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No-shave November is generally thought of as facial hair, but some USU students are taking it across genders. see PAGE 5

THE EVOLUTION OF COLLEGE SHOOTING POLICIES



VIRGINIA TECH FRESHMAN EMILY CANIS sits on the parade field across from Norris Hall on Monday, April 16, 2007, on campus following a shooting that killed more than 30 people on campus earlier in the day.

By **Jackson Murphy**
WRITER

On Oct. 1 Christopher Harper-Mercer, a 26-year-old Umpqua Community College student, stormed his own introductory writing class. Mercer, who was described as quiet and reserved, would break character that morning, only to immediately gun down his professor and eight others. After a brief exchange of bullets with three officers, Mercer would pull the trigger to take his own life.

According to Everytown for Gun Safety — an advocate group for gun reform — there have been 160

school shootings in America since 2013. While this list includes violent and nonviolent incidents, Debra Jenson, assistant professor in the journalism and communication department at Utah State University, said it is for that reason every university has taken measures to have policies and communication plans in place.

“No matter what university I went to work at, you’ve probably got releases about weather, school closures for any reason,” Jenson said. “If you are preparing to that level, you are going to have something about an

active shooter or a violent episode on campus. And I would assume that there’s a release and a communications plan in place, somewhere for that specific event.”

Jenson explained that communication plans, while dependent on the industry, are written documents that an organization prepares because there is a likelihood an event will happen.

The plans, which are usually a result of industry patterns, are designed to be used in a crisis to establish protocols and contact information and help communicators worry about

the specifics of the situation.

In the case of a university, a pattern of the specifics that can occur with reckless and unpredictable shootings.

“Active shooters on campuses is something every school campus has to be concerned with. As a result of that, it’s something that every school campus has to prepare for, whatever that looks like,” Jenson said.

JR Allred, the director of USU’s Information Services from 1958 until 1994, which is now called USU Public Relations and Marketing, said that having a plan for an active

shooter was something the university had never even considered.

“I suppose it wasn’t something that came up, so nothing caused us to do so,” Allred said about formulating a plan. “We’d certainly be talking with people about it today.”

Jenson said the reason universities didn’t have plans a decade ago is because there wasn’t a pattern. Columbine was the first shooting that was big and shocking, something no one had ever seen before. And then Virginia Tech was where people started

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Rising up: Why there are so many new apartments under construction

By **Michael Burnham**
WRITER

With all the construction going on in Logan at the moment, particularly on apartment buildings, one may begin to wonder: why is all of this happening now?

Rumors have surfaced that Logan is expecting a large population boom and the city wants to kick all the students out of houses and get them into apartments instead.

The truth is a little different. “Logan actually is projecting less growth than the surrounding communities,” said Mark Nelson, the public works director for Logan. “We’re projecting to grow at about 1.5 percent per year.”

Nelson said the other communities surrounding Logan are expected to grow, and will continue to, but Logan will not.

“We will not see the growth that you’ll see in the outlying communities,” Nelson said.

Bill Young, the assistant public works director, said the growth in communities like Smithfield and Wellsville is residential growth. Within Logan, some growth is expected over the next few years, but that growth is all commercial — meaning it doesn’t factor into population growth.

Russ Holley, the senior planner for Logan, said the 1 to 1.5 percent growth rate, though true, can be a little deceiving.



CONSTRUCTION ON THE FACTORY, a new apartment complex opening in Logan. It is one of a few building projects happening in Logan right now,

“It’s exponential growth,” Holley said. “Our growth rate has been consistent, but as the population grows the rate increases. So how that 1 to 2 percent equates is we double about every 30 years. Right now, we’re at 50,000 people, so by 2045 we should be at a 100,000 people.”

Holley said most of that growth comes from within the community.

“Seventy percent of that is our kids, it’s non-migrant,” Holley said. “And 30 percent is migrant, or folks moving in from other areas.”

Holley said the student population is considered migrant.

John Mortensen, the vice president for Student Services on campus, said there was a large spike in student population on USU’s Logan campus this fall, but it has nothing to do with a population boom.

“We did have an increase in enrollment this fall,” Mortensen said. “Part of that was due to the tail end of the missionary age change that occurred a couple of years ago and part of it was due to increased recruiting efforts.”

Mortensen said the increase was record-setting.

“On Logan campus this fall, we were up 1,123 students over last year,” Mortensen said.

He said though enrollment always has changes from fall to spring and the effects of the spike will still be seen.

Steve Jenson, the executive director for housing and residence life at Utah State, said some changes are going to be made to housing plans on campus to accommodate some modest growth in student population, but nothing too radical.

“I don’t think there will be any huge growth spurts on this campus,” Jenson said. “This se-

mester we started to see more of the full effect of the LDS mission change, but I think from this point forward it will probably be pretty steady.”

Jenson said he thinks many investors are building student housing units due to a better building environment at the moment.

“I think some of it is that interest rates are pretty low right now,” Jenson said. “There are a lot of developers all over the nation that are out trying to build housing, particularly on college campuses.”

Jenson said the changes to on-campus housing will be replacement projects for Mountain View Tower and Valley View Tower.

“In 2017 we’ll be opening a new facility that will be replacing Valley View Towers,” Jenson said. “The plan right now is take Valley View down during the summer of 2017 and the new housing will come online fall of 2017.”

Though the buildings will be replaced, Jenson said the increase will be modest — 362 to 378 new beds in Valley View.

Holley said the new housing units being built are not part of a city plan to remove students from houses, but they are simply new product options.

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For the first time student in wheelchair joins ballroom class

By **Veronica Stephen**
WRITER

For the first time in the history of Utah State University, a student in a wheelchair has joined the ballroom dance class. Not only does she participate in the classroom activities, but she also participates in competitions as well.

Brittany Cox is a sophomore majoring in social work at USU. Seventeen years ago she was in a car accident in Logan Canyon that left her paralyzed from the waist down. "I have loved dancing since I was a little kid," Cox said. "When my accident happened, I didn't think it was even possible to dance."

But through the years she has found a way to keep doing what she loves.

"Over the years, as I got more involved in dancing, I realized they have wheelchair ballroom dance competitions, but they are either on the east or west coast. There is nothing in Utah," Cox said.

She signed up for ballroom dance this semester to fulfill a PE credit. She and the rest of the ballroom class participated in a competition. Brittany and her partner, Garrett, won first place for waltz.

Anne Francis, the ballroom dance teacher said that it was a good learning experience for both herself and the students in the class.

"Dancing with Brittany helped the men develop better leading skills, because Brittany would not have been able to move around the

floor without the men having tone in their arms. The skill of having tone in your arms seems simple enough but usually takes time to learn," Francis said.

Not only did they learn technical aspects of dance, but also consideration and friendship.

"Brittany brought out everyone's better self. Everyone in the class was helpful and considerate," Francis said.

Everyone in the class admired Brittany's courage and determination to do what she loves no matter what the circumstances.

"Having Brittany in class was a good experience. It reminded me that usually limitations are self-imposed by our way of thinking. Brittany showed that if we are willing to take risks and trust ourselves and others that we can accomplish or do anything," Francis said.

Brittany said that her experience here at USU has been very satisfactory so far, not only in the class, but also on campus.

"I love the campus here. Especially with winter, I am really impressed with how the school keeps the campus plowed, whereas when I go into town, it's not so easy to get around," Cox said.

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BRITTANY COX DANCES WITH HER PARTNER at the Ballroom Dance Showcase Wednesday night. PHOTO BY Jessica Barber

Phone, laptop charging stations coming to USU

By **Jillian McCarthy**
WRITER

The Utah State University Student Association and the USU sustainability office have been working on creating phone charging stations on campus. The two offices have been working separately on the project, though it started as one idea from a student who put in a suggestion on USU's myVoice.

The suggestion was for USU to put in multiple phone and computer charging stations throughout campus.

USU's sustainability office, also known as Blue Goes Green, has done the most so far in making charging stations a reality on campus.

"I did some research and data collection to narrow down a location and then wrote the grant," said Kody George, a student at USU and a volunteer with the sustainability office. "We have the grant approved for one to be put at the library outside of the Quadside Café. If that one is used and works well, we are going to try and get some put in at the Taggart Student Center, the TSC."

George said that the grant comes from student fees. There is a \$2 to \$3 student fee that comes out of student charges and is used solely for sustainable efforts on campus.

The charging station that will be outside of the library will be umbrella-shaped and will use solar energy to charge phones and computers. This charging station, due to being designed by the sustainability office, will be built to be energy-efficient.

"One of the reasons these umbrellas are so cool is that it puts solar energy directly in our hands," George said. "It allows us to sit outside and enjoy nature while using the power of the sun to also enjoy modern technology. It helps us see that renewable energy can be something that affects us everyday, it's a very tangible, effective way to be green and energy conscious."

The USUSA office is in the early planning stages of the project and is looking to start at the TSC. This charging station will differ from the one built by the sustainability office in that it will most likely only be for charging phones and not computers.

"A subcommittee is currently working on the logistics of the TSC charging station project," said Madison Maners, the USUSA Public Relations and Marketing director. "Because it's still quite early in the planning stages, the Executive Council felt it was important to spend time researching different scenarios before moving forward. Discussions have focused around providing a phone charging station, but if we see a need, we're willing to explore the idea of having computer charging available at these stations as well."

Maners said that this project is really the brainchild of Student Advocate Vice President Ashley Waddoups. Her subcommittee is looking into possible areas for collaboration with other groups on campus.

Waddoups is in charge of organizing student officers that would like to be involved in the project. She said that she would love to get together with the sustainability office so they can share their ideas and make the charging stations happen.

The sustainability office looks for ways to improve the campus using green, energy efficient methods, while the USUSA looks to improve students college experiences.

"We're always looking for ways to improve existing structures, and consider technology-related services to be one of those structures," Maners said. "Utah State has always led the way for student experience, and this project will be an extension of that."

USU's myVoice allows students to make suggestions, share their comments and voice their concerns to USUSA. Student advocates — anybody on the academic senate and the executive council — then checks myVoice and gets back to the students.

"A lot of people think that myVoice is just a place to voice a complaint, but it is also a way for students to voice their ideas on how the university can be improved," Waddoups said. "We really want students to feel they have a voice on campus."

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NATION & WORLD

Traffic halted, but few arrests, as hundreds march in Chicago after video release



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COMMUNITY REACTION TO THE RELEASE of the 2014 video of Laquan McDonald being shot by Chicago Police officer Jason Van Dyke, near Michigan Avenue and Balbo Street in Chicago on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015.

By **Dawn Rhodes, Tony Briscoe and Peter Nickeas**
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Hundreds of protesters weaved through downtown streets Tuesday night into Wednesday morning after Chicago officials released the video of the fatal shooting of a 17-year-old teen by a Chicago police officer.

The march halted traffic for a few minutes on Interstate 290 in and out of the city, just east of the bridge over the Chicago River, around midnight but the protest moved mostly between 18th Street and downtown, never going south of Cullerton or north of the Loop.

There were a few scuffles and one man, 22, was arrested after police said he punched an officer. Malcolm London, of the Austin neighborhood, was charged with aggravated battery to a police officer. The rest of those arrested, about six people, were cited for obstructing traffic, police said.

Many of the marchers chanted, “16 times,” referring to the number of bullets fired by Officer Jason Van Dyke at Laquan McDonald, 17. A dash-cam video showing the shooting near 41st Street and Pulaski Road in October of 2014 was released late Tuesday afternoon, hours after Van Dyke was charged with first-degree murder.

Before the march, dozens of black activists gathered inside an art gallery just south of Halsted Street and Roosevelt Road to talk about the video. Fresco Steez of the Black Youth Project 100 later asked reporters to be aware of protesters’ “raw” feelings.

“Tonight, what we’re having is another in-

stance of a killing, a public lynching of another young black man, so we’re asking you to give us some space to process our feeling around that. ... Their feelings might be raw,” Steez said.

Minutes later, the group emerged from the building, chanting. Activists later spilled into the streets, yelling in unison, “16 times.” They called for an overhaul of the Chicago Police Department, demanded more resources for disenfranchised communities and scoffed at city officials’ suggestions on how communities should react to the violent footage.

The demonstrators, numbering about 150, were accompanied into the South Loop by a police escort on bicycles and in squad cars. At Roosevelt and State Street, protesters locked hands, enveloping several police cars.

As the crowd grew to more than 300, police blocked protesters from crossing the Balbo Avenue bridge toward Columbus Drive, and there was a confrontation with police on bicycles. One officer fell beneath a bike, and a protester stomped on the bike.

At least three people were taken into custody, and one officer was taken to an ambulance.

After London was arrested, protesters tried to block the police SUV that was to take him to the Central District police station at 18th and State Streets, about a mile south. The driver tried to back the SUV east on Balbo, with an officer banging on the back window to signal the driver when it was OK to step on the gas.

But the driver eventually went over a curb and doubled back to Indiana Avenue as offi-

cers tried to move protesters out of the way.

Protesters eventually marched away, winding down more streets to gather at the Central District station, blocking traffic along the way.

“People are mad as hell,” said Page May, an organizer with We Charge Genocide. “It still feels so unnecessary.”

May said the frustration stems from the public statements by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and police Superintendent Garry McCarthy in the hours leading up to the video’s release. Emanuel said the publication of the video _ which he and city leaders tried to block for months _ could start a healing process for many Chicagoans.

“It was disgusting to try to claim any sense of moral superiority at this moment,” May said. “They’re out there trying to do damage control. How are they going to hold accountable a system that allowed this to happen in the first place?”

Earlier Tuesday, parents and guardians of students in Chicago Public Schools received an email from Janice Jackson, the district’s chief education officer, alerting them of the video’s release.

“This footage is sure to raise many emotions among our children, and we want you to know that CPS will do everything possible to meet their needs,” Jackson wrote.

The video will not be shown in schools but may be discussed in class, Jackson told parents. Teachers have received “a special toolkit” to help them talk to students about the incident. Counselors also will be available, the district said.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois released a statement regarding the video release, urging calm and asking for “productive discussion” about Chicago police interactions with the public.

“The anger and frustration expressed by many African-American residents of Chicago in viewing the video is understandable. Members of the African-American community have seen mistreatment and, sadly, violence at the hands of the police for too long in the city,” the organization said in a release. “We hope that we can seize this moment to improve all aspects of policing, with a commitment toward creating better relations between the public and police.

Earlier Tuesday, outside a Burger King restaurant near where McDonald was shot, speakers called on McCarthy to resign or be fired.

“Superintendent McCarthy knew about this tape a year ago, but he never said anything about it,” activist Tio Hardiman said. “The only reason they’re speaking up now is because the judge ordered the tape to be released. This is hypocritical.”

Others questioned the political motives behind the timing of Van Dyke being charged with murder and McCarthy pushing for the firing of Detective Dante Servin, who was unsuccessfully prosecuted for fatally shooting Rekia Boyd in 2012.

“If they felt (Van Dyke) should have been charged this morning, then they should have felt that way a year ago,” activist Quovadis Green said.

Turkey shoots down Russian fighter plane

By **Mitchell Prothero**
MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU

IRBIL, Iraq — The Turkish military Tuesday announced it shot down a Russian military aircraft near the Syrian border after it ignored multiple warnings and entered Turkish airspace, a charge Moscow immediately denied.

According to social media reports, which include videos, an Ankara-aligned Syrian rebel group captured one of the two pilots bailing out of the plane, which was filmed crashing. The other pilot remains

missing, but some footage released on local television and social media showed what appeared to be one of the pilots dead and his body being examined by Arabic speaking rebels.

The Russian defense ministry confirmed a plane that identified as an SU-24 strike aircraft had been shot down by ground fire over what it insists was Syrian airspace, where the Russians have conducted more than 4,000 airstrikes in the past two months in support of their ally, President Bashar Assad of Syria.

Initial Turkish media reports say

that F-16s intercepted two Russian planes as they approached Turkish airspace along the border and that one ignored 10 verbal warnings to turn back before the decision to shoot the plane down was approved.

In a statement the Turkish military said, “On Nov. 24, 2015 around 09:20 a.m. in Hatay Yayladag region, a plane of unknown nationality violated Turkish air space, more than 10 times in five minutes and was repeatedly warned about the violation,” it said. “The interception action was done in line with the

engagement rules of Turkey at 09:24 by the two F-16s patrolling in the area.”

Turkish officials told McClatchy they were prepared to provide NATO with coordinates; radar and radio traffic to prove the incident took place in Turkish airspace.

The incident could not come at a worse time in terms of Turkish-Russian relations, as Ankara has accused the large-scale Russian air campaign as supporting Assad against rebels aligned with Turkey and the West, while virtually ignoring the Islamic

State, which is the focus of a broad U.S.-led coalition of air strikes and occasional special operations attacks.

According to the Russian defense ministry, they operate at least 32 fixed wing aircraft from a base in western Syria, while long range bombers and cruise missiles from outside the region have also participated in strikes. The use of the long-range bombers, which must cross Iranian and Iraqi air space to reach Syria, led to the closure this week of Iraqi airspace to commercial flights.

STUDENT LIFE

USU BEARDS RIVAL BYU MUSTACHES



PHOTO BY **Johnny Morris**

(LEFT) STUDENTS WEAR BEARDS at the USU vs BYU football game Saturday morning to show their support and bring a little humor to the rivalry game. **(RIGHT) RYAN NEILSON, PROUD STUDENT AT USU, TRYING** on his new beard as he cheers on the Aggies at the USU vs BYU football game Saturday morning.

By **Katherine Lambert**
STUDENT LIFE EDITOR

“It’s itchy,” said sophomore in agricultural education, Robyn Evans as she tugged on the thick, black, synthetic beard held to her face with an elastic band.

Standing on the metal bleachers of the Maverick Stadium four rows away from the football field, she said she put up the itchiness for social reasons.

Beard-out social reasons.

Long or short, curly or straight, scraggly or bushy, Utah State University’s beards, real or fake, beat a certain student population — Brigham Young University’s.

And on Saturday at the USU vs. BYU game, that disparity was made very clear.

For the first 750 to enter the stadium Friday, thick, black beards were passed out as part of the beard-out, which was meant to raise awareness for Beards for Wayne.

And show off some USU facial hair.

This time of year, USU memes often depict the disparity of facial hair between the two because of a phenomenon known as No-shave November.

According to no-shave.org, No-shave November began as a way to increase awareness

for those with cancer. Participants can also donate the money they would normally use for grooming to various charities.

This year, USU students participating in No-shave November can join Beards for Wayne, a fundraiser for Wayne Nielsen, a Cache Valley resident, with muscular dystrophy.

But no matter the cause or season, BYU doesn’t even rival USU’s ability to grow beards.

According to the BYU honor code, “Sideburns should not extend below the earlobe or onto the cheek. If worn, moustaches should be neatly trimmed and may not extend beyond or below the corners of the mouth. Men are expected to be clean-shaven; beards are not acceptable.”

The only exception for beards is if a doctor from the BYU Student Health Center faxes a recommendation and the student’s request for a beard is approved.

However, Utah State University students are free to grow beards anytime of the year for any reason.

While education sophomore Conner Pendergast said he likes No-shave November because it gives him an excuse to grow out his

beard, he’s not limited to the month for growing facial hair.

“I’ve always like beards and being able to grow my facial hair, and you know, my wife really likes it,” said Conner Pendergast, a sophomore in education. “She let me have my beard for my wedding, so she would prefer letting me have all this facial instead of none at all.”

Mechanical engineering sophomore Joshua Guymon said he grows his beard, which goes past his chin, because he couldn’t grow facial hair while serving in the Navy.

He said once it got to a certain length, he just didn’t want to cut it.

Business administration senior Tyler Ketron said he always has a beard, whether or not it’s No-shave November.

“When it’s long enough, you can shave your face to where you can have a better jaw line or whatever,” Ketron said. “That’s what I use it for when it gets longer than this.”

But not everyone is as enthusiastic about facial hair.

“I get weird looks sometimes from old people,” Guymon said. “The other day I was outside my apartment alone and some lady was walking by and kind of walked faster.”

And there are some downsides to growing a beard.

Ketron said beard hair can get caught in the grower’s nose or mouth and it can be itchy at times.

“It keeps my chin warm, that’s really only the benefit,” Guymon said. “I don’t comb my hair, but I have to comb my beard.”

The time it takes to grow a beard depends on the person, but the end result is worth it for some.

“It takes patience,” Guymon said, “You look terrible for like three months so you just have to deal with that.”

But for those who don’t want to or can’t grow beards, the beard-out offered a chance to experience the good and the bad of facial hair.

“It’s keeping my face warm,” said biology senior Jacob Blotter, as he stood in the 20 degree weather for the BYU vs. USU football game. “I feel like it’s a little fun we can have with them [BYU].”

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What’s streaming for students in Decemeber



December can be super stressful for students. From the final exam that you struggle with to trying to get money to pay next semester’s tuition, there are many things that can be hard. These movies and shows should be able to help you

get through the month without losing your cool.

NETFLIX:
“A VERY MURRAY CHRISTMAS” (DEC. 12)

Are you sick of the same old Christmas movies? Is watching “It’s a Wonderful Life” a horrible experience for you? Well, look no further this comedy Christmas special that is sure to entertain everyone. The one warning I would give is it does have Miley Cyrus in it, and with her there’s no guarantee of what could happen. Additionally, the mixed hybrid of part-show part-behind-the-scenes antics should be entertaining, especially with a comedic genius such as Bill Murray. Additionally, this is a Net-

flix exclusive, so it can only be watched there.

“THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS” (DEC. 4)

If you need help staying up to study for finals, check this classic film out. This psychological thriller/horror movie is chilling to say the least, and was rightfully nominated for many awards. It is not for the squeamish or faint of heart, but it is great. The premise is that an FBI agent works with one psychotic monster to catch another before even more victims suffer a cruel fate.

AMAZON PRIME:
“INTERSTELLAR” (DEC. 12)

It’s surprising to me how many people haven’t seen the modern

masterpiece that is “Interstellar.” This was made by Christopher Nolan, the director of other great movies such as “The Dark Knight,” “Inception” and more. “Interstellar” could be his best work to date. It’s breathtaking visuals and masterful soundtrack are what really set it apart more than anything, and its story is great. I won’t spoil too much, but it follows one man’s journey as he travels in space and time attempting to not only save his family, but his planet as well.

HULU:
“CHARLIE BARTLETT” (DEC. 1)

When life can be hard and stressful, it’s nice to watch something that makes you feel good. This is exactly what this movie can do for

you. A few years old, this movie follows the preppy genius, Charlie Bartlett, as he tries (and fails) to not get into trouble. This coming-of-age story is great for anyone who feels lost or a needs a pick-me-up. Additionally, this movie contains great performances from a young Kat Dennings and veteran actor Roberd Downey Jr.

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NOT JUST A BOYS' CLUB: Women participate in No-shave November

By **Whitney Howard**
WRITER

Epic beards come to life for No-shave November, but that doesn't mean people who can't grow one can't join the fun.

Lily Palmer, vice president of the Utah State University Perspectives club, and her roommate Holly Robinson, a sophomore in social work, made their legs a razor-free zone for No-shave November. This is their first time participating.

"I wanted to try it just because if guys get to grow out their beards and not shave, then I think girls should be able to grow their leg hair," Palmer said.

Going natural doesn't come without its nuisances, Palmer said. Her legs get dry and itchy, long hairs poke through leggings, and sometimes it's tempting to cave in.

Robinson, on the other hand, enjoys not having to keep up an extensive shaving routine.

"I like it. I take shorter showers, save water," Robinson said.

Despite the convenience of not shaving, society gives men more free reign on what they can do with their body hair. For some men, shaving is optional. For some women, shaving feels mandatory.

While all genders hold grooming and appearance standards, women have a much narrower line to walk in terms of what is acceptable, said Erin Hofmann, assistant professor of sociology at Utah State University.

"Women are punished more for social sanctions when they don't conform to this narrow view of what physical attractiveness should be," Hofmann said.

An online meme reads, "Women who participate in No-shave November will also participate in No-D December," implying that women who grow their body hair are repulsive to men.

Hofmann referenced media set in a

post-apocalyptic world, such as "The Walking Dead," as an example of grooming expectations. Men grow beards to depict that they are going through a rough time. On the contrary, women are never shown with underarm hair or bushy eyebrows.

"It's not too gross to show a decomposing body, but armpit hair? There's this sort of social disgust for women's body hair that doesn't exist for men," Hofmann said.

As for why women are held to a higher standard, people can only speculate.

"We're supposed to be seen as the more feminine, clean gender. I don't know why. Having no hair is seen as pretty for some reason," Palmer said. "It's a big deal, too, if women don't shave. They're like, 'Oh, my gosh! Look how hairy your legs are!' But if you never shaved, they would be real hairy."

On top of societal norms, the No-shave November movement in general is depicted as a boys' club, Hofmann said.

No Shave November's website does not specify that participants have to be men. However, mustaches and beards are exclusively depicted on their merchandise, while hairy legs are absent.

There is a battle of the sexes element as well, Hofmann said. No-shave November is commonly depicted as men growing beards in order to defy their girlfriends or wives. The first result in Urban Dictionary for "No-shave November" ends with, "But the real men among us will not only not shave but will have sex anyway, once again proving the theory that women are always wrong."

"I think women get signals from the movement as well that they're not entirely welcome," Hofmann said.

Some women challenge this idea by choosing not to shave. They may decide against shaving because it's generally time-consuming and expensive. It's not uncommon for women to cut down on shaving during the colder months, when legs are bundled in pants and boots.

"Lily and I have a joke. Don't shave in any of

the 'r' months, in any month but summer," Robinson said.

Others don't shave to make a statement, whether it's a feminist statement or to express solidarity for cancer patients who lost their hair during chemotherapy.

Regardless of how body hair is kept, it's all ok, Palmer said.

"I just think if you have leg hair, if you don't

have leg hair, if you have arm hair or if you're a girl and you have chest hair, or whatever you have, I think it's perfectly fine. I don't think you should shave just because people think it's pretty," Palmer said.

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PHOTO BY **Makenzi Morrison**
LILY PALMER SHARES some experiences participating in No-shave November this year.

Rejection is a way of life, but not something to get used to



Rejection is awful. Whether you're trying to get a job or a date, rejection is always possible. The kicker is it doesn't matter how talented, smart or attractive you are. Rejection happens to ev-

eryone from time to time.

Even knowing all of that, it's hard for your self-esteem not to be punched in the gut as a result. Or, in some cases, thrown off of a cliff into a pond full of lava, which just so happens to be the home of lava-proof piranhas.

In my experience, college is a prime time for self-discovery, major life changes and more rejection than you even know what to do with.

There is nothing worse than busting your ass on an assignment only to receive a grade that doesn't reflect your effort.

Oh, wait. On second thought, I can think of something worse. It's when you get turned down for jobs

you know you would have rocked at had you only been given a chance. The sting doesn't lessen when this happens for the same job multiple times.

Not to mention I'm constantly surrounded by amazing, intelligent, talented, beautiful people on a day-to-day basis. It's hard not to compare yourself to others, especially when rejection is still raw.

Watching people beat you out at opportunities is hard when you know that you're every bit as smart or capable as they are. Yet the voice in the back of your head is incessantly whispering, "But am I, really?"

It takes every ounce of my self-control not to scream out,

"Why? Why am I not seeing any benefit to how hard I'm working? Why am I not good enough? Why does everything come so easily for him/her? Why do I even try?"

There was nothing like repeated rejection to sap the life and motivation right out of me. I'm usually an ambitious person, but there was nothing that made me feel more helpless than to feel my own inner-fire extinguish.

If you got this far into my column looking for a magic bullet of advice on how to overcome rejection, I'm sorry to say that I don't have one. I'm still figuring that out.

I can say this, though. This is easier said than done, but know that there is a point. Someday there will

be people who will recognize your potential and see your hard work, and they won't be dumb enough to pass that up.

This quote from Jason Mraz is also comforting to me, "No doesn't mean forever. It simply means, 'Not right now.' And on the topic of not right now, whatever happened to you in the past is not happening to you now."

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OVERWHELMED:

Aggies suffer first loss of season to defending national champs

By **Kalen Taylor**
SPORTS EDITOR

Utah State men's basketball recorded its first loss on the season with an 85-53 effort at No. 6 Duke in Durham, North Carolina, at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

"We're a better program than that," said USU head coach Tim Duryea. "We were extremely selfish offensively and soft defensively and not a performance to be proud of."

The Aggies are now 4-1 on the year with the loss and the Blue Devils are 6-1 after beating USU in the first-ever meeting before the two teams.

Duke took an 11-point lead into the half and came out firing in the second half to extend its lead. Utah State allowed the Blue Devils to go on a 19-2 run to start the second half which pushed DU's lead to 57-29.

"It was not really a matter of Xs and Os at that point," Duryea said. "It was a matter of giving in mentally ... We have to be more mature than that on the defensive end."

It took USU over five minutes to score in the second when Shane Rec-tor hit a jump shot to end the draught.

Duke responded with a Matt Jones 3-point shot and continued to roll, dominating Utah State in the battle for rebounds and in perimeter shooting.

Duke shot 55 percent during the game and hit 8 of 15 from behind the arc. Four 3s came from freshman guard Luke Kennard. Kennard shot 77 percent from the floor and was the game's leading scorer with 22 points off the bench.

"Overall in the first five games, my shot just wasn't falling," Kennard said. "My shot fell tonight and then my teammates, they did a great job of finding me when I was open."

Joining Kennard with 22 points was starting Devils' point guard Grayson Allen.

"I especially liked Grayson Allen's reaction to Luke," said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski. "That's what I love about my upperclassmen, they could

not be happier when a kid does well. I thought it picked Grayson up to see Luke starting to hit shots."

Chris Smith was the only Aggie to score in double figures with 13 points. Smith connected on 3 of 5 from beyond the 3-point line. As a team, USU hit only three of 12 attempts from 3-point land.

Elston Jones was the Aggies leading rebounder with only five boards. Amile Jefferson led Duke with 9 boards and as a team Duke outre-bounded Utah State 40 to 26.

"We didn't play our game," Smith said. "We got into their game and didn't play anywhere like we knew we could play ... We didn't show up like we normally do."

Next up for Utah State is another road game Tuesday at Missouri State in Springfield, Missouri.

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF **USU Media Relations**
JALEN MOORE attempts a layup over Duke's Marshall Plumlee at Cameron Indoor on Sunday.

DUKE DEMORALIZES UTAH STATE



PHOTOS COURTESY OF **USU Media Relations**
CHRIS SMITH attempts a shot surrounded by Duke defenders.

By **Kalen Taylor**
SPORTS EDITOR

"We've got to get it back," Utah State guard Chris Smith said. "We can't focus on the past, we've just got to go on Tuesday."

The past Smith speaks of is the 85-52 loss to No. 6 Duke at home in Cameron Indoor Stadium, the Aggies first-ever game against the Blue Devils.

"Now we know what it feels like to play a top ACC team," Smith said. "We've got to get ready for conference. Now we know what to expect and what it takes to compete at this high of a level."

USU men's basketball didn't just lose to Duke in North Carolina. The team got beat in nearly every facet of the game, a point not lost by first-year head coach Tim Duryea.

"I don't think there was one redeeming quality about our performance," Duryea said. "It was a tremendous atmosphere obviously. An honor to play here and coach against Coach K, but I didn't think we responded to any of that in a positive way."

The game left the Aggies with plenty to improve on in the upcoming games, starting with shooting.

"We knew that they were hitting everything," Smith said. "Our shots aren't falling. We weren't getting open or getting good shots. One team is hitting, another team isn't."

Things started out a little slow for Utah State, who shot just 37 percent from the floor and 16 percent from behind the 3-point line in the first half. So far this season, USU shoots 49 percent from the floor and 31 percent from behind the arc.

The second half proved to be even worse. Duke went on a 19-2 run to start the final 20 minutes. The Aggies shot 28 percent from the floor in the second, bringing their total to 33 percent for the game.

"I thought we were selfish offensively," Duryea said. "Too many individual agendas tripped us up on the offensive end ... You can't miss layups and get the ball

Final game leaves us with questions



Logan Jones

TRAIL
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Well, this game pretty much summed up the season, didn't it? A flash of vintage Keeton here and there, defensive stops and miscues, an atrocious kicking unit and ultimately too many costly mistakes. If you were to wrap USU's entire season of highs and lows into four freezing quarters of football, you'd get a 51-28 loss that left everyone raising uncomfortable what-if questions the rest of the weekend.

WHAT IF KEETON STAYED HEALTHY?

Chuckie Keeton didn't get to ride off into the sunset with one final victory like Aggie fans had hoped, but he did play a heck of a final game at Maverik Stadium. After running in Utah State's first touchdown from 52 yards out, Keeton etched his name in the record books with a picture-perfect lob to Hunter Sharp for touch-

down pass No. 61 — the most in school history. It was a fitting end to the Keeton era at Utah State, and he'll be forever associated with the program's 2012 resurrection.

The game wasn't the complete Keeton takeover fans wanted, but there were some positive moments for a guy who truly has given his best football years to this university.

WHAT IF USU'S KICKING WASN'T HOT GARBAGE?

Here's some basic football theory — if you can't get any points from drives deep into opponent territory, you're probably going to lose games. Utah State has missed field goals so consistently this season the crowd actually groaned when they saw the kicking unit take the field in the third quarter. When will coaches realize a blocked kick is essentially a turnover?

The Aggies now missed all but one of their past seven field goal tries — that's unheard of. That's a grade lower than an F-. If you turned in one of your past seven stats assignments, you'd be retaking the class in the spring. If newsprint allowed for entire paragraphs to be typed in all caps, this would be shouting off the page. There were several factors that tilted this game in BYU's favor, but none so drastically as USU's complete incompetence in the kicking game.

WHAT IF OUR SECONDARY WAS CONSISTENT?

It seems like an eternity since the tandem of Brian Suite and Frankie Sutura patrolled the field for the Aggies, picking off carefree passes and generally frustrating inexperienced quarterbacks. Somehow Utah State technically ranks ninth in the nation against the pass even after Tanner Mangum carved up the Aggie defense one deep jump-ball after another. With so many lobs toward the end zone, it's reasonable to assume USU would snag at least one interception, or force some form of turnover over the course of four quarters.

Turns out after that burst of fumble recoveries against Boise State and a fortunate forced fumble in the end zone against Nevada, the Aggies reverted back to their early-season ways at exactly the wrong time. USU failed to force a turnover in four of its final six games.

As fun as keeping the Old Wagon Wheel would've been, this Utah State team just didn't deserve to hold onto the coveted trophy this year. Big mistakes turned into easy points for the Cougars, and inconsistency in all three phases of the game spelled defeat well before the final horn sounded.

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CHUCKIE KEETON SCRAMBLES down the field against BYU on Saturday. The Aggies lost to the cougars 51-28.

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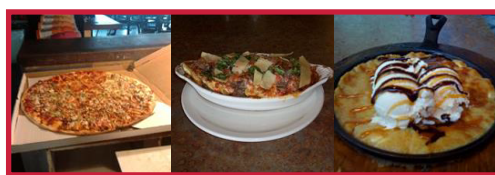
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OPINION

Do what you can in the face of tragedy



There are things happening out in the world daily that most people just simply don't have control over. There is no way for the average citizen in the United States to stop wars in foreign nations, worldwide hunger and homelessness or to change the

major decisions made by government officials. This last week and a half alone has been overwhelming, with mass terrorist attacks, hundreds of thousands of fleeing refugees finding fewer places to turn, and people everywhere attacking and shouting over social media about what a messed-up world we live in. But what can any of us do about it? I am not stating this question ignorantly to imply that there are no solutions to be found. There are answers everywhere. What I am doing is posing a question that flashes through each of our minds and through each of our mouths when we hear about things like the terror-

ist actions in Paris and Beirut. We all ask this. But, then, how do we answer that question, honestly? The night Paris was attacked and I heard the news, I was one of many to change my profile picture on Facebook to show the French flag. There are plenty of people who have taken to social media saying this outward expression is just that — an expression. It will do nothing for the people suffering due to what happened. That it is only a status or profile picture or whatever to make everyone think you are doing something or that you care. I say, shut up. This is what I know I can do now, so I'm going to do it. It never is just about changing a profile picture, sending a passionate tweet or ranting on Facebook. It's

about wanting to do something and choosing to do act, even if it seems to be in the most inconsequential thing possible. It's about standing for what is right and not backing down, even if your words will only reach your friends or fellow college students on social media or readers of the school newspaper. Change your profile pictures. Update your status. Share a blogpost. Write a letter to public leaders. Stand with Paris. Stand with Beirut. Stand with the refugees searching only for homes to warm their children and pillows to lay their heads on. Do what you can and do it with courage, even if nobody on the other side of the world will ever know you are standing by their side through it all. We all have our voices. We have our

words, our actions, our beliefs in what is right and what is absolutely not. It may not change everything, but it can have an impact on how others see the world and their personal influence in it. It can change something, and that includes yourself. — Mandy is a senior majoring in journalism, with a minor in political science. However, she is currently deliberating whether writing fluffy pieces about nature wouldn't make her happier than the world of politics after graduation, which is only one semester away. Reach her at: mandy.m.morgan@aggiemail.usu.edu or @mandy_morg.

BLACK FRIDAY: Not what it used to be



Black Friday used to be something of a rite of passage. Children were once left alone as placeholders in line at Circuit City while parents shopped for newly released iPods and DVDs. College kids hauled generators to the local Best Buy and literally camped out overnight for a shot at one of about 15 Wii gaming consoles at 6 a.m. It was a weird tradition, but it was an experience. Something about finding every season of "House" 50 percent off brought friends and families together. Plus, when else would you see the entire population of your town out and about before dawn?

cheap wrapping paper, when you should all be at home in a comfortable food coma. You've probably seen a good amount of social media posts about how it's bad that big mean corporations are forcing employees to work on holidays instead of just being patient and leaving Black Friday alone. While that's certainly the most egregious aspect of Black Friday, the trend that bugs me somewhat irrationally is this idea that the experience can be reproduced without packing into the family van while it's still dark outside and listening to the Charlie Brown Christmas soundtrack on the way downtown. Black Friday isn't the only regular offender. Midnight showings for movies were inexplicably moved to like 7:30 p.m. a few years ago, as if that was supposed to be cool with everyone. It's not. The beauty of the true midnight showing was the hilarious, oft-intoxicated crowd that would show up and wait for hours in line just to see "Pacific Rim" before anyone else. The late showtime attracted a particular group of people who made the entire viewing experience fun — people who would laugh harder, cheer louder, throw more candy at the screen and so on. I get that in the eyes of cinemas and shopping malls, trying to replicate these cool experiences for more customers is how they make their money. But you just can't replicate what's supposed to be a unique experience by making it more available to people. Black Friday has managed to hold onto everything that makes it terrible without any of the positives that used to give it charm.

Now, to put it bluntly, Black Friday shopping is lame. If anything, it puts a strain on families trying to cook Thanksgiving dinner together since it generally starts on Thursday at about 3 p.m. Not only is it wrong for any unnecessary work to happen on a holiday, it's not even worth it anymore. Black Friday deals used to be the Super Bowl commercials of shopping — for one magical day each year it wasn't an annoyance, rather it was something to look forward to. Microwaves were free with every purchase. Stocking stuffers were just stacked in barrels around the local Target with a sign saying, "Free if you can make it to the door without getting mugged." It was awesome. Now the poor cashiers at Walmart have to clock in Thursday night so you can buy your dumb ugly Christmas sweater and some

everything that we can to make sure that those who served our country have their basic human needs met. But that does not mean that we cannot also help refugees who are fleeing the same problems that we are afraid to face. Those two things do not need to be exclusive of each other. Another topic of discussion that often comes up is that we must have all guns or no guns. Every time there is a school shooting — which is almost weekly lately — the first thing that comes up is not mourning or sorrow for the victims and their families. The first thing that people bring up is that the shooting happened because guns are too readily available. The next order of business is to ridicule those who say this because "criminals will get their hands on guns anyway. We should not penalize those who want to obey the law because of the actions of those who will not obey it regardless." Lost in all of this is the fact that real human lives have been lost and that real suffering is still happening. The solution to every problem is not right in the middle. However, it is not generally on the far right or far left. Compromise is a better solution than obstinate refusal to negotiate. Or we could all just stay firm and resolute in our hatred for each other and watch our country as we know it dissolve and disappear.

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Not everything is mutually exclusive



Stop me if you have heard any of this before: If you support #BlackLivesMatter, you must be anti-law enforcement. If you support any conservative policies, you cannot support other liberal policies. If you love America, you cannot be a soccer fan. People believe that opposing viewpoints should not exist in the same sphere. Moreover, many believe that people who hold those opposing viewpoints should not be allowed to state them because they are either insensitive or overly politically correct. This concept is a problem. Opposing viewpoints are a good thing for this country. They are what help to keep our democracy functioning. If we all had the same points of view, any system of government would be pointless because we would all agree on everything. Life would be boring. The latest example of this problem is all over your Facebook feed. "As Obama Touts Refugee Resettlement, Many Veterans Go Homeless." Of course veteran homelessness is a problem. Of course we should be doing

— Tristan Boyce is a senior hoping that the job market will be kind to him in the coming months. He is asking you to do the right thing. Also, follow him on Twitter @Tristan_Boyce1.

Letter to the editor

We need to act on climate change

One of the most urgent issues we face is the damage we are causing to Earth's climate. There is an overwhelming consensus among climate scientists that the climate is changing and human activities are largely the cause. This issue isn't political; it is about wise stewardship of our resources and the legacy will leave for future generations. We can and we must act. That's why I support a revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend system to gradually reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that harm the planet's climatic balance. This common-sense system would place a fee on dirty fossil fuels and other sources of greenhouse gasses and return those fees right back to American households. Border adjustments would keep American companies competitive and dis-

courage them from moving operations overseas. Through carbon fee and dividend, we can promote clean, home-grown energy, including right here in Utah. We are responsible to be good stewards of God's creation and provide a bright future for families here in Utah and around the world. Carbon fee and dividend will be a huge step in that direction. As students, we have a powerful voice in the public sphere. It's up to us to make it heard. — Anders Hart anderspeterhart@gmail.com



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BASKETBALL

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five or six feet from the basket and come away without getting fouled or scoring. Very demoralizing and we really let that affect us.”

Duke shot 64 percent overall and 71 percent from behind the arc in the second.

“I think we let the fact that it was tough for us on the other end (offensive) wilt us down,” Duryea said. “We really just got soft and the game absolutely got away from us. We have to be more mature than that on defense.”

Another aspect of the game that left want for more was post presence and rebounding.

The Aggies were out-rebounded 40-26. The Blue Devils scored 38 points in the paint and 12 second chance points. Duke also had eight blocked shots and nine steals.

“Those big guys are a presence defensively,” Duryea said. “They are experienced, and they did a good job around the rim. They are going to make it hard for you even if you are doing the right things and have the right mindset. We did not.”

USU doesn’t have much time to right its wrongs. Its next game is coming on Tuesday against Missouri State.

“I told them in the post-game locker room that I wasn’t happy with that performance,” Duryea said. “I wish we could play or practice tonight but we have to travel. We need to be ready to go Tuesday night ... I think it has to do with our mentality defensively and a whole different mentality offensively.”

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ELSTON JONES THROWS UP A SHOT contested by Duke’s Marshall Plumlee during USU’s 85-52 loss to Duke on Sunday.

SHOOTING

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CLOE POISSON/HARTFORD COURANT/MCT
FBI SWAT TEAM MEMBERS walk along Dickinson Drive near Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, Friday, December 14, 2012. Twenty-seven people, including 18 children, have been killed in a shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

to ask why there wasn’t a plan in place.

When officials see others being asked why they didn’t have a plan in place before something happened, it helps spark them to start preparing themselves, in case of emergencies, Jensen said.

“I really think it’s gotten to a point where we just assume everybody has a plan for it. Maybe, because after Sandy Hook a lot of people decided, everybody is a target,” Jensen said. “If you are a part of that organization — not in a way to cover yourself or save face, but honesty in an effort to prepare for something like this and save lives and minimize harm — you have these plans in place.”

Josie Iroz, a nutrition and dietetics senior at USU, said that an active shooter on campus is something she has thought about, especially after the shooting at Umpqua.

“I think that there is a false sense of security in Logan. We do have low crime rates, but that doesn’t mean that because of that it couldn’t happen at our school,” Iroz said. “We

just as well could have an active shooter on our campus as any other school in our nation. and because we are a state college, we can’t enforce on concealed carry. You can have a weapon at anytime in any class.”

Iroz said while there is no reason to be overly-paranoid, “Everyone should see it as a possible concern, they should know the plan,” Iroz said.

Students can find USU’s Department of Public Safety emergency management plan for an active shooter here.

Students can also sign up for USU Emergency Alert Messaging System, named Code Blue at usu.edu/alert to receive information when there is an emergency situation on campus. The system will alert them via email, text and phone message for threats to personal safety, fires, snow closures, evacuations, severe weather and building closures.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- This is a report of woodpeckers in the area of 460 Red Fox Terrace.
- Officers spoke with a complainant who had concerns about a brother being harassed by an ex-girlfriend. The complainant did not want Officers to investigate the incident.
- Police responded to the report of a criminal mischief incident near Willow Drive. The complainant stated a male juvenile was out of control and had possibly overdosed. The juvenile was transported to the hospital by ambulance.
- Officers responded to the area

of 330 N 400 E on a report of two females arguing in an apartment. Officers attempted to make contact with the females inside the apartment but were unsuccessful.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- Report of a juvenile playing in the snow with no shoes on in the area of 1000 South.
- Officers received a report of a missing person who’s vehicle was found at the South Wal-Mart. The person of interest later contacted the complainant and stated they had been stuck in Logan Canyon due to the snow.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- Traffic stop results in driver arrested for an FTA warrant.
- Officers responded to a residence in Hyrum to assist Cache County Sheriff’s office deputies at the report of an in progress burglary. It was found that a large bird had flown through a basement window and was making the noise in the home. No arrest was made.
- Report of a domestic dispute in the Cache Valley Mall. The complainant witnessed a male individual get in a physical altercation with a female individ-

ual. Officers are investigating the incident.

- Officers responded to the area of 1300 N 400 E on a report of a tree that hadfallen onto a vehicle. The vehicle and tree were both on private property. Theowner of the vehicle and owner of the tree were informed of the incident. No further police action taken.
- Officers responded to a false alarm at a business. Officers believe the alarm was caused by high winds.

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