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Provost stresses enforcing policies

BY LINDSAY NEMELKA AND CHRIS LEE
staff writers

University Provost Raymond Coward informed Faculty Senate members Monday of the university's noncompliance with its own policy regarding faculty overtime.

The current policy was adopted 15 years ago and has not changed since 2004, however, faculty taking too much overtime may cause future problems for the university, he said.

"We're bringing attention to it because the reality is that we're out of compliance with our own policy," Coward said. "It is one thing to not have a policy, and then if you're audited you're often told to create a policy; it's quite something different if you have a policy and not be in compliance with your own policy."

Coward said about \$6 million is being spent per year on overtime but believes hiring more teachers would compensate.

"For years we've responded that the lower teaching loads that we have are because of the quality of what it takes to be a good instructor in the class," Coward said. "Lower teaching loads are consistent with the expectations of our faculty to be active scholars."

Until the rules are changed, he said, university administra-



PROVOST RAYMOND COWARD discusses policy enforcement in the Faculty Senate meeting on Jan. 9. The university needs to enforce existing policies to avoid problems in the event of an audit, Coward said, and USU may be out of compliance with policies regarding overtime. The university currently spends about \$6 million a year on overtime. *KIMBERLY SHORTS photo*

tors are required to enforce them.

"We have policies — they're on the record. We have an obligation and responsibility to move forward with them or to change them," Coward said.

Also during the meeting, associate librarian Flora Shrode proposed an addition to USU policy. The new policy will ask published researchers to request permission from their publisher to post their article online in

USU's digital commons, Schrode said. If the publisher declines, however, the researcher can still publish the article, Shrode said.

"We absolutely do not mean to control your publishing by

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RENTAL TEXTBOOKS give options to students looking to cut costs. The Bookstore labels textbooks available as rentals with a blue and white tag. About one fifth of the Bookstore's stock is rentable. *CODY GOCHNOUR photo*

Bookstore offers on-campus rental service

BY CATHERINE BENNETT
editor in chief

The option to rent books has been available to college students for about three years, said David Parkinson, director of the USU Bookstore, but only this year can USU students rent and return their books on campus.

About 20 percent of the bookstore's stock is rentable for one semester, Parkinson said, and though it creates a little more work to track students who do not return their books, the renting process is simple. All books are due back the Friday of finals week, he said.

"It's nice not to have to ship the books back," said Kassi Brandow, an undeclared freshman who rented two of her books this semester. "I think it's worth it because with buy back you never know what you are going to get

back."

The option to access textbook rentals from various companies outside of USU is still available, Parkinson said. Many students still use these companies because they have all the textbooks students are looking for.

Brandow rented one psychology textbook for \$64, which would have cost her \$87 had she purchased it used. She said she saved even more on her statistics book, originally \$93 but also \$64 to rent.

By renting their textbooks, students can save about half of what they would pay for them, said Ashley Hilton, the textbook department manager for the USU Bookstore.

"The ones that see this option like it," Hilton said, "but there is a learning curve."

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Executive Council discusses semester preparations, goals

BY TIM BARBER
staff writer

To kick off the new year, the ASUSU Executive Council met officially for the first time since the winter break to address a handful of housekeeping items and prepare for an eventful semester.

"For everyone serving on the council, reality hits and priorities change; however, I would hope a fresh start to the semester helps us maintain the enthusiasm that our council has felt since we were first inaugurated," Kirsten Frank, ASUSU executive vice president said.

A few legislative items tabled over the break will soon resurface. The council will also soon address the upcoming Student Fee Board decision.

"There will likely be a lot of possible fee increases that will be proposed," Erik Mikkelsen, ASUSU president, said.

Potential student fees present a dilemma, Mikkelsen said, and he wants to be able to maintain a certain level of quality with student programming and at the same time keep events affordable for students.

Both Mikkelsen and Frank expressed enthusiasm to review student feedback regarding the fee board decisions. Some students have contacted ASUSU Executive Council personally.

"We really have some tough challenges to address and decisions to make regarding these fees," Frank said. "I really do not know any members of the Executive Council that would not be happy to explain their responsibilities and answer any student's questions who took the time to come visit us up here on the third floor of the TSC."

Upcoming ASUSU elections also are another major annual event for the Executive Council, as new candidates will begin to develop platforms and set out on campaigns.

"I would love to see our council show real commitment to the new ASUSU officers who will soon be elected in February and really prepare our replacements to be successful," Mikkelsen said. "I think it shows the real leadership to mentor whoever will take their place and help them to perform better than their predecessors."

The council also took the opportunity to recognize the achievements of the Residence Hall Association (RHA). The student organization placed first nationally in competition for the Student Award for Leadership Training (SALT) award from the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH).

"We found out on Friday, Jan. 7 that we had been selected from the 16 finalists in the running to receive the SALT award," Bryce Sprosty, RHA Public Relations and Advocacy chair, said.

"It really is exciting and satisfying for us to receive the award," Sprosty said. "One of the RHA executive council's goals for this school year was to

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Romney beats rival candidates in N.H. primary

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Mitt Romney cruised to a solid victory in the New Hampshire primary Tuesday night, picking up steam from his first-place finish in the lead-off Iowa caucuses and firmly establishing himself as the man to beat for the Republican presidential nomination.

"Tonight we made history," Romney told cheering supporters before pivoting to a stinging denunciation of President Barack Obama. "The middle class has been crushed ... our debt is too high and our opportunities too few," he declared — ignoring the rivals who had been assailing him for weeks and making clear he intends to be viewed as the party's nominee in waiting after only two contests.

His Republican rivals said otherwise, looking ahead to South Carolina on Jan. 21 as the place to stop the former Massachusetts governor. Already, several contenders and committees supporting them had put down heavy money to reserve time for television advertising there.

Even so, the order of finish — Ron Paul second, followed by Jon Huntsman, with Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum trailing — scrambled the field and prolonged the increasingly desperate competition to emerge as the true conservative rival to Romney.

With his victory, Romney became the first Republican to sweep the first two contests in competitive races since 1976. Based on partial returns, The Associated Press estimated that turnout would exceed the 2008 record by about 4 percent.

Romney fashioned his victory despite a sustained assault by rivals eager to undermine his claim as the contender best situated to beat Obama and help reduce the nation's painfully high unemployment. Gingrich led the way, suggesting at one point that Romney, a venture capitalist, was a corporate raider. The front-runner's defenders said the rhetoric was more suitable to a Democratic opponent than a conservative Republican.

Returns from 69 percent of New Hampshire precincts showed Romney with 38 percent of the vote, followed by Texas Rep Paul with 24 percent, former Utah Gov. Huntsman with 17 percent and former House Speaker Gingrich and former Pennsylvania Sen. Santorum with 10 percent each.

In interviews as they left their polling places, New Hampshire voters said the economy was the issue that mattered most to them, and a candidate's ability to defeat Obama outranked other qualities.

Romney had won in Iowa by a scant eight votes over Santorum, and gained barely a quarter of the vote there.

On Tuesday, he battled not only his rivals but also high expectations as the ballots were counted, particularly since his pursuers had virtually conceded New Hampshire, next-door to the state Romney governed for four years.

Seeking to undercut Romney's victory, Gingrich and others suggested in advance that anything below 40 percent or so would indicate weakness by the nomination front-runner.

They didn't mention that Sen. John McCain's winning percentage in the 2008 primary was 37 percent.

Romney's win was worth at least four delegates to the Republican National Convention next summer. Paul earned at least two delegates and Huntsman at least one. Another four remained to be awarded, based on final vote totals.

"Tonight we celebrate," Romney told his supporters. "Tomorrow we go back to work."

Unlike Iowa and New Hampshire, where unemployment is well below the national average, joblessness is far higher in South Carolina. That creates a different political environment for the race.

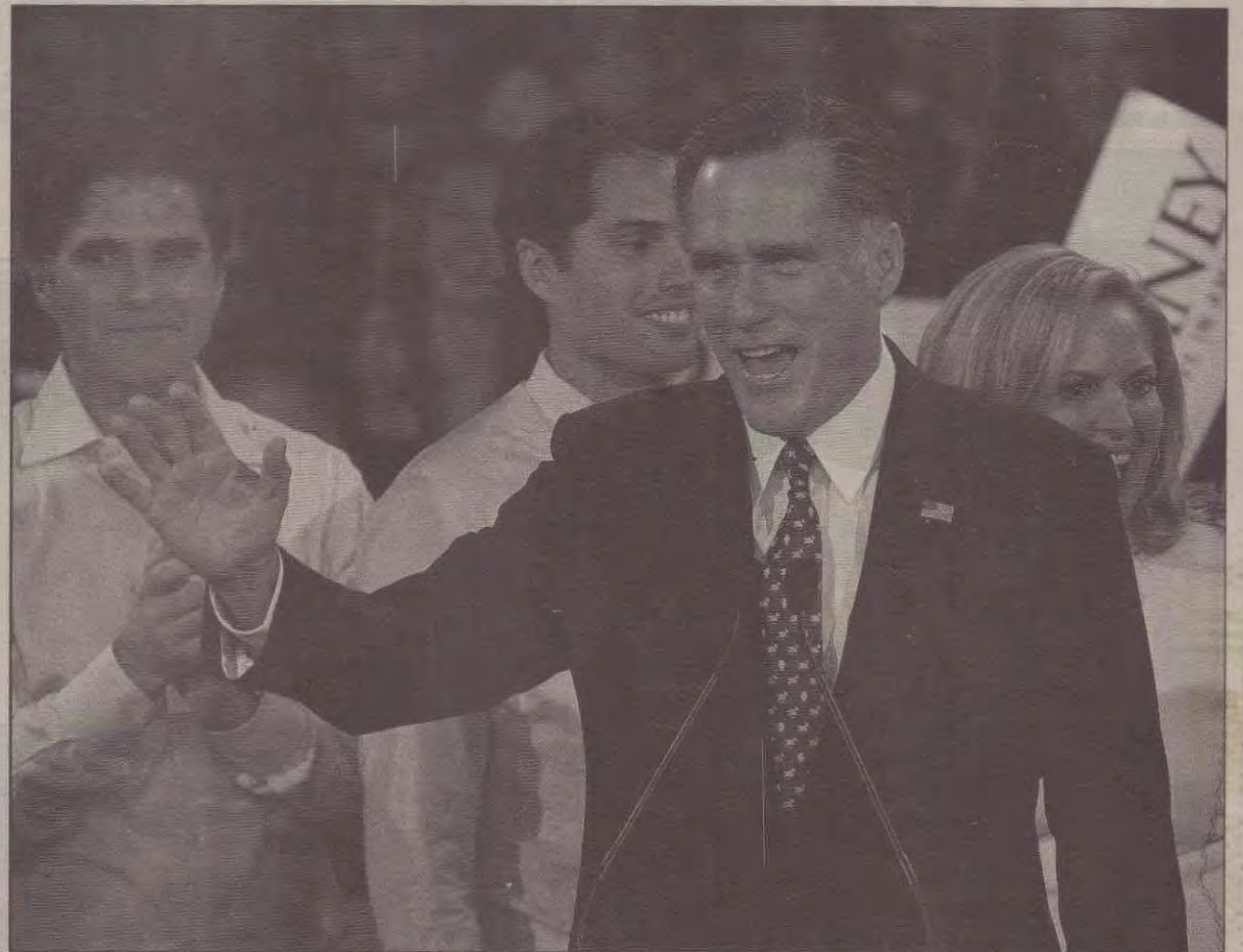
The state also has a reputation for primaries turning nasty, and it appeared that all of Romney's pursuers read the new Hampshire returns as reason enough to remain in the race.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who skipped New Hampshire to get a head start in South Carolina, said Tuesday's results showed "the race for a conservative alternative to Mitt Romney remains wide open."

"We're nibbling at his heels," Paul said of Romney.

Huntsman had staked his candidacy on a strong showing in New Hampshire, and he announced after the polls closed that he had passed his own test. "Where we stand is a solid position and we go south from here," he said.

Despite struggling to gain 10



FORMER MASSACHUSETTS GOV. MITT ROMNEY waves to supporters at the Romney for President New Hampshire primary night rally at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, N.H., Tuesday, Jan. 10. Behind Romney are his sons Tagg and Craig and his wife Ann. AP photo

percent in New Hampshire, Gingrich and Santorum also said they were in.

About one-third of Republican voters interviewed as they left their polling places said the most important factor in choosing a candidate was finding someone who could defeat Obama in the fall. Romney won their support overwhelmingly.

He ran about even with Huntsman among the one-quarter of the voters who cited experience as the most important factor in selecting a candidate to support.

Paul ran first among voters who cited moral character or true conservatism.

As was the case last week in Iowa, the economy was the issue that mattered most to voters, 61 percent of those surveyed. Another 24 percent cited record federal deficits.

Romney carried the first group and split the second with Paul.

The survey results came from interviews conducted for The

Associated Press and the television networks with 2,670 voters across the state. It had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

New Hampshire has a rich history of humbling favorites, front-runners and even an occasional incumbent.

The state's Republican voters embarrassed President George H.W. Bush in 1992, when he won but was held to 53 percent of the vote against Pat Buchanan, running as an insurgent in difficult economic times. Buchanan, who never held public office, won the primary four years later over Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, who was the nominee in the fall.

In 2000, national front-runner George W. Bush rolled into the state after a convincing first-place finish in Iowa but wound up a distant second behind McCain. Bush later won the GOP nomination and then the presidency.

Twelve Republican National

Convention delegates were at stake on Tuesday, out of 1,144 needed to win the nomination.

Obama was unopposed in the Democratic primary.

In his first presidential run in 2008, Romney finished second in the state to McCain. This time, he campaigned with the Arizona senator's endorsement, as well as backing from Sen. Kelly Ayotte and numerous other members of the state's Republican establishment.

Romney committed a pair of unforced errors in the campaign's final 48 hours, and the other contenders sought to capitalize.

On Sunday, after a pair of weekend debates only 12 hours apart, the millionaire former businessman said he understood the fear of being laid off. "There were a couple of times when I was worried I was going to get pink-slipped," he said, although neither he nor his aides offered specifics.

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Council recognizes RHA award

become a leader of college and university RHA's across the nation, and we've done that by first placing first in regionals this past November and now this," Sprosty said.

Sprosty said the organization's bid for the award described the leadership programs the RHA implemented this school year. The bid was more than 20 pages long and took a month to complete. Ten students from the RHA participated in the presentation of the bid for the regional competition.

"The RHA is all about continuous improvement and we look forward into implementing the feedback from the NACURH to make our programs even better and plan on how we can compete nationally for other awards

within the organization," Sprosty said.

The ASUSU Executive Council will meet again next Tuesday at 6 p.m. on the third floor of the Taggart Student Center.

"My goal is to help the council really stick it all the way throughout the rest of the semester, push through lots of legislation and initiatives, and avoid any kind of burnout," Mikkelsen said. "And I feel like we have got the council that can do it."

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PoliceBlotter

Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011

- USU Bomb Squad was called to assist North Park Police with a suspicious item found in the entrance of the Davis Chrysler Dodge dealership. After further investigation the item was found to be non-hazardous.

Monday, Dec. 19, 2011

- USU Police was requested by Logan Police to assist on a citizen dispute near the USU Charter Credit Union west of campus. USU Police arrived at the same time as Logan Police and investigated the incident. The dispute was only verbal. The parties were separated and allowed to leave each other alone.

Saturday, Dec. 24, 2011

- USU Police responded to a fire alarm at Mountain View Tower. Upon arrival, police discovered that the alarm was activated by an individual who placed a bowl of instant ramen noodles in the microwave without adding water. The plastic bowl melted, activating the alarm. The individual responsible cleaned up the mess and the alarm was reset.

Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011

- Police responded to a water leak in the Veterinary Diagnostics building. The leak damaged several walls, electrical wiring, and a machine valued at several thousand dollars. Facilities is handling the problem.

Friday, Dec. 30, 2011

- USU Police responded to the Stan Laub Center on a fire alarm. The alarm was triggered by someone accidentally hitting a pull station with a soccer ball. The alarm was silenced and the pull station and alarm were reset.

Monday, Jan. 2, 2012

- USU Police responded to the Fieldhouse on a medical assist. A student fainted while working out in the weight room. Paramedics arrived and transported the student to the Logan Regional Hospital for observation.

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012

- USU Police responded to a storage building on the west side of the Water Lab on a report of a door being forced open.

When Police arrived, they found a door of the building had been forced open. The door and door frame were lying on the ground. Police are investigating.

Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012

- USU Police responded to a medical call in Aggie Village. A young child was having a seizure and was transported to the Logan Regional Hospital by private vehicle before paramedics and police arrived on scene.

- USU Police received a report of an attempt to defraud the USU Bookstore. Police are investigating.

Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012

- Police responded an intrusion alarm at the Poisonous Plant Research Laboratory. The alarm was activated by an unknown source. The alarm was reset without any further problems.

►Compiled by Steven Kent

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Policy could ensure professors' research be open to public

any means," Shrode said. "We just want to make your work as broadly accessible as possible."

Schrode said the digital commons allows free access to the articles for everyone, and the easy access to articles provided by the digital commons fulfills part of the USU mission statement. She said giving people access to research is part of serving the public.

Andy Wesolek, scholarly communications librarian, helped present the proposal. He said the digital commons, located on the library website, is a repository of information for USU and gives people access to much of the intellectual content of the university.

Materials such as scholarly journal articles, conferences and other publications are available online via the digital commons.

Many universities struggle with their digital commons, Wesolek said, but USU's commons has nearly reached a total of 500,000 downloads since it started three years ago. The commons averaged 26,000 downloads per month in the last year, Wesolek said.

"Within the past year we've had 125,000 visitors," Wesolek said. "Those visitors are not just affiliated with the university or even in this country. One-third of those 125,000 visitors came from overseas."

People who would not be able

to access research contained in a subscription-based journal are able to access the information online in the commons for free, Wesolek said.

Another Faculty Senate agenda item included the newly implemented student-faculty evaluation form, IDEA. Vice Provost Michelle B. Larson presented the online form's completion data, which ranked similarly compared to the previous form.

Of the 1,690 total courses evaluated containing 60,277 students, 70.5 percent completed the evaluation form, compared to slightly greater completion rates in previous years. Larson said the percentage is in a "healthy range,"

considering it's a new administration method.

"One of the things we gain from the IDEA evaluation is that we now can compare how we rank to national norms," Larson said. "Everybody in the country that uses the IDEA forms puts their results into the database."

Larson also said the results from the new form show more than 50 percent of USU courses rank within the top 30 percent of courses offered at national schools for student satisfaction.

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Briefs

Campus & Community

Flags lowered for slain Ogden agent

Gov. Gary Herbert has ordered the Flag of Utah and the Flag of the United States of America to be lowered statewide on Jan. 11, in honor of Agent Jared Francom, a member of the Weber-Morgan Narcotics Strike Force who was killed in the shooting incident in Ogden last week.

"On behalf of a grateful state, Jeanette and I offer our condolences to the family and friends of Agent Jared Francom, who died in the line of duty. Our hearts particularly go out to Agent Francom's wife, two young children, and parents, who have been tragically robbed of the presence of their beloved husband, father, and son," Herbert said. "This shooting is a dreadful reminder that we should all be grateful for our brave law enforcement professionals who daily put their lives on the line in order to keep our communities safe."

Memorial services for Agent Francom will be held tomorrow in Ogden. Flags will be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset.

Extension presents marriage seminar

Utah State University Extension co-sponsors the Northern Utah Marriage Celebration held at the Weber State University Shepherd Union Building Friday, Feb. 17, from 4-9:30 p.m.

Designed as a date night for those who want to prepare for or strengthen their marriage, the marriage celebration features workshops presented by professionals from Northern Utah. Workshops include such topics as intimacy, communication and staying connected. Keynote presenter is Matt Townsend who will address "Feeding the 7 Basic Needs of Relationships." His presentation concludes the evening. The conference begins at 6 p.m. and includes two workshop sessions. Bonus workshop sessions, including topics on second marriages, finances and others, are available from 4-5 p.m. with entertainment by jazz musicians Benjamin Jennings and the BBC 3 from 5-6 p.m.

Arts Week invites photographer

Professional photographer Joni Sternbach, who specializes in 19th century photographic processes, will speak at 5 p.m. in the USU Performance Hall Thursday, Jan. 19.

"Sternbach is one of the leading wet plate collodion photographers in the country," said Christopher Gauthier, photography professor in USU's Department of Art and Design.

"What makes her unique is how she contextualizes the way things are now by using modern day people, clothes and backgrounds instead of doing historical reproductions like other collodion photographers," Gauthier said.

Wet plate collodion is a 19th century photographic process where the liquid solution, collodion, is poured onto a piece of glass that goes directly into the camera. An image is then captured, exposed and developed while the plate is still wet.

"USU has one of the longest running 19th century photography courses available so it made perfect sense for us to invite Sternbach," said Gauthier. "Some of the photography students will also have the chance to take a workshop from Sternbach, which will be a once in a lifetime opportunity."

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Compiled from staff and media reports



THE USU BOOKSTORE now offers rental textbooks directly to students. In the past, the Bookstore only provided rentals through other companies. The Bookstore textbook department manager said Rentals can cut a student's textbook costs by about half. *CODY GOCHNOUR photo*

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Director looking to add rentals to title list

While ringing up students' books, Tiffany Wild said she asks many of them if they are interested in renting the textbooks with that option available. Wild, a junior majoring in FCHD, said she estimated about half of the students who are offered the renting option decide to do it. Many students don't understand how renting books works yet, she said.

Other textbook buyers find reason to pay full price for their literature.

"I don't rent my books because I want to keep them," said journalism major and senior Sean O'Sullivan. "I'll use them as references later. If I decide I don't want them, I'll sell them back."

Some of those who don't care to keep their books when classes end appreciate the savings that renting allows, and Wild said this semester she is saving \$100-\$150. The uncertainty of buybacks is one reason she decided to rent all of her books.

"It's instant gratification," Parkinson said. "You don't have to wait."

All rentable textbooks are labeled with a light blue and white tag and another tag nearby depicts its rental price, Hilton said. When students are done finding their textbooks they bring them to the cash register as usual, she said, and the cashier will ask whether or not they want to rent them.

There are a few things bookstore management noticed they would like to change in the future organization of textbook rentals, Hilton said, including adding more informational signs so students are clear about their options.

"We want to increase our title list in the future," Parkinson said.

Parkinson and his staff also want to find which faculty members use the same textbook year-after-year and add those titles to the rental list.

"Renting is like buyback before the semester ends," said Madison Stone, an undeclared freshman, "but it's not yours to mark up."

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Staying fit forever



INSTRUCTORS ISELA PHELPS AND ANN BAUGH lead a fitness class organized by USU's Recreation department "You wiggle yourself into shape." Phelps said. Zumba is just one of the fitness class options. Other classes available include yoga, spinning and body sculpting. A semester membership costs students \$20. *CODY GOCHNOUR photo*

Two programs move to ASTE department

BY USU MEDIA RELATIONS

The Utah State University Board of Trustees approved an administrative restructuring on Jan. 9 that will move the aviation technology program and engineering technology education program into the School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education, which is housed in the College of Agriculture. The program was previously located in the College of Engineering.

"This restructuring brings a wonderful group of faculty, staff and students into ASTE," says Noelle Cockett, dean of the College of Agriculture. "I'm absolutely thrilled with the expanded degree offerings now available in the school. I anticipate great things happening with all the synergies that will be created."

Three degree programs in engineering technology education will continue to be offered at USU within the School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education. To better align with state and national perspective, the name of the Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees will be changed to Technology and Engineering Education (TEE). The programs prepare individuals to teach technology and engineering in middle and high school settings.

The transition also brings an emphasis area in engineering and technology education from the interdepartmental doctorate program in curriculum and instruction.

Gary Stewardson, associate professor of technology and engineering education, is hopeful that the restructuring will grow the TEE program through increased enrollment.

"I am excited for the opportunity to share faculty and resources with the other teacher education programs in the College of Agriculture," Stewardson said. "There are a great deal of similarities in the laboratory and instructional experiences that we provide our students."

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— Noelle Cockett, dean, College of Agriculture

The aviation technology program at USU includes two Bachelor of Science degrees in professional pilot and maintenance management.

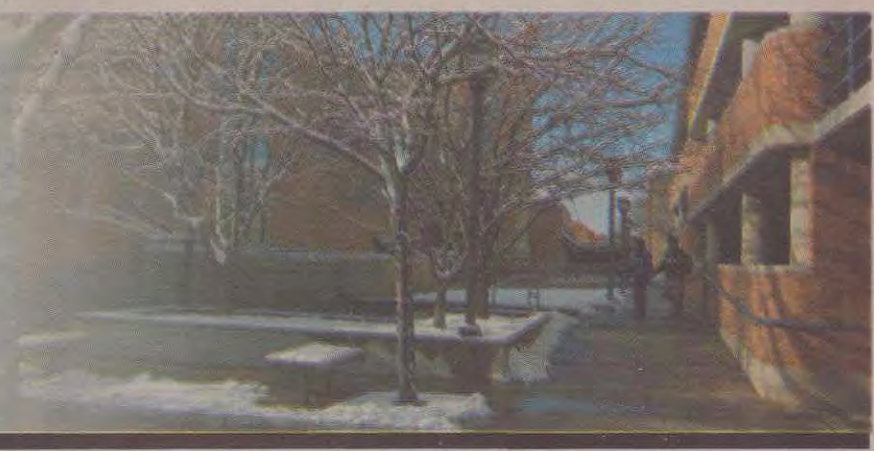
Professional pilot graduates receive all Federal Aviation Administration certifications and are trained to be commercial pilots. Students are trained in Diamond Aircraft with glass cockpits and the latest instrument and navigation technology. USU's Regional Jet Flight Simulator gives students hands-on experience in flying a commercial airliner. The program also includes a 9-week private pilot summer program for those who seek to jump-start their career goal before the semester starts.

Larry Hemingway, acting director and professor of aviation technology, also looks forward to the new relationship with the College of Agriculture.

"The aviation technology program prides itself in applying cutting-edge technology with exceptional training and team-based education to produce the best quality pilots and technicians needed by the industry," Hemingway said. "Our hands-on education directly relates to the goals of the College of Agriculture and School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education."

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Coping with the loss of a parent

BY NATASHA BODILY
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Coping with the loss of a parent can seem an insurmountable trial to overcome, especially during the already stressful college years.

For Zach Bosch, a senior majoring in public relations, his father's passing during finals week of his freshman year was a significant loss. His dad had many health issues and had been in and out of the hospital numerous times over the final 20 years before his passing.

Four days after Bosch's 25th birthday, his dad passed away due to complications during a heart surgery.

"I remember being very reluctant to attend a birthday party my friends had organized for me, because I was scared that would be my last opportunity to have a conversation with my dad," Bosch said. "That week was a real roller coaster of emotions. It seemed like the doctors were optimistic of his survival one hour and doubtful the next."

USU Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) director and psychologist David Bush explained that loss during college can be intensely unsettling, "especially when the loss comes in the midst of exams, papers and other sources of stress."

Bush said he recom-



STEVE CRASS LOST his father to diabetes in his freshman year of college. He said the loss greatly impacted his performance in school. USU Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) provides services for students dealing with loss. CURTIS RIPPLINGER photo

mends students talk to their professors, roommates and friends, to explain what they are experiencing.

"Give them direction, so they are less likely to say something that is hurtful or awkward," Bush said. Students can take advantage of free counseling services on campus and other resources, he added.

Bosch said he emailed his professors during finals week and arranged to turn in a project and take an exam late.

"I think my dad's death negatively affected my grades that semester since I didn't really devote the time I normally would have on the project and exam."

The following semester, Bosch chose to reduce his course load to six credits and move back in with his mom to help her get everything in order. He said it was a stressful few months and his family members all dealt with the loss differently.

"I would say the toughest

part, aside from not having him around, was seeing my mom in despair day after day," Bosch said. "I knew it would get more bearable with time, and it did."

Steve Crass, a senior majoring in broadcast journalism, also lost his father during his freshman year. His dad had been diagnosed with diabetes and passed away from an infection from wounds in his leg.

"It happened all so fast. It was one thing after another. His liver shut down, then

his kidneys," Crass said.

With his father passing away in late January, after spring semester had already started, Crass said he tanked on grades and his teachers weren't as sympathetic as they could have been.

"I don't think they understood the gravity of the situation," he said. "I'm the only boy in the family, and I had a lot of responsibility lying on my shoulders when he passed away."

Crass's father owned a small business buying and selling classic cars. "I grew up with lots of cars in my life," he said. "My dad would come home with a new car every few days. We had six cars in our garage at one time. We had more cars than we knew what to do with."

He didn't immediately seek counseling, but Crass said he plans to go to CAPS more often this semester. As is common, Crass said he did not realize how traumatized he had been from the loss.

"There are still lingering issues," he said. "College is stressful enough as it is. You have to focus on school all the time." He said he does not blame the state of his academic life entirely on his dad's passing, but it has definitely had a dramatic impact.

Bush said one of the sweet parts of loss is taking time to celebrate the life of the parent, even when the parent was imperfect.

"I think that death is often a very unsettling thing for a lot of people. Though, I don't think it always has to be," Bosch said. "I hated the weeks and months following his death, but I'm grateful for that time and the things I learned about myself and life."

Death doesn't necessarily have to be a terrible thing, Bosch said, "it can be a time for growth and an opportunity to find deeper understanding about life and relationships."

Bush said it's impossible to prescribe a strategy that fits all students, because everyone grieves in his or her own way. He said most students go through the traditional stages of grief, which are denial, anger, detachment, depression and resolution.

"Taking time for the process is crucial, and many students want to skip some or all of the steps," Bush said.

Bosch agreed the grieving process is extremely different for a lot of people. But he did have some advice for other students who are dealing with the loss of a parent: "Grieve in your own way," he said. "Accept your feelings for what they are and don't expect yourself to feel a certain way. Death, for most people, is a new experience; allow yourself to learn and grow as you work through it."

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Kneaders Bakery offers a cozy environment

BY ALEXANDRIA EVENSEN
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If customers could use one word to describe Kneaders Bakery, it would probably be "warm."

Walking into the small Logan cafe, one could almost believe he or she were in a bakery on the East Coast. The smell of fragrant hearth breads with an occasional whiff of chocolate hangs heavy in the air. On a weekday afternoon, the store employees are busy giving samples of Neopolitan, an Italian dessert pastry, and wrapping up turkey avocado sandwiches.

It's a brisk Monday afternoon when USU student Dokota DeWall makes his first visit to Kneaders. The sophomore, who's an early childhood education major, is

accompanied by a large group of Kneaders veterans. His favorite touch to the store is a fireplace that sits in the center of the room.

"It feels good," he said, describing the environment of the restaurant.

According to an article in Utah Valley Magazine, the Kneaders franchise was started by retired couple Gary and Colleen Worthington, who both wanted something to do during their golden years. They had been involved in volunteer work, but it wasn't quite enough for a couple that had previously owned nine Subway stores in Utah and Colorado.

What started as a bread store in Orem in 1997 has grown to 16 shops in three states — Idaho, Arizona and Utah. The Logan shop opened last October.

Beyond bread, the eatery now offers salads, sandwiches and a choice of more than 20 specialty desserts, such as cherry chocolate pie and authentic cannolis.

Tyson Booth, a general manager of the store, said he'd always wanted to own his own business before taking over the sandwich shop. He looked at various business opportunities over the years and finally found Kneaders through his brother-in-law, who was involved in an investment group associated with Kneaders Corporate.

"Logan is basically where we wanted to be. The opportunity was there for us, so we jumped on board," Booth said.

Kneaders follows the trend of many bread companies like Great Harvest Bread Company and Panera Bread, but Booth said it's the environment that makes it so different from other cafes or bakeries.

Kneaders' most recent TV commercial tagline was "come home to Kneaders," an expression of one of Booth's goals for the company.

"We try to strive for creating a comfortable home-type feel," he said. "We want to create a comfortable environment where people want to come not just by themselves, but with their families."

Kneaders is a place where people create traditions, Booth said, whether they be college students or families with small children. He called it a "family-driven" business.

"We're a scratch bakery. It's good food, good environment. It's a place where people want to come," he said.

Since it opened two months ago, Kerstin Beach has become a regular customer of Kneader's. She said she's been there at least six times — maybe more.

"I manipulated them all (to



KNEADERS BAKERY OFFERS various bread selections, salads, sandwiches and a choice of more than 20 specialty desserts, such as cherry chocolate pie and authentic cannolis. ALEXANDRIA EVENSEN photo

come) because it's my favorite place ever," said Beach, standing in line waiting to order while pointing to her friends.

"It's got a very homey feel," Megan Israelsen, one of Beach's friends, said.

"It's cozy," Beach added. With its \$5 unlimited French toast or sourdough pancakes, Kneaders' business draws heavily on the local college population.

Seth Durfee, a sophomore majoring in English who has eaten at Kneader's a few times, said there's a strong consistency to the food.

"It does kind of feel homey," he

said. "It's a lot different than the fast food where they're trying to get you in and out of there as fast as they can."

Waiting for his wife to finish her French dip sandwich, the couple sits at the table for a few minutes, talking and enjoying the environment.

"It's been pretty solid. It's nice that you can come here and sit down," he said.

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THE BAKERY OPENED in Logan two months ago and already has an extensive clientele. It started as a bread store in Orem in 1997 and now there are 16 shops throughout Idaho, Arizona and Utah. ALEXANDRIA EVENSEN photo

Wacky predictions for 2012

So, it's 2012, huh? I'm assuming this means you want me to say something about the end of the world or Kevin Sorbo possibly being nominated for an Academy Award. I'll consider the former, but the latter is out of the question — that's a tragedy no innocent bystander should be forced to endure.

We've got one doozy of a year ahead of us — the general-reading public — one stunningly laden with gripping headlines, societal changes aplenty and a majority of people actually remembering who Michael Phelps is. I generally pose him as a nighttime double agent who just so happens to have a daytime interior design show on A&E.

Now, I'm no soothsayer, though I am a proponent to the support of people who struggle through a life of saying the word "soothsayer" with a lisp — that's just torture — but if I am good at anything it is giving a menial annual forecast. So here goes my list of predictions for the year 2012. Feel free to insert John Cusack jokes wherever best suits your fancy.

News — News aficionados the world over will be in a grand state of flux after experiencing what will hereto be known as the "Protesting Conundrum." Essentially all those who regularly distribute news through the Internet, a tweet, text, blog or are Kent Brockman will stage



a worldwide boycott from official writing, causing a max influx of hiring professional newswriters for actual newspapers, causing a form of reporter inflation where costs for hiring writers shoots through the roof, stories go beyond sensationalized to further competition and viewers for the first time in U.S. history are forced to tune into NBC News to do more than look at Brian Williams' hair.

Shock and awe fill the news rooms when Calvin Coolidge defies science and comes back to life with just enough time to publicly declare, "I have heard all of your inquiries and, yes, my name is just that awesome."

E. coli makes a surprising comeback, spawning the Organic Great Depression.

Entertainment — The music world delights when '90s staple Eiffel 65 reunites as a band and formally announces that the lyrics to the chorus of their song "Blue" was intended to be an endearing serenade of a family throw rug, encouraging the lead singer to explain, "Sorry guys, I got my wisdom teeth out that day."

The Academy Awards

will finally regain credibility when they revise original verdicts and award "Citizen Kane" the award for best picture in 1941 under the newly ratified For-goodness-sake-if-it's-considered-the-best-movie-of-all-time-it-sure-as-heck-better-not-have-lost-to-"How Green was My Valley" Clause. Not that I'm bitter or anything.

'N Sync returns. On the moon. It's going to happen. You'll see.

Well-renowned TV show "Arrested Development" returns. That's all I have to say, it's that exciting.

Fashion — Sorry, no fashion predictions, I'm still overwhelmed by the "Arrested Development" thing.

Sports — Michael Jordan makes a stunning comeback to basketball when he joins Bugs Bunny in a quest to defeat power hungry aliens — wait, that's a movie...

The Chicago Cubs finally make their way to the World Series when 12-year-old pitching prodigy Henry Rowengartner leads them to — hold on, that's wrong too...

Kevin Costner builds a miraculous baseball field that — nope, still a movie...

Kevin Costner makes his way through the minor league ranks in Durham, N.C., as a — crap, where are my notes...

America's favorite underdog Rocky Balboa musters the courage to defeat Russian monster Ivan Draco in a — what? That's a movie, too? Seriously? I am in seri-

ous trouble. OK, OK. The Red Wings win the Stanley Cup, Dodgers win the World Series, Tiger Woods wins Wimbledon and wrestler Stone Cold Steve Austin buys the San Diego Chargers and moves them to Los Angeles, naming them the L.A. Stunners.

Sorry, my NBA and NFL correspondents had all their prediction facts written down in their offices, but they were locked out.

Election 2012 — Carl Winslow wins the election and becomes ruler of the free world. Don't believe me? Your favorite political blogger must be on strike.

And lastly, Finding Waldo — Quite frankly, it depends on what page you are on. More likely than not he is hiding behind a palm tree. Word has it he is dating Carmen San Diego. She prefers a man in stripes.

Yep, 2012, or as I call it "The Year of the Nematode" is going to be one Tilt-A-Whirl of a time. Spend it wisely.

Oh, and for all those who are already correcting me on the false guesses from last year's predictions, that was the other Steve Schwartzman, the one with the mustache. We get mixed up all the time.

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Rotaract club serves both the community and abroad

BY NADIAH JOHARI
staff writer

USU's Rotaract club provides students with the opportunity to volunteer and serve in the community.

Sarah Christensen, vice president of the club, said the club helps individuals who are poor and disabled by building houses and insulating schools.

Christensen went to Agua Prieta, Mexico, two years in a row. She said the first year she was there, the group helped a young boy without legs and made renovations to his family's home.

"We put up bricks, windows and made a garden," she said. "When we went back the second year, we got to see the house all completed. It was really rewarding."

She said overall the experience was worth it, but she felt sad because of the circumstances the people being helped have to live in and how much it seems they are taken for granted.

Christensen said she stayed in an orphanage and a church in Arizona on previous trips.

The club chose Mexico for its spring break humanitarian trips because of the close location and low expense, she said.

The Rotaract Club has worked with Dorothea Watkins, the founder of Wings of Angels, who organizes projects for families in Mexico who have a member with some kind of physical or mental disability.

"Being able to do a humanitarian trip like going to Mexico was a life-changing experience for me," Christensen said. "It offers a different view. We can travel and see fun places, but you learn to understand people who have less than you do. It makes you more grateful for what you have, and it opens your eyes to a different part of the world that is not necessarily shown to us."

Becky Kelley, a senior majoring in human resources and international business, said she's participated with the Rotaract Club for the past four years.

"It has given me an insight into the kind of services available at the university," Kelley said, adding that the club can expose participants to a wide

variety of service opportunities from which to choose.

"I learn how lucky we are," she said. "People complain so much about so little that I think it's a valuable experience to get outside and visit a community that is not as well off as you are. It's very empowering to know that you can help someone else."

Kelley said she was surprised by the low standard of housing where she visited and said it was a migrant area where people stay when they encounter troubles moving to the US.

"They get stuck in this border town without a whole lot," she said.

On one of her trips, she said the group she was with helped a family that was living without electricity.

"They had one light bulb in their living room that they powered from their car battery at night," she said. The group installed a solar power system and put up light bulbs in all the other rooms.

The Rotaract Club organizes other service activities throughout the year. Kelley said the group has done yardwork, visited nursing homes and renovated an animal shelter.

"It's a great way to get involved with the community. I think going to school is often a very selfish time in our lives," she said. "It's a very nice refresher to take time during college to serve."

Danielle Richards, a freshman majoring in marketing who has been involved with the Rotaract Club for one semester, said the group went to the Newton community store and helped repaint the outside of the building. The group also went trick-or-treating for food items to give to the local food bank.

Richards said being in the club has given her the opportunity to serve, meet new people and make friends.

"The Rotaract Club is a reputable club," she said. "It extends not only in college but also into adulthood."

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JOYLN CARR (left), member of the Rotaract Club, traveled with the group to Mexico on a previous service trip. The club organizes service projects and volunteer work throughout the year. Photo provided by the Rotaract Club

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There are tasty ways to eat healthy

It's a new year. It's January. Let me guess — you're trying to be healthy? Get in shape? Lose a few pounds? So that means you're avoiding pizza, soda, donuts, fast food, sugar and carbs, right? But have you ever noticed that the minute you tell yourself you can't have something, you just want it that much more?

So what if instead of focusing on all the things you shouldn't eat, you focused on all of the awesome things you should be eating. Take kale, for example. Kale has officially reached superfood status. That's how good it is for you. It's loaded with vitamins and nutrients. One cup of fresh kale contains only 36 calories, but provides almost all of your required daily vitamin C, which helps you stay healthy and cold-free.

On top of that, kale has been found to be highly effective at lowering the risk of many kinds of cancer.

And, as if that isn't enough, kale and other dark green leafy veggies can slow the mental decline that comes with age by up to 40 percent. What could be better than feeling like you're five years younger?

When you're picking out kale at the grocery store — since I know you're probably headed there right now — choose a bunch with smaller leaves because it will have a milder, less bitter taste, and make sure to avoid limp or wilted bunches. Kale is at its sweetest after it's been through a frost, making winter a great time to try it.

You might be wondering how to eat the kale once you buy it, and let me just tell you the possibilities are endless. Just promise me that you'll try it a few different ways before you make up your mind about it. Research has found that it can take up to 11 different exposures to a food before a person will come to like it. Eat kale at least 11 times. Your body will thank you.

My first cooking suggestion is kale chips, which have the exact same texture as potato chips but are unbelievably healthier for you. They're a fun, easy and interesting snack.

Kale Chips

- 1 bunch kale
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- salt and pepper

Remove the kale leaves from the stems either by tearing them off or cutting them off with a sharp knife. (The stems get really hard when you bake them). Thoroughly wash and dry the kale leaves, then



place them in a medium-sized mixing bowl with the olive oil and toss until evenly coated.

Spread out in a single layer on a baking sheet and sprinkle generously with salt and pepper. Bake at 275 F for 30 minutes, stirring once during cooking.

Turn off the oven and allow the kale to sit in the cooling oven and continue to dry out for another 30-45 minutes, until they're totally crisp

and snackable.

Note: you can also add any seasonings you'd like to the kale when you toss it with oil. Some ideas are chili flakes, smoked paprika, bay seasoning, chipotle powder and sea salt.

Another good way to get some fresh kale in your body is by adding it to your favorite smoothie. This is an especially good method for people who may not love the taste of the kale raw. Just adding a handful or two of the leaves — don't forget to remove the stems first — and blending a little longer will make the kale flavor almost unnoticeable and will be totally worth it when you're feeling — and looking — awesome at the beach this summer.

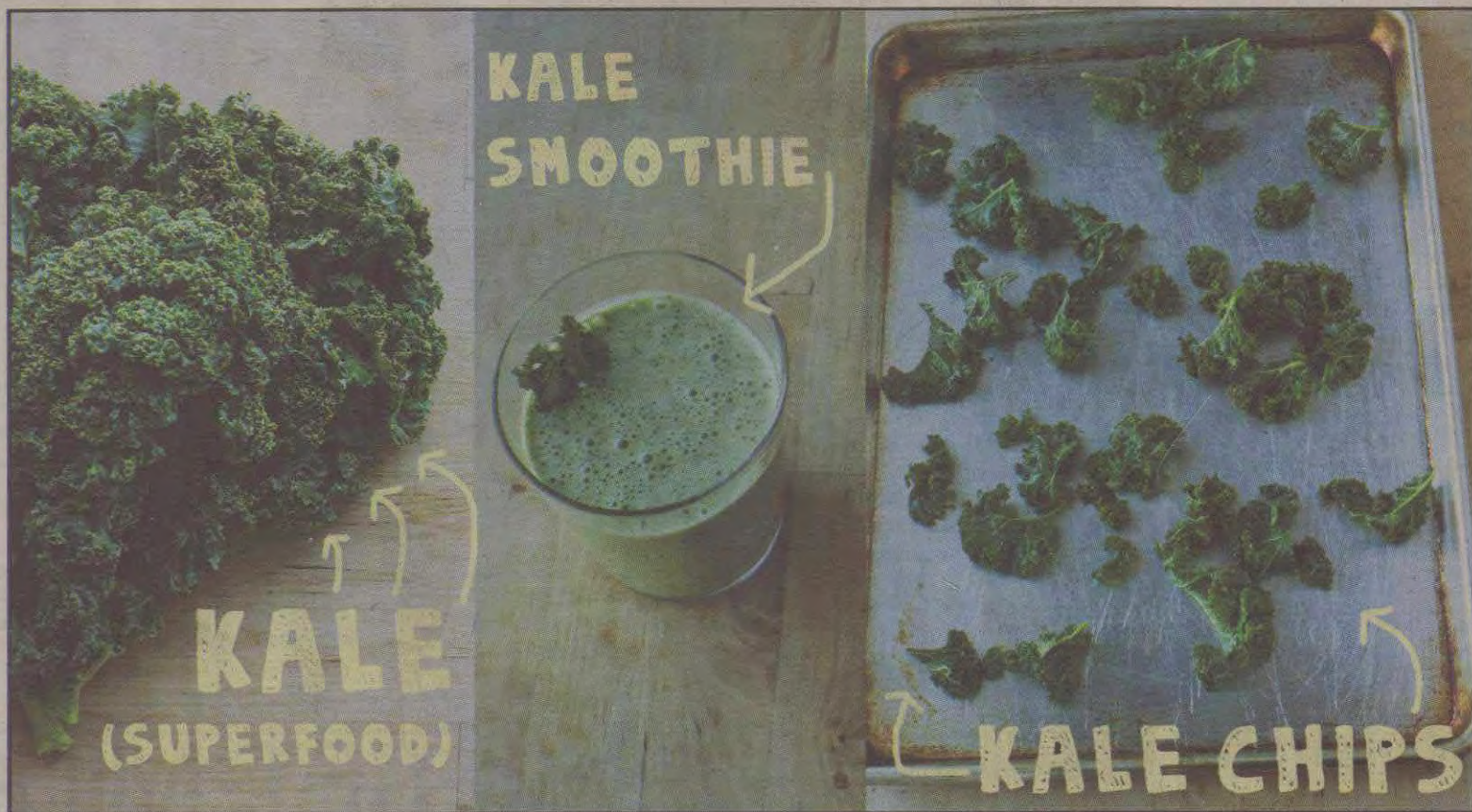
Kale Smoothie

- 1 cup fresh kale leaves (stems removed)
- 1 frozen banana

1 ½ cups milk
1-2 tablespoons sugar, to taste
handful of fresh or frozen strawberries (or any other fruit you like)
Combine all ingredients in a blender and pulse until smooth. You may need to blend a little longer to get the kale chopped up fine enough. Serves two.

Kale also makes a great base for salads, addition to soups and topping for pizza. This January while you're trying to be healthy, try kale. Be brave. Be creative. I think you'll like it.

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KALE, A LEAFY GREEN vegetable, can be made into tasty treats. Kale chips and smoothies can be a great addition to a healthy diet for the new year. Kale is known for its cancer-fighting properties and high vitamin content. *JENNELLE CLARK photo*

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

USU gears up for long road trip

BY TYLER HUSKINSON
assistant sports editor

The most difficult road trip of Western Athletic Conference play awaits the USU men's basketball team this week.

It's happened every season since the Aggies joined the WAC, and the trip to Las Cruces, N.M. and Ruston, La., has never been an easy task for. USU is 2-4 on the road against New Mexico State since joining the WAC, but the team holds a winning record on the road against Louisiana Tech (4-2).

USU will be looking to bounce back off a loss against the Nevada Wolf Pack 78-71. Nevada's victory was the first by any WAC opponent in the Spectrum since Fresno State defeated the Aggies at home in 2007.

USU head coach Stew Morrill is interested to see how his team will respond after a loss with an extended road-trip coming up.

"That's one thing I said to our guys is you can let this be one loss, or you can let it turn into a bunch more by being mentally out of it," he said. "We've won one road game. That's what we've won. Now we've got four chances coming up — three of them league games — but we've started playing better on the road."

Despite the tough test, USU wants to avoid accumulating losses after the tough home loss against Nevada.

"We can't let this loss create two losses in a row or three losses in a row," senior guard Brockeith Pane said. "We're about to go on the road for three games straight, so we have to be ready. We're about to go to New Mexico State. Those guys are big — way bigger than Nevada — and they're picked second in the league. We've got the top two teams back to back, so we've just got to be ready to play."

USU has a 1-5 mark on the road thus far and two of those losses are against teams without winning records — Pacific (4-10) and Texas A&M, Corpus Christi (1-13). USU's only road victory this season is against the Idaho State Bengals

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SENIOR GUARD BROCKEITH PANE defends sophomore guard Deonte Burton during USU's loss to Nevada at home Saturday. USU's next challenge is a four-game road trip. CODY GOCHNOUR photo

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Aggie Schedules

Men's Basketball

THURSDAY, JAN. 12
USU at New Mexico State, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 14
USU at Louisiana Tech, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

THURSDAY, JAN. 12
USU at New Mexico State, noon

SATURDAY, JAN. 14
USU at Louisiana Tech, 5 p.m.

Hockey

SATURDAY, JAN. 14
USU vs. Weber State, 7 p.m.,
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Gymnastics

FRIDAY, JAN. 13
USU at Utah, 7 p.m.

Indoor Track

SATURDAY, JAN. 14
USU at Idaho State Invitational

WAC Standings

Men's Basketball

	WAC	OVERALL
NEVADA	2-0	12-3
NMSU	1-0	11-5
HAWAII	1-0	9-6
UTAH STATE	1-1	9-7
IDAHO	1-1	8-8
LA. TECH	0-1	8-8
SJSU	0-1	6-9
FRESNO STATE	0-2	7-10

Women's Basketball

	WAC	OVERALL
FRESNO STATE	0-0	11-4
UTAH STATE	0-0	9-5
LA. TECH	0-0	7-8
HAWAII	0-0	5-10
SJSU	0-0	5-10
IDAHO	0-0	5-11
NEVADA	0-0	3-11
NMSU	0-0	3-12

Jackson tabbed USU Player of the Week

BY USU MEDIA
RELATIONS

Utah State women's basketball player Brooke Jackson has been named the America First Credit Union Utah State Student-Athlete of the Week for the period ending Sunday, Jan. 8, an award that is voted on by a state-wide media panel.

Jackson was also named College Sports Madness WAC Women's Basketball Player of the Week. The Madness identifies the highest impact players nationally and one from each conference in their weekly feature.

Jackson is the second Aggie to win the award

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The good, the bad and the ugly: A tribute to Dave Baldwin

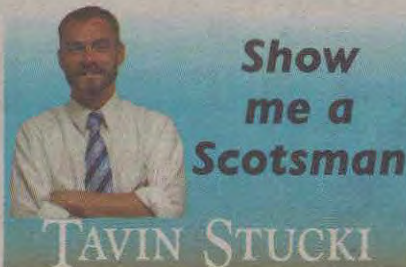
There he goes, Dave Baldwin has accepted a job at Colorado State on newly hired head coach Jim McElwain's staff and will be replaced in Logan by former quarterbacks coach Matt Wells.

I suspect Baldwin will be remembered in Logan for his accused inability to call plays other than the notorious bubble screen, but it seems wrong to send him off with anything less than respect. After all, he helped Utah State break a number of offensive records and end up ranked No. 6 in the nation in rushing yards.

In his honor, I'd like to explore the best and worst of Baldwin during the 2011 season.

Sept. 10, 2011. Aggies roll over Weber State

Granted, Weber State is a Football Championship Subdivision team — but



still. The Wildcats held a Mountain West Conference team that later went to a bowl game to a tight contest and lost by only a field goal. He even let freshman quarterback Chuckie Keeton throw his first two touchdown passes.

All right, all right. FCS trumps any play calling. Unless you're from Appalachian State.

Sept. 3, 2011. Auburn escapes Utah State

Baldwin's offensive play calling gave the Aggies a shot to win and had the Tigers licking their wounds, down by 10 with just over 3 minutes to go, even if it didn't end up happening. Chuckie played like anything but the freshman he was and completed 21 of 30 passes for 213 yards and no interceptions. The Aggie offense allowed only one sack and converted 10 of 17 third downs.

If that doesn't say pretty dang good offensive coordination, I don't know what does. OK, a touchdown pass or two would have been nice.

Sept. 24, 2011. Homecoming tragedy

How Colorado State was even in the game to begin with is a real question mark. How did the team that nearly upset the defending national champions three weeks before let an

awful CSU team even be competitive? Whatever the reason, the situation is the same. Utah State just scored a touchdown in the second half of the second overtime and went for two and the win. Baldwin called the go-to pass play, Keeton threw the ball to the other side, the pass interference is called and the Aggies get a second chance from one-and-a-half yards out.

Let me introduce you to my man Robert Turbin. You may have heard of him. He wears number six and is as big as The Incredible Hulk. When you have this guy on your team and you need less than two yards, you cram the ball up the middle in your jumbo set.

What did Baldwin call? A running back sweep to the left side where Turbin was gobbled up by the Ram linebackers and stopped short. Game over.

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SEC showdown, BCS domination

Bama shuts down LSU in BCS Championship, Saban notches third title

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — As required, Alabama's players whooped it up amid the confetti and fireworks, yet there was something muted about this championship celebration.

Turns out, these guys knew the ending to the sequel before they even got to the Big Easy.

For two months, the Crimson Tide stewed over its first meeting with top-ranked LSU. By the time the team touched down in New Orleans, there was little doubt in anyone's mind about the outcome. Not just win, but dominate.

Boy, did they ever.

With a smothering display of old-school football, No. 2 Alabama blew out the Tigers 21-0 in the BCS championship game Monday night, celebrated a bit and headed back to Tuscaloosa with its second national title in three years.

Straight-laced coach Nick Saban accepted the trophies Tuesday morning and confessed that he might have savored it more than the title two years ago in Pasadena, Calif.

"To be honest with you, I think I maybe did," said Saban, sporting a black sweater with patches of crimson on the shoulders and flanked by the hardware. "This team was a special team, not that the 2009 team was any different. It's certainly an honor and privilege to be with a group that made the kind of commitment that you look for from a competitive character standpoint."

The Crimson Tide also claimed the top spot in the final Associated Press poll for the eighth time, tying Notre Dame for the most of any team in college football. Alabama was an overwhelming choice with 55 of 60 first-place votes.

"We knew what we were capable of," offensive lineman Barrett Jones said. "I guess that's kind of arrogant, but it's the way we felt. We felt like we were capable of dominating, and we did that."

Credit one of the greatest defenses in college football history, a bunch of NFL-ready players such as Courtney Upshaw and Dont'a Hightower

who made sure LSU (13-1) never had a chance.

When Jordan Jefferson dropped back to pass, he was swept under by a tide of crimson. When the LSU quarterback took off running, he must've felt like Alabama had a few extra players on the field. It sure seemed that way.

"It feels like a nightmare," Jefferson said. "We just didn't get it done on offense. Some defenses have your number, and Alabama had our number."

LSU beat the Crimson Tide (12-1) in overtime on Nov. 5, a so-called Game of the Century that was roundly criticized as a dud because neither team scored a touchdown.

The Rematch of the Century was next, after Alabama worked its way back up to second in the rankings to claim a spot in the BCS title game. Turns out, it was even less of a classic than the first meeting, much closer to "Speed 2" than the "Godfather II."

But the Alabama defense was a thing of beauty, putting its own spin on this postseason of high-scoring shootouts.

"They are unbelievable," said Jones, relieved that he only has to go against them in practice. "That defense is as good as any defense I've ever seen. They rush the passer, they have awesome linebackers and they're great in coverage. They really don't have any weaknesses. They have to be as good as any defense ever."

LSU didn't cross midfield until there were less than 8 minutes remaining in the game. The Tigers finished with just 92 yards and five first downs, on the wrong end of the first shutout in the BCS' 14-year history.

"This defense is built on stopping them, and that's what we did," said Upshaw, the game's defensive MVP. "We wanted to come out and show the world we beat ourselves the first game. We wanted to come out and dominate from start to finish, and that's what we did."

The Crimson Tide, piling up 384 yards and 21 first

downs, spent much of the night in LSU's end of the field, setting up Jeremy Shelley to attempt a bowl-record seven field goals. He made five of them, matching a bowl record. Then, as if responding to all the critics who complained that an offensive powerhouse such as Oklahoma State or Stanford should've gotten a shot in the title game, Alabama finally made a long-overdue trip to the end zone.

With 4:36 remaining, Heisman finalist Trent Richardson broke off a 34-yard touchdown run.

It was the lone TD that either of the Southeastern Conference powerhouses managed over two games, plus that overtime period back in November.

"It felt so good to get that touchdown against LSU," lineman D.J. Fluker said. "That's all we talked about. We said we were going to get (Richardson) a touchdown, and we did it."

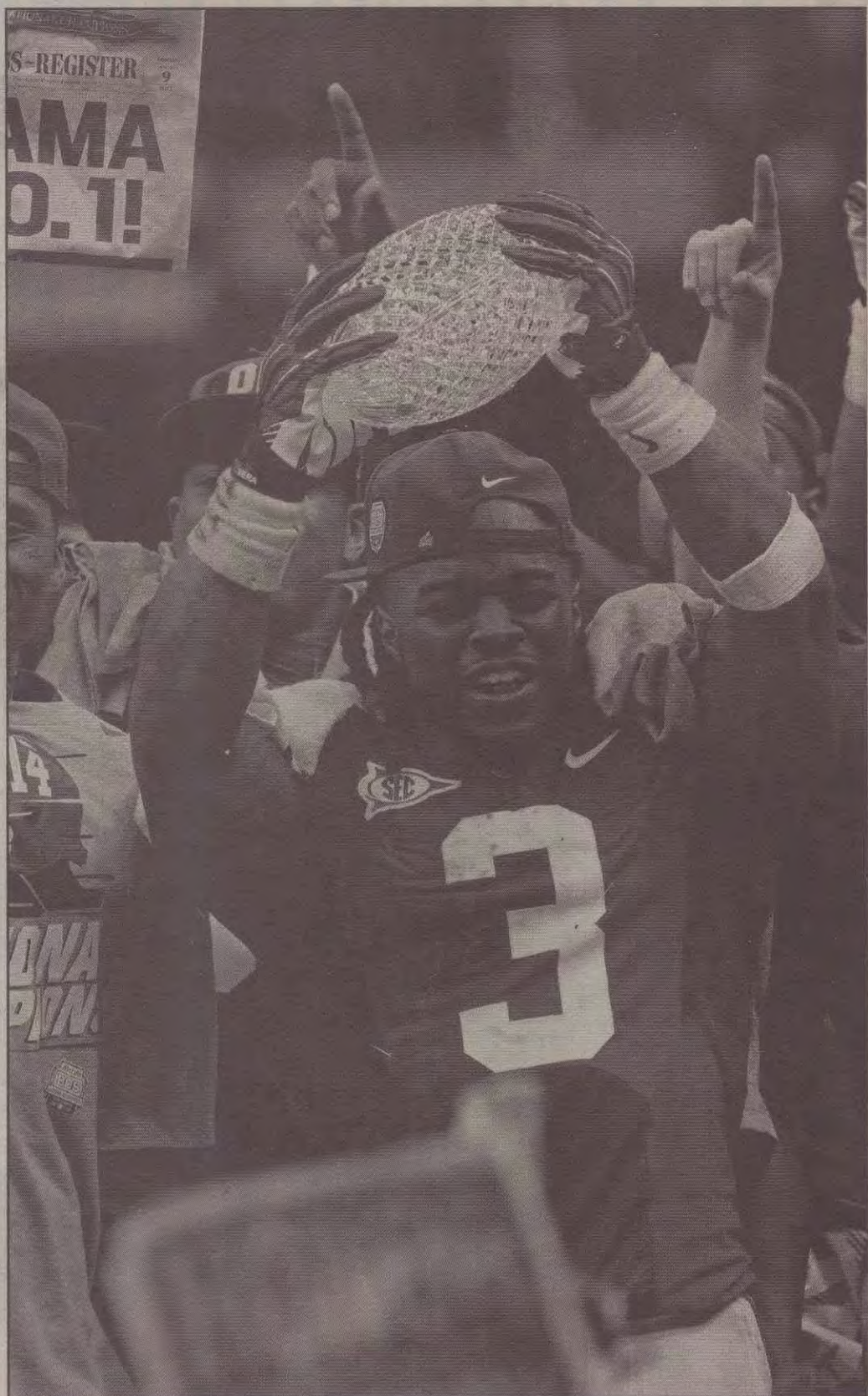
On LSU's one and only trip into Alabama territory, the Tigers quickly went back, back — the last gasp ending appropriately with the beleaguered Jefferson getting the ball jarred from his hand before he could even get off a fourth-and-forever pass.

"We didn't do a lot different," Saban said. "We did some things on offense formationally. Our offensive team did a great job. Defensively, we just played well, played the box. Our special teams did a great job."

The coach has now won a pair of BCS titles at Alabama, plus another at LSU in 2003. He's the first coach to win three BCS titles, denying LSU's Les Miles his second championship. The Tigers will have to settle for the SEC title, but that's not likely to ease the sting of this ugly performance.

"I told my team that it should hurt," Miles said. "We finished second. It's supposed to hurt."

LSU simply couldn't do anything — running or passing. Kenny Hilliard led the Tigers with 16 yards rushing, while Jefferson was 11 of 17



ALABAMA'S TRENT RICHARDSON CELEBRATES after the BCS National Championship college football game against LSU Monday, Jan. 9 in New Orleans. Alabama won 21-0. AP Photo/Dave Martin

passing for 53 yards, usually hurrying away passes before he was sent tumbling to the Superdome turf. He was sacked four times and threw a mystifying interception when he attempted to flip away a desperation pass, only to have it picked off because his intended receiver had already turned upfield looking to block.

A.J. McCarron was the

offensive MVP, completing 23 of 34 passes for 234 yards. Richardson added 96 yards on 20 carries. But an even bigger cheer went up when the defensive award was presented to Upshaw, who had seven tackles, including a sack, and spent a good part of his night in the LSU backfield.

"The whole defense is the MVP," Upshaw said. "The whole defense. Roll Tide, baby."

Roll Tide!"

With the way his defense was playing, McCarron simply had to avoid mistakes and guide the offense into field-goal range. He did that to perfection.

"When you have a great offensive line like I have, and great players around you, it makes your job easy as quar-

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Jazz still perfect at home, defeat Cleveland

Sixers blowout Kings in Sacramento for sixth-straight win

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Al Jefferson scored a season-high 30 points and Paul Millsap added 19 and the Utah Jazz defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 113-105 Tuesday night.

It was Utah's fifth straight win as the Jazz (6-3) improved to 5-0 at home.

The Jazz are off to their best start at home since beginning the 2008-09 season at 6-0.

The Cavs (4-5) fell to 1-3 on a seven-game road trip, and visit Phoenix, the L.A. Lakers and Charlotte next.

Antawn Jamison led Cleveland with 22 points, including 13 in the third quarter, as he tried to rally the Cavs.



SACRAMENTO KINGS' TYREKE EVANS goes up for a shot in the first half of an NBA basketball game. AP Photo/Matt Slocum

Utah dominated inside, with 56 points in the paint.

Cleveland pulled within six points midway through the fourth quarter before Josh Howard converted a three-point play. Jefferson then added a pair of jumpers, and C.J. Miles hit a late 3 to seal the win.

Rookie Kyrie Irving added 20 points for the Cavs.

Irving's driving layup pulled Cleveland within 106-101 with 57 seconds remaining. But Miles, who had played only 13 minutes combined in the previous two games and was in a shooting slump, hit a 3-pointer with 36 seconds left to bump Utah's lead back to eight.

The Cavs trailed 85-80 entering the fourth, and were within 91-85 when Howard was fouled, got the goaltending call and made the free throw.

In the third, the Cavs opened on a 13-7 run, with Jamison scoring 13 in the period. But Jefferson scored 14, and each time Cleveland made a move, Jefferson countered.

Tristan Thompson's jumper pulled the Cavs within 94-87, but Jefferson hit a 7-footer. His 14-footer gave Utah a 100-89 lead.

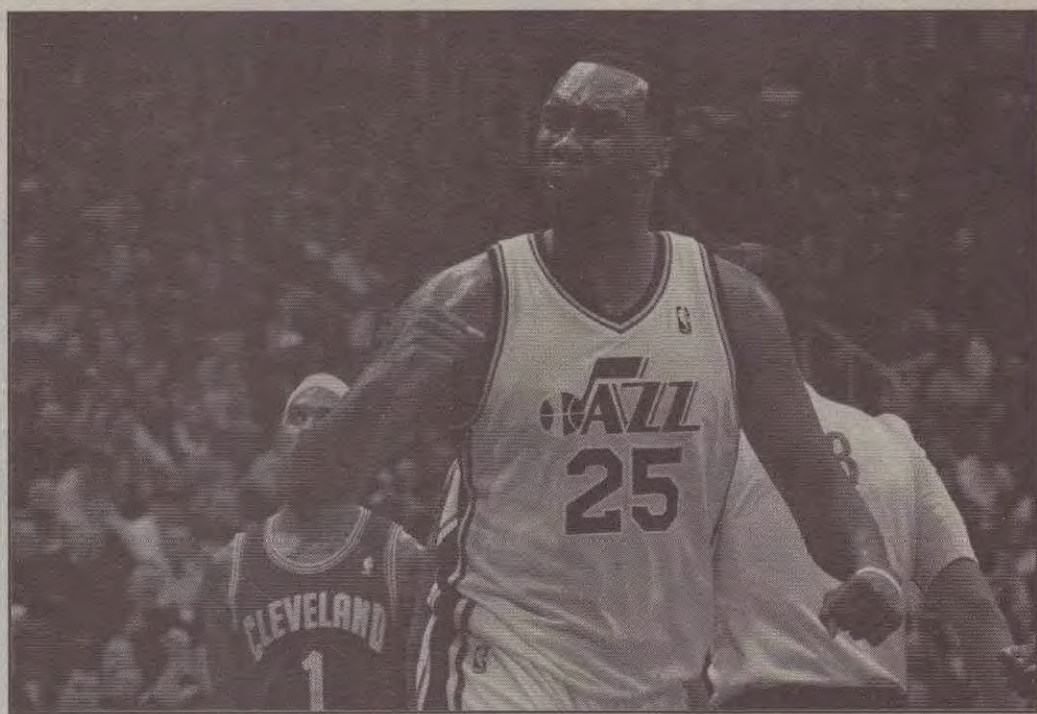
Utah led by nine at halftime 52-43, thanks to 32 points in the paint and 61.5 percent shooting, including 8 of 8 for Millsap

Millsap started 9 of 9.

Sixers 112, Kings 85

Elton Brand had a season-high 21 points and 10 rebounds, and the Philadelphia 76ers routed the Sacramento Kings 112-85 Tuesday night for their sixth straight victory.

The Sixers are 7-2 and lead the Atlantic Division. It's their best start since Allen Iverson helped them open 10-0 on their way



UTAH JAZZ CENTER AL JEFFERSON reacts after a play during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Cleveland Cavaliers. AP Photo/Jim Urquhart

to the NBA finals in 2000-01.

Rookie Jimmer Fredette scored seven points in his first start for Sacramento. Filling in for injured leading scorer Marcus Thornton, the former BYU sensation shot 2 for 7. DeMarcus Cousins led the struggling Kings with 17 points.

Evan Turner had 16 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists, and Jrue Holiday added 17 for Philadelphia, which had six players reach double figures. With second-year coach Doug Collins calling the shots and a deep roster,

the Sixers are relevant again in sports-crazed Philadelphia.

After winning 41 games and losing to Miami in five games in the first round of the playoffs last year, the Sixers are one of the NBA's up-and-coming teams. They've won five games by at least a 20-point margin.

This game quickly turned into a rout early in the third quarter. An 11-0 run featuring three baskets from Brand extended the lead to 63-42. It reached 84-60 when Jodie Meeks hit his third 3-pointer of the quarter.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

USU begins WAC play on the road



SENIOR FORWARD ASHLEE BROWN drives to the basket against Utah Valley University in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum Saturday. USU now faces New Mexico State and Louisiana Tech on the road this week. **TODD JONES** photo

Aggie women to face New Mexico State

BY CURTIS LUNDSTROM
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The Utah State women's basketball team will start Western Athletic Conference play this week with two road games. The Aggies face New Mexico State on Thursday, Jan. 12, followed by Louisiana Tech on Saturday, Jan. 14.

"We are excited going into conference play," senior forward Ashlee Brown said. "We are glad to go into the regular season 9-5. We're excited to play."

USU begins conference play with a 9-5 record and is one of two teams in the WAC with a winning record after non-conference play.

Brown leads USU in scoring with 15.1 points and 9.0 rebounds per game. The WAC Pre-season Player of the Year is also shooting 79.6 percent from the free-throw line and is one of three Aggies in the conference top five in that category.

"The offense that we run, we should see three people or more in double figures," head coach Raegan Pebley said. "As people share the ball, we should see productivity from several people."

Senior forward Maddy Plunkett leads the WAC in 3-point field-goal percentage,

as she has made 51.3 percent of her attempts. A pair of Aggie guards, senior Brooke Jackson and junior Devyn Christensen, are ranked first and second in the conference in free-throw percentage, with Jackson at 86.2 percent and Christensen at 84.4 percent.

As a team, Utah State is shooting 79.0 percent from the free-throw line, ranked first in the WAC and a full 10 percent better than the second-ranked team.

"We're going to need the leadership of our veterans as we head into league," Pebley said. "Our leadership has been so solid."

New Mexico State currently holds a record of 3-12 — currently the worst in the WAC — and will be looking to end a two-game losing streak. The southern Aggies are led by senior forward Tabytha Wampler, who is averaging 13.7 points and 9.3 rebounds per game.

Wampler is the only player who averages double figures for the red Aggies whose three wins have come by a combined 10 points. New Mexico State is coming off of a three-point setback at home to Boise State on Saturday — its second loss of the year to the Broncos.

"We're going to need the leadership of our veterans as we head into league."

— head coach Raegan Pebley, USU women's basketball

USU and NMSU met twice during the regular season last year and again in the first round of the WAC Tournament. The two teams split the regular season meetings as New Mexico State won 75-71 in Las Cruces, N.M., and Utah State secured a 72-61 win in Logan.

The blue Aggies then squeaked out a 72-67 win in the first round of the tournament.

"When we go on the road, we're going to need our defense," Pebley said. "Our rebounding is going to have to be solid and consistent."

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Baylor remains perfect with win over K-State

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Perry Jones scored 17 points and fourth-ranked Baylor held No. 18 Kansas State to one basket over the final 5 minutes for a 75-73 win on Tuesday night.

Quincy Acy and Brady Heslip added 13 points apiece for the Bears (16-0, 3-0 Big 12). Jones and Acy combined to go 14 of 18 from the floor. Pierre Jackson chipped in with 10 points for Baylor, which surged ahead with a 20-4 run over a 5 1/2-minute stretch midway through the second half.

Rodney McGruder scored 30 points on 10-of-14 shooting to lead Kansas State (12-3, 1-2). Jordan Henriquez added 10 points for the Wildcats.

Kansas State got off to a good start in trying to hand an undefeated team its first loss for the second time in four days.

The Wildcats, who beat No. 9 Missouri 75-59 on Saturday, went on an early 13-2 run to turn a 5-2 deficit into a 15-7 lead.

Through the game's first 9 minutes, Baylor had eight turnovers and the Wildcats none.

But Jones hit two baskets at the rim to kick off a 9-0 Bears run that cut the deficit to 21-20. Quincy Miller and Jackson each had a dunk as part of another 9-0 run to put Baylor up 29-25 with 2:02 remaining in the half.

K-State finished the half by scoring eight of the final 10 points, including a runner by McGruder as the clock expired for a 33-31 halftime lead.

The Wildcats came out hot at the start of the second half and needed just over 3 minutes to push their lead to 44-37.

Baylor answered with a 20-4 run over the next 5 1/2 minutes. At one point, the Bears scored eight points in 84 seconds, forcing two K-State timeouts. A.J. Walton keyed the run with six straight points, and Jackson sank a 3-pointer for a 58-50 Baylor

lead with 10:36 remaining.

But McGruder kept K-State in it with nine points during an 11-4 run, including a driving layup that pulled the Wildcats to 62-60 with 7:36 remaining.

Henriquez hit two free throws to give K-State a 71-69 lead with 4:13 to play, but Acy scored five straight points to put Baylor up 74-71 with 2:22 remaining.

McGruder converted a baseline drive 17 seconds later, cutting Baylor's lead to 74-73.

Heslip missed from 3-point range with 25 seconds remaining, but Jones got the offensive rebound and was fouled. He made one free throw with 20.9 seconds to go.

K-State appeared ready to tie it when Angel Rodriguez was open in the lane in the final 5 seconds, but he had the ball stripped with 3 seconds on the clock. The Wildcats' ensuing inbound pass was tipped away as time expired.



BAYLOR'S PERRY JONES III puts up a shot under pressure from Kansas State center Jordan Henriquez during the first half. **AP Photo/Charlie Riedel**

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Jackson nabs first Athlete of the Week

with senior forward Ashlee Brown being honored three times. This is Jackson's first career USU award, and she is the first women's basketball player to earn USU Athlete of the Week honors this season.

The senior guard from Mesa, Ariz., led Utah State to a pair of home wins last week against Asbury (83-53) and

Utah Valley (61-43).

Against the Eagles, Jackson had 11 points, four rebounds and three steals as she was 4-of-6 from the field and 3-of-4 from three-point range. Against the Wolverines, she added 13 points, seven rebounds, two assists, one block and one steal.

For the week, Jackson averaged 12.0 points, 5.5 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 1.0 steals, while shooting 50.0 percent from the field (7-14), 44.4 percent from three-point range (4-9), and was a perfect 6-for-6 at the free throw line.

From Page 8

Alabama defense dominates LSU

terback," McCarron said. "I've got to give all the credit to them. I wish I could have the whole team up here."

While LSU was used to getting big plays from its Honey Badger, cornerback and return specialist Tyrann Mathieu, Marquis Maze dealt the first big blow for the Crimson Tide with a 49-yard punt return midway through the opening quarter. He might've gone all the way to the end zone if not for a leg injury that forced him to pull up. Punter Brad Wing was the only defender left to beat, but Maze had to hobble out of bounds.

McCarron completed a 16-yard pass to Darius Hanks at the LSU 10, setting up Shelley for a 23-yard chip shot field goal. If nothing else, Alabama had accomplished one of its goals coming into

the game: to at least get close enough to the end zone for its embattled kickers to have a better chance of converting.

In the first meeting, Shelley and Cade Foster combined to miss four field goals — all of them from at least 44 yards. In the do-over, Foster handled kickoffs while Shelley also connected from 34, 41, 35 and 44 yards. Not that it was a flawless kicking performance. Shelley had another kick blocked and pushed another wide right. In addition, he clanged the extra point off the upright after Richardson's touchdown.

It didn't matter. LSU's best weapon was Wing, who averaged nearly 46 yards on nine punts. That was about the only highlight for the purple and gold, which failed to match its BCS title

game victories in 2003 and 2007, the last two times the game was played in New Orleans, about 80 miles from its Baton Rouge campus.

"We couldn't sustain any consistency," Miles said.

Miles never considered switching to backup quarterback Jarrett Lee, who started the first eight games for the Tigers — four of those while Jefferson was serving a suspension for his involvement in a bar fight.

In all likelihood, it wouldn't have mattered.

Not against an Alabama team that was determined to write a different ending.

"We fell short the first time and we didn't play well," safety Mark Barron said, "but we showed that we were the better team tonight. We shut them out."

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Here's to an awesome NFL season and great playoffs

The 2012 NFL Playoffs are underway and it's hard to believe that we've already closed the books on another NFL regular season. Ah, 2012 — the season that almost wasn't — was full of surprises. There was the good and bad — star performers, rookie sensations, perfect records... almost, complete turnarounds, total breakdowns and, of course, Tim Tebow. Here are some of the more memorable moments of this 2011-12 NFL regular season.



1. The San Francisco 49ers. From 2003-2010, the 49ers didn't make it to the playoffs. Their best record was 8-8, and they went through five head coaches and the Alex Smith dilemma. After the 2010 season they hired their sixth head coach in eight seasons, kept pretty much the same personnel and here they are 13-3 with the No. 2 seed in the NFC. What?! Who said college coaches can't come to the NFL? Watch out for them in the playoffs.
2. The Indianapolis Manning-Colts — 11 playoff appearances and two Super Bowl appearances from 1999-2010. Then 2011 rolls around, there's no Peyton Manning, and suddenly the Colts forget how to play

football. They didn't have the lead in a single game until they beat the Titans in week 15. Let's hope for the Colts and their fans' sake that Peyton Manning's back and on his game in 2012.

3. Green Bay Packers-Aaron Rodgers. What a season for the defending Super Bowl Champions and their quarterback. After winning the Super Bowl as the NFC Wildcard last year, they decided to take the easy route this year — win 13 games in a row, finish at 15-1 and grab the No. 1 seed in the AFC. Not bad. The overall play though of the 2011 Super Bowl MVP

Aaron Rodgers might have been even more impressive than the Packers' 15 wins. He completed just under 70 percent of his passes, threw for more than 4,500 yards, had 45 touchdown passes, only six interceptions and finished with a passer rating of 122.

4. Drew Brees. Not only did he break Dan Marino's 27-year-old single-season passing record with 5,476 yards and throw a league-leading 46 touchdowns, but he got the Saints back to the playoffs.
5. Tim Tebow. He did throw an 80-yard game-winning-in-overtime-against-the-Steelers touchdown pass, but I'm still not converted. Nonetheless, how can you ignore what he did this season? If nothing else, he cemented his backyard legend status. Now, whenever a quarterback in backyard football breaks a tackle and runs for more than two yards, or completely runs someone over, or starts saying a prayer before hiking the ball, people start saying that the aforementioned player looks like — Tim Tebow. If that's not enough, he got the Broncos back to the playoffs.

True they only finished 8-8, but with Mr. Tebow they were 7-4. What about

those fourth-quarter comebacks? Five of his seven regular season wins came from fourth-quarter comebacks that were capped off by game-winning drives. It's true his throwing is erratic and his career completion percentage is less than 50 percent but still, who provided more drama and excitement this season than Tebow? Nobody, except maybe...

6. Cam Newton. It's possibly the easiest Rookie-of-the-Year selection ever. Not only did he lead the Panthers to four more wins than last season, but he also passed for more than 4,000 yards, completed 60 percent of his passes, rushed for over 700 yards, helped revive Steve Smith's career and made the Panthers relevant once again.

Here's to a stellar regular season and hoping the playoffs continue to provide even more drama and excitement.

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From Page 7

Baldwin off to Colorado State

Sept. 30, 2011. Y?

I'm not 100 percent sure on who calls fake field goals, but even if it's special teams coach Bill Busch, people in Logan still blame Baldwin for every bad play call.

The situation is 4 and 8 on the BYU 30-yard line with a 4-point lead and just under eight minutes on the clock. The 43-ish-yard field goal is stretching the range of Aggie kicker Josh Thompson, and if there's one thing a coach shouldn't trust more than Thompson's leg, it's his arm. Everyone in the stadium — or at least the press box — knew

when Utah State lined up for a field goal it was going to be a fake. If you're going to go for it from that range, put on wide receiver Stanley Morrison to make a play.

Long story short, Aggies can't get some insurance points, BYU comes back in miraculous fashion to steal a "rivalry" win from their little brothers.

Jan. 4. So long, Dave.

Thanks for the memories coach Baldwin. May you have success when you don't play against Utah State. Hopefully your style of play calling

will fit in with the amount of touchdowns your new head coach Jim McElwain didn't score while he coordinated a nearly touchdown-less offense in the 2012 Bowl Championship Series National Championship.

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FORMER OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR DAVE BALDWIN seen here on the sideline during the BYU game at home during 2010, accepted the offensive coordinator position at Colorado State. TODD JONES photo

From Page 7

Road trip huge for USU

(3-13). USU will face New Mexico State (11-5, 1-0) Thursday, and it will be a tall order to defeat the team picked to finish second in the WAC.

Senior forward Wendell McKines is averaging a double-double for New Mexico State and leads the southern Aggies with 18.4 points per game to go with 10 rebounds a night. Christian Kabongo is aver-

aging 14.8 per game for New Mexico State, but his status as a member of the team has been in question since the team suspended him indefinitely Dec. 13, 2011.

The sophomore sat out two games after his suspension and then went on to play two more, but Kabongo has not logged any minutes or stats since he scored eight points in a losing effort against New Mexico on Dec. 28, 2011.

Despite the tough challenge, Morrill remains optimistic. "If we'll stay right mentally, we'll go out and have a chance to compete in those games," he said. "You've got to compete, and you've got to find a way to win and get over the hump. We've got four chances coming up. It's a good group of kids. They'll respond. I'm real worried about that. They'll respond and try their rear ends off, and that's all you can really ask."

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State Your Case

Are defensive battles really all that great? Did the BCS Championship game live up to its hype?

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There is no school like the old school.

Alabama dominated LSU in every way in the BCS Championship. It was beautiful. Alabama won a national title because Nick Saban and the Crimson Tide played old school.

Sorry folks, but defense wins ball games. We might be in a time period where offense takes center stage, but the Tide showed that good, old-fashioned football wins. Not only did Alabama record the first ever BCS-bowl shutout, they allowed LSU to cross midfield once. The Tigers had just 92 yards of offense.

To the average sports fan a shootout might be more entertaining, but to the true sports fan there's nothing like watching a dominant defense. This game had everything: penalties, turnovers, special teams, defense and offense.

That's right, offense. Alabama's defense demolished LSU's offense, and the Tide's offense shredded the Tiger's defense. Don't hate the game because only one offense



showed up. AJ McCarron finished with 234 yards passing, and the Tide's receiving core made some fantastic catches.

McCarron, an offensive player, was named MVP. How do you award an individual accolade to an entire unit? You can't, otherwise Alabama's defense would have taken home the honor.

Simply put, Alabama had the greatest single-game defensive performance in the history of college football.

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Roll Tide? More like, softly patter my toes, oh gentle beach wave...

I understand the old adage that the best offense is a good defense, but the LSU Alabama two-game series took it way too far.

Seriously, one touchdown in two hours of game-time? I had to sit through 1 hour, 55 minutes and 11 seconds spanning over two months before I could see these top teams get a touchdown on the scoreboard? Seriously?

I don't care if the teams playing have the No. 1 and No. 2 defenses in the universe. Elite offenses still need to be able to score on elite defenses.

As I watched the Bowl Championship Series National Championship, a.k.a. LSU vs. Alabama 2: The Boredom Returns, I was pissed. It was the first shutout ever in a bowl game — much less the championship game.

How can a team have a legitimate claim to a No. 1 or No. 2 ranking if they can't even put 100 yards of total



didn't even cross the 50-yard line until well into the second half.

When I turn on the TV to watch a bowl game, I want to see some scoring. I'll take Baylor's Alamo Bowl or West Virginia's Orange Bowl over LSU's incompetence.

I'll even take a close game with two teams I don't even care about, like Western Michigan and Purdue in the Little Caesars Bowl over an Alabama yawn-fest any day.

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“If we stay right mentally, we'll go out and have a chance to compete ...”

— head coach Stew Morrill, USU men's basketball

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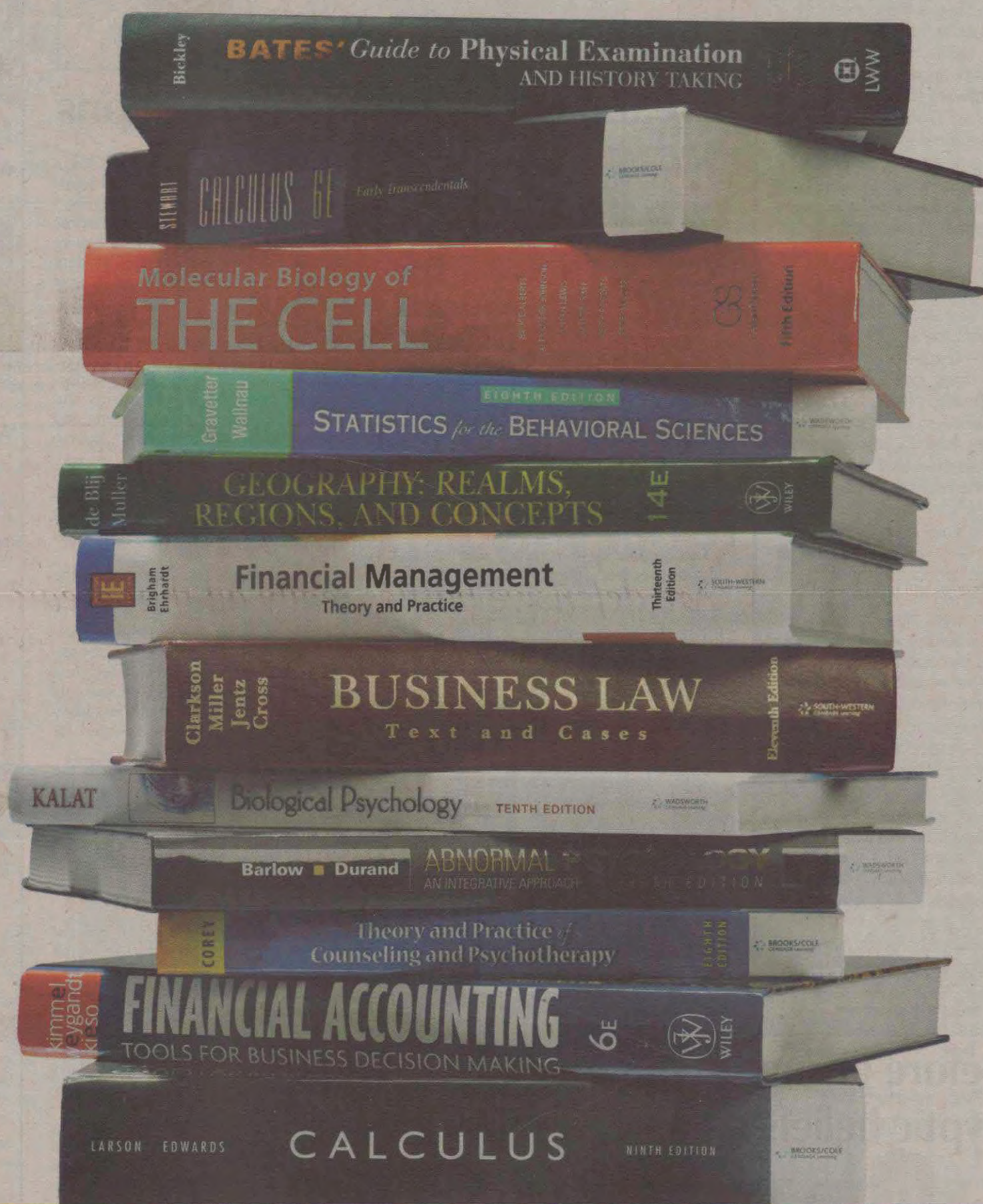
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Our View

It's time to let go of the holiday fever

At The Statesman we love Christmas, but we also love other holidays such as Saint Patrick's Day and Thanksgiving.

Interestingly enough, we never seem to see decorative shamrocks, Cupid window stickers or turkey-shaped lights within three weeks of their associated holidays. Whether due to an excess of Saint Nick syndrome or pure apathetic laziness, Christmas lights and tinsel seem to clutter our society for six months of the year.

While we appreciate the glimmer during days leading up to Dec. 25, we feel a need exists for a guide to Christmas decorations, namely when they should and should not be visible.

There are plenty of arguments about when decorations should be put up toward the end of the calendar year. Some people say Dec. 1 is the earliest Christmas should make its appearance, while others say the day after Thanksgiving is acceptable. Our less-than-favorite people will start singing Jingle Bells in the middle of November, and we are stupefied by those who believe in Christmas in July — they're out there.

At the risk of seriously pissing off some soccer moms who make it the purpose of their very being to race their neighbors to light sales — as well as turkey rights activists who hunt the soccer moms like Blade hunts vampires — we suggest a compromise.

First, if you feel an undying need to celebrate Christmas before Thanksgiving, please be discrete about it. It's okay to put up a few bells and ribbons around the house, but it's best to leave the big, flashy, outdoor decor untouched until the pilgrims have successfully gorged themselves on their sacred turkeys.

Second, please pick up your crap before New Year's Eve. If it only takes Santa one night to deliver gifts to billions of children around the world, is it really that much to ask for his joyful elves in the real world to stuff the reindeer lights back in the garage in a week? You wouldn't let your empty vodka bottles roll around the apartment for three weeks after New Year's Eve — well, maybe. Either way, some of those decorations start to look pretty nasty when they are left outside for a month in the polluted Cache Valley air — especially the massive, deflated Frosty the Snowman covering your lawn like an abandoned parachute.

Thirdly, please dispose of your trees in a timely manner. As with the blackened outdoor decor, Christmas trees get pretty banged up. Think of how you would look after a month if someone cut off your life support and hung glass balls and nutcrackers all over you.

We hope all of our readers thoroughly enjoyed their holidays, but it's getting to be about that time. Go ahead, put your decorations away for now. After all, Valentine's Day is just around the corner.

Question before giving into apocalyptic beliefs

Welcome Statesman readers to 2012. After a semester of the worst grades I've ever gotten, I'm returning to school with renewed vigor and a resolution to graduate before the world ends.

It is going to end, right? According to many new-age believers, 2012 marks the period of potential cataclysmic change — positive or negative — including Earth's collision with a black hole, humans undergoing a spiritual transformation and any other number of doomsday scenarios. Although all of these claims have been dismissed by scholars in multiple fields, the idea of the world ending has incited both hope and terror in millions of people across the globe.

For those with a trivial amount of critical-thinking skill, the idea of the world suddenly coming to an end is laughable. But the reactions of those who do believe in such an idea are unfounded and often dangerous.

One such particular group was founded in 1986 by a man named Joseph Kony, who reorganized a movement originally based on fighting the oppressive Ugandan government. Kony dubbed this new group the Lord's Resistance Army, based on the Ten Commandments and designed to overthrow the government using apocalyptic Christian views.

Because he lost support rapidly, Kony began raiding villages and abducting children as soldiers for the LRA. He often forced the children to kill and rape family members, thereby making it impossible for them to return home. Then the children are marched to camps where they are indoctrinated.

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LIZ EMERY



Creating change with evaluations

I'm the director of Analysis, Assessment and Accreditation at Utah State University (usu.edu/aaa). In response to many questions and comments about course evaluations at USU, I've been invited by The Statesman to provide some details. Questions I've received include: Why do we have course evaluations? How are they used? Why should we care?

Words from the Wise

MICHAEL TORRENS

Last fall marked the start of new IDEA online course evaluations at USU. Every enrolled student received emails and reminders asking them to complete evaluation forms online.

The feedback we received was generally positive, but definitely mixed: "Thank you! For focusing on what we're learning in class," "Please remove me from your list," "Filling them out online is a great idea," "... a complete waste of time," "I like the new evaluations," and "I have some suggestions."

Course evaluations are very important, but it's clear to me from reactions to the new system that there is a fair amount of uncertainty and misunderstanding about course evaluations at USU.

Let's start with a few facts. Course evaluations are used by faculty members to adjust the content and delivery of their courses. I know of many examples where instructors have changed materials, changed course structure and delivery, or changed student instructions as a direct result of course evaluation results.

These evaluations are a source of information used by USU administrators to make decisions about faculty, such as appointment, promotion and merit acknowledgment. They are used by departments and colleges to document student learning and to make strategic choices about course offerings and content.

Course evaluation results are also used by my office as a part of USU's accreditation process, helping to ensure that USU degrees continue to hold their meaning and value.

Course evaluations represent one of the few direct methods that students have to influence and improve courses at USU. To achieve this they require the broad participation of students. Results with response rates below 65 percent are considered "less reliable," so if you or your fellow students don't complete an evaluation, it's less likely that any student input will be counted for that class.

Courses are also improved through the

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Tenure necessary for meaningful research

I am prompted to write this in response to an article in the Dec. 9, 2011, edition of The Statesman. My picture was on the front page along with a very poor and misleading article concerning tenure. None of my positions on this issue were included in the article.

Another View

WILLIAM FURLONG

First, let me state that I am a very strong proponent of tenure. It is critical in today's world to protect teachers who may have controversial or not very popular positions

on the issues of the day. That is why tenure was instituted in the first place.

In today's polarized society, a Marxist sociologist at the University of Utah might come under pressure from the state Legislature demanding his or her resignation. A Keynesian economist at USU might have difficulty in the economics department. A liberal political science professor might face severe pressures from Tea Party types demanding that "that Socialist" professor be dismissed.

Early in my own career, I came across this type of social pressure. In 1963, I had a conversation with Utah Congressman Lawrence Burton, R, who had been a pro-

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fessor at Weber State. He told me he was approached by a group of Utah citizens demanding that he "do something" about the Communist professor in the political science department at USU. The professor in question had written a book on the history of political thought that included a chapter on Marxism. The group, therefore, believed that the professor was a Communist, which was very far from the truth as he was quite conservative in his own views. Congressman Burton did nothing to interfere in this case. This example illustrates why tenure needs to be continued to protect the openness of the university and the ability to expose students to a variety of ideas — not just the currently acceptable ones.

to the mission of the university is that most of the great teaching, important research and community service are all carried out by tenured faculty. Without the protection of tenure, some cutting-edge research might not be accomplished and controversial ideas might not be presented to students. The work of the university would be hindered by individuals and/or groups who might disagree with these activities and orientations. There are those who oppose climate change research, coyote research, genetic research and cloning, etc. Could this important research be done without the protection from outside influence and interference without tenure? I doubt it.

In my own case, my best teaching, my most important research and publications,

and some of my best community service all occurred after I received tenure. My five Fulbright Lectureships to Latin America also occurred after I was tenured. I believe that this is the case for most of the faculties at Utah's universities.

Another reason to defend tenure is that higher education is not local but is national and global. Institutions without tenure could not compete for the "best and the brightest" faculty without the job protection of tenure. USU, for example, would devolve from a university to a type of community college. This would be a disaster for the students and for the state of Utah.

Students in the article of Dec. 9 blamed poor advising and poor teaching on tenure.

They were incorrect. There might be poor teaching and poor advising, but tenure cannot be blamed for an individual's choices to not do their job the best that they can. There has always been a process for disciplining tenured faculty. Tenured faculty can and, in some cases, should be dismissed for cause. So if someone is not meeting their job requirements, following due process, department heads, deans and the provost can take action to remedy the situation. Continuing the use of tenure is critical for the survival of the university.

— William Furlong is a political science professor at Utah State University. He has been published several times for his writings on Latin American politics. Comments can be sent to statesmanoffice@aggiemail.usu.edu.



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evaluation portion that focuses on learning outcomes. This is where you tell us what — and how much — you learned. A total of 12 questions must be asked for validity. You can focus on the learning objectives that were relevant to your course.

Course evaluations require constructive feedback. When students include personal opinions, venting or attacks on faculty in the course evaluation process, it undermines any substantive feedback provided by yourself or other students. When faculty or administrators see such comments, they are more likely to dismiss course evaluation results.

I'd like to stress the importance of taking course evaluations seriously. Read the instructions and fully answer the questions and you will help improve the class for future students. Your course experience next semester will be impacted by the evaluations completed by the students who came before you.

It is not well known, but administrators and faculty members carefully read the evaluations for every single course. Evaluation results are available to all students that participate in the process: <http://usu.edu/aaa/evaluations.cfm>.

Finally, for those who complained about IDEA emails: You are expected to complete course evaluations as a USU student. They are not optional. Reminders to do this are sent out by IDEA. The fastest way to stop getting reminder emails is to complete your evaluation forms.

There are 18 questions on the most common evaluation form, which compares to 25 under the previous system. I've tested filling them out. It takes a total of two minutes — three with comments — and is probably less time than it will take to write me an email and to read my extensive reply. That being said, I am interested in all feedback and happy to correspond with anyone who has input regarding the new system. I can be reached at michael.torrens@usu.edu.

Course evaluations at USU are both a measure of student achievement and a method for improving teaching and learning. As such, they are a crucial component of the investment each of you — and often, your parents — have made for an education at USU. Please treat them with the respect they deserve.

— Michael Torrens is director of the Analysis, Assessment and Accreditation Office. Comments can be sent to statesmanoffice@aggiemail.usu.edu.

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nated for any number of useful occupations under Kony's management, including sex slavery and combat. More information on this can be found at warchild.org.

Although this despicable behavior has been carried out by Kony for more than 25 years, nothing has been actively done to bring it to an end. Several organizations are trying diligently to raise awareness, but unfortunately, without military aid there's not a lot citizens can do to fight against weapon-bearing children.

October 2011, President Obama announced his intention to send over a small group of soldiers to Uganda, South Sudan, the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, with these countries' permission. This number will gradually increase as the soldiers seek to capture or kill those in charge of the LRA, according to ABC News.

While everyone with even the slightest bit of knowledge about this crisis is relieved that something is finally being done, Rush Limbaugh, the world's most intelligent radio talk show host, broadcasted his personal opinion about the LRA shortly after Obama's announcement.

Without bothering to do any research, Limbaugh hounded Obama about sending troops to fight a "Christian" organization.

"Now, up until today," he said, "most Americans have never heard of the combat Lord's Resistance Army. And here we are at war with them ... (the) Lord's Resistance Army are Christians. It means God."

If by "most Americans," Limbaugh means himself, then yes. The ignorance he displayed would be laughable if the situation wasn't so serious. And it wasn't until the end of the

show — after millions of listeners heard Limbaugh accuse Obama of killing Christians — that Limbaugh mentions receiving information about the LRA's true nature.

It seems that a topic of this nature would call for a bit of research, especially from such a popular political pundit. But Mr. Limbaugh seems to think that just because something is plastered with the Christian appellation, it doesn't merit any real background work. It's not exactly difficult. If you simply Google LRA, multiple hits from websites are retrieved that tell this tragic story of child abuse. Videos can be found on YouTube of adolescents candidly telling stories about watching people being dismembered.

Attitudes like Limbaugh's are exactly the problem with apocalyptic thinking and scenarios. Extreme behavior can masquerade as religious belief and evade criticism by world powers — even though Kony and his henchmen have been wanted for war crimes for more than five years, Obama's administration is the first to do anything.

This is why it is so vitally important to expose the intentions of those who claim to know the world is coming to its end. Rather than read apocalyptic scenarios, do the research and find out why they aren't true — and then use that information to educate those around you. Unless the apocalypse is human induced — at this point this possibility seems more likely than ever — the end of the world is literally impossible at the close of 2012. And until everyone knows it, insanity, like that of Kony, will be able to continue.

— Liz Emery is a senior majoring in English creative writing. Her column appears every Wednesday. Comments can be sent to her at emery@yahoo.com.

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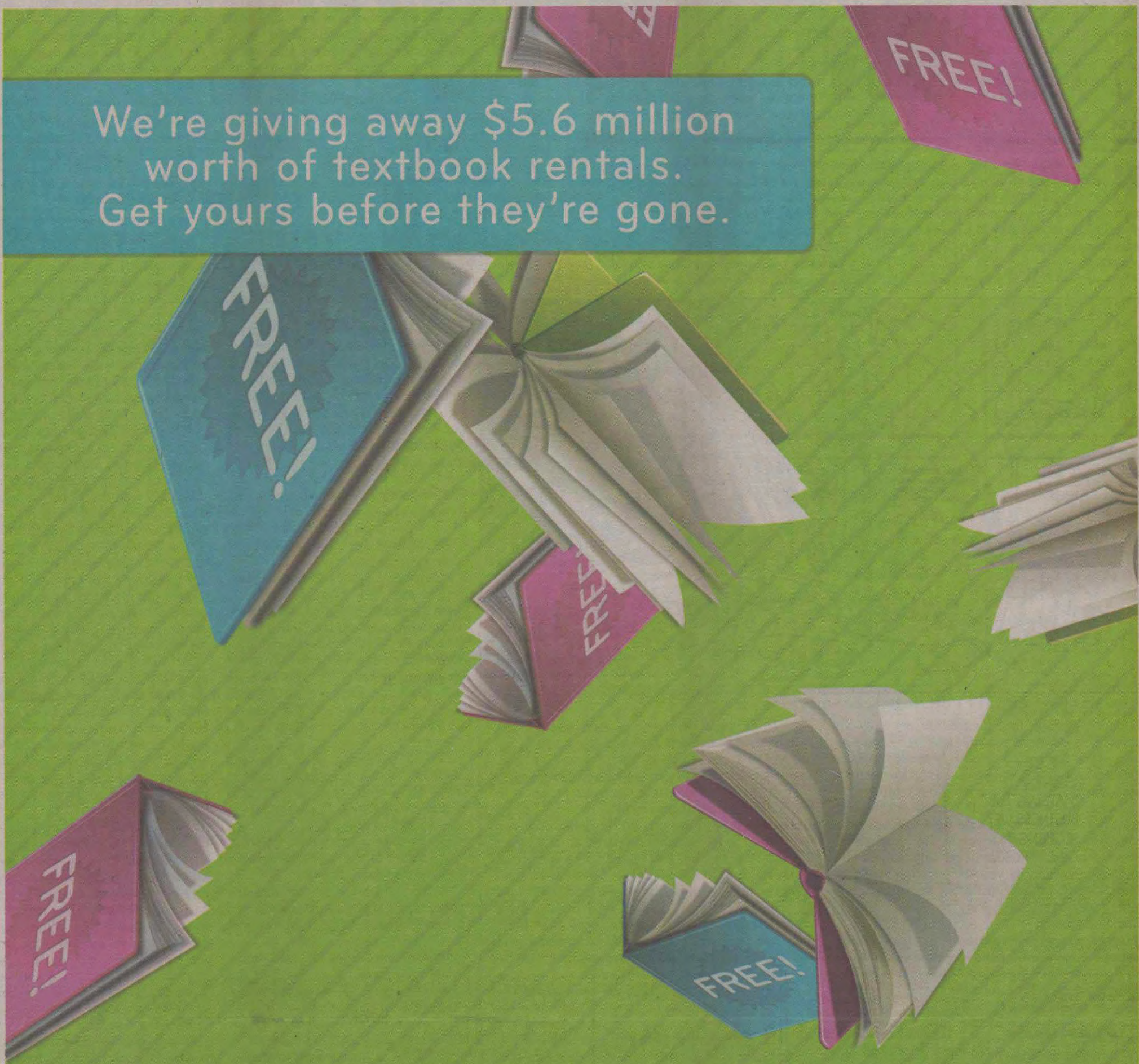
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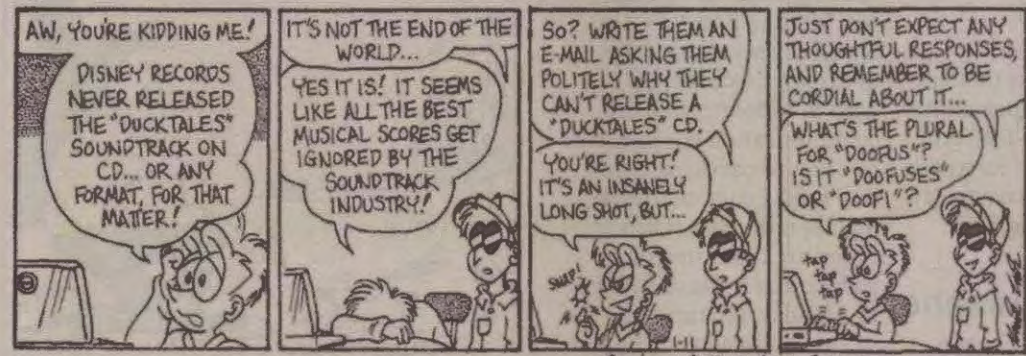
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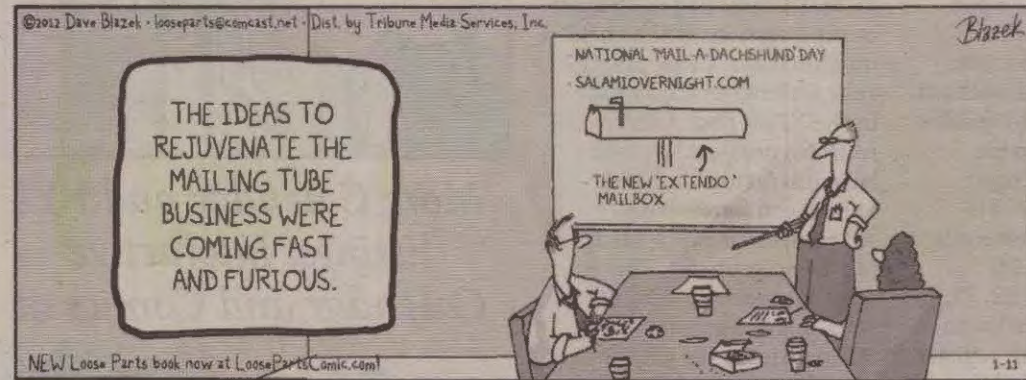


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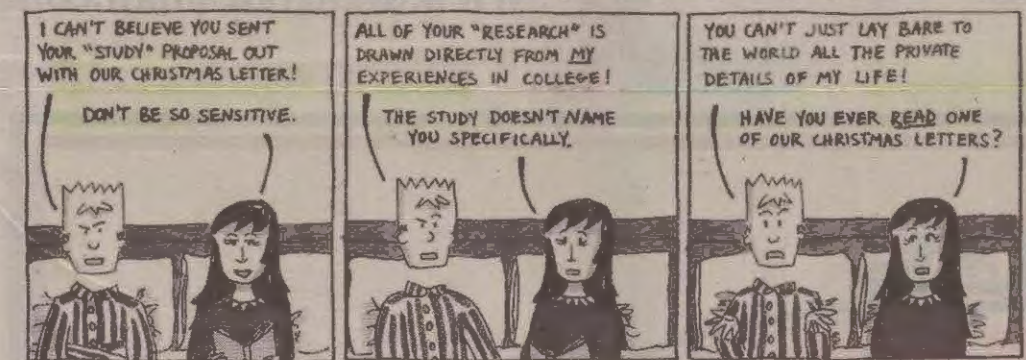
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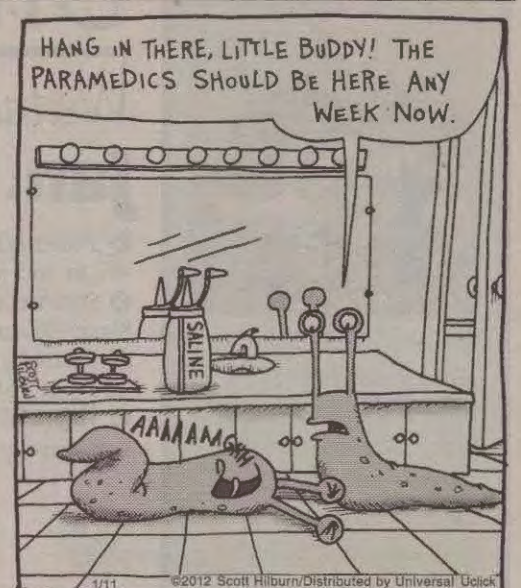
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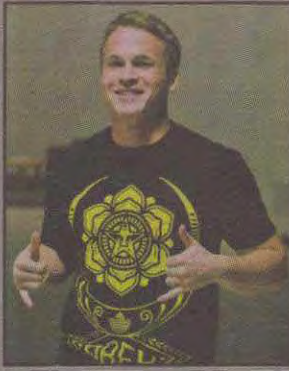
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Today's Issue



Today is Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is dedicated to Matt Westerberg, a senior majoring in political science from Preston, Idaho.

Almanac

Today in History: Declaring that "The ages had been at work on it, and man can only mar it," President Theodore Roosevelt designates the Grand Canyon a national monument. By the late 19th Century, the growing American fascination with nature and wilderness made the canyon an increasingly popular tourist destination.

Weather

High: 27° Low: 9°
Skies: Sunny with a 10 percent chance of precipitation.



**Wednesday
Jan. 11**

- ▶ Poster exhibition: Disability History -8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Library 34
- ▶ Summer Campaign Summer Photo Shoot- 10 a.m. TSC Sunburst Lounge
- ▶ Financial Planning for Women- 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. TSC 336
- ▶ Financial Planning for Women- 7 to 8:30 p.m. Family Life Center

**Thursday
Jan. 12**

- ▶ Poster exhibition: Disability History- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Library 34
- ▶ Women and Spirituality- 3 to 4 p.m. Library 54
- ▶ Martin Luther King Jr. Vigil- 5 to 7 p.m. TSC Ballroom
- ▶ Big Band Swing Club- 7 p.m. HPER 215

**Friday
Jan. 13**

- ▶ Last Day to Add classes without Instructor's Signature
- ▶ Poster exhibition: Disability History -8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Library 34
- ▶ Aggie Game Nights-7 to Midnight ENGR 201
- ▶ Country Swing Dance-7:30p.m. to 11 p.m. TSC ballroom
- ▶ Cache Valley Stargazers- 7:30 to 9 p.m. SER 244

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