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Stage 1 fire restrictions finally lifted for Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest

By Brielle Carr
NEWS STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 2, the stage 1 fire restrictions on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest were finally lifted.

This means campfires or charcoal fires in developed and undeveloped recreation sites are now allowed for anyone within those boundaries, including Logan Canyon.

This announcement comes after reports of recent rainfall reducing the number of large wildfires and human-caused fires in this specific region.

The forest service said they understand hunting season is also approaching and people will probably want to be able to head up into the mountains and can cook their food.

Despite the rainfall and cooling weather, local fire rangers are still concerned for drought in the upcoming months. Logan district ranger Jennefer Parker said September can be a very busy month, and warned that we are still in the heat of fire season.

Parker cautioned citizens to be just as careful, if not more, dealing with fire now as they would've in the past. And although the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache areas have seen

some rain recently, the region is still considered to be in a significant drought and compared to other forests, these rainfall numbers are very low.

“Our long-term forecast shows it’s supposed to stay relatively dry, so human-caused fires are still going to be a concern,” Parker said.

On the flip side, the forest service does want to commend the public for their efforts in drastically decreasing human-caused fires.

For some students at Utah State University, this gives them something to look forward to before winter starts to set in. Ethan Barker, a USU student, happens to be one of those individuals.

“I went camping last weekend and was actually able to have a fire,” Barker said. “Of course, still taking things with a grain of salt and not lighting everything on fire. But it was great to finally roast marshmallows and cook Dutch ovens.”

However, for other students, like Elise Vandenberghe, they are a bit more wary of the ban being lifted and are worried the lack of restrictions has put the forest in danger.

Moving forward, the Logan Ranger District advised ev-

eryone to still be extremely careful when dealing with fire. Parker urged all students to take water with them when they head to the mountains because they won’t find much water anywhere else. Despite the rain, most of the streams are dried up and therefore will be no help if you plan to use them to put out your fire.

Parker said anyone who starts a fire to fully extinguish it and stay with it until it is fully put out.

“People can be held responsible for those costs, and you don’t want to have that happen,” she said.

Even now the Forest Service is still experiencing escaped campfires and reaffirm that wildfire is always a risk. Thus, in the spirit of keeping our forests safe, Parker reminded all students, community members and camp lovers, to keep using their “fire sense.”



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PHOTO BY Bailey Rigby

A sign outside of the Logan Ranger District office at the mouth of Logan Canyon displays a “moderate” warning for fire danger.

USU alerts: Keeping students safe and aware

By Jared Adams
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**Contains content related to sexual assault. If this may cause triggers for you or someone you know, you can contact on-campus Counseling and Psychological Services for help at 435.797.1012*

Just before midnight Sept. 4, Utah State University sent out an alert to students about an incident of sexual assault. The assault reportedly occurred on Aug. 31 at around 11:30 p.m. within the vicinity of Central Suites Student Housing and the Logan Cemetery.

According to the report, an unidentified male entered into a vehicle occupied by a female student and forced himself onto her. The woman then left the scene.

The alert encouraged students to be

USU Alert: Crime Alert: Report of sexual assault (contact) reported to university <http://clq.io/4WAbEm>

aware of their surroundings, not to travel alone when possible and to report any suspicious incidents to 911.

According to the USU Department of Public Safety website, the alert is meant to keep students aware so that they can take proper precautions.

Felicia Gallegos, the outreach and prevention coordinator for the Utah State Sexual Assault and Anti-Violence Information Office, or SAAVI, called these alerts a “great education tool,” especially for new students. Jenni Nuttall, a junior studying kinesiology at USU, agreed with Gallegos, saying the crime alerts have been informative during her time as a student.

Nuttall also explained that she signed up for the alerts because it was good to know what was happening on the campus and when. Students can update their notification settings at myid.usu.edu.

“These alerts mean that somebody came forward and reported that experience, which is a good thing,” Gallegos said. “The crime alerts do a good job with the information they give out. It is so important for individuals to know about resources.”

Information on SAAVI was also included in the crime alert that students received.

The alert advised, “If you’ve been sexually assaulted, there are on-and off-campus resources ready to help you. You may report the incident to the police or file a Title IX report. If you are not ready to report to police or to the university through the Title IX Coordinator, visit with a confidential advocate or counselor.”

Kourtney Austin, a confidential advocate who works with SAAVI, hopes that students will take advantage of the help that they have to offer.

“Come visit us in TSC 311,” Austin said. “The paperwork is available online, and an advocate will reach out to you. Look at the contact us page. Call us. We have the re-

sources to help you.”

These advocates hope to create a safe space for students where they can know that they will be heard and cared for by people who are trained on what to do. Gallegos concluded, “Advocacy is a word that gets thrown around a lot. Advocates are trained professionals.”

The Sexual Assault and Anti-Violence Information Office is located in the Taggart Student Center in room 311. They can be contacted at (435) 797-7273 or at saavi@usu.edu. All of their information is available online at saavi.usu.edu.



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USU announces series of vaccination clinics

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Utah State University announced a series of vaccine clinics on the Logan campus in an alert sent to students on Sept. 9.

Vaccine clinics are planned for Sept. 15 at the Eccles Conference Center and Sept. 29 at the Taggart Student Center, both from 1-4 p.m.

This follows two previous vaccine clinics earlier this month.

No appointment is necessary for these clinics, but pre-registration is available. All clinics will administer the Pfizer vaccine.

USU announced on Aug. 27 they will be requiring vaccinations for students in the 2022 spring semester.

James Morales, the vice president for student affairs, said it's important for students to get vaccinated now to avoid everyone rushing to get vaccinated at the end of the semester.

"We wanted to start now," Morales said. "Go ahead and start to get your vaccines, and then we'll have the process for those that, you know, want to seek an exemption spelled out fairly quickly."

Morales said the reason there is a vaccine requirement is that students want to have in-person classes and activities.

"The reason we want students to do this is to be able to honor their wishes, what they've been asking us to do, allow for this in-person experience," Morales said. "So if everyone does their part, I mean, then we'll be able to deliver on that promise."

USU plans to announce additional vaccine clinics in the coming weeks.

Students who are already vaccinated can upload proof of vaccination at aggiehealth.usu.edu.

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Nurse Emma Butterfield administers a vaccine to Chase Morgan at the Eccles Conference Center on Sept. 8.

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RUSH WEEK EVENTS FALL 2021

MONDAY

BALLS AND BURGERS

9/13 | 5 PM | FIRST DAM

TUESDAY

GROUP HIKE

9/14 | 5 PM | TBA

WEDNESDAY

GAMMA GAME NIGHT

9/15 | 4:30 PM | PROVIDENCE THEATER

THURSDAY

PAINTBALLING

9/16 | 4 PM | INVITE ONLY

FRIDAY

BID DINNER

9/17 | 6 PM | TBA - INVITE ONLY



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Stevens: Aggie community provides opportunities

The Utah State University Student Association (USUSA) includes every student at USU. Professor Lianne Wappett recently said to a group of scholars, “No one is an imposter; I truly believe you belong here.” I extend her words to everyone within our student association. We not only welcome, we need your 100% authentic self. You have something unique to offer, and our university would be a lesser place without you.

The USUSA officers, our student government, work to provide a vibrant college experience through carrying on traditions, creating events, supplying involvement/ leadership opportunities, and providing resources. One little-known resource is free and confidential legal advice. Students can schedule one-on-one appointments with an attorney by calling the Student Involvement and Leadership Center office, (435) 797-2912.

Please consider getting involved in USUSA and engaging with opportunities outside of the classroom. I’ve witnessed the hard work of our USUSA officers/ committee members and other organizations. I’ve personally experienced the growth that comes from participating in these roles, and I know they can benefit you as well.

You may have reservations about applying yourself within involvement opportunities stemming from fear of rejection. I encourage you to still put yourself out there because I’m a firm believer that you don’t lose; you learn.

I gained an insight into USU involvement in my economics courses. We’ve discussed game theory, and more specifically, the situation of a zero-sum game. This is when one player’s gain is equal to another’s loss. There’s never a change in the total net wealth or benefit of the game. I would argue that USU involvement is not a zero-sum game. If someone puts time into an application or project, and it doesn’t work out, they still benefit from their preparation and experience. Also, the involvement game is constantly expanding! New positions, organizations, clubs, etc. are popping up left and right. When a fellow Aggie succeeds and contributes to the university, the value of

everyone’s experience here increases. So we have every reason to support our peers and celebrate their successes.

One of my favorite traditions, which I’m so happy was able to happen this year, is the lumi-



nary, put on by Student Orientation & Transition Services. Among other aspects of the ceremony, USU 1010 Connections students receive Old Main lanterns and the A light turns blue. I learned just how personal and intimate this ceremony really is from a recent conversation I had with Dr. Mitchell Colver, professional practice professor and designer of the Old Main lantern. The luminary “tells students that they matter as individuals.” By giving each student something of their own and lighting the A light blue, signaling victory, it communicates that “Old Main represents you. This A light is your light. You own this.”

We’ve all enjoyed the resurgence of events and traditions over the last few weeks, especially our freshmen and re-freshmen, who are experiencing many of the highlights of college life for the first time. One friend said it best, “There’s a palpable

sense of joy on campus.” Amidst the happiness, there’s an underlying concern with growing COVID case counts. Luckily, there are individual decisions that each of us can make to enhance the Aggie experience for ourselves and others.

Please get vaccinated, and if you already are, please upload those records to USU Student Health Services. I honestly think that the cost, time, and risk of becoming vaccinated is generally minuscule relative to the benefits for one’s own health and that of our university community.

Also, please wear face-coverings inside campus buildings, classes, and at university events. This increases the likelihood these activities can continue in person immensely. If you have questions regarding the university’s position concerning face coverings and other COVID-related topics, please reference usu.edu/covid-19.

I want to emphasize that our university’s compassionate leaders care about us and want to see us safely enjoy college. By receiving the gift of in-person events, I think it’s ungrateful for us not to act to ensure their continuation. Everyone individually plays a part in the safety of our university. We’re a team, an Aggie Family; we think,

care, and act.

Our fight song goes, “Hail the Utah Aggies. We’ll play the game with all our might ... We’re out to win, so fight, fight, fight!” We are all engaged in the fight against this ongoing virus. Our victories may not be as conclusive and visible as turning the A light blue, but your contributions and sacrifices are vital. It’s incredible to see everyone on campus again, so let’s get involved and safely enjoy this year together!

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Meet Imelda Williams, the leader of USU Soccer's Backline

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Senior Imelda Williams is off to a stellar start this season for the Utah State Women's Soccer team. She's anchored a backline that has surrendered only three goals this season. She's also scored two goals through six games this year, including a game winner over Northern Arizona on Aug. 21.

If you talked to Williams though, she wouldn't take any credit for it.

"It's definitely a team effort and both of my goals really came off of (the) effort of other teammates," said Williams. "I was lucky enough to be in the right spot at the right time for both goals."

This year's Aggie squad has gone undefeated through their first six matches. They've won five of those games, including wins over spring 2021 NCAA tournament teams Northern Arizona and Utah Valley. Williams thinks this year's team has what it takes to go deep in the postseason.

"As a team, I might sound a little confident, but I know that we can win the Mountain West Conference," she said. "Just saying that excites me because if we keep going in the same direction, we're going I think that's where we should be. I think about going to the tournament, this team hasn't been to the tournament since I was a freshman, and I did not play a single minute."

Williams's personal goal for this season is to be the best she can for her team.

"I want to leave this season knowing that I played my best," she said. "And that I played my best for my team and I didn't just go 50%. My goal is to get better. I know I'm only two goals in, but I'm gonna get better, I'm gonna get more and not for me but for this team."

Throughout Williams's career, she has faced lots of tumultuous events, including head coach turnover and the pandemic. Many other student athletes in similar circumstances opted to transfer to different programs, but Williams stayed at Utah State.

"I have had a lot of thoughts about transferring throughout my career, but I just couldn't do it. I love being an Aggie," she said. "The girls on this team are so special. I love Utah State, the student athletes here. The relationships I have, they were just too special to me to actually pick up and leave."

The Aggie community is another thing Williams loves about Utah State.

"I love that when you go out to eat or anything it's like, 'Are you on the soccer team?' (and) 'Go Aggies!' if you're wearing anything Utah State," she said. "You're in the airport, you're in California, you could be anywhere, and someone will say, 'Go Aggies!' I love that people take pride in that and how friendly the whole student athlete community is. Everyone is so kind

and I've met so many amazing people. The people are special here."

As highly as Williams regards Utah State, her teammates equally regard her.

"Imelda Williams is the greatest, most legendary outside back to ever touch Utah State's history!" senior midfielder Ashley Cardozo said during our interview with Williams.

Coach Manny Martins recognizes her impact on the team

and her contribution to his success in his first season as head coach for the Aggies.

"Her experience is paying off for us. Obviously, we have a couple others but she's definitely one of the senior leaders but not just on the field. I mean off the field she's one to manage the things that I don't have to deal with and there's great communication, she's a great link up for me to be able to have a pulse on how the team is doing," Martins said following a victory against Marquette. "She has the ability to play on both sides left and right of the field so I don't think we would be here (undefeated) without her."

This will be Williams's last year of college, and it's surreal for her.

"I have no words," she said. "This is crazy, this is the last time I get to do this. I get to be tired, I get to go to class, I get to go to practice, I get to see my best friends every day, I get to play the sport I love every day. I feel very lucky."

Williams is unsure about her plans post-graduation, but she is looking into doing a master's degree at USU, or coaching or playing soccer professionally, if given the opportunity.



Williams catches a break during a game against Northern Colorado.

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Meet your 2020 Utah State Athletics Hall-Of-Fame class



Kendall Youngblood

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On Sept. 11, Utah State Athletics honored six 2020 inductees into the Aggie Hall of Fame with a banquet at the Wayne Estes Center.

The new inductees include wrestler Russ Paulsen '75, basketball player Kendall Youngblood '92, basketball player Eric Franson '96, volleyball player Zuzana Cernianska '05, football player Donald Penn '05, and football player Kevin Robinson '07.

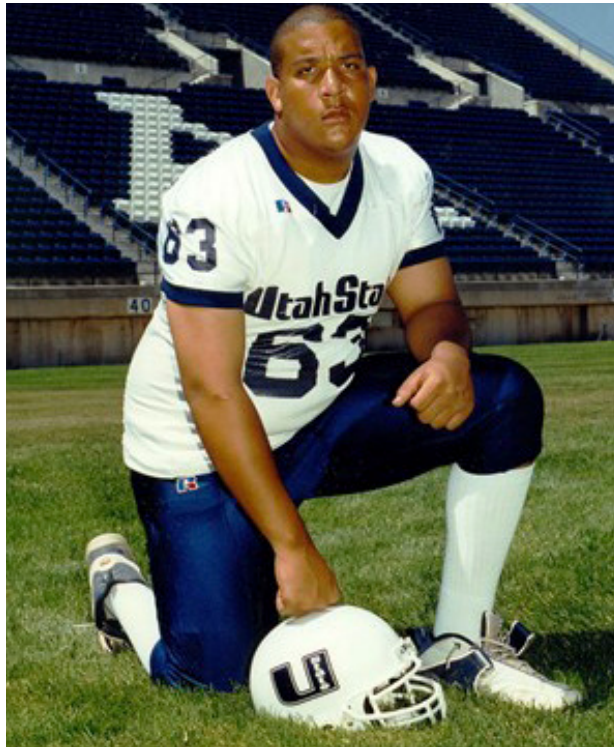
The inductee ceremony for the six Aggie legends has been long awaited. The date for the banquet was originally April 10, 2020 but was pushed back due to Covid-19. Here's a glance at what each athlete accomplished in their time in Logan.

Russ Paulsen, Wrestling (1972-75)

In his four-year career Paulsen compiled a dominant record of 87-13-2. He made two NCAA tournament appearances and entered the 1975 tournament a No. 2 seed. Also in his final year, he earned the Wayne Estes Memorial Award, which went to the top senior student-athlete in any sport on campus.

Kendall Youngblood, Basketball (1989-92)

Youngblood, who was a certified bucket-getter, is just one of five Aggie players to lead the team in scoring for three straight seasons. He averaged 15.5 points as a sophomore, 18.8 as a junior and 17.1 as a senior. He was also an all-Big West Conference selection each of those seasons.



Donald Penn

Youngblood is top ten in 11 statistical categories for Aggie hoops. He's No. 4 in steals (164), No. 5 in assists (389) and No. 8 in points (1,749).

Eric Franson, Basketball (1991,1994-96)

One of the greatest front court players in Aggie history, 6'8 Franson is a three-time all-Big West honoree. His junior season, 18.4 points and 9.8 rebounds per game earned him conference player of the year.

Franson is top ten in ten statistical categories for the program. He's No. 5 in rebounds (885), No. 3 in double doubles (36) and No. 2 in free throws attempted (626).

Zuzana Cernianska, Volleyball (2002-05)

The All-American out of the Czech Republic took the Big West and Western Athletic Conference by storm in the early 2000's. She was a three-time first team all-conference, the Big West from 2003-04, and the WAC in 2005.

During her four-year career, Cernianska set school records for kills (1,813) and attempts (4,423). She helped lead the Aggies to the NCAA tournament in 2005.

Donald Penn, Football (2002-05)

Penn started 44 straight games for the Aggies along the offensive line. He was the starting left tackle his sophomore, junior and senior seasons, and earned second-team All-WAC honors his senior year. The team captain was a major part of a 2005 Aggie offense that averaged 405.6 yards of total offense



Zuzana Cernianska

per game.

After college, he signed as an undrafted free agent with the Minnesota Vikings, commencing an illustrious NFL career. From 2006-17, he started 170 consecutive games. He was a pro-bowler in 2010, 2016 and 2017. He spent most of his NFL career with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Oakland Raiders.


Kevin Robinson, Football (2004-07)

One of the greatest wide receivers and kick returners in Utah State history, Robinson is No. 2 in Utah State history in all-purpose yards (6,479).

His senior year, he was a first team All-WAC and received All American honors from six different publications. That season, he averaged 193.08 all-purpose yards per game, and finished the season with 2,217 yards, which is No.2 all-time in WAC history.

Robinson was drafted in the sixth round to the Kansas City Chiefs in the 2008 NFL draft.

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Stakes were high at USU Weeks of Welcome

By Malorie Ellefson
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Who knew that one of the most popular university activities would be bingo? When you think of bingo, I'm sure you think of your grandma playing a relaxing game with her friends. High Stakes Bingo is far from that.

Clara Alder, the Utah State University Student Association traditions director, describes it perfectly: "Utah State has been able to take something so simple, like bingo, and make it one of the most memorable nights. It's a jam-packed night of fun and intensity."

The high stakes come from the prizes players can win, such as a 55-inch TV, a massage gun, concert tickets and many other prizes. It really gets your heart racing as you wonder, "Am I going to win this time?"

The Utah State University Student Association has been putting on this activity for years, and it has become one of the most memorable and beloved traditions at USU.

This year, they really outdid themselves. Alder described it as "one of the most successful bingos we've ever had."



PHOTO BY Joseph F Myers



PHOTO BY Joseph F Myers
Students fill out bingo cards at High Stakes Bingo Night on Sept. 7, 2021.

The energy in the ballroom was unmatched."

They provided some amazing prizes, while also putting together Minute to Win It games to give students more opportunities to win prizes. The stakes were indeed high and you could feel the anticipation as the numbers were called out.

John Ruff, a sophomore, probably experienced this anticipation more than anyone before he won his paddle board. He had been to High Stakes Bingo the previous year, and it was one of his favorite things he had done, so he'd thought he'd try his luck again. He got a bingo, but, unfortunately, so did two other people.

"I had been telling everyone that tying and losing would be worse than not winning at all," Ruff said. "Then I yelled 'bingo' and saw two people stand at the same time."

When a tie happens, the winners play rock paper scissors to see who gets the prize. Ruff won the paddle board, making the ballroom go crazy.

"If you have never done High Stakes Bingo," Ruff said, "it's an exhilarating rush, and a great time to spend with friends. Who knows, you might win."

My first time going, I wondered if it would even be fun. I never had much luck with competitions or winning anything, but my friend convinced me. It was still a blast, even though I didn't win anything.

Jonah Geisler, a sophomore, attended High Stakes Bingo without a ticket. He waited in the overflow option and was

lucky enough to make it in.

"Even if you're not even close to winning, the hype and energy in the room is so much fun," Geisler said. "Being able to cheer on your friends and the people around you. I may not have won any prizes, but I won by getting in and having a good time."

After my experience with High Stakes Bingo, I can't wait to see what else the USUSA and the Blue Crew has in store for us this year.

"We work really hard to make this university one that has fun and memorable events," Alder said.

USUSA said they put a lot of thought and effort into these events, and it always shows in the presentation and the experience you have at each one you attend. So far this year, they have stepped it up now that we're able to get together again. This High Stakes Bingo had more energy and participation than I had seen the past couple of years. I believe that same energy will continue throughout the year with more activities and events coming up.

Is High Stakes Bingo worth going to?

"It's not always about winning," says Alder. "It's about the memories you make. We may not win every football game, but we still have fun going!"



PHOTO BY Joseph F Myers
Bingo players listen as the card numbers are called out.



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Romance blossoms at True Aggie Night

By Clarissa Casper
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This year's True Aggie Night was quite different last year's, where students were only allowed to share Hershey's Kisses on top of the Block A. It was a memorable night for both freshmen and sophomores, as neither class has experienced this long-standing Utah State University tradition — at least not in the traditional way.

Hundreds of excited Aggies filled the Quad as the minutes approached midnight.

"The energy out here is just so fun," said Clara Alder, Miss USU 2021. "The line is all the way down the Quad and almost past the agricultural building, which is crazy!"

At exactly midnight, the music began and the line started to move. The first couple to take their spot on the iconic Block A was Clara Alder and Big Blue, USU's mascot. After they shared their kiss, the line of couples reaching all the way across the Quad began to move forward.

One couple in the very back of the line, Alex Pope and Caitlyn George, waited 25 minutes for their kiss.

"It takes some dedication. That's for sure," Pope said.

"You really just have to be all in and have that end goal in mind!" George said.

This couple was not only extremely excited to be sharing their first kiss together on the Block A, but also to be out socializing in a college setting.

"I think that it is way good to be back, and just see others faces," Pope said. "It's nice to have a feeling of unity and USU spirit. That's the best part about having all the events again."

"And we get to kiss people!" George said.

Along with the many couples who came together for this event, there were many single people looking for somebody to share a kiss with. Circles of girls pointed at different guys through the dark. Guys lined up and scanned the crowd. Couples slowly trickled away from the mass of single people and into the long line.

It is rumored that many romances blossom from True Aggie Night. This year, where you sign your True Aggie card with the person you kissed. Snapchats, phone numbers and Instagram handles were traded.

"Guess what? We are going on a date on Monday!" said Tanner Mulkay, a sophomore.

This year's True Aggie Night was planned by Kaden Meyers, a senior at USU studying international business. He said his team and committees were a huge part of the reason True Aggie Night happened this year. He was full of gratitude for the turn out of the event.

"I'm so grateful that everyone showed up tonight and decided to participate," Meyers said. "I'm glad that school is getting back to normal and that we can have events like this and keep the traditions alive. I'm glad so many people came to become True Aggies tonight."



PHOTOS BY Bailey Rigby

TOP Students Becca Archibald and Trevor Jones share a kiss on the Block A as part of USU's tradition of True Aggie Night. **LEFT** True Aggie Night has been a tradition at USU for decades, claiming that only those who kiss on the "A" under a full moon can become "True Aggies." **RIGHT** Onlookers watch on as Aggies become "True Aggies."



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Inclusivity in the No Man's Land Film Festival

By Sage Souza
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On Sept. 16, the Utah State Outdoor Programs will be hosting the No Man's Land Film Festival. This festival, featuring outdoor-based adventure films, was created by a group of almost entirely all-women writers, directors and stars, based out of Denver, Colorado.

Their mission statement is to “create an inclusive space where womxn (trans and non-binary included) can create and gain tool to break barriers in outdoor spaces.”

No Man's Land has been traveling internationally since its conception about six years ago, and thus has had the opportunity to make an appearance in almost every state in the U.S. This time around, the festival features eight films with topics ranging from the science of mental endurance to effects of water shortage to South Korean free-diving. Each of these films are created in the name of “un-defining feminine in adventure and sport through film.”

The list of films this year also includes the story of Erin

Parisi and her journey as the first transgender woman to take on the Seven Summits, which is the tallest mountain on each of the seven continents.

According to the No Man's Land manifesto, “[the festival] strives to continue implementing and inspiring change in the outdoor, sport and film industries, while cultivating a deep interest in exploring the vastness of the planet from a woman's point of view and other identities outside of the gender binary, including non-binary folks and trans men, as well.”

Even though the films at the festival only range from roughly three minutes to 20 minutes, each short film and story allows the festival to be worth more than the sum of its parts.

Jill Woodhouse and Lizzy Depew of the USU Recreation Department have spearheaded the premiere of this festival in an effort to create a more inclusive campus and encourage more womxn to participate in the OP at Utah State. This is just one of many activities Woodhouse and Depew have lined up as a part of their “Wild Womxn” initiative.

The festival will be held at the Eccles Conference Center (ECC) with festivities starting at 5:30 p.m. The short films will begin at 7 p.m.

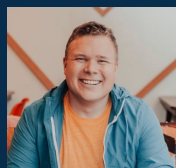
The festival is \$8 for faculty, staff, and other community members, but is only \$5 for students.



Sage Souza is a senior studying political science and Spanish. In her free time, she enjoys long walks on the beach, making too many playlists on Spotify, and retweeting Karl Marx fancams.

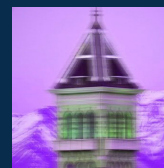
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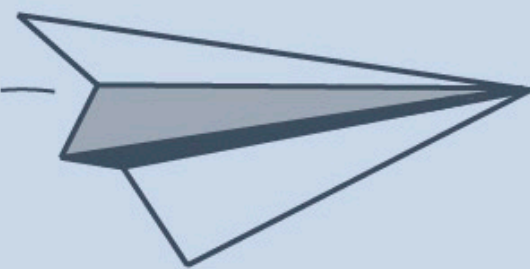
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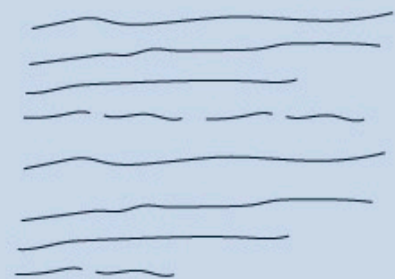
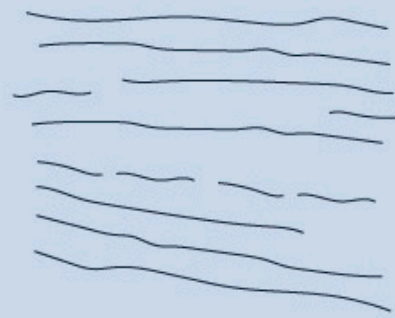
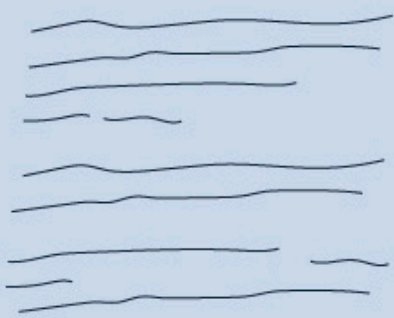
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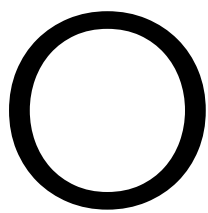


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OPINION

Hunters are conservationists



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Man has hunted since he walked the Earth. Through hunting, man forged a deep spiritual and personal connection with the land and quickly learned that maintaining his own way of life meant proper stewardship of the land and its wildlife.

Theodore Roosevelt and Aldo Leopold were men that understood this connection and in the early 20th century shaped a set of ideals that came to be known as the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. They articulated the philosophy that wildlife belongs to all of us and ethical, regulated hunting is the driving force that maintains abundant wildlife.

Eventually, hunting became regulated and guided by scientific research. In 1878, Iowa instituted the first bag limit on birds. Lawmakers passed the Lacey Act in 1900, prohibiting market hunting. Ding Darling created artwork for the first Duck Stamp in 1934. The Pittman-Robertson act was passed in 1937, through which hunters voluntarily imposed a tax on themselves, ensuring a portion of the sale of firearms and ammunition would be used to manage public wildlife.

Hunting is conservation, it's that simple. Despite the left painting hunters as killers, the reality is no one does more for wildlife than hunters. Every single day U.S. sportsmen contribute more than \$8 million to conservation. Hunters themselves pay more than \$769 million each year for conservation programs and more than \$156 billion since 1937, making it the largest funding mechanism of wildlife with the economic benefits going far beyond conservation.

Because of this, the U.S. has the most successful wildlife management system in the world. Hunters and fishers have contributed more financial and physical support to this system than any other group of individuals and have saved countless wildlife species and their habitats.

Just in the last three decades, hunting conservation in North America has saved many animals from extinction, such as the Louisiana Black Bear, Gray Wolf, Columbian White Tailed Deer, Rocky Mountain Elk, American Crocodile and over 18 species of waterfowl such as the Aleutian Canada Goose. Hunters not only contribute their money but also directly support wildlife through their hunting practices by preventing overhunt-

ing, overpopulation and starvation, and decreasing animal disease.

Today, a loss of hunters threatens how the U.S. pays for conservation. U.S. hunters are becoming an endangered species themselves. Older hunters who have paid into the conservation system are retiring from the sport, and with hunting becoming more unpopular on the left, the system is now struggling to keep up with needed conservation — risking man's connection with the land and wildlife.

Social media has also changed the way hunting is perceived — and not in a good way. Hunting and gun rights have become politicized. Instead of holding hunters up as the responsible gun owners and conservation heroes they are, we have demonized hunters and in doing so may have irreparably harmed conservation.

As hunters' numbers dwindle, we must not allow this conservation system to be torn apart further by the left's identity politics. In channeling the words of Donald Trump, we must make hunting valued again, we must make hunting popular again, we must make hunting sacred again, and we must make hunting great again. Past conservation legacy positions us perfectly to take on the U.S.'s most pressing conservation challenges, but we must garnish the enthusiasm needed for the next generation's step into the wild or risk losing this sacred heritage forever.

Keaton Hagloch is a public health major and has a passion for politics and writing. He loves the outdoors, playing the guitar and spending time with friends and family.

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 13 - SEPTEMBER 18

MONDAY

9/13

Hybrid Applied Mathematics Seminar
10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Animal Science Room 119

USU SHRM: Opening Social
5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Huntsman Hall Room 220

TUESDAY

9/14

Psychology Department Colloquium
9 a.m.
Zoom
<https://psychology.usu.edu/news/colloquium/hidden-in-plain-sight>

Sexual Misconduct Panel
12 p.m.
Evan N. Stevenson Ballroom

Mindfulness Meditation
7:30-8:10 p.m.
Virtual Event
<https://bit.ly/mindfulnessandmeditationweekly>

WEDNESDAY

9/15

Life of a LatinX Leader
12:30 p.m.
TSC 336

USU Farmers Market
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
TSC Fountain

IOGP Resume Workshop
4 p.m.
David B Haight Center
President's Hall

Entrepreneur Leadership Series: Ashley Smith
6 p.m.
Eccles Conference Center
Auditorium

THURSDAY

9/16

No Man's Land Film Festival
5:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
Eccles Conference Center

Ken Brewer Celebration of Writing Inaugural Reading by Christopher Cokinos
6-8 p.m.
USU Amphitheater

Writers in the Woods: Deep Creek
7-9 p.m.
Stokes Nature Center

FRIDAY

9/17

She's Daring Mighty Things
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Huntsman Hall
Perry Pavilion

Huntsman Clubs on the Courtyard
12-2 p.m.
Huntsman Courtyard

Los Hermanos De Los Andes Concert & Dinner
5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Russell/Wanlass
Performance Hall

Jammin' at Blue Square
6-9 p.m.
1111 North 800 East

Science Unwrapped - Seeing Science
7-8:30 p.m.
Eccles Science Learning
Center Auditorium

Harlem Globetrotters
7 p.m.
Ridgeline High School

SATURDAY

9/18

Disc Golf Tournament
8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Old Main

Girls in Aviation Day
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Logan/Cache Airport
2500 North 900 West
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Walk to End Alzheimer's
9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Merlin Olsen Park
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