. That being said, Dallas is looking for any reason to install a new feature back in its offense. The

coaches have all but confirmed he'll get his chance to prove himself against the Giants Sunday, and in most leagues running backs are hard to come by.

It's worth a spot on your bench in case he earns the job. Anybody getting lots of touches in Dallas will provide at the very least some value at your flex position.

**Pick up: Blake Bortles**

If you had to guess who had more fantasy points this year between Matt Ryan and Blake Bortles, you'd

probably go with the guy throwing to Julio Jones and heading one of the league's top-flight offenses.

You'd be wrong — don't look now, but Bortles is the league's sixth-best fantasy quarterback just two points shy of Carson Palmer. There's also good chance he's sitting unassumingly on your league's wire waiting for someone to notice.

Bortles has some decent offensive weapons to throw to and a soft schedule for most of the year. He may not be an ideal start against Buf-

falo on Sunday, but he's worth stashing for a rainy day.

Other pickups: Marvin Jones, Kendall Wright, Jermaine Kearse, Dan Carpenter.

— Logan Jones is a junior majoring in journalism. He's 4-2 in his league this year, but would gladly sacrifice a few of those wins to see Seattle avoid melting down in the fourth quarter for once. Contact him at logantjones@aggiemail.usu.edu or on twitter @Logantjones



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# OPINION

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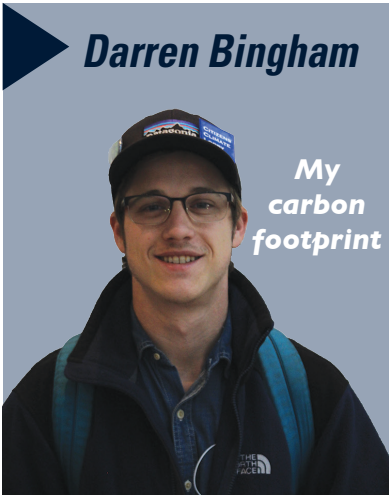
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# ICE CREAM, STOCK MARKET & OIL GIANTS AGREE ON CLIMATE CHANGE



I don't know about you, but I sure do love ice cream and that thing called Google. With just a few simple words, you can access a vast array of resources that will connect you to a global coalition targeting climate change. In an earlier column, I mentioned food moguls collaborating on climate action with Ben & Jerry's

leading the charge. As part of their climate justice campaign they have created a new flavor called, "Save Our Swirl" with the catchphrase, "if it's melted, it's ruined."

This surely has a double meaning and is something we can visualize. Imagine if your freezer could not keep your ice cream cold! What would society do? Never fear because Ben & Jerry's website provides an example of a business speaking up and doing their part. "Let's make sure we get our world leaders to take real action before we run out of time. Keep the pressure on our leaders to take a stand this year at the UN Climate Summit in Paris."

Have you ever wanted to invest in stocks or even thought about it? Well, no need to wait because there are three new stock index series that highlight climate champions. The S&P Dow Jones has created a plat-

form where companies are incentivized to reduce their annual carbon footprint and to remove any fossil fuel reserves from their portfolio. This will provide the venue for energy efficiencies and renewable sources to become a staple in any company's portfolio.

Much good has resulted from the recent news of the failed attempts by Shell to drill in the Arctic. The CEO of Shell said, "governments should put a price on carbon, which will then drive the right behavior of consumers and producers in terms of tackling climate change." He believes that a carbon price will encourage new technologies in carbon capture and sequestration. Shell is one of more than two dozen major companies including: Wal-Mart, BP, ExxonMobil and General Electric that have integrated a price on carbon emissions into their long

term business plans.

With another search from Google you will see Shell making another move to lobby for climate change policy within governments. Alongside fourteen major corporations based or operating in the United States, Shell is supporting a plan that will foster a new global climate agreement. Alcoa, BP, HP, Intel, National Grid, Rio Tinto, PG&E, Siemens, and Schneider Electric would all like to see adopted "a more balanced and durable multilateral framework guiding and strengthening national efforts to address climate change." They go further in saying that "a new climate agreement in Paris can help strengthen the role of, and minimize risks to, the private sector in a number of ways."The four main ways are: providing long-term direction for businesses and consumers, promoting

transparency within national governments, addressing competitiveness to ensure all major economies can remain balanced, and facilitating carbon pricing that will stimulate growth and credibility in the global market.

Because climate change affects everybody, that's the reason why everyone should care.

If you want to make a difference; learn your ecological footprint.

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## AN OPEN LETTER TO USU CAMPUS POLICE AND CAMPUS OFFICIALS

I would like to address an article found in the October 19, 2015 issue of the Statesman titled: "USU officials address spike in campus crime." This article relates the concerns of campus police and officials regarding crimes that occur at USU, especially in the first few months of each school year. Specifically, I would like to address the comments made by Campus Police Chief Steve Mecham in reference to sexual assaults on campus.

The Association of American Universities recently polled 150,072 students regarding sexual assault and misconduct on campus — one of the largest surveys of its kind. It included 27 universities across the nation, giving the results a wide range of social and cultural variation. The survey concluded that "The incidents [of nonconsensual sexual contact] among female undergraduate student respondents was 23.1 percent, including 10.8 percent who experienced penetration."This means between one in five and one in four female undergraduate students will experience a sexual assault while attending college. The actual percent of victims reporting these incidents is unknown, but studies indicate upwards of 90 percent of victims do not report the crime. These numbers are staggering.

There is no doubt that sexual assault and misconduct happens on every campus across the nation — even here in Logan, Utah. This fact

was acknowledged in the Statesman article by Jenny Erazo, our SAAVI coordinator here at USU. Her language in reference to sexual crimes displayed empathy and concern for those who are victims of this type of life-altering event. Her tone of encouragement and support was shockingly divergent from that of Chief Mecham and the Statesman.

Immediately after explaining that students have multiple resources available to them, there was a shift that sought to downplay the seriousness of these crimes and the number at which they occur. To make matters worse, more emphasis was placed on the consequences of alcohol violation, rather than sexual assault. The article contained zero information as to the potential charges against those who commit such violent acts, and instead the concern was to "[get] the knowledge out there" about alcohol misconduct.

This type of response is not only misguided, it is dangerous. The threat of "an arrest or a citation" due to alcohol use is enough to keep a sexual assault victim silent. Giving more importance to an alcohol violation rather than a physical attack has the potential to cause a student to avoid notifying campus officials about an already underreported crime, simply because there might be alcohol involved. While Utah State might have a lower average percentage of sexual crimes occurring within the

student body than other areas of the nation (some reaching as high as 38 percent), we are not immune from the threat or reality of sexual assault.

The dismissive attitude toward three victims in the 2014-2015 school year was astonishing. Blaming two victims for "[refusing] to cooperate" is disturbing enough, but to then say to the third victim "we know he [the perpetrator] did it, we know it happened — but we're not going to prosecute" is appalling. What have you now told students who attend USU? You've told them that as a victim they are responsible, and that even if the offender is found nothing will happen.

While the university's response in reference to these individual cases might be justified, by making these statements you are telling any future victim not to bother reporting a crime because their effort would be pointless. It is disheartening to have Police Chief Mecham speak in this way, as it creates a campus environment that not only perpetuates rape culture, it fosters it.

Sexual assault perpetrators (most often serial offenders) have been reassured that they are safe, and victims are reassured that silence is more important than speaking out. Under no circumstances should sexual assault victims be

## CORRECTION ON LETTER

I submitted an opinion article to the Statesman and it was published with a change that means something different than I intended. My article was "Another Suicide" (My Heart Hurts) and the word "trans\*" was altered to "transsexual\*."

I found the change inappropriate. As well I would like to include a short explanation about the issue I had with the change.

The word transsexual means transitioning between sexes or across sexes (typically — it is a self-identifier and could potentially mean something different to anybody who applies it to themselves). For some people it has a negative connotation due to its meaning and medical association.

The word trans\* is an umbrella term, meaning it is a word that means a lot of other words. Hypothetically the words trans\* could mean transsexual, but the relationship doesn't go the other way. Trans\* could mean transsexual, transgender, agender, bigender, genderless, genderqueer, and many more. Transsexual doesn't mean trans\*.

By changing trans\* to transsexual there is an implication that the article is excluding the rest of the trans\* spectrum.



## AG COMM

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Woolsey, an agriculture communications and journalism major, took second place in the long feature story division in the 2015 ACT Critique Contest at the summit. Her submission featured three different beef producers that utilize cloning technology on their operation and the experiences they have had with it.

Marez, also an agricultural communication and journalism major, placed second and received an honorable mention for her images in the #CaptureAgriculture photo and video contest, hosted by Herdmark.

“Agricultural communication students have a love for agriculture,” Keyes said. “It is what makes assignments fun and makes them want to work hard and accomplish things.”

Agricultural communication and journalism assistant professor Dr. Kelsey Hall said membership and involvement in the Agricultural Communications club is key to success. It is the only way to even attend the summit and enter the critique contest.

“Our adviser, Dr. Kelsey Hall, is always looking for

ways for us to improve, and the ACT Critique Contest is a great chance for us to compete against some of the best,” Woolsey said. “It is also a great way to learn because this contest provides you with useful feedback from industry professionals.”

Woolsey spent the past summer at an internship with the Progressive Cattleman magazine in Jerome, Idaho. She wrote various articles covering news, feature stories, industry topics and more. She said the internships pay off.

“Going to school is just the first step. It is also just as important to go out and apply that knowledge in a real-world scenario,” she said. “All these things are huge resume-builders. Get involved and don’t be afraid to apply for things, whether it’s a contest or an internship — you just never know what will happen. It might just be what gets you a job later on.”

John L. Hawley represented USU as the first ever ACT national officer. Hawley was elected secretary/treasurer for the National Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow. He is working on a Mas-

ter of Science in Agricultural Extension and Education at USU. His major responsibility is to raise sponsorship funds for the professional development conference, the summit and Farm Broadcasters convention.

“I hope to gain a multitude of valuable experiences from my time as an NACT officer,” Hawley said. “I believe that my year of service will leave me well-rounded and prepared to work closely with partners in the agricultural industry.”

Hall said the USU Agricultural communication program is proud to have Hawley serve as a role model for students and believes his experience can benefit them in positive ways.

“Hard work and grasping opportunities always pays off, even if it’s scary sometimes,” Keyes said.

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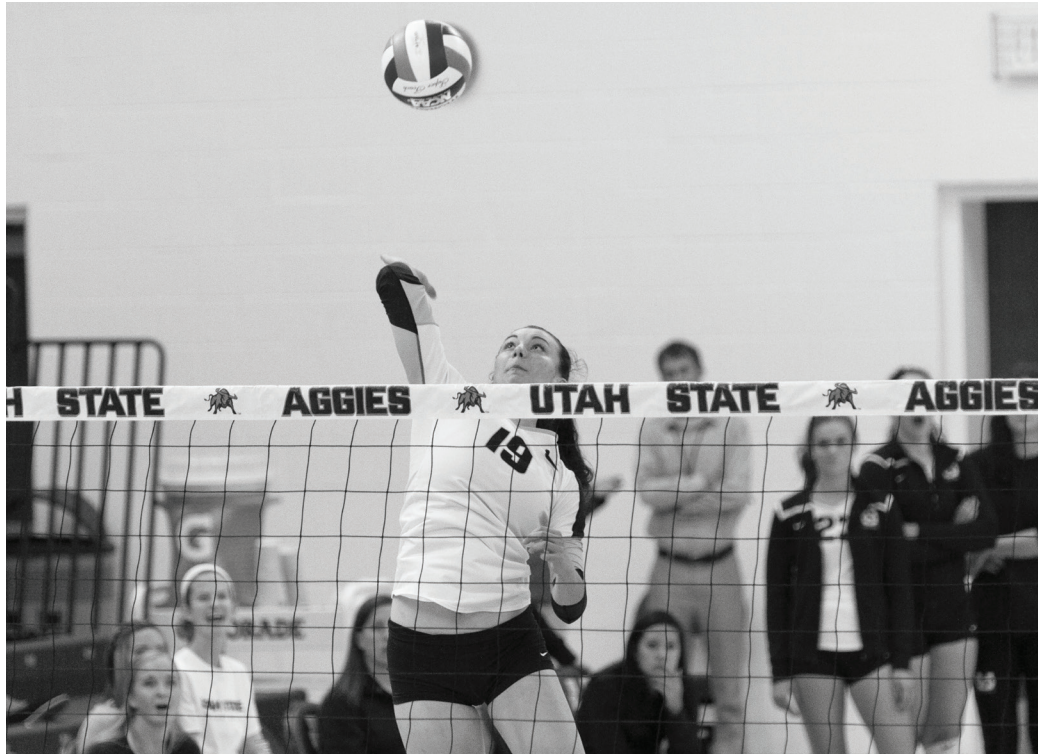
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made to feel that they should not come forward, or that their experience was not severe enough to warrant an investigation. Even if case numbers increase, and even if those cases may not turn out to be assault, there must be an open door for all students — regardless of gender, race, age, sexual orientation, etc. — so they know their campus is willing to listen to them and will support them in a time when most victims feel they have lost control over their lives. While I hope that this door is and always will be open, the language used by campus officials in the Statesman article ef-

fectively slams that door shut. It is enough that these crimes happen and are kept in the dark because victims are embarrassed, ashamed, or wrongfully blame themselves. The time has come to change the way we speak about and address sexual assault crimes that occur on campus. Utah State University officials cannot add to the burden a victim must already carry at the hands of their abuser.

*Naomie Barnes*  
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SIMONE GIBEAU serves against USC on Sept. 10 in the Wayne Estes Center.

PHOTO BY **Kyle Todecheene**

## VOLLEYBALL

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Junior outside hitter Kaylie Kamalu, on the other hand, attacks the defense with another serve altogether; she uses a spinning floater, or “sploater,” as DuBose called it.

“We’re just going to let her hit it really hard,” DuBose said. “Sometimes it will spin off her hand, sometimes it will float off her hand. It takes all these unpredictable flights.”

With so many options, the players and coaches work together to balance serving hard and keeping the serves under control.

“It’s a fine line between going back and serving the hardest serve ever and serving it easy,” DuBose said.

The young Aggies have struggled to find that line so far this season. After only three service errors in a home win against San Jose State on Oct. 10, for example, USU recorded nine service errors in two games against San Diego State and Nevada on Thursday and Saturday.

It can be frustrating, but it’s part of the learning process, DuBose said.

“As a coach you have to be willing to take the misses with the makes,” DuBose said. “You have to be willing to let them — especially if they’re young in the game — experiment with the serve to see what they can and can’t do with it and then what they can do in a match.”

The Aggies have invested a significant

amount of practice time this season into improving their play on serves.

“We’ll spend the first half hour of practice working on serves and serve receive,” DuBose said. “That’s how important we think it is.”

Although the improvement hasn’t come soon enough for USU to compete for the conference title this season, the players have noticed the foundation being laid.

“We serve all throughout practice, throughout the various drills that we do,” Day said. “You don’t really have to think about it as much after you do it awhile.”

Successful repetition — in practices and in games — strengthens the players’ trust in their serves.

“It’s really just a mental game,” Day said. “Being confident in what you’re able to do and then going back and performing that.”

In an inherently team-oriented sport, the serve stands out as a “blocked skill,” DuBose said.

“It’s like shooting a free throw,” he continued. “It’s just you and the ball.”

Just you and the ball.

Three dribbles.

A deep breath.

Two steps, gather momentum, throw the ball in the air.

Then go.

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## CAPSA

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CAPSA’s hotline ensures that a mobile crisis team advocate is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

“The first thing I will ask is ‘Are you safe at the moment?’ If they say no, I will tell them to call 911 and to call back when they are in a safe situation,” said Cassidy, a CAPSA volunteer, who didn’t want her last name disclosed.

CAPSA provides shelter, as well as support groups and services for those in dangerous and abusive situations.

“Our goal is to provide support services to individuals who have been impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault,” said James Boyd, Communications Director for CAPSA.

Within the last year, CAPSA has seen 481 clients and sheltered 288 individuals here in Cache Valley. Of those sheltered, 156 were children.

“To qualify for shelter means you are running for your life; this is not just anyone who needs a place to sleep. It’s you’re fleeing for your life and have no where else safe to go, and we will shelter you,” Boyd said.

Utah is, among sexual assault and domestic violence, one of the states with the highest numbers in the country. Nationally, one in four women will experience some form of these things some time in their life; in

Utah, according to the Utah Domestic Violence Coalition, it is one in three women, Boyd said.

Additionally, according to the Utah Domestic Violence Coalition, one in seven men will experience stalking, domestic violence or sexual assault in their lifetime.

“I wish I knew why. I’ve looked too and of all the other crimes reported we fall two or three times below [the national average]. But when it comes to sexual assault we fall higher than the national average,” said Jenny Erazo, director of the SAAVI department at Utah State University.

SAAVI stands for Sexual Assault and Anti-Violence Information. It has been USU’s personal student center against sexual violence for the past 11 years.

“My mission is to put myself out of a job, to create a campus where people are safe. To educate people. I am really looking to get a culture shift on campus where people are looking out for each other and helping each other,” Erazo said.

Erazo has been with the SAAVI department for the past three years.

“Each year since I’ve been here I’ve seen an increase of students coming into the office,” Erazo said.

She believes the increase of students is not increasing sexual harassment over the years, but believes instead

that more students are becoming better informed with the services they have available to them.

“Because there is a higher rate here in Utah, we are dealing with it everyday. Often the ones we deal with are months after [the assault or harassment],” Boyd said.

No matter the time of year, domestic abuse and sexual assault still happen. Information is key to helping prevent it.

“Our services are free and confidential, and we don’t judge. So come in speak to someone, we are the experts. We know what resources you have, what avenues you have, we can help you. Our goal is to empower you to make decisions you want to make,” Boyd said.

For more information about CAPSA, visit [capsa.org/en](http://capsa.org/en). For more information about SAAVI, visit [usu.edu/saavi](http://usu.edu/saavi) or email [saaviinfo@aggiemail.usu.edu](mailto:saaviinfo@aggiemail.usu.edu).

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# CALENDAR | OCT. 22 - OCT. 25

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## THURSDAY OCT 22

### PUMPKIN WALK

*Elk Ridge Park*

Free, 9:00 am

### ECOLOGY CENTER SEMINAR: 'INSECT DIAPAUSE: SHUTTING DOWN FOR THE WINTER' BY DR. DAVE DENLINGER

*USU WIDT 007*

Free, 4:00 pm

### FORTALECE TU FUTURO FIANCIERO/STRENGTHEN YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

*LDS Church*

Free, 6:00 pm

### DEATH OF A DIVA! DINNER OR DESSERT THEATRE

*Logan Country Club*

\$18-\$35, 7:00 pm

### CORN MAZE ON THE FARM

*American West Heritage Center*

\$5-\$12, All Day

## FRIDAY OCT 23

### PUMPKIN WALK

*Elk Ridge Park*

Free, 9:00 am

### HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

*North Logan City Library*

Free, 4:30 pm

### DOWNTOWN GHOST TOUR

*Thatcher-Young Mansion*

\$9, 7:00 pm

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\$9-\$12, 7:30 pm

### DRACULA

*Ellen Eccles Theater-Cache Valley Center for the Arts*

\$8-\$16, 7:30 pm

### THE ANTICS COMEDY IMPROV

*Utah Festival Opera & Musical Theatre*

\$5, 9:30 pm

### CORN MAZE ON THE FARM

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## SATURDAY OCT 24

### AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE CLASS

*USU Campus*

Free, 8:00 am

### PUMPKIN WALK

*Elk Ridge Park*

Free, 9:00 am

### FOUR PAWS RUN TO RESCUE 5K RUN/WALK

*King Nature Park*

\$10-\$15. \$10 early online registration until 21 Oct. \$15 day of registration, 10:00 am

### CACHE COMMUNITY: TECH FAIR

*Wilson Elementary School*

Free, 1:00 pm

### 4H HOWL-O-WEEN PARTY

*Logan Cache County Fairgrounds*

Free, 5:30 pm

### TEEN ACTIVITY

*North Logan City Library*

Free, 6:00 pm

### USU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

*Dee Glen Smith Spectrum*

See Website, 7:00 pm

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### 10TH WEST SCAREHOUSE

*10th West Scare House*

\$13, 7:30 pm

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## SUNDAY OCT 25

### SOCIAL BIKE RIDE

*Caffe Ibis*

\$5, 8:30 am



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