President Trump

By Beth Cecil

The polls have closed, the votes have been tallied, and the long political season if finally over. Donald J. Trump will be taking America by storm as the next great leader of our country. Walking into office on Friday, January 20, 2017, Trump hopes to make great strides in “making America great again.” Donald Trump, our new president, and leader of the Republican Party has very strong opinions and ideas on how to help America get back on its feet both economically and socially. Trump throughout his campaign was an advocate for large change, and we hope to see what he has in store for us in the near future.

Born June 14, 1946 (Qui), Trump grew to be quite the business man, but not without trial and error. Trump in his early business days did not have a very good track record, in fact, Trump has filed for bankruptcy four times. In an article written by Paul Solotaroff, writer for Rolling Stones magazine, Trump explains, “Without failure you cannot have success. I have learned from first-hand experience what failure looks like, and I have also learned first-hand experience how to pull myself out of it. That is why I can be a good president. America is in turmoil, and I think I can help get us out of it.” With trumps failures have come a great success. The Trump Organization is an all-inclusive name for over 500 businesses to which trump is the sole owner and head CEO (Eichenwald). With Trump’s economic background, we all have faith that he can start to positively change our suffering economy.

For a long while, Trump was a wild card in the election, but he single handedly crushed his other republican opponents. Trump throughout his campaign has expressed his strong feelings towards immigration, taxes, and foreign policy. Trump has expressed his plans to lower the high tax rates on all income levels to open up opportunities for jobs. If businesses didn’t have to pay as much they would be able to expand, leading to more job opportunities. With Trumps plan, we do not only lower taxes but we also decrease our unemployed rate and lessen the amount of people on welfare, all boosting the economy.

Donald J. Trump will be a great leader. Good luck President Donald Trump. America is counting on you.

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Student Life at USU-Eastern

By: Lindsey Burbank

Blanding, UT- On the evening of October 11th the Quad was filled with students who came together to learn the art of tie dyeing. USU’s Leadership Activity group planned a colorful event filled with laughing and an exhilarating atmosphere. Many of the participants were invited to bring clothing of their own to tie dye. Extra shirts were provided by the Leadership group for students who wanted to make a specialized t-shirt design. Music and food kept the participants energized as they experimented with coloring and many students felt a sense of relief with the break from the stresses of homework. Conversations ignited new friendships were created and many expressed how much they enjoyed the night of fun creativity.

Word of the Month

By: Shannon Tooke

Study:
1. Application of the mind to the acquisition of knowledge, as by reading, investigation, or reflection.
2. The cultivation of a particular branch of learning, science, or art.
3. Often, studies. A personal effort to gain knowledge.

Is Irregardless a word?
1. Irregardless is considered nonstandard because of the two negative elements, ir- and -less. Irregardless first appeared in the early 20th century and was perhaps popularized by its use in a comic radio program from the 1930s.
2. Use regardless to keep your grammar-loving friends at bay.

Urban Dictionary Words

Bæ
1. Bæ/bae is a Danish word for poo.
2. People on the internet who think it means baby, sweetie etc.
3. Acronym for Best At Everything

Slay
1. Succeeded in something amazing.
2. To dominate.
1. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?
2. What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?
3. What word begins and ends with an ‘e’ but only has one letter?
4. What has a neck but no head?
5. What gets wetter as it dries?
6. Why did the boy bury his flashlight?
7. What starts with a ‘P’, ends with an ‘E’ and has thousands of letters?
8. What has to be broken before you can use it?
9. What begins with T, ends with T and has T in it?
10. Which month has 28 days?

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**Scholarship News!**

*By: Shannon Tooke*

Good day fellow Aggie students. If you’re interested in scholarships, look no further. Click on the link below and follow the instructions. Don’t wait too long, deadlines are approaching quickly. These links apply to all nationalities. Good luck!

http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships
http://www.fastweb.com/
https://colleges.niche.com/scholarships/

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**Easy Honey Carrots**

1/2 Cup honey (or to taste) 1 TBS butter
2 Cups raw baby carrots

In a sauce pan combine carrots, honey, and butter. Cover and cook until carrots are tender, stirring occasionally.

In a hurry? Substitute the raw bsby carrots for canned carrots.
November 2016 Community Events

By: Lisa Rarick

- **November 11**—Veterans’ Day – Most Government Agencies are Closed
- **November 12**—3KHD Community Hike
  Event 12:30 pm
  ◊ Fun for the Whole Family
  ◊ Donations Go to Blanding Elementary School Activities Department
  ◊ Hike Begins at 500 S 700 W (Free Parking)
- **November 15**—CAPP Performance @ Montezuma Creek’s Princess Pageant
- **November 17**— CAPP Performance – Thursday Forum
- **November 19**—9:00 am Turkey Run 5K or 7 Mile
  ◊ Sponsored by the USU Study Abroad Club
  ◊ $15 per Person 18 Years or Older and $10 Under 18 Years Old
  ◊ John Thornton Trails at Bradford Lee Technology Building
  ◊ Contact Jessica Roueche at Jessica.roueche@usu.edu, 435-678-8100
  ◊ Food and Water Provided
  ◊ Five Runners will win a Turkey!
- **November 24**—Thanksgiving

EVEry WEEK:

- **Institute** at the LDS Institute Building each Monday and Wednesday at Noon and Wednesday at 8:00 pm
- **Family Support Group** each Thursday at 6:00 pm at San Juan Counseling for Families of Addicts

COMING UP:

- **December 2 & 3**—Blanding Tree for All Christmas Fair

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The 21st Annual

USU Halloween Carnival

By: Beth Cecil

Kids in costumes, students manning the booths, the popcorn maker setting off the fire alarm, and parents returning over and over again to buy more tickets. The 21st annual USU Halloween Carnival has come and gone with great success. Selling over $1500 worth of tickets, the kids and the different clubs and organizations attending the carnival for fundraising, were happy.

Games including disk drop, the cake walk, and pinning the nose on the pumpkin left kids excited for the next game. Students from different clubs or organizations had the option to help with the Halloween Carnival as a form of fundraising. Groups including the Journalism Club, the Native American Club, the Volleyball/Basketball Club, the Leadership class and more took advantage of this great fundraising opportunity. The school even upped the ante; USU has seen what a great event the Halloween Carnival has become and decided to match the amount that each group makes up to $200. USU students may have shown up for the money, but helping the mermaids, dogs, ninjas, and princesses have fun made the night even more worth it. Seeing the smiles on the children’s faces when they finally tossed the bat into the zombie’s mouth was worth more than the tickets that we earned. Almost everyone became involved making the night a great success.

Behind the scenes Karen Wells and Shiloh Martinez worked diligently to make the Halloween Carnival the raging success that it was. From the small details of the creepy Christmas tree, ordering all of the prizes, and setting up, these ladies did it all. Thank you Karen and Shiloh for all of your hard work!
Dr. Robert McPherson, a 69-year old Massachusetts-born professor in the History Department and head of the Native American Studies Certificate program for the Utah State University. As a young man, Dr. McPherson always loved teaching, so it was no surprise that he majored in English with a minor in History at Norwich University in Vermont. After completing his undergraduate studies, Dr. McPherson moved to Utah for further education. He pursued a Master’s degree program in Humanities and a doctoral degree in History with a minor in Anthropology at Brigham Young University in Provo.

Bob first started his teaching career in Blanding in 1977, long before many of us were even a thought. He worked for a small community college that, at the time, was called the College of Eastern Utah. He became the first full-time faculty member of the school, where he taught a large variety of classes including American History, Anthropology, Political Science, and Native American Literature.

When I sat down with Bob, what stood out to me was not the number of books he had written or his years of service here; it was his love for his career, the people, and the culture of this area. Living here for so long has given him the opportunity to pursue his passion for Native Americans and their cultures in ways not possible in the endless libraries of larger universities. One of his greatest achievements is his connection with the people, not the awards presented to him. When asked he shared that the best way he can describe this relationship is with the Navajo word for family: K’e. At over 150 personal interviews with the indigenous people of the area, Dr. McPherson has experienced K’e for himself over and over again.

After 40 years of service to this community and this college, Dr. McPherson decided to formally retire. Even though he plans on leaving his teaching career, he doesn’t plan on wasting his time. Despite there being no definite plans after his retirement, he wants to continue his research and writing, visit his family, and even go on a mission for his church. Dr. Bob McPherson, a Blanding native, is a widely respected man who wishes only to better the future for generations by learning all he can about the area he lives in: A place he calls home and the people he calls family.
Staff Spotlight

By: Shannon Tooke

The best part about Kitty Galley’s job? “Communicating with the kids” and “Getting close to the students”, she said. Kitty began working at the campus bookstore in 2007. She loved watching the students grow as each semester came and went. In that time, she stated she has adopted, by heart, about half dozen students. This semester Kitty made a difficult decision to retire.

Kitty is originally from Alabama, but was raised in Idaho Springs, CO. She’s been married 47 years and has two children, four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Her face lights up when she speaks of her family. She’s also looking forward to devoting time to her husband and visiting family. She jokingly said, “I plan on NOT working”.

Kitty stated her job was tedious work, but loved every minute of it. Her fondest memories? When students would come to “hang out” at the bookstore. She said the students would socialize, study, nap (under the benches) and mess with the mannequin. The students enjoyed dressing the mannequin in USU clothing. Another memory she spoke of was seeing incoming freshmen, during the fall, and the look on their faces. Seeing how scared to death they were, then as each semester came and went, she could see how much they grew.

The toughest part of her job was during rush week. This is usually at the beginning of each semester when students arrive to obtain their books and supplies, luckily she would have staff and/or students help during the busy period. Kitty proudly stated how much she loved her job.

The one thing she’ll miss is the people and the friendship she’s acquired over the years. Thank you Kitty for your years of service to USU, staff and students. You’ll be missed, but not forgotten.

Tongue Twisters

Flash message. Flash message.
Mix a box of mixed biscuits with a boxed biscuit mixer.
A proper copper coffee pot.
I saw Esau sitting on a seesaw. Esau, he saw me.
Toy boat. Toy boat. Toy boat.
Lovely lemon liniment.
Six thick thistle sticks. Six thick thistles stick.
Good blood, bad blood.
Comical economists. Comical economists.
Which wristwatches are Swiss wristwatches?
Logan, UT- On October 22, 2016, our very own Women’s Aggie Volleyball team played against Nevada to continue a four-game winning streak. The team came out to play for the USU’s annual “Dig for the Cure” match and left with a 3-1 victory. Highlights of the match resulted in Lauren Anderson, a junior classman, to not only lead the team to another win but a set a career high performance of 23 kills and hitting average of .435. Along with Anderson, Kayla DeCoursey included 11 attacks plus 15 more attacks by Kaylie Kamalu. Further details of the game included Utah State taking the first set with ease, but Nevada came back during the second set to take a (25-18) win. Afterwards, Utah State regained communication and took the third set with an difficult and intense win. During the third set Utah State and Nevada were tied 10-10 until defensive specialist, Maddie Day-Larsen checked into the game to put in 14 digs alongside Hannah Gleason who gave an addition of 16 digs. To clinch the victory, Lauren Anderson and Erica Moscoso, a senior setter, went up for the block to walk away with a 25-19 win. Overall, the Lady Aggies moved to an 10-11 in league play and 5-5 in the Mountain West league as well.

For more information follow the Aggie Women’s Volleyball Team on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. To watch the entire game, go to www.utahstateaggies.com

Random Facts

Compiled by: The Journalism Club

Butterflies breath through openings on their abdomen called ‘spiracles’. ~Lindsey Burbank

The human heart creates enough pressure to squirt blood 30 feet (9 m). ~Nachelle Totsoni

Cats sleep 16 to 18 hours per day. ~Larenz Explain

Humans are deuterostomes, meaning that the hole that became your mouth formed after the hole that became your anus. There was a point in your development where you were basically just an anus. ~Cheyenne Chee

The average person spends three whole years of their life sitting on a toilet. ~Beth Cecil

“Dreamt” is the only English word that ends in the letters “mt”. ~Shannon Tooke

In Utah, it is illegal to hire trombone players to play on the street to advertise an auction. Additionally, it is illegal to fish while on horseback and to hunt whales. In Salt Lake City it is illegal to walk down the street carrying a paper bag containing a violin. ~Lisa Rarick

People in the United States consume an estimated 46 million turkeys on Thanksgiving. ~Donna Blake

Psychologists recognize “Facebook Addiction Disorder” as a real psychological condition. ~Cindy Behunin

Happy Thanksgiving
The history of the Two Spirit culture is hard to track back to the beginning. Since the Diné language was not written, Navajos have had to depend on those who still have the beliefs stored in their memory. In the past, every story, tradition, and belief of the Navajo people was passed down orally through the elderly (E. Burns, personal communication, March 26, 2016). Research by AnCita Benally and Denis Viri (2005) states that “Twenty years ago, Navajo was one of the most resilient languages” (p.85). Although there is always a struggle with oral traditions, some elders still held onto what they were taught and still share and practice their teachings today. However, Diné language has become “a language only for the old” (Benally & Viri, 2005).

Navajo culture has a teaching that involves the belief that humans have a male and female side to them. Every time a Navajo shakes hands with someone, they do it with their right hand, the maternal side of the body, to show respect to their mother. They also believed that people had their bodies divided in half, left being male and the right being female. Although people were believed to have both male and female sides to them, they were still considered one spirit beings (C. Singer, personal communications, March 28, 2016). By tradition, Navajos believed that Nádleehí people were “two spirits in one body” (Garrido & Tohme, 2012). A Navajo teacher, Ms. Cheryl Singer of Kayenta Unified School District, has said that her grandmother once told her, “Never look down upon a Nádleehí, and only see them for their spirits and nothing else. Everyone has a gift, and that is theirs” (personal communications, March 28, 2016). Traditionally, Two Spirit people were seen as “normal” and were looked upon for their spiritual gifts rather than their sexuality.

Two Spirits had many roles that were both for the male and female. In today’s society women are expected to cook, clean and rear children, while the men provide for their families. In the long run, there is not much difference from what was expected of the genders before colonization, except for how distinct we make them today. Nádleehí people performed both male and female roles, such as weaving, cooking, hunting and going to war (Wilson, 2011). Not only did Two Spirit people have talents in both gender roles, they dressed the part. They would mix in a woman’s shawl and a man’s pants. They could also dress either male one day or female the other. Two Spirits were seen as “doubly blessed” for having the ability to do work of any sort (Williams, 2010). However, since societal gender roles started to change and become more defined, Navajo people became confused about what Two Spirit people were, seeing them as outcasts.

According to Carolyn Eppele (1998), a common misconception that most Navajo people today have is that Nádleehí and “gay” are interchangeable terms (p. 271). With the influence of other ethnic groups over the years, the term Two Spirit has evolved to mean a modern LGBTQ individual. Some Navajo people today do not know the background of the word Nádleehí; they only think it means a gay person. Customarily, Nádleehí was considered a “third gender” and was neither male nor female (Wilson, 2011). When translated properly, Nádleehí means “one who constantly transforms” (E. Burns, personal communications, March 26, 2016). In other words, they were not either gay or straight, just well respected. The honor the Navajo culture once bestowed on the Nádleehí comes from the traditional story of the sexes. Long ago there was an argument between the men and women, so they were separated. It was the Nádleehí people who brought them back together because they could understand the two sexes better, since they possessed both sprits (Garrido & Tohme, 2012). Two Spirits were thought to have an exceptional spiritual relationship with the Holy People (Navajo Creators), who looked to the Nádleehí for their ability to negotiate unity between the two sexes.

Not only were Two Spirits associated with
their gender roles or “gender”, they were also leaders. The Nádleehí were healers, medicine people, and storytellers (Laframboise & Anhorn, 2008; C. Singer, personal communications, March 28, 2016). The Navajo people believed that since Two Spirits had a connection with the Holy People, they were, as stated by Sandra Laframboise & Michael Anhorn, (2008), “fundamental components to their culture and society.” Since Two Spirits possessed two spirits, male and female, they were amazing caregivers and teachers. The female side to them gave Two Spirit people those motherly instincts to watch over the children and care for them, as a mother would. In the Navajo culture the women are first in hierarchy, then the men.

Two Spirits are leaders, family members, friends, and hope for Hozho (The Beauty Way), the return to balance and harmony of life. The Navajo people need to protect their traditions and keep them going for the future wellbeing of their people. Navajos need go back to their old ways and see Two Spirits for their spirits rather than their physical appearance (Williams, 2010). People are already ignorant enough about the Navajo; the Navajo cannot afford to be ignorant about themselves. The Navajo culture once saw Two Spirit people as the embodiment of both the male and the female in one. Navajos need to re-embrace the holiness of their Navajo LGBTQ people. As Carolyn Epple (1998) states, “Euro-American gay and lesbian roots are not awaiting ‘discovery’ in Native American soils” (p.271). They are already there.

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Reading Corner

By: Cindy Behunin

The holidays are upon us which means out of town family and friends will be visiting. If some of them are new to our area a great book to get them is “Thru Navajo Eyes: Bluff to Monument Valley” written by our very own Robert (Bob) McPherson. This book is part of several titles intended for tourists or those interested in learning more about the beautiful land and rich culture we live in. An exciting addition to this book is the “companion GPS enabled APP” available for your phone. Explore places like Butler Wash, Valley of the Gods, and Douglas Mesa. This small book is filled with a wealth of information and gorgeous photographs. Get a copy for your own exploration library as well as for visiting friends and family.