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ALPHA SIGMA PHI COMES TO UTAH STATE



By Amy Reid & Brenna Kelly SENIOR WRITER & COPY EDITOR

University home next semester.

Founded in 1845 at Yale University, Alpha Sigma Phi has over 130 chapters in the U.S., Canada and Scotland. This will be the first chapter to come to Utah, and Matthew Weido - coordinator of expansion and growth for the national organization - believes that more will follow.

"This chapter is going to set the precedent for others that will eventually come into Utah, but we just want to make sure it's a good strong chapter," Weido said. "A little bit of - I don't want to say more pressure - but we want to make sure that this is successful."

'A good fit'

"We're looking to move the Greek system in ers," he said. a positive direction. Not that the others aren't doing well, but we want to make sure ... we're away from stereotypes," Weido said.

Weido said the organization chooses about at USU. 12 colleges per year to "colonize," and it picked USU because the leaders want higher caliber A new fraternity will be calling Utah State universities. USU would be the first college in Utah to have the fraternity.

> "I wouldn't use the word 'picky,' but we're just careful," Weido said.

Starting a chapter typically takes two years. The organization made initial contact a year ago through Kevin Webb, the associate director of student involvement and leadership, to bring the fraternity to USU.

"We thought they were a good fit to our campus," Webb said.

The process took work and time, Webb said, but there plenty of benefits to adding new fraternițies on a campus.

"All the research and evidence shows that adding a new organization benefits the oth-

After Alpha Sigma Phi made contact through Webb, the organization had to be approved moving in a different direction and moving through the InterFraternity Council, or IFC, ed, quality guys. the leadership group in charge of fraternities "Being Greek is just one piece of the pie," he

"It's not necessarily required, but it's like getting our blessing," said Oakman Kennedy, a member of Alpha Tao Omega and the vice president of recruitment for IFC.

The IFC was impressed by the fraternity's age and national success statistics, and the members voted the fraternity in. Both the IFC and Webb said they are excited to have Alpha Sigma Phi at USU.

"We want people to be a part of the Greek community, not necessarily a specific house," Kennedy said. "The more options available, the better.'

The Benchmarks

Alpha Sigma Phi is the 10th oldest fraternity in the nation, and its values are silence, charity, purity, honor and patriotism. The fraternity is in the middle of a six-week recruiting period which will end on Nov. 14.

Weido said he is looking for men who can be leaders, fraternity gentlemen and well-round-

said. "You should be able to dabble in athletics or other college clubs ... (being Greek) is part of you, sure, but you should be able to do everything else and a lot more as well."

In order to operate, this chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi must meet certain benchmarks. Among other things, member must hold brotherhood meetings and social events, raise money for one of five charitable organizations, give community service, maintain a 2.70 GPA and participate in an intramural sport. Additionally, the chapter must recruit and have a budget.

"They're operating like a company, basically," Wiedo said.

The Founding Fathers

Anyone that joins the fraternity now would be considered a founding father and would keep the fraternity running after its initial setup by the national chapter. Over 14 men on campus have accepted bids to the fraternity so

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Aggie Rec Center modesty code voted by USUSA

By Ashley Stilson . WRITER

Let's face it: There seems to always be something under construction on campus.

But soon students will no longer have to skirt around the chained link fences and concrete roadblocks that surround the new Aggie Recreation Center. On Nov. 19, the ARC will be ready to open exclusively for students enrolled at Utah State University.

"We want students to love it, we want everyone to use it and we want everyone to feel comfortable in it," said Thomas Rogers, USUSA athletics and campus recreation vice president. "I want people to walk in there and feel at home." According to the campus recreational website, Tyler Tolson, 2009 USU student body president, ran a campaign focused on building a new recreational student facility. The project was proposed in 2012 and received legislation approval in

2013. Construction for the ARC began late 2013 and has cost around \$30 million for permits, design, construction and equipment, according to the campus recreation website.

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With new buildings come new policies, and the rules ARC will differ slightly from the USU Fieldhouse. Building policies include rules for everything from hours of operation to what to do in emergencies to dress codes.

The major difference between the two building policies will be a change in dress standards for the ARC.

"We drafted the policy that would not only keep the students safe, but also maintain the equipment for as long as we can," said Chase Ellis, director of campus recreation.

Some of the changes include requiring that shirts worn at all times that cover the front, back and sides of rec center users. Bottoms should not have zippers or buttons.

Rogers said campus culture does not play a role in influencing the dress policies.

"It's about safety, and it's about health," Rogers said.

The new policy was approved by the USUSA executive council, which discussed in depth the effect the dress standards would have on students utilizing the ARC.

"In the new rec center they want to ensure the students are safe and the facility is safe as well," said Madison Manors, USUSA public



relations and marketing director. "If you understand the reasons behind the policy, I think it's something that people will be able to get behind if they know the reasons as to why it's being implemented." Marketing and well-informed staff will be key in educating students about the dress standards, Ellis said.

"We want to protect the user so they can enjoy the equipment as long as possible," he said.

Both the executive council and campus recreation staff agree that the ARC will be an exciting and positive benefit for students and

faculty at the university.

According to the campus recreation website, the ARC includes three full-size basketball/volleyball/badminton courts, outdoor basketball and volleyball, a large fitness center with locker rooms, an elevated indoor track, a climbing wall, and cardio and weight rooms. Much of the equipment has been provided by Free Motion, Ellis said. The ARC is also going to be a beta testing site for Free Motion equipment that hasn't been released into the public.

"My goal when I ran was to increase wellness at Utah State,"

PHOTO BY Dane Rassmussen Rogers said. "I want many Aggies to experience this new beautiful rec center, to come there and feel proud to be an Aggie at Utah State." The ARC is the only building on campus funded entirely by student fees. Students concerned with any policies in the ARC are encouraged to talk to USUSA officers or the campus rec staff.

"If there are any students who are concerned about it, we're more than happy to hear them out and answer any questions that they have," Maners said.

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When your intramural VB championship game means more to you than it probably should. #feels #aggielife





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Guys, if we're lucky maybe Marcus Wing's playlist will be the exact same as the 2011 HOWL! He's a saint! Praise Marcus! #AggieLife #The-Howl

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I just sneezed in class and NOT A SINGLE PERSON said 'bless you' We live in a dark time my friends. #Aggiestrife #2015 I'm fine btdubs



@kelseng

The only reason Mantua is noticed is because of the speed trap. #aggiestrife

QUESTIVAL: ADVENTURE & SERVICE



FEIS

By Kayla Swenson WRITER

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Utah State University students finished Business Week on Friday with a bang as they cinched up their Cotopaxi backpacks and headed out on a 24-hour adventure scavenger hunt.

"It's amazing how much fun and the amount of good you can do with your friends in such a short amount of time," said Brenton Hull, a junior who was in the group to place first in the Questival.

name up here in Cache Valley."

The Questival began late Friday afternoon with a kick-off party on the quad. Teams arrived with packs of outdoor gear and plenty of Aggie energy. Each participant received a free Cotopaxi backpack and prepped for the race with pre-game tasks: beer pong, food trucks and yard games. After a short pumpup shout, teams of two to six people set out on a race to see who could complete the most outdoor tasks in the next 24 hours.

"To kick off the party our team drove straight to Salt Lake," said Jordan Rule, a freshman at USU. "We downed the Red Bulls and the Sour Patch Kids and we were on our way. It was honestly so great until those two Red Bulls caught up to me."

The team that completed the most tasks and had the highest creativity ranking could win a trip to Belize to compete in the world Questival.

"My favorite task was wakeboarding at 7:30 in the morning at Bear Lake," Hull said. "It was a moment of relief and a moment of extreme pleasure."

Hull's team had competed in the April Questival and said that the main difference was that this race, the tasks were more centered around Cache Valley. He also liked the tasks that tested their knowledge on the school of business.

Cotopaxi Questival is very impressive and is a great example to students aspiring to be entrepreneurs.

"Our motto in the business school is dare mighty things, and the founders and chief officers of Cotopaxi have dared mighty things in their career paths," Vera said.

The company is very focused on giving back to the community and each year uses the majority of their funds to alleviate poverty.

"The Cotopaxi company incorporates an idealistic kind of business that does well be-

PHOTOS BY KYLE TODECHEENE

The Questival is an event sponsored and organized by Cotopaxi, an outdoor gear company. Cotopaxi hosts 12 different Questivals throughout the year in 12 different states. After business senator Ben Vera competed in Utah's April Questival, he decided that it would be a good idea to bring the adventure to USU.

"I started speaking with Cotopaxi about doing a questival with the John M. Huntsman School of Business around the end of May," Vera said. "They were really excited about it and thought it was a good idea to get their

Throughout the race, teams used the Questival app to decide on which tasks they would complete. The app was organized into 12 categories of tasks: food, quirky, service and environment, social media, surprise, survival and camping, teamwork, travel and hiking, adventure and fitness, checkpoints, community and festival.

"Some of the tasks require students to search for Huntsman facts, and a surprise task was to stop and spell out Huntsman with whatever teams could find," Vera said. To complete tasks, teams had to take a picture or video of them doing the task and submit the picture to the Questival app for judges review. To further marketing for Cotopaxi, the judges required each team to include a flag with the company logo in pictures. Vera said that from a business perspective, cause it gives back," Hull said.

Questival reflects this attitude of selflessness in the service tasks. Hull said he liked how during the rush to win, his team helped lay sod for a new park at the Cache Valley Humane Society and visited senior citizens in the Legacy Home.

"It was a weekend well-spent to the extreme," Hull said. "The Questival helped me realize how much you can do if you put your time and effort into it. There is good to be done and had everywhere."

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Humans vs. Zombies, smaller than previous years

By Austin Labonty WRITER

Last week was the annual Utah State University Humans Versus Zombies game - a week-long, campus-wide game of zombie survival simulation.

Students from all different departments and age groups joined in for a week of testing their survival skills against the ever-growing zombie horde. The event was coordinated by a relatively small group of USU students working with Humans vs. Zombies, the organization that invented the game and helps run it.

"We've got a fair number of people playing, but not quite as many as we had a few years ago when the game was a bit more popular," said senior Mikaila Young, one of the moderators of the game.

The rules of the game are pretty simple. Every student who wants to participate sets up a free account on the game's website, which gives them an ID number and a designation of human or zombie.

When students are zombies, they wear a bright orange head band and try to tag (or "eat") humans; as a human, they wear a bright orange arm band and avoid zombies until tagged, turning them into a zombie. Humans can throw socks at zombies to temporarily "stun" them, which prevents said zombie from tagging other humans for a short time.

Using ID numbers, the Humans vs. Zombies website keeps track of the game's progress. Anyone can check how the game is going which zombies have the most kills, which humans are still alive and which side is winning.



Approximately 290 students participated in this year's game. The turnout, which was lower than average, was not helped by the fact that a large number of players on the human side didn't participate in many of the night missions and

other activities the moderators put on. On the Wednesday night mission, only ten "humans" came out to play, despite the website listing over 150 players who had still not been tagged.

Despite the lower than expected

participation, the game was still largely a success. Students, who participated in all or most of the activities the moderators put on reported a tense but rewarding experience.

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NEWS

TECH & MONEY

Students & the apps they love

By Mandy Morgan Ditto WRITER

Apps were made for college students, right? Millennials may be one of the largest demographics of people to use a variety of different apps on their smartphones.

Between apps to help with classes, time management and social interaction, students are downloading left and right, and there are plenty of favorites.

Here are a few that Utah State University students specifically feel they've come to love as college students:

Canvas:

This app is directly linked to a students' online Canvas. With classes, assignments, to-do lists, messaging and grades, students can see everything they need for classes, right in their palm.

"I love it because I can access my classes on my phone or tablet and not have to haul my computer everywhere," said Rachel Hulse, a junior majoring in elementary education. "I don't have to log onto Canvas on the Internet when I want to check real quick what homework is due, or if my teachers have us look at something on Canvas."

The convenience is enough to probably sway any busy student.

However, students should keep in mind that no technology is perfect, and the Canvas app is sometimes slow to load and isn't able to display everything that can be see on Canvas on the computer. It's a convenient on-the-go homework help, but the computer is good to use for the big stuff.

Google:

"I like the Google app a lot," said Kyle Reed, a freshman majoring in aviation technology. "You can just look up anything on it, and you can talk to it, and that's really cool."

The Google app is just like the search engine used through the Internet on a computer. It is free and can have numerous windows of searches open for a few days before refreshing. It can also connect to a personal Google account, when the user signs themselves in, to save searches and bring up information that may relate to them.

Google Translate:

Though it began as one of Google's tools to be used on a computer, anybody can now quickly translate between languages with the Google Translate app.

It can be especially useful for students in language courses, like Janna Weaver, who said that it was something she regularly used in her Russian classes to help with quick word translations.

Google Translate is the free app that helps someone like Weaver the most with homework, especially the stuff that is not in English.

Fantastical:

An app for calendaring and keeping schedules in order is what a lot of students need. For anyone with and iPhone and Gmail, this particular app could be especially useful, according to student users.

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY Makenzi Morrison

Student loan borrowers face too many repayment hurdles, feds say

By Ali Montag MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON - Student loan servicing companies are coming under fire by regulators for the second time in two months.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau released a report Wednesday criticizing student loan servicing companies, which are contracted to handle details like collecting monthly payments, for not helping borrowers get into

struggling borrowers to default," the bureau announced plans to explore industrywide regulations. More than 25 percent of all student loan borrowers were behind or defaulting on their loans, according to the September report,

rolling in income-driven repayment plans as contributing to struggling borrowers' challenges. Natalia Abrams, executive director of Student Debt Crisis, a nonprofit group that pushes for changes in how education is figrams to help repay their loan, even though they were eligible to apply for them, Abrams said. Borrowers also complained of loan servicers processing payments late, incorrectly reporting credit scores and losing information.

payment.



just trying to pay down their principles early.

Griswold said students receive guidance from their school on loans when they graduate, but servicers have direct access to the borrowers for the rest of their re-

"Students are given packets of information when they leave school about their options in loan repayments. Some study these carefully and others may not," she said in an email. "However, when a servicer first sees that a borrower is struggling (misses a payment), they are not always proactive in helping the borrower or moving them to a different payment plan." Despite the Education Department's requirement that students get counseling when they take out loans and when they graduate, there is still a lack of information and they "don't know their options," said Sheelu Surender, director of financial aid at Wichita State University.

plans that make it easier to repay loans.

The agency's student loan ombudsman found that in particular, borrowers with older federal student loans may be more heavily effected by loan servicing problems, although complaints about servicing are widespread.

In September, after analyzing 30,000 public comments that showed companies using "a wide range of sloppy, patchwork practices that can create obstacles to repayment; raise costs, cause distress and contribute to driving

while Wednesday's shows that 30 percent of borrowers with Federal Family Education Loan Program loans are behind.

Both reports point to problems like paperwork processing delays, inconsistent instructions from loan servicers and difficulty ennanced, said loan servicing companies "are not alerting the student loan borrowers of all of their options if they run into trouble." In a survey of 3,000 borrowers done by the group, almost 60 percent said their loan servicer did not inform them of federal pro-

Although graduated students are not typically referred back to their schools for help with loans, said Anna Griswold, executive director for student aid at Pennsylvania State University, she has heard of problems with servicers from both struggling borrowers and those

"There are so many different types of repayment programs out there," she said.



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015 STUDENT LIFE PARANORMAL INVESTIGATORS



(LEFT) GHOST HUNTER Todd Steorgs explains the spirit orbs he captured in a photograph at the Whittier Center. (TOP) STUDENT PARKER ROBISON holds dowsling rods in an attempt to communicate with a spirit, while ghost hunter Todd Steorgs asks the deceased being questions. (BOTTOM) THE J.R. EDWARDS BUILDING in downtown Logan, where a group of ghost hunters, including Todd Steorgs, Derrick Hughs and Megan Gill, ghost hunt and are filmed for an online TV series.

By Hannah McDonald WRITER

Maybe it was a slight shiver when entering

Maybe it was faint footsteps heard from the hallway outside a bedroom in an empty house.

Or maybe, just for half a second, there's a black, shadowy figure standing beside a door. Paranormal investigators like Utah State University student Megan Gill make it their job to respond to such reports, searching Cache Valley homes and buildings for signs of ghost activity.

Gill, a senior majoring in folklore, has been hunting ghosts since the December of 2012, when she was hired to co-produce a web series about paranormal investigation. By now, she estimates that she's participated in more than 50 ghost hunts.

"It's not always exciting and dramatic," she

tient. We'll just sit there and hang out."

Paranormal investigators like those in Gill's team endeavor to make their hunts as scientific and objective as possible, taking notes and using special equipment to track activity. Gill's preferred tools of the trade are Ghost Boxes and dowsing rods.

"My favorite thing is the Ghost Box," she said. "It goes through the radio stations really quickly and makes a kind of staticky noise. And that's fun because once you get a response out of it, you can hear the voice of someone you can't see, but who's still in the room."

Dowsing rods are used to ask simple "yes" or "no" questions. If the two rods cross, it's a yes answer; if they part, it's a no.

Besides dowsing rods and Ghost Boxes, experienced ghost hunters sometimes use electromagnetic field, or EMF devices. They also ordinary cameras which, at the right time of night, can capture images of the orbs or spirits in a room. Another popular gadget is the electric voice phenomena, or EVP, recorder, which picks up on tiny sounds inaudible to human ears during the time of recording.

While Gill's team focuses their efforts primarily on older public buildings, they do occasionally make house calls. Sometimes they get referrals from friends of friends who think their homes might be haunted.

"Sometimes lights are messed with. Sometimes you see an entity or feel a presence," Gill said. "Things might be moved around, but you didn't move them around. You might have an animal that sees something and responds to it. Doors might open and close by themselves."

Experience plays a big role in recognizing a haunting, Gill said.

"You can feel like there might be something weird, but then you'll be able to find an actual reason for it," she said. "Like, 'Oh, that was just a car driving by,' or something like that. But once you experience it, you kind of understand how it feels. Deep down, you know." Gill has, on occasion, seen and heard spirits

herself.

"When I was at the Whittier Center, I saw a little blond girl - we call her Becca," she said. "We were in the gym doing an EVP session and I looked up at the double doors and she was standing there, looking in at us through the glass. And then when she noticed that I was looking at her, she took off., That was the first time in quite a few years' that I actually saw a spirit that looked like a" person."

Although her side-job brought her closer to the paranormal than many would deem comfortable, Gill doesn't believe people have much to fear from ghosts.

"I don't think ghosts are scary," she said. "They were human once. That was someone's grandma or sister or brother. I just think it's interesting to find out what it's like on the other side, to see if we can get more informa-

said. "It's not like the movies. It gets kind of boring, just waiting for something to come through the Ghost Box. But we're pretty pa-

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Student first, athlete second

By Morgan Pratt WRITER

Adelaide Bedke is from a small town called Oakley, Idaho. It is the kind of town Utah State University recruiters passed by when they were looking for athletes to join their track and cross country team.

"Nobody looks at Oakley's athletes," she said. "By the time I had gotten a hold of USU, they had already divided up all of their scholarship money."

That didn't stop Bedke from fulfilling her lifelong dream to compete in track and field on the university level. The coaches let her join the team as a walk-on and told her if she did well, they would give her a scholarship.

Bedke ran the 100 and 400 yard hurdles during her freshman year, though she is now a senior studying dietetics. She eventually had a stress reaction in her shins, which typically precedes a fracture. Her doctor ordered her to take off five weeks from training due to the injuries.

"You can't take off five weeks of training for hurdles. There is no way you can stay in shape," she said.

Her times lagged behind because she took a break from sports to tend to her injury. Bedke said she was unable to make the requirements to get a scholarship for being an athlete for the following year.

"I could have been a walk-on again, but it is too time-consuming," she said. "I knew I could not work, do track and go to school."

Bedke said she eventually had to give up her dream to compete on a collegiate team because she didn't have a scholarship. Without that, she couldn't continue to afford to put herself through college.

"I don't have any money," she said. "I didn't want to go into debt. I didn't want to get a student loan. I just felt like that wasn't worth it."

She said she made the hardest decision of her life to quit the track and cross country team and get a job working on campus.

"Unfortunately, track was going to end sometime," she said.

Jeannie Woller, a senior studying creative writing, is an athlete for the girls' varsity soccer team. She said learning how to balance school and soccer has also been an ongoing learning process throughout college.

"I can't do one without the other," she said. "I would go crazy if my whole life was just soccer or my life was just school. Having both of them allows me to succeed in both."

Bedke said being an athlete also pushed her to learn how to effectively manage her time, especially after she spent up to five hours a day doing rigorous workouts.

"It actually made it almost easier to get my homework done, because I had a schedule,". she said. "I had an allotted amount of time to do my homework, and I had to get my homework done in the limited amount of time I had."

The associate director for media relations,



Skyler Wolthoff studies in his room Wednesday night. Wolthoff, who plays on the rugby team, says that balancing work and school can be difficult. The end of the semester means more rugby plactice on top of increased studying for finals.

Doug Hoffman, said USU student athletes must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA from semester to semester. They must also be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours to practice and compete in their sport.

The girls' varsity soccer team well exceeds that standard with an average GPA of 3.51, said Meagan Allen, the assistant media relations coordinator for USU.

Woller said the team gets together at the beginning of each year to set an academic goal both individually and collectively.

"We hold each other accountable to that goal," she said.

Woller said athletes continually strive for success on and off the field because they have a desire to learn and to grow.

"They always stress to us that we are student athletes," Woller said. "Student comes before athletes 100 percent of the time."

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015 STUDENT LIFE PAGE 5 First USU Latin American Music Festival begins

By Kelsey Schwab WRITER

Music filled the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church on Friday evening to begin Utah State University's first Latin American Music Festival.

Friday's concert included the Utah State University Symphony Orchestra alongside musicians and soloists from several locations, including Venezuela, Mexico, Colombia and Cache Valley.

The festival will resume this week on the USU campus and feature music from Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Argentina, Peru and Bolivia.

"I am hoping that our concerts and activities will bring to USU students a new awareness about Latin-American life and culture," said Sergio Bernal, the festival organizer and director of the USU Symphony Orchestra. "In addition to performing exciting Latin-American music, we are exploring a wide array of topics that range from literature and art to water use and the elaboration of chocolate."

Hernal brought together not only musicians, but also people from different disciplines. He said the festival includes participation from the USU Symphony Orchestra, one guest visual artist, 11 USU faculty members, students from five university departments and the USU Latino Student Union.

"This is — in addition to four international guest musicians — five USU faculty musicians, guitar and jazz students and Young Violinists from El Sistema Utah and St. Thomas Aquinas," Bernal said. "In the first concert Friday, our guests included USU faculty soprano Katherine Peterson, Venezuelan trumpet player Francisco 'Pacho Flores,' and violinist Eddy Marcano, who played traditional Venezuelan music."

Bernal said students in the USU Symphony Orchestra have enjoyed the opportunity to perform and study with the variety of Latin-American musicians, including the Young Violinists from St. Thomas Aquinas and El Sistema Utah two musical instrument programs available to local children and youth.

"I felt this concert was a wonderful community outreach, especially with the various soloists and children we performed with," said Ellyn Porter, a student who plays the viola in the USU Symphony Orchestra. "I really enjoyed playing in the St. Thomas Aquinas church. It has a beautiful acoustic that differs from the venues on USU campus and generates a more varied audience."

The festival will also feature a celebration on Thursday for El Dia de los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, which will include a procession around campus and another performance.

This performance will feature an introduction by Maria Luisa Spicer-Escalante from the Department of Languages, Philosophy and Communication Studies. It will be followed by a reception sponsored by the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences.

"An integral part of the festival is the opportunity to explore Latin-American life and culture not only through music, but also through activities at various USU departments," Bernal said. "I am excited to be a native Colombian to have become a U.S. citizen. I believe that both cultures are extraordinary and that exchanges between them can be very fruitful and beneficial. I am hoping that the USU Latin American Music Festival will become a periodic event to happen every two or three years."

Students on campus will also be participating in Diversity Week during the same time as the festival to celebrate other cultures in addition to Latin American cultures.

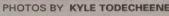
"This is an opportunity to see the beauty that is within other cultures and get a little taste of how others live and believe," said Luis Armenta, the USUSA diversity vice president. "You don't need to fly across the world to learn the magnificence of others."

A list of the activities and concerts for the week can be found online at music. usu.edu/indexfest.cfm.

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Alright guys, let's first establish we're discussing a situation that happens maybe once every five years. A situation so unlikely that each time it happens, it's remembered for years to follow. In fact, in my span of dating, I've only seen it happen twice (interestingly enough, it was the same guy, but more on that later).

Now that we've established the rarity of the situation, let's answer the questions. Can a girl ask a guy out on a date? If so, should the guy say yes?

To answer the first question — yes, a girl can ask a guy out. As far as I know, there aren't any written rules against this. Although it's contrary to tradition and maybe even social norms, it does happen on occasion.

The next question is harder to answer. Should you say yes if a girl asks you out? Back to my friend that got asked out by two different girls on separate occasions, he will attest that it can work out in your favor. He said he enjoyed his time on both of these dates. He had no problem with her making the first move.

However, this does bring up additional issues such as: Who pays for the date? Who drives? Is she supposed to walk you to the door when the date is over?

The situation gets complicated when she asks you on the date. If you find yourself being asked out, make sure you clearly establish the ground rules. You don't want to end up at your own doorstep, only to realize that you still have to drive your date who asked you out to her apartment, and walk her to the door. See, now you're both confused. I told you, it's complicated.

Here's my final word on the issue: Yes, a girl can ask a guy out on a date. Yes, guys can say yes. Just please, please make sure that you establish the ground rules before the date begins. I can't stress this enough.

-Colten is a senior majoring in technical writing. And also dabbles in computer science, fly fishing and watching the Utah Jazz. The moment you've been waiting for finally arrived you're into him. You are pretty sure he is into you. Now for the awkward who-makes-the-first-move standoff.

Fifty years ago, this wouldn't be a problem. It was more of a, "Men, step up. She's into you, and you better do something about it," attitude.

But we are living in modern times. Some of you may be thinking, "unfortunately." How do you know when and who is supposed to make the first move, especially when it comes to the first date? Not a date like, "Hey, let's hang out" sort of thing, because anyone can do that, but an actual date. The giggly, bubblegum pink, hold hands and make others puke while staring each other in the eyes sort of thing all the while thinking that "Twilight" wasn't so far off center after all.

Alright, that may not be everyone's style. But the point is that this date counts.

Girls, is it acceptable to ask guys on dates? I have heard a lot of guys say yes, they would like girls to ask them on dates. But I have also heard the opposite. It depends on the guy, honestly, but you are reading this because you want to hear what I think.

I personally have a strict "no asking guys on first dates" rule. I would like to see the guy who's interested in me ask me on the first date. It's not to be rude, or to pull a power play, or any kind of messed up thinking like that. It's so I know the guy is being serious with me.

Obviously, one date doesn't mean you are going to get married or are inevitably going to be stuck together like super glue while annoying all your friends with your third-wheel creating, stuck-together-wall-of-pop-culture's idea of love. But it does mean that you, as the lady, deserve respect and not someone who is not going to take you and your goals seriously. After I get to know a guy, and after a few dates, I would definitely ask him out. But not the first one.

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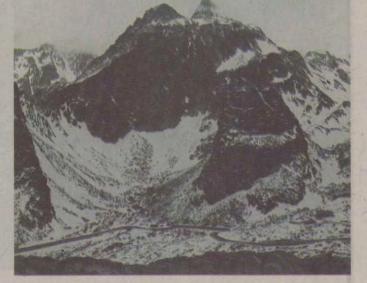
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BRIDGER'S BATTLE: USU LOOKS TO CONTINUE DOMINANCE OVER WYOMING

By **Ben Fordham** WRITER

After seeing its three-game winning streak end in a 48-14 loss at San Diego State, USU football team will look to get back on the winning track this Friday as the Aggies host a 1-7 Wyoming team.

"We weren't ready," said senior defensive end Jordan Nielsen after the game. "We came out and played badly versus a really good team. When we're giving up turnovers and messing up. They capitalized and scored and ran the ball on us."

Wyoming has struggled to find success this year but the Aggie coaching staff is preparing the team for a physical game.

"They're a tough program, and they're going to run the ball downhill," head coach Matt Wells said. "They're going to establish that, and we've got to rise up and meet that challenge."

Utah State is riding a 12-game home winning streak, and the Aggies have won 21 of their last 23 games at Maverik Stadium.

"We've been successful at home. Our fans our tremendous," Wells said. "[The Boise State game] was the best I had ever seen and heard in all my years at Maverik Stadium. Playing at home in front of those fans is a big-time deal for our players."

Following last week's tough loss, the Aggies are remaining optimistic about the second half of the season.

* "The goal to win the Mountain Division is right in front of us;" Wells said. "We have one step that
* we've got to take this week, and then we'll take the next step next week. We've got everything to play for, as far as our goals in the conference and bowls." Utah State is 3-1 in conference play and remains in first place of the Mountain Division. Wyoming has a 1-3 conference record and sits at the bottom of the division.

The Cowboys are a young team filled with potential playmakers on offense. Wyoming's rush attack is led by sophomore Brian Hill, who averages nearly 6 yards per carry. Hill has 1,061 total rushing yards on the season.

"Brian Hill is a strong, physical downhill runner that we have a lot of respect for," Wells said. "He's one of the better backs in the league, and we're going to have to play very well on defense."

Though Wyoming's QB position has been a revolving door, Utah State's defense must prepare for a Cowboy passing attack that utilizes the tight end position.

"They have a very similar type offense as San Diego State," Wells said. "They have multiple tight ends, two really good receivers in Jake Maulhardt and Tanner Gentry. Maulhardt is a big, tall, strong target."

Maulhardt has 442 receiving yards on the season and averages more than 10 yards per reception. Gentry has piled up 678 receiving yards this year while averaging nearly 20 yards per reception.

Friday's game, which will be carried nationally on ESPN 2, is scheduled to start at 8:15 p.m.

"Last week's game we were in the driver's seat," said USU center Austin Stephens. "Now we have to put our hardhats on and go to work. I think that's the biggest thing for us, and we just have to learn from this and move on. That's all you can really do. You can't sit back and wait."





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FANTASY FIRE: Picks for Week 7



the NFL going on bye in the next four weeks, including four teams this weekend alone, there is perhaps room for some whining from those getting hit the worst.

With more than half

But it's important to remember that at some point the bye weeks hit us all.

So what can you do to avoid devastation to

your record with a depleted roster? Here are a few Week 8 pick-ups that could help boost your team to victory.

QB: Derek Carr

If you have a QB going on bye this week and Carr is available, you absolutely should pick him up. Carr is owned in 34.7 percent of ESPN leagues.

His chemistry with rookie wide receiver Amari Cooper has

become the bulk of the Raiders offense, and he is coming off a game in which he completed 24 of 31 passes for three touchdowns in the Raiders' win over the Chargers last week.

Despite the Raiders tough match-up against the Jets high-scoring defense, Carr should put up solid numbers through the end of the season.

Other QB's: Brian Hoyer, Jameis Winston, not Colin Kaepernick

RB: Chris Johnson

Since Johnson took over after Andre Ellington's injury in Week 2, he hasn't stopped working. In the Cardinals matchup with the Ravens on Monday night, Johnson rushed for 122 yards and a touchdown on 18 carries. Even with Ellington back to health and taking a few touches Johnson is the obvious No. 1 back in Arizona's offense.

Johnson is owned in 87 percent of ESPN leagues, but if he hasn't been picked up in yours yet, his matchup with the Brown's poor run defense this week could be just the boost your team needs.

Other RB'S: James Starks, Darren McFadden, Alfred Blue, Robert Turbin

WR: Danny Amendola

Amendola is owned in just 21.6 percent of ESPN leagues, and is gaining ownership quickly. Anyone catching balls from Tom Brady is a good pick-up, and in the past two weeks Amendola has 15 catches for 191 yards and a touchdown. If you don't have a patriot WR on your roster, Amendola is a good option.

Other WR's: Michael Crabtree, Rishard Matthews, Ted Ginn Jr.

With the bye week hitting you hard some positions are worth taking a loss for. Star running backs can be near impossible to find in the waivers, especially with the number of injuries at that position this season.

Also, unless you have a deep seeded emotional attachment to your kicker — as anyone who owns Steven Hauschka should — you can always find a new one next week.

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By Kenna Cook WRITER

Although the Kansas City Royals have had one of the least successful MLB careers — with their 28-season drought, I believe that they will take home the 2015 World Series title.

The New York Mets have made it to the World Series more than the Royals have, and they may have become champions more times than Kansas City, but they're walking into a challenge.

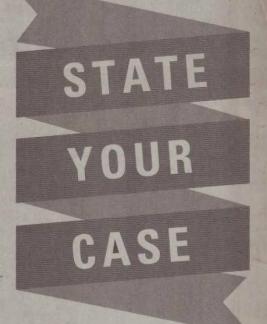
This season belongs to the Royals. During the 2014 World Series, the Royals went head-to-head with the San Francisco Giants, tied with a winloss record up to the seventh and final game where they walked away with only a 3-2 loss. Six out of the seven games last year were relatively close scores proving that Kansas City has what it takes.

In the second-to-last game of the series, they even managed to blow away the Giants with a 10-0 score. This season they ranked first in their division of the American League with 95 wins. The Mets managed to rank first in their National League Division as well, but with only 90 wins and 72 losses.

The 2015 World Series started off with a 14-inning battle in which the Royals came out on top paving their way to their well-deserved title.

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WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD SERIES?



METS METS

By **Logan Jones** WRITER

Congrats to the Royals and their Game 1 victory, and condolences in advance for the greater measure of heartbreak it will ultimately bring when Kansas City inevitably loses its second straight World Series.

I've seen the stats — 17 of the last 20 champions have won Game 1. Those kind of numbers are always a bit misleading 'though, aren't they? What happened those other three games? Isn't it just a case of "the best team wins the championship?" Does anyone who watches October baseball really think a 1-game lead is insurmountable, especially when that win took nearly six hours to put away? Even with KC up in the series, I still take the Mets.

I take Jake deGrom, Noah Syndergaard and the rest of New York's starting pitchers' 2.65 ERA this postseason. I don't dare bet against Daniel "less than a god but more than a man" Murphy. I will purposefully fall for the gambler's fallacy and take David Wright, who you've got to believe is due for a signature game in this series. Most importantly, I'll side with Jeurys Familia, who has yet to concede a run in the month of October.

All told, that's the best starting rotation, best bat and most clutch closer all in favor of the Mets. I'm not a big believer in any team being a "team of destiny," but in this case it's pretty clear Kansas City is destined for back-to-back years of disappointment. — logantjones@aggiemail.

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ZOMBIES

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"It's been really fun, especially if you're with a group of people who are all playing and taking it seriously. Some people chose not to come out and stayed in their rooms the whole time, but I don't see the point of that," said freshman Xavier Haemmerie.

According to the game log, most of the participants were tagged within the first three days, and only a very small handful managed to avoid being tagged all the way ings, stairways and everywhere outside of campus were designated as safe zones for humans, so as to avoid tagging practices that could be potentially disruptive or dangerous.

Additionally, whenever the moderators, scheduled an activity, all of campus would be "safe" so the humans could go to activities without fear of being tagged.

However, for most of the day, heading between classes was a dangerous endeavor for any humans hoping to survive the week.



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through the game's conclusion on Friday.

"It was almost a relief when I finally got eaten because my friend was a zombie pretty early on and I've just had to avoid her the last few days. She's going to lunch with a bunch of our friends who aren't playing and I'm like 'I can't go with you guys, it's too dangerous," said sophomore Megan Harris.

For safety and practicality reasons, various areas like parking lots, the insides of build-

FRATERNITY from PAGE 1

Tyler Blackburn is a freshman studying to become a professional pilot. He accepted his bid on Monday.

"They truly uphold the statement of being a 'gentleman's fraternity," Blackburn said. "Another reason why I like Alpha Sigma Phi we're starting from the bottom. We get to make all the decisions."

Alpha Sigma Phi is antong the ten cheapest fraternities in the nation to join, with a onetime membership fee of \$700. Blackburn said most of the new members are in the same financial boat — unable to afford the steeper membership fees other fraternities at USU charge each semester,

Senior Chris Vaughn — who accepted his bid on Monday, as well — said the challenge at USU will be to help people see the fraternity for what it is against a backdrop of other fraternities that "aren't so bright." Alpha Sigma Phi has not had any controversy associated with it, Weido said. Excepting one case at Clemson University, that is true.

"Recruiters and prospects — they all have to overcome with being a part of a fraternity is the social image that comes with it. Because most people associate fraternities with what "They got me between the science building and the Taggart Student Center. A group of them surrounded me. I threw a bunch of socks all at once, bird-shot style and got two of them, but their buddy got up behind me and tagged me right in the back," said senior Bradley Curtis.

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they see in movies and TV shows. Alpha Sigma Phi simply is not those things," Vaughn said.

Brandon Breach is a freshman majoring in international business. He was interested in joining the Greek community at USU and saw founding the USU chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi as a fun opportunity.

"As the founding fathers, we have a chance to get rid of the stereotypes," he said.

Breach likes that the fraternity values education and encourages members to put school first.

"This is really an opportunity for individuals to create something of their own," Weido said. "Some people may or may not have thought about going Greek but think they have negative stigmas or hazing, but this is the opportunity for people to come in and make this chapter what they want it to be."

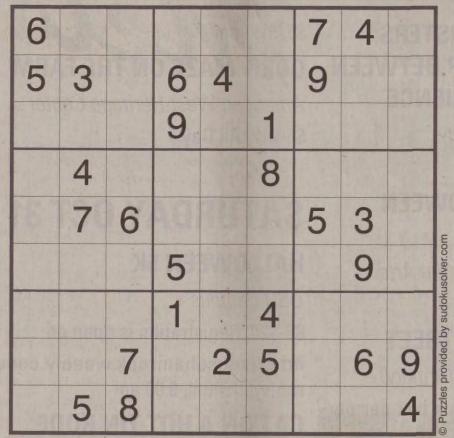
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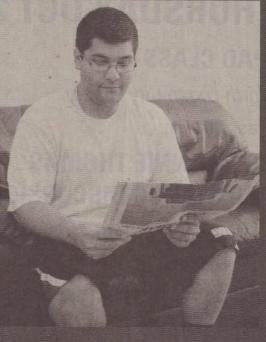
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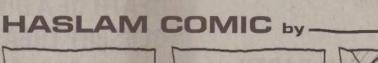
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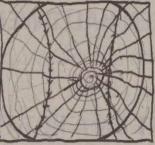
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Our View: CVTD no-fare policy should stay

The Cache Valley Transit District is considering

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to their press release is: "Over the past 18 months, country does it. However, one of the most unique and

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"Fantastical is an amazing, beautiful, well-designed calendar for iPhone that makes it so easy to visualize and plan schedules. It syncs with Google Calendar flawlessly and you can even quick input appointments as needed." said Andrew Davis, a former USU student majoring in graphic design.

Though it costs \$2, Davis said it is worth the money for helping students stay organized.

Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat:

Though apps to help with schoolwork are an obvious convenience for students, they still want their social media. And having smartphones only helps the connection between students happen more frequently.

"I use Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat. It's like I go from one to the other to the other and back again. It's like a circle," said Thomas

Dale, a sophomore majoring in business administration. "I love being social and knowing about people's lives, and I also like to show my life to other people. It's the social aspect."

Reed agrees, and said he also likes being able to see what other people are doing. And every college student knows the social aspect in life is important to keep them sane. Having a smartphone and apps to keep connected only makes it more convenient, and therefore, a constant part of many students' lives.

Living with or without apps:

Perhaps, though, most interesting is seeing how students go without smartphones or apps.

For Risha Russon, her husband having one for her to occasionally use is enough, especially since she feels that most people are being

sucked into their phones all the time.

"I think we just get so use to technology instead of focusing on where we are, what we are doing, the people we are with," said Russon, who is studying economics. "We're so focused on getting our questions answered, we miss out on connecting with people cause we're sucked into our devices."

So apps and smartphones are convenient, and many students probably can't imagine life without them. However, there is also a balance needed in life, Russon said, and it has to do with knowing when to put the phone down.

Even if Google is just sitting there dying to be asked something random.

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changing their busses from free to paid. Wednesday they held a hearing to listen public opinion about the idea.

For 19 years Logan enjoyed free transit options thanks to the CVTD. This is a great use of tax money and honestly, the city deserves our thanks for that policy. Despite the fact that there are obviously people who find this financially paramount in the valley, it is an amazingly usefu; to college students.

Students who come to Logan without cars and with limited money can use the CVTD to shop, go to the doctor, go to work or to get to job interviews. The reason they are hold-

ing the hearing, according

constituents attending CVTD Board meetings have voiced their opinions that it is now time to charge a fare, and that users of public transportation should pay for the service."

The voices of the people who apparently have been sharing these concerns at CVTD board meetings have put the voices of those who rely on the busses on edge. We have heard the fear of the fare on our campus the last few days.

In their press release they also state that a consulting company called Nelson\ Nygaard Consulting Associates advised them not to change their policy in 2012. Obviously the idea of charging for transit is not ludicrous - most of the

convenient things about Logan is the free bus system. Generations of college students have used these busses and it is part of what makes Logan an accommodating town to Utah State students.

It is our view that charging a fare for transit in Cache Valley would not only be a difficult change to swallow for the community that relies on the busses, but for college students too. It would change the complexion of Logan and take away one of its most unique and useful services. The no-fare policy is arguably the best quality of this city and it would be a shame if that were to disappear.



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North Logan City Library

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CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF

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