ASUSU welcomes freshman with fair-themed week

BY TAYLOR BRADLEY news senior writer

This year’s Week of Welcome combines new and traditional elements to celebrate the first week of the fall semester.

The week-long celebration, which marks the first time many students step onto the artificial turf at the new Legacy Fields, Chase Ward, ASUSU program-grand vice president, said the grand opening of Legacy Fields will coincide with the 3% dance at 9 p.m. Friday.

The dance, hosted by DJ Marcus Wing, is one of the most anticipated events of Welcome planning, said Hannah Blackburn, activities director for Student Traditions and Activities Board (STAB).

“Whether students have the opportunity to try something they’ve all out and have so much fun,” Blackburn said.

Ward said this year’s festivities expand on many of last year’s precedents.

“We’ve upped every-thing this year,” Warr said. “We’ve upped the food, the publicity and the fun.”

Week of Welcome began with a bluegrass band concert in the TSC Plaza on Monday. The concert featured bluegrass performers Cross Strung. Craig Minner and Forever Blue.

“Looking back on previous years, we found we hadn’t had a bluegrass-genre band for almost the past decade,” Blackburn said. “It’s a great return.”

While new activities are being incorporated into the celebration, some favorites like Day on the Quad and the weekend dance will remain tradition.

“Students from previous years look forward to those same events,” said Abigail Kingsford, ASUSU public relations director.

Judging by the participation level last year, Warr said, close to 3,000 students are expected to attend Welcome this weekend.

“The Avengers” will be shown on a big screen on Main Mall Hill at 9 p.m. Booths from campus organizations and local businesses will be present Wednesday at Day on the Quad. Students will have the opportunity to join clubs, enjoy live music and get free food from local vendors, Ward said.

The afterparty will begin with a bluegrass concert in Legacy Fields.

“Bluegrass fits well with the fair theme the board has chosen for this year’s activities,” said Student Traditions vice president, Casillas said.

“Every year student housing development in Utah State and they came back here, and they said the housing here at Utah State University on Thursday, Kingsford said the Week of Welcome planning committee decided to “focus on the football team” by collaborating with the HURD for tailgate celebrations before everyone comes back to see their friends and goes returning students as well as a freshman a chance to meet new people.

“This year is all about the football game. We’ve tried to make the opportunity to join the board,” said Abigail Kingsford. “We’ve tried to make those same events.”

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Dean welcomes CHaSS students at Light on the Hill

BY ALLEE WILKINSON
news editor

Aggie Blue Bikes has a new programming coordinator, filling a spot that’s been vacant for more than a year.

Stephanie Tomlin officially took the position on Aug. 6. The spot had been empty since the original programming coordinator and Aggie Blue Bikes founder Adam Christensen graduated. Aggie Blue Bikes, which falls under the Student Sustainability Office, has a fleet of about 160 bikes they loan to students and faculty—fee free. A 31% increase in student fees, voted on by the student body last spring, will pay for the new position.

Tomlin said her goals include streamlining the process of checking bikes in and out, and doubling the bike fleet by 2015. This would mean more students would be able to use the bikes, and there would be less time spent waiting to check them in.

Tomlin noted the logistics of storing so many bikes will be complicated. Demand for Blue Bikes services is especially increased in the past year, pushing her plan for new changes for the three years. In one such change, Aggie Blue Bikes recently introduced a card system that allows students to keep track of which bikes they’ve checked out and pay for the service. That system should help reduce the large number of freshman who take the bus.

In addition, Tomlin said she wants to work hard to help the college itself. “There are so many opportunities for students to get involved and that’s the reason why I’m here today,” he said. “I got involved with CHaSS council and I’m able to be here standing here representing the students and really working hard to make sure that we remain the best college on campus.”

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“We’ve doubled,” said Tomlin, “and we’re excited about the future of this program.”

The event was to welcome the new students, encourage them to put effort into their education, and start the semester off well.

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Allen gave advice to students, encouraging them to put effort into their education. “Push yourself,” he said. “Don’t be a passive learner. Don’t just come into the class, take the notes, take the tests, and walk away. Challenge your professors. They like it. Challenge your peers. You’ll feel better.”

Allen would like to get more involved with the CHaSS Council and the new students, encouraging them to put effort into their education.

“For me, the most enjoyable part of the night was seeing the freshmen come out and watch,” Tomlin said. “They’re up and they stand at the edges, they’ve got a card, and they thought they might come, but they don’t know anyone, and we go out and we say ‘Hi, my name is John Allen,’” he said.

During the event, CHaSS clubs had set up tables to see what they were about. As the sun set, students were invited to meet the amphitheater and listen to CHaSS clubs had set up tables to see what they were about. As the sun set, students were invited to meet the amphitheater and listen to CHaSS and how they think differently, talk differently and eat different food. Engage them, he said. “In CHaSS, you’ll feed yourselves up.”

The purpose of the event was to welcome the students back from the summer and build a sense of the community among the college, Allen said.

“I really believe that if you build community, positive things come from it,” said Allen. “We have freshmen here. We have sophomores, juniors and seniors. We wanted to first say you’re part of a community of scholars.”

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Allen was very happy with the chance to be part of the college, Allen said.

Tomlin said that she has been involved in CHaSS for more than a year.

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Puerto Rico

Marlen Rice, a soyphomore majoring in molecular biology, spent a week in Puerto Rico with a fellow student and friend who was there for research.

Rice’s friend Tyler Nelson participated in a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) in Puerto Rico to see how freshwater shrimp populations changed in the aftermath of a hurricane. Rice said he spent time with Nelson collecting data in a “safe zone.”

“They don’t have a lot of shrimp there. Those are two species of shrimp that don’t really only one kind of phosphate snail, so you really get like a mainland rainforest.”

Rice said he saw many different animals and plants, including snakes, turtles, arctic, rechilles of many varieties, and cockroaches.

“The coconut trees were about 20-30 feet tall, so not that tall, and they wrapped my thighs around it and slowly pulled myself up the tree,” he said. “I got to the very top and then I jumped off a coconut.”

Rice said he and Nelson spent one night on the second best beach in the world where they slept in hammocks under trees.

“We didn’t want to have to pay to camp there is a ton of us so we spent the first night free on the second best beach in the world.” Rice also went snorkeling, and saw all these really amazing coral.

Culbura used to be a military installation and there was part of the island he and his friend hiked to that was supposedly covered in landmines, accord-

ually, The island we decided to stay on the path and not take the risk.

Rice said one of his favor-

ite places was a small lagoon where there were bed bug cent organisms. The color was too dark for a camera, but the image is clearly printed in his mind, he said.

“We took a kayak and paddled through this swampy canal to get to the lagoon, and then the water starts to clear up, and you can see the fish just dancing around you. We’d splash around and see the fish just dart all around and pick up water in our hands and just see those streaks of light running down with the water.”

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Returning students seek to stay healthy

BY CALE PATTERSON

When it comes to matters of health and fitness, many USU students find the transition between summer break and fall classes can be a difficult one. There is a diverse population of students on campus who participate in many different types of activities. Whatever interest or passion they are pursuing, staying healthy is usually somewhere near the top of their priority list, at least on their radar.

"I work out and eat better in the winter than I do in the summer," said Jason Gudmundson, a junior and civil engineering major, said he has noticed that. "In order to do well in school he said he has to switch to writing a column about exercise. "When I write my opinion, it's exactly that: my opinion. I do not have any malign inten- tions when writing negatively. If I write something nega- tive about a restaurant, it's because my experience was negative. Trust me, I like get- ting good service, and when I don't, I will tell you about it. After all, it's all about great food, right?– whether you agree or not, I'm just glad you read."

Students try to stay healthy for a number of reasons, as their Professor, Teuscher, see better results in their studies when they exercise and eat well.

Attention to health is important to the majority of students, but there is a certain structure during the semester. Professor, Teuscher, see better results in their studies when they exercise and eat well.

"I only work out about every other day," he said, "but I do try to work out ahead of time can be help- ful for many students. Sophomore, Moritz, said he has noticed that. "Just like eating healthy, my routine in Pennsylvania and New York, I did nothing but read food and cooking shows and cook food. It was the quintessential foodie's dream. I frequented local food stores that featured locally grown produce. I tried on whatever reason, became a passion of mine. I experi- mented with fresh peaches and tomato-based sauces. I even invented a smoked sun- dried tomato and fresh basil sauce. I even invented a smoked sun- dried tomato and fresh basil sauce. I even invented a smoked sun- dried tomato and fresh basil sauce.

Those of you who have read my column in the past will remember that I usually discuss my food adventures based on experiences I gain through visiting local Cache Valley restaurants and cafes. Don't worry, there's plenty of that on the horizon for this year. Some of you have even gotten so involved in my opinions that you've sent letters to the editor, either agree with, or repre- sent what I've said. I'd like to say that you all up for the upcoming year in Food Talk.

When I visit an establish- ment I'm going to write about, I never inform anyone who works there that I'm going to write a review. I do this because I'd like to treat them like any other patron. I want to experience the candor of each particular restaurant and its staff with- out being treated special. How else would I be able to provide readers with honest feedback?

There have been one or two occasions in the past when a reader or restaura- tant has offended by my remarks and challenged what I've said. I'd like to say a few words about this one in the following:

I am a fairly easy-to-please person. Therefore, it's not exactly fair to get a good review out of me. Yet, as it seems to be that way, I actually wrote an article in this column in which I discuss my experiences in fine dining. Here is an excerpt:

I was never treated like any other patron. This was because I'd like to be treated like any other patron. I am, however, going to cast a review out of me. Yet, it doesn't bear with me.

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**TRAVEL: Students roam over break**

"Our minds are always thinking. We just need time to recalibrate."

Rice said he spent about $350 for his whole trip, including his plane ticket, because of the generosity of those around him, and the two friends’ willingness to adventure. "The cat to get to the island, the kayak, sleeping on the beach, were all free for me. So it was a really cheap," he said.

**ENGLAND**

Madeline Newhouse, a senior majoring in elementary education, traveled with her family to England during the Olympic games but didn’t go to any events. Instead she visited her grandparents who are serving a mission in the country.

Newhouse’s grandparents own a house near the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the England.

"When you want to buy the land and there’s a home on it, you have to buy the house too," Newhouse said. "So part of their job was also to fix up these houses and make them livable."

On the day she and her family visited Cambridge, Newhouse said she was part of a group who "punted the Cam" or rode a small boat that was pulled down the river.

"It was pouring rain," she said. "It was the only day it really rained there and the people who said to us the tickets said they had umbrellas in all the boats. So we go down to one boat and the guy said, "There are no umbrellas in this boat."

When the boat pulled under a bridge to attempt to wait out the storm, Newhouse was on the end and got soaked wet despite wearing a rain jacket.

Newhouse said she really enjoyed spending time at Cambridge University, touring the old buildings and going into the library. "They have a lot of really old books," she said. "They have the first edition of the King James Bible and the original manuscripts of Winnie the Pooh. It was so cool."

She also visited other tourist attractions like Buckingham Palace, Downstairs Abbey, the Tower of London to see the Crown Jewels, the London Eye and Platform 9 3/4.

**DURING HIS INTERNSHIP IN WASHINGTON D.C., Joshua Blume, a senior majoring in pre-law economics and international studies, visited nearby cities to tour popular locations. Courtesy of Joshua Blume**

"It’s written every night, and hand delivered," he said. "It’s only printed when Congress is in session and it costs about $10,000 to about $20,000 a day."

Blume said he also went to meetings with people from the Department of Defense about the Utah State University Space Dynamics Lab and the money they get from grants.

"The amount of money in grants the engineering colleges get is in the hundreds of millions," he said. "They’re working on projects with Johns Hopkins, MIT, Stanford and then you have Utah State. They’re really good at what they do.

Blume spent the Fourth of July on top of the mall next to the Washington Monument, and watched the fireworks burst.

"I sat there for four hours of 100 degree weather," he said. "I was not about to leave my spot. It was a front row seat."

Blume said he took the opportunity to travel and see the sights. He visited the Shemeshah Valley and saw Wicked on Broadway in New York City.

"I would love to go back," he said. "I would visit the other side of the Shemeshah Valley, and I would like to go back to D.C."
‘Unbearable Lightness’ hits heavy topics

**Natasha Bodily**

**Book Review**

**Unbearable Lightness**

**Writer:** Portia De Rossi

**Genre:** Memoir

**Published:** 2003

**Rating:** 4/5

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Summer has come to an end, and with it probably a huge chunk of leisurely reading time. In honor of the many books I voraciously consumed these past few sunny months, I thought I’d start the year out with a book review for you all. If you’ve read any of my reviews or my personal blog before, you’ll know I tend to pick up a book where I know I’ll be able to relate to the words on the page. You’ll also know I am an avid over-sharer.

One of my favorite reads since May was "Unbearable Lightness," written by Portia De Rossi. Part of all Portia and Ellen Degeneres are my all time favorite Hollywood Couple. I love Ellen’s show and have followed almost every Portia show from Ality Mad Highway to Arrested Development and Better of Ted. They are one hilarious, loving power couple, and somehow, she’s a tortured soul and Portia’s writings...

"Unbearable Lightness" is a memoir. Portia wrote detailing her years of struggles with body image, eating disorders, and addiction. Born and raised in Australia, the beautiful blonde acquired a Hendrixian frame and became successful in the modeling career, she began to develop unhealthy eating habits from starving, to binging, purging and over-exercising.

After moving on to an acting career, which led her to move to the United States, she continued her self destruct and unhealthy patterns. On top of her extreme obsession with her weight, Portia was also keeping a secret - she was a transgender and an in an industry not yet accepting of the unconventional.

I feel I relate to this book, but it is not about my sexuality. I started modeling at 15, and though I never starred on a hit television show about lawyers in miniskirts, I developed an uncanny-ly similar self image. When I read the first few chapters of the memoir, I actually had a list of items that I recalled from my own past back again. She wrote the book in the vernacular and emotions possessed when she was writing these words - the negative self talk, constant criticism, and extreme concern over whether Portia struck a character. She concludes by expressing her fear that she was killing herself. Fortunately, she book ends on an extremely positive note, but she the beautiful blonde has changed her life for the better.

After she came out about her sexual identity and finally got married, Portia said Ellen saved her. Instead of hating herself, she now has a love and passion for life, including her work, horseback riding and the outdoors.

One in three female college students has an eating disorder. I highly recommend girls and guys struggling to overcome these issues read "Unbearable Lightness," and seek help from the amaz- ing resources we have like Counseling and Psychological Services and the 3rd Floor of the Taggart Student Center, the 24-hour counselor line, or talking to a friend who knows they are struggling. They will see the light at the end of the tunnel, and go toward it. The grass is really greener on the other side.

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From the Editor

Statesman switches to online-first focus

Steve Kent

I've had a little time to reflect on the first three paragraphs of this article, and I look forward to faster turn around. I won't say it's ideal. I'd like to spit out a story as an exclusive, and I understand why the first paper of the year hit stands in five days. But that's how the Statesman had operated for 114 years, so not only are our readers getting used to it, but so are we. The transition to online-first focus is one of the biggest things that has happened at the Statesman in recent years, and I'm excited to see how it will change the way we deliver news.

Tampa, Fla. - There are a lot of pundits here in Tampa with no real political reasons to report on. So I thought now would be a good time to do something about the overwhelming need for responsible news. As if not to offend our readers, we've added a new column to the paper, and it's called "The Statesman Report." This week's column focuses on the state of the country and the candidates running for office. The Statesman Report is designed to provide a unique perspective on the political landscape, and we hope you enjoy reading it.

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The Obama administration and the universities claim that diversity is benefi-
cial because it enhances the educational experience in the classroom for all students, not just a privileged polit-
cal function. The idea is that pedagogy will gain immeasurably and incautiously double
meanings intended from the expression of different perspectives. The experi-
ence of an elite higher education can
not be at its best, they assert, if the distinctive experiences of members of all groups are not represented.

The friends of the court can hardly be blamed for adopting the educational diversity rationale. It is, after all, the law
of the land, expressed by Justice Sandra
Powell's 1978 decision in Regents of the University of California v.
Bakke.

Powell, a conservative Republican and Harvard Law School graduate, essen-
tially adopted the argument from a brief filed by Harvard saying it favored diver-
sity in admissions to improve the overall educational experience. It went unmen-
tioned by both Powell and Harvard that this geographical diversity had initially been adopted to reduce the number of Jewish students who were being admitted by examination from the so-called “dough-
nut” around major urban centers. (One discriminating faculty member asked if the doughnut wasn’t really a bagel.)

In addition to precedent, the diversity case for admission policies has the vir-
tue of not acknowledging the original rationale for affirmative action recog-
nitive justice for blacks and Latinos, who
are still among the 90% who were legally
barred from many universities. In a world
where Barack Obama is president, it is
easy to believe that educational racial
history – or past efforts to fix it have
somehow succeeded.

Yet the Obama era can also point us
to the true societal reason we still need affirmative action: We are a country run
in small part, not exclusively, by a meritocratic elite.

The universities are important filters
shaping that elite. Their idea of merit
rationale for affirmative action: restor-
tue of not acknowledging the original
witnesses of affirmative action.

The crucial question for the Supreme
Court is how they would be governed.

The elites they produce would be.

Then there is the unpopular issue of
injustice. Even if we could be governed
by an elite that didn’t look like America,
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FYI:
The Nashville Tribute Band is coming back to campus! Tickets are now on sale at Caine College of the Arts Box Office, located in 135-B of the Chase Fine Arts Center.

The Logan Freeze Women’s Hockey Team is inviting women and girls ages 6 and up for a night of free hockey. Come meet the team at the Eccles Ice Center on August 30 at 8:30 p.m.

A free workshop is being hosted for those who are dealing with an unexpected loss due to death, divorce or separation. The workshop is August 28th, Sept. 4th and Sept. 11th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Utah State University is holding open auditions for children ages 6-15 to be part of the cast for “The Miracle Worker.” Auditions are at 10 a.m. in the Chase Fine Arts Center. The play will be performed December 4-8 in the Caine Lyric Theatre. For more information, please contact Adrianne Moore at 435-797-3023 or adrianne.moore@usu.edu.

Guitarist/vocalist Christina Johnson will perform at Pier 49 on August 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Christina is a USU student with an amazing voice. There will be no cover charge, but tips are appreciated.

Guitarist/singer Kris Krompel will perform on September 1 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Pier 49, located at 99 East 1200 South. Kris is one of the most versatile and talented guitarists in the valley.

Blood Battle, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LUX Exhibit, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

USU Student Organic Farm stand, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Soccer vs. Northern Colorado, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

80’s Dance, 9 p.m. HPER Field

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Today’s issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Dan Crossen of Tremonton, a junior majoring in English with an emphasis on teaching.
**Glance: Aaggie Schedules**

**Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2012**

**Football**
- USU vs. San Diego State, 2 p.m., Roadway Stadium

**Soccer**
- USU vs. Northern Colorado, 4 p.m., Bell Field
- USU vs. San Diego, 7:30 p.m.

**Soccer**
- USU vs. Irvine, 7:30 p.m.
- USU vs. San Diego State, 3:00 p.m.

**Cross-Country**
- USU vs. Idaho, 5:00 p.m.
- USU vs. Portland State, 5:30 p.m.

**Scoreboard**
- USU vs. Portland State, 11:00 a.m.
- USU vs. Idaho State, 1:00 p.m.
- USU vs. Oregon, 3:00 p.m.

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**Top 25**

**USU takes second in home tourney**

BY CURTIS LUNDSTROM

sports editor writer

Kicking off the 2012-2013 season, the Utah State volleyball team hosted the annual Utah State Invitational sponsored by Consumer Foods, bringing home a second place trophy after finishing 3-1.

\"Wins are valuable,\" said Utah State head coach Craigson DuRose. \"We like them, and we want to have a lot of them. It\'s nice to get that first one under our belt. We had some new (players) that hadn\'t played much so it was fun to get them some experience.\"

Utah State 3, Portland 0

The Aggies started the tournament off on the right foot Friday, picking up a straight sets victory over the University of Portland.

Senior outside hitter Jessica White recorded a game-high 14 kills and the Aggies capitalized on errors and miscommunications by the Pilots to jump-out to a two-games-to-one advantage.

Due to a foul back in the third set as Utah State struggled to maintain ball control, but while trailing 17-18 in the third set, USU ripped off an 8-1 run – including White serving five straight points – to close out the match and earn the win.

**USU VOLLEYBALL SPOKEMEN**

Kaylee Hardt and Rachel Orr prepare to defend the net while a teammate calls for a dive挽救 situation. The Aggies beat Omaha, 3-1, Sunday at UNO Soccer Field.

**SOCCER**

Aggies beat Omaha, undefeated through five matches

BY USU MEDIA RELATIONS

A pair of goals by junior forward Mari Stiles and a balanced attack led the Utah State soccer team over Omaha, 3-1, Sunday at UNO Soccer Field.

With the win, USU improves to 3-0-3 this season, while UNO falls to 0-0-3. The Aggies depart the Cornhusker State  with a 1-0-1 record after tying UNO\'s cross-town rival, Creighton, on Aug. 24.

\"After a lackluster first half, we really picked it up, and we really put our nose to the grindstone to get the win,\" said USU head coach Heather Cairns. \"In the first half, we didn\'t have anyone doing their jobs. Everyone was expecting someone else do it or trying to do too much. In the second half we settled down. Everyone played their role, and the pieces came together for us to get the win.\"

Just over a minute into the match, the Mavericks tested starting goalkeeper senior Ashlyn Mulfoid when Danielle Archibald\'s shot was saved. UNO came out strong with three of the first four shots of the match.

Despite the quick start by Omaha, it was the Aggies who got on the board first in the 14th minute. She knocked in a 25-yard shot that just went over UNO goalkeeper Meghan Clark.

Omaha entered the score in the 21st minute with a penalty kick by Monica Bonavac. Prior to the penalty kick, a yellow card was shown to Page 16, Page 17.

**WAC NEWS**

La. Tech favorites in a crumbling WAC

BY JAVIN J. STUCKY

sports editor writer

LAS VEGAS – Utah State football was picked to finish second in the WAC behind Louisiana Tech, the two-time defending champions.

Louisiana Tech received six first place votes in the coaches poll to UNLV\'s one and were overwhelming favorites in the media poll also, taking 25 of 28 first place votes.

\"We\'ll see how our players react to being hunted instead of the hunters,\" said Louisiana Tech head coach Sonny Dykes. \"That\'s going to be a little bit different role for us, being the favorite of the conference.\"

La. Tech and Utah State are the only teams in the conference that played in bowl games last season. The Bulldogs went 8-5 overall, losing only one conference matchup and played
It's that time of the year.

The fall sports season is here, and Utah State teams have seasons under way. Of course the majority of students and Cache Valley residents are pumped for football, rightfully so. The team is coming off of it's first bowl game appearance in 17 years, improved with each day of practice, and fans have high hopes for this season.

No disrespect to the football team, but when are Aggie fans going to spread the love to other Utah State squads? Don't get me wrong, it's great work that Nick Foles did with the Oregon and Kansas State offenses, and he's a great quarterback. But if the Aggie faithful truly are the 'best fans in the business', they need to be fulfilled to the other university teams who are bringing home championships - conference and national.

Proper to the fans that are at each home game regardless of the sport, but attendance of 200-500 people at soccer or volleyball games or less at club team sports – compared to 4,500 plus at football and basketball games doesn't seem right. Fortunately this mis- takes happened at the first home team football game of the season, Utah State's club baseball team will be honored in its national – that’s right, national – championship of the past three seasons. Months after this team's historic feat, how many students are even aware of this accomplishment? How many Cache Valley residents are aware?

When the football team returns to Logan and the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, a plethora of fans and major media outlets will be returning home. Again, no disrespect to the football team, but when the basketball team returned from it national title run, less than 20 people were there and I was the home media representative.

And if it's because baseball is a club sport, that's fine, but it's not. Women's basketball and women's tennis both had record-breaking seasons in 2011, and the soccer team came close to doing the same, yet I never saw the crowd for the big games.

Cross is worn more frequently than any other sport in Aggie history – except for basketball – but get no love from the fans. The same goes for track and field.

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Hurd expands membership

**BY CURTIS LUNDSROM**
sport senior writer

Duke has the “Cameron Craze,” San Diego State has “The Show” and now Utah State officially has “The HURD.”

Once an exclusive student group, the HURD has broadened its membership to include any and all Utah State students in the stands at sporting events.

“We wanted to make it so that every student would be a part of the HURD and be a part of that energy and excitement that goes along with it,” said HURD President Kari Karian.

“We'll be working more with ASUSU for the direction of the HURD.”

ASUSU athletics vice president Karron Kalian explained how students are part of the HURD.

“It’s no longer exclusive, now it is all-inclusive,” Kalian said. “Every student is a member of the HURD. The HURD is the student section. We’re trying to bring more people to games by opening the HURD to everybody. We don’t have membership fees, there’s no dedicated HURD section, it’s just everybody.”

Along with re-designing the university logos, Nike branded the HURD with its own logo — making it the only student section in the country with a national brand name sponsor — and donated more than 3,000 t-shirts to the organization.

University Athletic Director Scott Barnes said Nike representatives were impressed by what they saw at an Aggie basketball game in February 2012, when “Wild” Bill Sproat dressed in a tramp costume and danced during free throws while the rest of the student body sang “I’m A Little Teapot.”

“It wasn’t one of those things that was scripted,” Barnes said. “Nike saw that and was so enamored and excited about what was going on with the HURD that they said they wanted to do something with it. They were so impressed with the support our students gave that they wanted to help.”

With membership

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**THE UTAH STATE VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

The Aggies picked up a win over another in-state rival, beating Southern Utah in four sets Saturday in the Utah State Invitational. The Aggies overcame a first set meltdown in which they led 20-14, only to see the Thunderbirds finish on a 12-4 run to take the first set – their first of the season – 26-24.

Ana Mailoto finished with 11 kills for SUU, which nearly overcame a five-point deficit in the second set before coming up short at 25-23.

Led by a game-high 15 kills from White, the Aggie offense found a groove and took control over the final two sets to win three straight — including a 25-14 shellacking in the fourth.

Utah State 3, Weber State 0

The Aggies emerged victorious in the final match of the tournament with a win over in-state rival Weber State in straight sets Saturday.

White had a match-high 11 kills to lead the Aggies, and the Wildcats were unable to overcome a strong defensive showing from the USU blockers. Utah State finished with 10.5 team blocks and held Weber State to a .192 hitting percentage.

Seniors Elle Brainard and White, as well as sophomore Ashlan Rogers, were named to the all-tournament team.

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SOCCER: Miyashiro goal in 75th minute powers Utah State over Omaha

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The Aggies split time in goal this season. Miyashiro and Flynn are now the only twoAggies with more than one goal this season. USU continued to apply pressure and had more offensive chances in the second half and with two sailing just wide right by junior midfielder Kendra Pemberton. USU continued to be aggressive in the second half with Pemberton. Junior defender Jessica Hovland and junior midfielder Jennifer Flynn both taking shots in a two minute span.

The aggressive Aggie attack paid off as Utah State took the lead 2-1 in the 75th minute with another goal off the foot of Miyashiro. The junior took advantage of a Maverick turnover in the box to tap in the goal which was her second of the match and the season. Miyashiro and Flynn are now the only two Aggies with more than one goal this season.

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CHEERLEADERS: Aggie coaches hope to get involved with some

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