The Factory promised luxury student housing, a video on their site boasting a double-decker hot tub, sand volleyball, six-story parking, the fastest Wi-Fi and more.

The Factory also promised Kassidi Nudd, a junior in sociology and criminal justice, it would be ready for move in on Aug. 27.

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The next day, Aug. 7, The Factory management sent out an email to nearly 300 students, including Nudd, which said it was unable to fulfill that promise.

"Based on the current reports from the general contractor, we regretfully must inform you that we do not anticipate The Factory to be ready by the projected August 27th opening date," the letter said. "We do anticipate being able to open sometime in the following weeks, but do not have an accurate date that we can give you right now."

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"I felt panicked," said Mikhail Maires, a sophomore in elementary education. "I was in denial and overall freaking out and rushing, rushing to find places to live."

"The following weeks, no joke, we were getting forty or fifty calls a day from people looking for housing," said James Broderick, a junior in civil engineering and one of Cambridge Court Apartments landlords. "We've been full ever since the school took us over."
In recent years USU has seen several large-scale construction projects like the 2005 $42 million Merrill-Cazier Library expansion and the 2013 $45 million Agricultural Sciences building. Also ongoing projects, including the $42 million Heritage Hall and the $30 million Student Recreation & Wellness Center. While these projects met relative esteem, some do not.

USU’s Vice President for Business and Finance Dave Cowley said, “As a general rule we assume that significant buildings are permanent facilities on our USU campuses.”

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Tuesday, August 18

- USAU Police took a report of a hit and run accident that occurred in the parking lot east of Old Main. The accident is believed to have occurred either Tuesday or Wednesday (8-18/19-2015) between the hours of 0800 and 1700. No witnesses known, no suspect vehicle known.

Friday, August 21

- USAU Police and Fire Personnel responded to a fire alarm at Merrill Hall. Upon arrival, we learned the alarm was accidentally set off by a hair-dryer. The detector was cleaned and the alarm was reset. No other action needed.

- USAU Police assisted the Logan City Police with an individual that was passed out behind the steering wheel. The individual ended up being intoxicated and was arrested for a DUI.

Saturday, August 22

- USAU Police took a traffic accident report that occurred in the Purple Parking Lot south of Old Main. The accident involved a vehicle that was backing from a parking stall that collided with a parked vehicle. Very minor damage if any to the vehicles involved. Information was exchanged between owners. No other action needed.

- USAU Police responded to Aggie Village at the request of the complainant. The complainant had questions about some friends who were told they needed to leave their apartment today by 5 pm. There had been some mis-communicating and the complainants friends were planning on staying in their apartment for fall semester but learned today that there was someone waiting to move in and that they needed to get out. Police spoke with the representative housing and the complainants friends and a temporary resolution was worked out until they could get their belongings packed and moved out.

Sunday, August 23

- USAU Police assisted the North Park Police Department on a possible domestic. It was determined that the “victim” refused to cooperate. Officers gathered information and left the scene.

Monday, August 24

- USAU Police responded to the NFS building for an individual that had passed out. The individual just had some dental work done and was not feeling all the way better. The individual was looked at by Paramedics and cleared at the scene. The individual was taken home by a family member.

- USAU Police assisted the Logan City Police with an individual that had overdosed on alcohol and NyQuil. The individual was transported to the Logan Regional Hospital by ambulance.

Tuesday, August 25

- USAU Police and Medical Personnel were called to the Health and Wellness Center on a person complaining of head and neck injury. The person was transported to the Logan Regional Hospital by medical personnel for further treatment and observation. Police cleared when assistance was no longer needed.

- USAU employee was driving a vehicle past the Logan Golf and Country Club when the vehicle windshield was hit by a golf ball. The employee reported the incident to Police and to the County Club. Police are investigating.

- USAU Police contacted a student in the Living Learning Community that had an empty can of beer in his room. The student admitted to consuming the beer yesterday in his room. The individual was apprised of state law and university policy concerning alcohol for individuals underage and on campus. The empty can was removed from the room and the student is not facing any criminal charges at this time.

- Complainant contacted USAU Police and requested assistance in finding her vehicle key she had dropped on Old Main Hill after exercising. Officers responded and gave the complainant an extra flashlight as we all looked for the key in the grass. The key was located after a short period of time.

- USAU Police responded to a report of individuals drinking alcohol in the LLC. One individual was arrested for Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

Wednesday, August 26

- Police responded to a fire alarm at the Jones Education Building. This alarm was caused by a staff member using an air compressor in the hallway to clean computer keyboards. The compressor overheated causing a small amount of smoke, which tripped the alarm. The alarm was silenced and reset.

- USAU POLICE responded to a report of possible drug use in the LLC. Officers met with an individual who reported smelling marijuana in an apartment. Officers questioned the individual who resides in the apartment and were unable to detect any controlled substance.

- USAU Police responded to the College of AG building in five minutes to tag a bicycle that appears to be abandoned. A tag was placed to have the bike removed in seven days.
10 years after Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans is vibrant but wary

NEW ORLEANS _ David Herzenberg is back in the city he once called home, rebuilding a house he said in an interview at City Hall, down the street from two of the iconic images of Katrina destruction: theSuperdome turned-evacuation center and the Hyatt Regency hotel with its blown-out windows. 

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You can ask health, education, demographic and economic experts. They regularly catalog the progress the city has made, while also documenting some of the very serious problems that remain. Some of those are because of Katrina, but many existed long before the storm dragged its way across the Gulf of Mexico.

On you can ask the residents. They live in neighborhoods pockmarked with poverty and still-abandoned properties; they drive over cracked, warped and pothole-filled streets to get to their homes.

But for many, it was a choice they made.

"Initially, I didn't think I was coming back," Herzenberg said on a sweltering August day as he overseen a small crew of workers. "I only had reservations about the storm, the city was in a bit of chaos. But I am." He waters the exhibit's flower arranging diagrams of the levee failures; the system.

Mirabeau Avenue, a plaque commemorates the levee breach. A poster on the corner of Warrington and the London Avenue Canal levee was forced to temporarily leave.

Elsewhere, in the shadow of the iconic images of Katrina damaged homes as well as
dependent. One night a week, the system.

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Asked if she was confident about the levee flood walls that towers above her backyard, Juanita Doyle _ who lives in the Lakeshore section of New Orleans _ said: "Do I get to laugh?"

KANO, Nigeria _ A girl suicide bomber killed at least 15 people at a funeral in northeastern Nigeria, hospital sources and witnesses said Tuesday.

At least 30 others were injured when the girl, estimated to be 11 or 12 years old, detonated explosives strapped to her body in the town of Damaturu, said resident Haruna Gambo.

"The girl came into the car park and refused to be searched (by security officials). She later went near our car filled with passengers and detonated her bomb," a health worker from a nearby hospital told dpu on condition of anonymity.

Domestic police spokesman Torin Gbadebo could confirm only six deaths and three people with critical injuries immediately after the blast. Last month, three people were killed and at least five injured by a suicide bomber who exploded his car at a security checkpoint in Damaturu.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but Islamist terrorist group Boko Haram, which seeks to establish a state
government in northern Nigeria, has killed thousands of people since 2009 similar attacks.

For evidence you can ask the mayor, Mitch Landrieu, who talks of an "accentuated city" that has come back very strongly but has basically come back everywhere.

"You see kind of a mishmash," he said in an interview at City Hall. "It's taken me 10 years to get back," he said. "But I am." He's called, "You see kind of a mishmash," he said in an interview at City Hall. "But I am." Herzenberg is back in the city he once called home, rebuilding a house he said in an interview at City Hall, down the street from two of the iconic images of Katrina destruction: the Superdome turned-evacuation center and the Hyatt Regency hotel with its blown-out windows. "It's not really a tale of two cities. Most of the city...in most of the neighborhoods...is moving back in the right direction."

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Steamers prove highlight of the HUB Bakery, oatmeal flops

By Breanna Kelly
COPY EDITOR

With 34 different flavors, the HUB Bakery's steamer is versatile and easy to take classes.

After biking to campus in the pouring rain, I stopped by the HUB Bakery. Partly because it was 10 a.m. and I hadn't had breakfast, but mostly because I had been looking forward to trying some new menu items.

I perused the woman at the counter with a few questions about options and pricing. “What’s the steamer?” I asked. She explained that a steamer is similar to hot chocolate – steamed milk, without the chocolate. There are 34 flavors to choose from, including Irish cream, maple spice, strawberry and white chocolate.

“I wouldn’t recommend the fruit flavors,” she said, and I was grateful for the tip. I decided on amaretto – flavoring from a sweet almond liquor. I paired it with a hagel and a cup of maple and brown sugar oatmeal. Oatmeal being a relatively new addition to the HUB’s menu. They also offered apple cinnamon and original oatmeal.

I have to mention that while I’m a big fan of oatmeal, I’m also one of its harshest critics. This particular batch of oatmeal came out of a machine, so it’s not the HUB workers’ fault that it was exceptionally gunky. It stuck to itself like gum sticks to your shoe – an unappealing image, but I tried to be hopeful.

The texture was similar to that of instant oatmeal. For some of those that aren’t oatmeal connoisseurs, the graininess of instant oatmeal is never preferred to that of real oats.

I was not displeased with the flavor, at first. Maple and brown sugar are the Ben and Jerry of the oatmeal world. But after six or seven bites, the overbearing sweetness of the brown sugar dominated the subtly of the maple, resulting in a sugar headache.

After I finished, I waited for the steamers to cool down. After all, the worst way to complement a sugar headache is with a burnt tongue. I didn’t know what to expect with the steamer. From the woman’s description, it wouldn’t be strong enough — but I was pleasantly surprised. The amaretto flavored the milk as thoroughly as cocoa flavors hot chocolate, but the steamer didn’t have the weightiness of hot chocolate. You could take it to class and not feel groggy. It’s not the pick-me-up you’d get from coffee, but it’s equally revitalizing and comforting.

As if you had to back-to-back classes, I recommend asking for a little less flavor to avoid a sugar collapse. But a light amaretto or invigorating Irish cream could motivate you to go to that early morning class.

Overall I give the HUB’s steamer a B and the oatmeal a D.

CHOCOLATE SLIDE SWEEPS AGGIES OFF THEIR FEET

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2015

By Katie Lambert
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The Chocolate Water Slide, organized by Aggie Wishlisters on Campus and Creative Guy Productions, brought out students for sticky fun and charity.

Posed in chocolate-covered red stickies, a crowd of sticky students waited for one word to begin their sugary slide down Old Main Hill. “Go!” a man yelled through a megaphone.

With that, the crowd surged forward, diving onto the plastic tarps. Water and syrup slicked the plastic tarps. Water and syrup slicked the plastic tarps. Water and syrup trickled down students as they careened down the slide.

Some students were swept off their feet at the Chocolate Water Slide, organized by Aggie Wishlisters on Campus and Creative Guy Productions.

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“We did it to raise awareness on Saturday. For some, the sticky experience was everything they’ll never forget.”

As if to confirm his statement, he explained that a steamer is similar to hot chocolate – steamed milk, without the chocolate. There are 34 flavors to choose from, including Irish cream, maple spice, strawberry and white chocolate.

“I wouldn’t recommend the fruit flavors,” she said, and I was grateful for the tip. I decided on amaretto – flavoring from a sweet almond liquor. I paired it with a hagel and a cup of maple and brown sugar oatmeal. Oatmeal being a relatively new addition to the HUB’s menu. They also offered apple cinnamon and original oatmeal.

I have to mention that while I’m a big fan of oatmeal, I’m also one of its harshest critics. This particular batch of oatmeal came out of a machine, so it’s not the HUB workers’ fault that it was exceptionally gunky. It stuck to itself like gum sticks to your shoe – an unappealing image, but I tried to be hopeful.

The texture was similar to that of instant oatmeal. For some of those that aren’t oatmeal connoisseurs, the graininess of instant oatmeal is never preferred to that of real oats.

I was not displeased with the flavor, at first. Maple and brown sugar are the Ben and Jerry of the oatmeal world. But after six or seven bites, the overbearing sweetness of the brown sugar dominated the subtly of the maple, resulting in a sugar headache.

After I finished, I waited for the steamers to cool down. After all, the worst way to complement a sugar headache is with a burnt tongue. I didn’t know what to expect with the steamer. From the woman’s description, it wouldn’t be strong enough — but I was pleasantly surprised. The amaretto flavored the milk as thoroughly as cocoa flavors hot chocolate, but the steamer didn’t have the weightiness of hot chocolate. You could take it to class and not feel groggy. It’s not the pick-me-up you’d get from coffee, but it’s equally revitalizing and comforting.

As if you had to back-to-back classes, I recommend asking for a little less flavor to avoid a sugar collapse. But a light amaretto or invigorating Irish cream could motivate you to go to that early morning class.

Overall I give the HUB’s steamer a B and the oatmeal a D.

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S E N T I O N A L P H O T O G R A P H E R

STUDENT GATHERED AT OLD MAIN HILL for a chocolate water slide on Saturday. The event was organized by Aggie Wishlisters on Campus and Creative Guy Productions to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.
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The Factory has not made any accommodations for students. Nelson said they have checked with hotels, but there are no rooms available for a long enough period of time. Their next step is to reach out to the city and LDS state president for assistance.

Nelson said the problem is that housing in Logan is tight this year. In other years, if this had happened, two weeks would have been enough time to find housing. The only people who knew how tight housing was going to be was the university.

“The university knew they would have to have a backup’ Nelson said what people really have is a place to live around Oct. 15, according to Nelson. The only people who knew this year was different. "You're going have to do something to get the trust of people's trust, but all we can do is work really hard to get people's trust, but all we can do is work really hard to get" said Bethany Broderick, a senior in consumer science education. "I thought it was pretty crazy" Nelson said what people don't realize is that no one is more disappointed than the company missed the projected date from them, as they are missing out on rent from students that could be used to pay back loans for construction.

This is the second year The Factory has missed a projected opening date. In 2013, the person in charge of securing the bank loan for construction paid away, which caused the bank to pull the loan and the project ran out of money. However, they were able to find alternate housing for every student that asked them.

This year was different. "I know we've lost a lot of people's trust, but all we can do is work really hard to get people's trust, but all we can do is work really hard to get" said Bethany Broderick, a senior in consumer science education. "I’ve also heard that they’ve never made study rooms into beds to accommodate students so that USU doesn't have any students not coming here because of housing situations.”

The LDS institute had also sent out a letter encouraging students to share their homes and extra rooms to accommodate students so that USU doesn't have any students not coming here because of housing situations.”

Some students have opened up their houses and apartments to The Factory’s future residents and ex-residents, including Christian Andor- en, who lives on the corner near The Factory and has watched the construction process.

“We took in an extra bed in our apartment,” Andersen said. “We don’t really have a lot of space for it. It’s kind of a three-person place.”

Andersen’s new roommate and ex-resident has asked for a return on his deposit and is using Andersen’s apartment as permanent housing, but anyone else that has not asked for a return should be able to move in around Oct. 15, according to Nelson.

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Since May, we felt bad saying ‘we don’t know anyone that’s open,’” Nelson said. “Students flooded the housing market, trying to find any available space they could find before classes started.

‘I’ve heard that housing went out an email asking those that are living on campus that have private rooms, if they would be willing to share’ said Brittany Huntington, a senior in family consumer science education. ‘I’ve also heard that they’ve never made study rooms into beds to accommodate students so that USU doesn't have any students not coming here because of housing situations.”

A lot of the students looking for housing were international students, said Broderick, and other students had even paid Appie Factory rent for the full year.

“They think they should never have accepted rent payments,” Broderick said, “I can understand deposits, but to actually accept rent payment in full if they didn’t know that it was going to be open, and obviously it didn’t open. I think it was kind of ridiculous, that’s my opinion.”

Jordan Karmen, a freshman in psychology, agrees. “I thought it was pretty crazy” Karmen said, “to give out all that information and then get all those students in and to tell them, ‘You’ll be done. You’ll be done,’ and then all of a sudden two weeks before be like, ‘Oh we’re not even close, Like that’s pretty crazy to me. I don’t know how someone could do that.”

Appie Factory, or 900 Factory, began construction last year, promising a modern student living design with amenities such as a bowling alley, rock climbing, a movie theater and activities every month along with large rooms and fast wifi.

Scheduled to open fall of 2014, many students had signed up to live in the new apartments, but had received a notice during the summer saying that the building wouldn’t be finished in time for fall semester.

One year late, and students are finding themselves in a similar situation.

“It’s just frustrating to the students and it’s like a not funny joke,” said Bethany Broderick, a senior in communication studies and landlord for Cambridge Court Apartments. “This has happened multiple times in Aggie Factory, so amongst the apartment community, we’re just like ‘are you serious?!” Like again this has happened. Again.”

No date has been set yet for the complex to be finished.

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What they’re known for in cricket for Utah State. “That’s receivers’ coach and Florida 2,000 miles away. That’s where that skillset comes from a high level, speed is not a game into what we see today. Davis’ mindset revolutionized the sport of football and pushed the evolution of the game across the nation, there are still players available who fit what Utah State is looking for. There’s some schools and some guys that get overlooked and passed on,” Bouknight said.

For the Utah State Aggies, that skillset comes from 2,000 miles away. “Our primary focus is to go heavily recruited by programs with Texas and California (including) as, California and Florida players that come out of Texas and nearby states Idaho, Colorado, Arizona and Nevada combined. Although Florida (along with Texas and California) is hardly recruited by programs outside the country,” said Luke Wells, the wide receivers’ coach and Florida recruiter for Utah State. “That’s what they’re known for in that state and that’s what we’re trying to get.”

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The Utah State football team has 10 players on the roster from Florida - more than nearby states Idaho, Colorado, Arizona and Nevada combined. “There’s more division one players that come out of Texas, California and Florida than anywhere else in the country,” said Luke Wells, the recruiting coordinator for the team. Although Florida (along with Texas and California) is hardly recruited by programs outside the country, there are still players available who fit what Utah State is looking for.

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Fantasy 2015: Studs, Duds, and Players to Watch

The most wonderful time of the year is finally here. I’m not talking about the beginning of a new semester, the pretty fall colors, or even college football. I’m talking about fantasy football. One of the most important and stressful times of any fantasy manager’s season is the draft. Let’s take a moment to remember that while the draft is vital to ensuring a good start for your team, it’s only the beginning. How many of us drafted Adrian Peterson or Ray Rice in the first round last year? How many of us drafted the man they call OBJ (Odell Beckham Jr., come on people)? That being said here are the ESPN mock draft servers. Which team has 10 players on the roster from Florida - more than nearby states Idaho, Colorado, Arizona and Nevada combined. Although Florida (along with Texas and California) is hardly recruited by programs outside the country, there are still players available who fit what Utah State is looking for. There’s some schools and some guys that get overlooked and passed on,” Bouknight said.

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Football: C.J. Anderson

Over the last couple of weeks I have seen Anderson move from a second round pick to a first round pick on the ESPN mock draft servers. A lot of managers are starting to see Anderson’s upside, and for good reason. Over Denver’s last 8 games, Anderson had over 1,000 all-purpose yards and added 10 touchdowns. More importantly, he earned the starting position. This year, with Gary Kubiak at the helm of the offense, we can expect Demer to run much more (don’t draft Manning high). The Broncos will also be looking for a red zone threat after the departure of Julius Thomas to Jacksonville, so there is plenty scoring upside to Anderson. My prediction: C.J. will finish as a top 5 fantasy back this year.

Other Studs: Adrian Peterson, DeAngelo Williams, Arian Foster.

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The success of the program over the past three years has made potential recruits listen more intently when Utah State contacts them.

“People see us on TV, they see the wins,” Wells said. “People saw the BYU win on TV, so I think we’re getting to the point where we’re more nationally recognized.”

Even on the other side of the country, the wins have made an impact.

“The fact that we’re winning and that we keep recruiting good players from Florida, it obviously helps,” Bouknight said. “Now that we’re on the map, we can start going after those more attractive players.”

Coming from Florida to the mountains of northern Utah can be a difficult transition for a young player, though.

“Having teammates with a similar background makes the transition easier,” Bouknight said. “The more [Florida players] we add to our roster the more comfortable they feel once they get to camp,” Brooksby said.

Even the weather is a big change for many of the players.

“I think all Florida boys, we just have that connection, just being from Florida,” Hunt said. “Every new Florida guy, we always hit it off.”

That relationship isn’t limited to players who are on the roster now.

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Women's basketball team returns from Mexico

Coach Finkbeiner looked tired.

He sat in his office Tuesday, a few shades darker after a week in the Mexico sun, already working out logistics for the coming semester.

"One reason I like Mexico is it's only an hour difference in time zones," Finkbeiner said.

The Utah State Women's Basketball team's seven-day trip to Mexico was by all accounts a massive success. In addition to working out logistics for the coming semester, Finkbeiner hopes his players remember the trip as more than just a basketball experience, but a cultural one as well.

According to Brewster, many of Mexico's highlights included the children at the basketball clinics, the game experience and the food. However, the week's best memory may not have been food or basketball at all.

"It was just a good life experience," Brewster said. "Probably me and most of the other girls would say swimming with the dolphins was the best part of the trip."
Don’t force the college experience

This isn’t an advice column. In fact, if there’s one thing you get out of reading this, it’s that you’re a college kid now, and it’s probably time to start listening to yourself a little bit.

Let me backtrack — welcome to Utah State. You’re about to spend the next couple of years surrounded by a group of people pursuing a variety of lifelong dreams and working to become themselves, and that’s a cool thing. There are so many posters to being in this special phase of your life, at a university surrounded by a group of people doing things out about yourself. There isn’t a four-year plan for everyone needs those fans. The college experience is you want and do it. You can change it anytime.

The fear of missing out on weird that way. Don’t worry about what you may be missing out on, and don’t search aimlessly for a college experience you think everyone else has. There’s this popular notion that college is as much about “the college experience” as it is about a degree, as if there’s a already realized high school maybe meant that big of a deal. There isn’t about just checking off things you haven’t done in order to feel like you got the most out of your time here. You’re going to get whatever you go for, whether that means grades or a busy social life or a degree in a competitive major. But don’t stress out about missing things. Life’s going to happen for you while you pursue those things you came to USU for in the first place. So take the time to figure

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Get caught reading

You may step into your first class positive that exercise science is your life’s calling, and walk down Old Main four years later with a Marketing degree. Your priorities might shift from looking for a cute makeout buddy to just finding someone who shares your taste in music. That’s easier said than done, by the way. You may be one of those students who goes all-out for the Howl every year. You could be one of the crazies that camps outside of the Spectrum for Aggie basketball’s opening game, or even just the preseason. Nothing wrong with that — every school needs those fans. The maturation process is heading for a Beto’s burrito, and possibly new friends, foolishly cut class to take your own advice by learning about yourself. I get that sort of sounds abstract, but honestly it’s tough to make memorable experiences without discovering what exactly it is you want. As much as I hate the phrase “you do you,” it applies here.

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