Aggies take control of conference with big win over Boise

By Helen Taylor
SPORTS EDITOR

Utah State football sits alone atop the Mountain Division of the Mountain West. 

“We haven’t beaten them yet since we have been in this league,” said USU head coach Matt Wells before Friday’s game. “It’s not the championship game, but it’s a big game and basically puts the winner in the driver’s seat. That’s why it’s important, no question.”

Utah State football put themselves into that seat with a 52-26 win over No. 21 Boise State in Logan on Friday.

“Even standing up here after maybe the greatest win in this program’s history, it’s no different than when I stood in this same room last Sunday,” Wells said after the game. “It isn’t the championship, but it puts us in the driver’s seat. We’ll control our own destiny and that will be a challenge. It’s a challenge our guys will gladly accept.”

It was a game of firsts for USU. The Aggies’ win was the first home win over a ranked opponent since beating No. 25 Fresno State in 1991. It was also the first time Utah State has beat Boise State since 1997. If that wasn’t enough, Utah State’s 26-point margin of victory was the biggest margin of victory over a ranked team ever. Add turnovers to the list. Eight turnovers forced by USU’s defense are the most since at least 1993, according to available records.

“Hats off to our players,” Wells said. “It was a tremendous job by our staff in gearing up for a tremendous opponent and program in a short week and having our guys ready to play. It was an unbelievable effort and an unbelievable win for our program.”

Utah State is now receiving votes in both the Coaches Poll and Associated Press Poll for the first time this season. More importantly for USU, it’s the first time that the Aggies have started a season in the MW 3-0.

“It’s huge, I’ll make no bones about it,” Wells said. “We’ve been saying it out of respect for Boise State, that the road to the Mountain West championship goes through them. Until someone knocks them off the throne, it’s theirs. I mean that out of the deepest respect for that program and those coaches.”

By Brenna Kelly
COPY EDITOR

USU officials address spike in campus crime

Campus officials at Utah State University are reporting a steady increase of crime every year — especially sexual assault, and particularly at the beginning of the school year.

The average number of crimes committed per month on campus is 22. During the first few months of the school year, the average jumps to 38. Campus Police Chief Steve Mecham said it takes a while for students to learn them to take precautions.

“The university is generally a safe community, but there’s still crime that happens,” he said. “So I think that maybe the students don’t stop to think about that, and so they’re a little bit careless about when they lay their property, or they leave their apartments open.”

According to the university’s Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report, students are at highest risk of sexual assault from early August through Thanksgiving break. This period is called the Red Zone.

Sexual Assault and Anti-Violence Information, or SAAVI, coordinator Jenny Erazo has been with the university for three years. At the beginning of the school year, Erazo hires five interns to help sexual assault victims.

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“This means that we investigated it, we know he did it, we know it happened — but we’re not going to prosecute,” Mecham said.

“Although the term ‘Red Zone’ only embodies sexual assaults, all campus crimes spike at the beginning of the school year, particularly liquor law violations and thefts. Combined, they account for 44 percent of campus crime throughout the year. Criminal mischief and vandalism violations follow at 9 percent each. Controlled substance violations are next at 6 percent.

“We take very low tolerance to alcohol violations, and so if we have an alcohol violation, it almost always ends up in an arrest or a citation,” Mecham said. “And so that gets the knowledge out there that, ‘Hey, if I get caught, it’s gonna cost me a lot of money.”

Representatives for campus police meet with resident assistants, housing directors and students enrolled in the Connections course to talk about the beginning of the year potential of becoming the victim of a crime. Mecham added that he stresses to have more officers on duty during the first few weeks of school.

Executive director for Housing and Residence Life Steven Jenson said he and his staff want students to be aware of potential dangers. Additionally, he has taken measures to make on-campus housing more secure.

“Recently — a year ago — we started locking all the entrance doors 24/7 so that only people that are supposed to be in the buildings can access it,” he said.

Jenson sits on the Behavior Intervention Team, or BIT. Organized by student services, BIT is a team of professionals designed to assess, refer and interview students of concern. The Residence Hall Association takes safety very seriously, Jenson said.

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Female rape: ‘It’s easy to blame yourself’

By Whitney Howard

Editor’s note: This is the second part of a two-part series for Domestic Violence Awareness Month on how music can be used to create social awareness against women.

This includes healing experiences, victim blaming, bystander intervention and consent.

According to a poll published in the Washington Post, one in five college women have reported sexual assault. Utah State University’s frequency of sexual assault is not far from national average, said Jenny Erazo, program coordinator for USU’s Sexual Assault and Anti-Violence Information.

Despite its frequency, rape is one of the most underreported crimes, Erazo said.

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fun. (Netflix and Amazon Prime)

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This is the third part to a series on what students should know about each of the 2016 presidential candidates.

BEN CARSON:

Carson was born Sept. 18, 1951 in Detroit, Michigan. He is a retired neurosurgeon and was the Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at John Hopkins Hospital. He is famously known for being the first surgeon to separate conjoined twins, not to mention a bestselling author. Carson holds high accolades with multiple organizations. In 2005 the Library of Congress selected Carson as one of 89 "Living Legends." In 2006, he received the Springfield Medal, which is one of the most prestigious awards given by the NAACP. Then in 2008, President Bush awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest U.S. Civilian honors. Although he is a neurosurgeon, artist and a hero, he will tell you — he’s not a politician.

Foreign Policy: This subject for Carson is his least knowledgeable. He has said that he is learning all he can and there is a lot to cover. What he does have to say about the war on ISIS is that we need a swift end to the war by having more defined goals. He would arm the Kurds to defend themselves and rebuild their state. He strongly believes that the Iran Deal should incorporate Congress approval and recommendations.

Immigration: Carson has proposed a guest worker program for illegal immigrants. To be eligible, non-citizens would have to have a guaranteed job awaiting them in the United States before they come and work.

Environment: Carson doesn’t believe that climate change is a threat or a proven trend. In light of other issues, he believes the debate for climate change is irrelevant.

Education: Carson doesn’t support Common Core standards and believes education shouldn’t be controlled by federal bureaucrats but incorporate involved parents and engaged teachers. He also believes students and parents need more school choice. School choice is a term that refers to the alternative programs to publicly provided schools such as homeschool, charter schools or magnet schools.

Social Issues: Carson is generally anti-abortion rights and would not allow abortions after 20 weeks. He has voiced that he is a pro-life politician.

RICK SANTORUM:

Santorum has said that immigrants are hurting the economy because they are taking jobs from the American public. He opposes the DREAM Act, which is a piece of legislation that would allow a multi-phase process for undocumented immigrants that would grant conditional residency and then permanent residency after meeting certain requirements and qualifications.

Environment: Santorum has said that changes in the climate are naturally cyclical and not produced by human activity. He also supports efforts and legislation to continue more oil and gas drilling.

Education: He opposes Common Core standards and has been a voice against them since they were initiated.

Social Issues: Santorum could be one of the biggest Republican hopefuls in the fight against legal same-sex marriages. He strongly believes marriage is between a man and a woman and would support any amendment to the U.S. Constitution to set that into law. He is anti-abortion rights in all aspects, except if the mother’s life is in danger.

THE MORTICIAN: TO DIE FOR

Yesterday, I fixed death in the form of a burger. The Mortician is an off-menu burger available at Morty’s Cafe. I’d heard of it, but I didn’t know exactly what to expect.

I told the cashier that I thought I’d like to try the Mortician. I was brave, she said somberly. After ordering, I learned that the Mortician features two patties, double cheddar, pastrami, bacon, jalapenos, onion rings and strachy mays. Initially, I figured it would kill me. I said my goodbyes to loved ones and close friends, reminding them that I would be taken immedia-
ted. There was no way someone could survive that, much less enjoy it, I thought.

I did eat up dying... and going to heaven. First of all, the Mortician is huge. It’s the meanest dill I’ve ever seen, and it's stacks high. I didn’t get my tape measure out, but I’d guess it was 4 inches tall. I probably dislocated my jaw getting my mouth over it. The beef, which is locally sourced, was flavorful. And I’ve never been a fan of pastrami, but when paired with the greasy bacon and sandwiched between the beef patties, I really enjoyed.

The Mortician is more than a meat monster. It won’t, they call it the Dead Thing, which wouldn’t be nearly as catchy. The ad-
dition of the onions and ja-
lapenos was interesting. It makes your tongue sweat a little... in a good way. It’s your mouth’s way of saying, “I can handle it. Keep feed-
ing me. I’m ready to digest.” My favorite part of the whole burger was the sriracha mayo. Mayo will never not be good. But with the shot of strachy, there was an added element — not quite a burn, but more than a sting. A pleasant under-
tone of heat.

By the end of the burger, I’m fairly certain there was no grease flowing in my veins. Somehow I didn’t mind.

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BEATING A DEAD HORSE:

3 reasons Utah State dominated Boise State

It’s happening.
The stakes were known before Friday night’s home matchup against our rivals to the north. It was to be the most important game for Utah State in recent memory. Certainly the Broncos stood as the biggest obstacle between the Aggies and a Mountain West title.

Perhaps a win would be even be a stepping stone toward a major bowl game and all that it entails.

Those seemed like little more than lofty dreams this time last week — but now it’s happening. Kent Myers and Hunter Sharp are on the top play on Sportscenter. The Aggies are receiving Top-25 votes. The defense hasn’t been Utah State’s real ticket suddenly found it had an offense to match, and the result was something beautiful — a complete and utter destruction of conference top-dog Boise State.

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Utah State held onto a first-half lead to beat Colorado College by a score of 3-2 on Sunday.

“It was a really good win,” said USU head coach Heather Cairns. “I thought we played really well against a really good team. We did enough to win.”

The Aggies went into the half with a one goal lead. USU and CC traded goals in the second half as each team found the back of the net twice in the 45-minute span.

“We worked really hard to capitalize on the moments, and it was a well-earned result,” Cairns said. “We just didn’t panic. Colorado College is a very good team, and neither team stopped playing the game. We tried to stick with what worked.”

Junior forward Jessica Brooksby scored two of the goals in the game and sophomore Wesley Hamblin on the other. With the two scores Brooksby’s goal total for the season climbed to 10.

Senior goalkeeper Jeannie Woller had six saves in the game.

USU is tied for fourth in conference play with the wins. They are three games out of first place. The conference is lead by San Diego State and San Jose State. USU defeated SJSU and lost to SDSU this season already.

The Aggies swept the weekend with a win against Air Force on Friday by a score of 2-0. With the win USU improves their overall record to 9-7-1 and 4-4 in Mountain West play.

Utah State goes on the road this weekend for two games at Colorado State and at Wyoming before finishing the season at home on Oct. 30 against Boise State.

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Stayin’ alive: USU in middle of MW standings with win

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015

When we dismiss someone as “crazy” or “mentally ill” it trivializes their existence. And guess what? They are normal.

Dismissing somebody as “crazy” trivializes their experiences and diminishes their humanity. And guess what? They are normal. They are human. Period.

When we don’t treat things as the fact that at the end of this particular month, we’re planning on re-11-year-old selves and treating Halloweek as it’s a weekend-long adult recess. It isn’t shameless, either – we know it’s stupid, and we haven’t yet reached the point where we don’t care.

Halloweek, a once-innocent holiday, we’ve successfully converted into the St. Patrick’s day of fall — or worse for us — is coming up.

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Thatcher-Young Mansion
$56, 11:00 am

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