



# UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

## THINK Utah State

Founded in 1888 as Utah's only land-grant school, Utah State University now serves almost 23,000 students from all 50 states and from 84 countries and has a worldwide outreach, with projects and collaborations around the globe.

And Utah State's influence doesn't stop at the planetary border. Our school is the premier space-grant university in the world, sending more experiments into space than any other university. Many of those experiments are designed and developed by Utah State students, who take advantage of the expertise and hands-on mentoring offered by caring, engaged teachers and researchers.

Utah State's curriculum is student-centered, with hundreds of academic programs that serve as a foundation for an unlimited number of careers, and students who think outside the box can design their own academic track. Students take advantage of opportunities for internships, research, study abroad and mentoring. Our students even built and flew a replica of the original Wright flyer using high tech materials. It's the flyer the Wright brothers would have built had they lived in the 21st century and studied at Utah State.

Utah State is small enough to offer safety, security and friendship, and large enough to offer world-class labs, two libraries, a rich curriculum of graduate and undergraduate courses and engagement with the wider world. Most Utah State students live on or near campus and have a wide array of housing opportunities to choose from.

And perhaps the best part of all, Utah State is simply beautiful. The immaculately groomed, 400-acre, residential campus features historic buildings, shady walkways and secret nooks for studying under the trees. More than 100 buildings offer places to study, learn and explore, and the campus overlooks a lush, green valley circled by forested mountains.

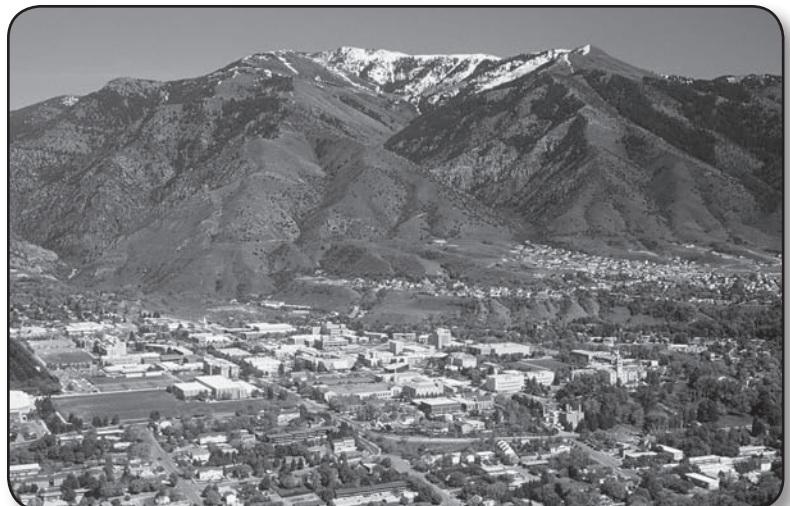


Numerous recreational activities are only minutes from campus, including mountain biking, rock climbing, snow boarding, downhill and cross country skiing, birding, snowmobiling and canoeing. In Logan (population 49,000) students can attend one of the top summer opera festivals in the world, shop at high-end, low-end or thrift stores, hang out at the local farmer's market, or compete in the Top of Utah Marathon, ranked by Runner's Magazine as one of the four best kept secrets in the country.

And speaking of running - our athletes do. They run from the classroom to the soccer field, from the basketball courts to the library. At Utah State academics come first. Utah State student-athletes - men and women - balance success on the field with success in the classroom. Grade point

averages and the number of academic honorees climb each year, with 54 percent posting a 3.0 grade point average or better last fall. Nineteen student-athletes boasted a perfect 4.0.

When early explorer Jim Bridger saw the valley that is now home to Utah State University, he pronounced it the most beautiful valley in the Rocky Mountains. Students and faculty are still exploring at Utah State, pushing the boundaries of human knowledge into space, finding innovative solutions on the ground, transforming lives and communities with vision. We encourage you to join our active, vibrant community - to study, to partner with, to give back. **To THINK Utah State.**





Stan Albrecht was named Utah State University's 15th president and assumed his new position on Feb. 1, 2005.

At the time of the announcement, Albrecht was serving as executive vice president and provost at Utah State, a position he held since 2001. He previously served as its dean of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences from 1998-2001.

"I care deeply about this university and its mission," Albrecht said when he was hired. "I strongly believe that it has the potential to remain one of the outstanding teaching, research and outreach universities in this country. The world of higher education is being transformed by technology, and the ability to access and apply knowledge will be more critical than ever

before to compete in today's world and to reap economic benefits."

Albrecht replaced Kermit L. Hall, who was named president of the University of Albany, which is part of the State University of New York. Hall served four years as the president at Utah State.

As part of the decision, the Regents considered input and suggestions from trustees, faculty, students, administrators, staff and the public. Albrecht was part of a national search for Utah State's president four years ago and has the confidence and support of the university's community.

Prior to his arrival at Utah State, Albrecht served as an administrator and professor at the University of Florida from 1993-98. He also served for 18 years at Brigham Young University (1974-92), including three years as academic vice president and associate provost. He began his career as an assistant professor of sociology at Utah State University in 1970 through 1974.

A sociologist, Albrecht has written extensively, including as a co-author of the textbooks *Social Psychology* and *Social Science Research Methods*, both published by Prentice-Hall. He has authored numerous scholarly papers on a wide range of topics, including the environment, energy development and rural health.

Albrecht received his doctorate from Washington State University in 1970, a master's degree from Washington State University in 1968 and bachelor's degree from

Brigham Young University in 1966. All three degrees were in sociology.

He is a member of the Science Committee for the Minerals Management Service of the U.S. Department of Interior. He has served as a council member of the Society for Human Ecology and as vice president of the Rural Sociological Society.

Albrecht is married to Joyce Albrecht, Utah State's current associate vice president for University Advancement.



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# DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS RANDY SPETMAN



After eight years (1996-2003) as the director of athletics at the United States Air Force Academy, Randy Spetman is entering his second year at Utah State University after assuming the director of athletics position on July 1, 2004.

Familiar with the western part of the United States as well as the Western Athletic Conference, Spetman oversaw a 27-sport intercollegiate program, as well as the physical education and intramural programs at the Academy.

"In Randy Spetman we have a new athletic director committed to the success of our student-athletes, both academically and athletically," said then University President Kermit L. Hall when Spetman was hired. "We wanted an individual who knew football, understood athletics in the West, could work with our fine coaching staff, was respected for integrity and character, believed in academic success, and who could help build an increasing base of private support. We found that person in Randy and his best supporter and one of future great fans, Becky."

A major reason for accepting the offer to come to Utah State, Spetman said, is its emphasis on academics and the way it believes in its student-athletes. He said the University's 10th highest graduation rate in the nation among its student-athletes is evidence of its commitment.

Spetman spent much of his first year getting to know the University community and building for the future.

He is building five-year strategic and business plans for the athletic program to be distributed among the president, staff, students and administration. He said it is a plan that will most likely see continued emphasis on improving football facilities, including locker room expansions and a sports medicine area. "We need a strong football presence when we move into the WAC," he said. "We want to make sure we have a first-class facility."

He said he is pleased that renovation and improvements are already under way at Romney Stadium. It establishes interest and momentum among university and

community fans. He said he is impressed with the community support and would like to expand stadium use to involve even more community members.

Spetman said entrance into the WAC brings new energy and spark to athletics at Utah State. He said he is looking forward to being able to compete in this historically significant conference.

He looks forward to continuing his rivalries against Mountain West teams as well, such as the University of Utah and Brigham Young. "The WAC has to be able to compete against the Mountain West and to be a top conference if it wants to compete in a Bowl Championship Series," he said.

While at the Air Force Academy, Spetman's influence went full circle. As the only military athletic director in the nation at the Division I level, Spetman was the first athletic director to have been an athlete and a coach at the Academy.

A 1976 graduate, Spetman's competitive spirit and warrior-like attitude earned him three letters in football. The team co-captain as a senior, he also captured the heavyweight Wing Open Boxing Championship twice.

After receiving his commission, he served as an assistant football coach at the Academy in 1977 under legendary coach Ben Martin.

Originally from Council Bluffs, Iowa, Spetman assumed his duties as athletic director at the Academy in 1996. He administered the school's 27-sport intercollegiate program as well as the physical education and intramural programs.

While there, Spetman directed a major building addition, the first in 30 years, that included a new weight room, training room, locker rooms and administrative offices.

During his tenure at the Academy, the athletic teams enjoyed unmatched success. The football team went to four postseason bowl games and became one of the top 15 programs nationally since 1997 in total wins with 57. The men's basketball team under the direction of Joe Scott enjoyed its best season in over 10 years with a 12-16 mark in 2003 and then advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 2004. The women's basketball team with Ardie McInnelly is rapidly improving while the ice hockey squad with Frank Serratore at the helm of the team has enjoyed consistent success. Spetman was responsible for hiring all three head coaches.

Spetman's military career has taken him around the world and in a variety of positions. A command pilot with more than 3,000 hours of flight time, Spetman's range of positions has taken him from assistant football coach to a pilot and from the Chief of Bomber Planning in Desert Shield and Desert Storm to serving as Chief, Command and Control Division, Operations Directorate at the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany.

A graduate from Squadron Officer School, he attended the National War College and earned a master's degree in National Security Strategy. Spetman also holds a master's in management and supervision from Central Michigan University.

He was a member of the Mountain West Conference Championship Committee, Handbook Committee and Television Committee. He was also the third vice president of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.

He and his wife, the former Rebecca Luhning of Des Moines, Iowa, are the parents of two children, Brian and Kim.

## USU Athletic Directors (1950s-Present)

H.B. Hunsaker	1955-63
Frank Williams	1964-72
Ladell Andersen	1973-82
Dave Kragthorpe	1983-84
Rod Tueller	1985-92
Chuck Bell	1993-97
Bruce Van De Velde	1998
Rance Pugmire	1999-2004
Randy Spetman	2004-present





**Mary Ellen Cloninger**  
Senior Associate AD  
SWA  
14th Year at USU

Entering her 14th year at Utah State is senior associate athletics director

Mary Ellen Cloninger. Cloninger serves as USU's senior women's administrator (SWA) and represents USU on the Western Athletic Conference Council.

She supervises the sports of gymnastics, golf, soccer and men's and women's tennis. Cloninger also oversees the CHAMPS/Life Skills Coordinator and Compliance Officer, while serving as the advisor for the Student-Athlete Advisory Board. She also coordinates the NCAA legislative processes for USU.

Cloninger has been involved in college athletics as a player, coach and administrator. She played volleyball and softball at Southwest Missouri State and coached volleyball and softball at Northern Colorado and Wyoming.

Her professional career has included teaching and coaching stops at Steelville High School and Northern Colorado, serving as coach, instructor, women's athletics director and assistant athletics director, at Wyoming, and associate athletics director at Bowling Green State before coming to USU in March of 1994. During her 34 years in intercollegiate athletics, she has directed championships and served on numerous institutional, conference, NCAA committees and professional boards.

Honors include being named outstanding female athlete at Southwest Baptist College, playing in the first women's softball college world series, starting the women's ski team at Wyoming, being the first female clinician at the FCA Coaches Conference, being inducted into the Southwest Missouri State Hall of Fame. Being named the NCAA regional gymnastics administrator of the year and earning the outstanding Senior Associate Athletics Director Award.

Cloninger was born August 24 in Washington, Mo. and attended St. Clair (Mo.) High School. Hobbies include travel, movies, plays, photography, music, reading, and writing.



**Jeff Crosbie**  
Assistant AD  
Ticket Operations  
Fifth Year at USU

Entering his third year as the Assistant Athletic Director for Ticket Operations is Jeff Crosbie. Crosbie joined the Aggie staff

in June of 2003 as the assistant director before being promoted to his current position in May of 2005. In his position he oversees the ticket office operation for not only athletics, but other events on campus.

A former Utah State quarterback from 1998-2002, Crosbie finished his career on USU's top 10 lists in passing yards, completions, attempts and touchdown passes. He threw for 3,408 yards while starting the last half of 1998 and all of 1999.

An athletic quarterback, he threw for 311 yards in USU's narrow 34-31 loss to BYU and ran for 77 yards against Nevada in 1999.

He earned his degree from USU in 2003. Born Dec. 25, 1976 in Logan, Utah, he went to high school at Mountain Crest (Hyrum, Utah) and earned all-state honors in football and basketball.

He and his wife Amy, a former USU volleyball standout and current USU assistant academic coordinator, have one daughter, Kiera. Crosbie's hobbies include fishing, hunting, camping and golf.



**Jana Doggett**  
Associate AD  
External Operations  
First Year at USU

Joining the USU Athletics Department staff in July of 2006 is Jana Doggett, who will oversee the department's external

operations area, which includes the Big Blue Scholarship Fund, marketing, media relations, and the ticket office. She will also oversee several sports.

Doggett spent 11 years in the athletics department at San Diego State, from 1993-2003, including six years as an associate director of athletics. Prior to coming to USU, Doggett worked at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society San Diego Area Chapter and for the City of San Diego in the Corporate Sponsorship and Development Program.

At San Diego State she supervised all of the athletic department's head coaches as well as the ticket office, marketing and

promotions, financial aid, academics, compliance, recruiting, admissions, event management, video production, weight and equipment rooms, sports medicine, and business services.

Doggett graduated with a degree in speech communication from San Diego State. She was born and raised in Nezperce, Idaho before moving to Visalia, Calif. during her high school years. Her hobbies include hiking, roller blading, traveling, staying fit and spending time with family and friends.



**Kevin Dustin**  
Associate AD  
Director of Development  
11th Year at USU

Kevin Dustin is in his 11th year working in the athletics department at Utah State, but his first as Associate Athletics

Director/Development. Dustin took over these duties this summer after spending seven years as the Assoc. AD for External Operations. Prior to assuming that role he was an assistant basketball coach and then the director of development for the Aggies.

In his role he is responsible for major gifts and capital projects for the athletic department.

Dustin was an assistant basketball coach under Larry Eustachy for the 1997 and 1998 seasons. In 1998 the Aggies won the Big West Championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1988.

Prior to coming to Utah State, he was a high school basketball coach and teacher in the state and led Sky View (Smithfield, Utah) High School to the 1994 state championship.

Dustin graduated from Utah State in 1983 with a degree in physical education. He earned his master's in education from USU in 2000.

Born August 7, 1959 in Logan, Utah, Dustin attended North Rich High School in Laketown, Utah, where he played basketball, baseball and tennis. He is married to Danene and together have five children, Danielle, Scott, Shelby, Keaton, and Riley.



# ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



**Brian Evans**  
Associate AD  
Student-Athlete  
Services  
Seventh Year at USU

Beginning his seventh year at Utah State as associate athletics director for student-athlete services is Brian Evans.

Evans joined the USU staff in July of 2000 after spending three years as assistant director of athletic academic services at Texas Tech from 1997-2000. Previously he was the academic coordinator at Montana State from 1995-97.

Evans oversees the student-athlete services unit, directing academics and certification of initial and continuing eligibility of USU student-athletes. He directs a staff of two full-time assistants, one graduate assistant, and two undergraduate assistants.

The 1987 Colorado journalism graduate, earned a master's degree in athletic administration from Idaho State in 1988 and a doctorate of higher education administration from Montana State in 2000.

Born January 18, 1962 in North Platte, Neb., he played football and competed in track at Hershey High School in Hershey, Neb. He set a school record with an 82-yard run for a touchdown as a running back and advanced to the state track championships in the 100 meters.

He is married to the former Sheri Thompson. His hobbies include outdoor activities and home improvement projects.



**Tom Hale**  
Director of  
Annual Giving  
Third Year at USU

In his third year at Utah State is director of annual giving Tom Hale, who started in the department in March of 2004. In his role, he

is responsible for the operations and donor relations with members of the Big Blue Scholarship Fund.

While trying to recruit new donors to the program, Hale also runs USU's fund drives, golf tournaments, and the annual Aggie auction.

A Logan native, Hale worked at Al's Sporting Goods, Cache Valley Builders and Washington Mutual in Logan prior to coming to USU. He graduated from Logan High School and then Utah State with a degree in liberal arts in 1991. While at USU, he worked as an athletic media relations intern.

Born, Sept. 13, 1964 in Logan, Hale is married to Allison. He has five children, Alex, Paden, Madeleine, Mason and Leah. His hobbies include remodeling, yardwork, and golf.



**Jason Herbers**  
Assistant AD  
Marketing and  
Promotions  
Second Year at USU

Jason Hebers is in his second year as the marketing and promotions director for the athletics department at Utah

State University after joining the staff in June of 2005.

Herbers most recently was the director of marketing, promotions and ticket operations at Eastern Washington University. He served in that capacity from July, 2001 to May, 2005.

At Utah State he is responsible for marketing, promotions, sponsorships sales, and game management among other duties.

Prior to working at EWU, Herbers was the promotions coordinator at Wisconsin for three years (1998-2001). He also worked for the La Crosse Bobcats of the Continental Basketball Association, the Wisconsin Inter-collegiate Athletic Conference, the Milwaukee Bucks and the Madison Mad Dogs.

The 30-year old graduated from Wisconsin-La Crosse in 1997 and has nearly completed his master's degree from Eastern Washington.

He was born in Monroe, Wisc. August 12, 1975 and attended Verona Area High School in Verona, Wisc. His hobbies include golf, music and spending time with friends and family. He is engaged to be married to Ann Passey with a February wedding date.



**Dave Kragthorpe**  
Special Assistant  
to the AD

In his first year as special assistant to the athletics director is Dave Kragthorpe, who has been at Utah State as an ath-

lete, athletic director and Alumni Association officer.

In his position, he is in charge of the Aggie Up fundraising program, while assisting in raising money for the North Endzone Project.

Prior to joining the athletic department this year, Kragthorpe worked in the USU Alumni Office for than a decade.

Kragthorpe was a two-time all-conference selection as a football lineman at USU in 1953 and 1954 and was named to the school's all-century team in 1993. After graduation he played one year with the New York Giants.

Kragthorpe was an assistant football coach at Idaho Falls (Idaho) High School and head coach at Roosevelt (Mich.) High School. He then was an assistant at the college level at Montana, South Dakota State and Brigham Young, while also serving as head coach at South Dakota State and Idaho State.

While at ISU, he coached the Bengals to the NCAA I-AA national championship in 1981. He then served as the athletics director at USU from 1983-84 before returning to the collegiate coaching ranks at Oregon State and earning PAC-10 Coach of the Year honors.

In 2005 he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Utah State.

He and his wife Barbara have two grown children in Kurt, who is a sports writer for the Salt Lake Tribune and Steve, who is the head football coach at Tulsa.



**Jami McBride**  
Assistant Director for  
Marketing/Ticketing  
Second Year at USU

Entering her second year as the assistant director for marketing and ticketing is Jami McBride. McBride

was hired full-time in October, 2005 after spending four months as a graduate assistant in the USU athletics marketing department.

In her role she is in charge of corporate and group ticket sales, assists in the running of the ticket office, and assists in event management, sales and sponsorships.

McBride was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, but was raised in Rupert, Idaho. She earned a bachelor's degree from Utah State in 2003 and an MBA from USU in 2006.



**Dale Mildenerger**  
Associate AD  
Head Athletic Trainer  
Adjunct Associate Professor  
32nd Year at USU

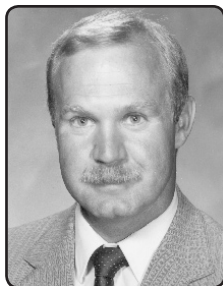
Dale Mildenerger is entering his 32nd year as the head athletic trainer at Utah State University. As an associate athletics director he is responsible for the health of all of USU's student-athletes, while also overseeing the strength and conditioning program, the equipment area, and teaching and supervising the graduate athletic training program.

Mildenerger has received numerous awards, including being inducted into the National Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame in 1994, the Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame in 1998 and being named to the inaugural Utah Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame in 2003. In addition he was named the 2004 Utah Athletic Trainer of the Year.

Prior to coming to Utah State, Mildenerger was an assistant athletic trainer at Arizona (1974-75), assistant athletic trainer at the United States Military Academy (1969-72) and the head trainer of the Harlem Globetrotters in 1969 and 1973.

A 1973 graduate of Colorado State, he earned a master's degree from Arizona in 1975.

Mildenerger was born May 6, 1949 in Greeley, Colo. He is married to Kathy and has four children, Kip, Robyn, Kory and Lani. His hobbies include golf, skiing, water skiing and reading.



**Ken Peterson**  
Senior Associate AD  
30th Year at USU

Now in his 30th year at Utah State University and his 27th year in the athletic department is Senior Associate Athletic Director Ken Peterson. After three years

in the University's accounting department, Peterson joined the athletics staff in 1980.

Peterson oversees the business side of Aggie athletics as chief financial officer, while also supervising the sports of softball, volleyball and men's and women's track and field. Additional duties include coordinating football team travel and assisting with football scheduling.

He served as the interim athletics director for six months in 1998.

Peterson earned his degree in geography from USU in 1976 as well as a business administration degree in 1979. Prior to working at Utah State, he served four years in the United States Air Force, which included two tours in Vietnam.

Born March 30, 1951 in Spanish Fork, Utah, Peterson graduated from Spanish Fork High School. He and his wife Chris have three children, Aaron, Ben and Kyleanne as well as two grandchildren. In his spare time, he enjoys fly fishing and horse riding.



**Lucy Stolpe**  
Compliance Coordinator  
14th Year at USU

Entering her 14th year at Utah State is compliance coordinator Lucy Stolpe. In her position, Stolpe (pronounced

Stole-p) is in charge of maintaining USU's compliance in accordance with the NCAA and Western Athletic Conference. She handles rule interpretations and maintains squad lists.

Prior to joining the athletics staff, Stolpe spent four years at USU working as a transcript clerk for one year and a resident assistant for three years. She graduated from Utah State with a degree in zoology.

Born Sept. 2 in Pocatello, Idaho, she graduated from North Gem High School in Bancroft, Idaho where she competed in track and field. She has five children, including Arves, Samuel, Lucy I, Cynthia and Katie. Her hobbies include crocheting, making wedding cakes, traveling, reading and gardening. One of her claims to fame is the fact that she has traveled to all 50 states, including North Dakota.

## Media Relations



**Mike Strauss**  
Director  
10th Year at USU

In his 10th year as the school's athletic media relations director is Mike Strauss, who joined the staff in October of 1996. Strauss over-

sees the publicity of USU's 16-sport program, working closely with the media, USU staff, coaches and student-athletes, while serving as the football and golf contact.

Strauss came to USU after spending eight and one-half years as the associate athletics director of media relations at Oklahoma State University. There he assisted in the successful Heisman Trophy campaign for Barry Sanders in 1988, and publicized the Cowboy basketball team, which reached the 1995 Final Four.

Strauss began his media relations career as a student assistant at Colorado for two years before serving a one-year internship at the Big Eight Conference office in 1987-88. He graduated from Colorado with a degree in journalism in 1987.

Born in Denver, Colo. on Nov. 21, 1964, he is married to the former Lisa Brossett and they have two children, Bradley and Coulter. Strauss' hobbies include golf, basketball, and coaching youth sports.



**Doug Hoffman**  
Associate Director  
Eighth Year at USU

In his eighth year as the associate athletic media relations director is Doug Hoffman. Hoffman serves as the media contact for USU's

men's basketball and volleyball teams, while assisting in a number of areas in the office.

He oversees statistical crews for football and basketball, while also working on USU's website, and helping coordinate the day to day operations of the media relations office.

Hoffman came to USU in December of 1998 from Indiana State University where he spent one year. Prior to that Hoffman was a graduate assistant in the media relations office at the University of Wyoming from 1994-97.

Hoffman is a 1993 Wyoming graduate with a degree in communications.



# MEDIA RELATIONS/FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

He was born June 4, 1970 in Mitchell, S.D. and was an all-conference basketball player at Hot Springs County High School in Thermopolis, Wyo.

Hoffman and his wife Shellee have one son Chase. His hobbies include working out, playing golf, and camping.



**Zach Fisher**  
Assistant Director  
First Year at USU

Entering his first year at Utah State is Zach Fisher, who came to Logan from West Texas A&M, where he was the school's athletic media relations director for three years.

At Utah State, Fisher will oversee publicity for the women's soccer and women's basketball programs, while assisting with football. He will also be involved with a number of other USU sports and assist with the department's website, [www.UtahStateAggies.com](http://www.UtahStateAggies.com), among other duties.

Fisher, who is a Billings, Mont. native and is a 2001 graduate of Carroll (Mont.) College, also worked as an assistant at Pittsburg (Kan.) State for two years before taking over the office at West Texas A&M.

While at West Texas A&M, he received nine national awards from the College Sports Information Directors of America, including three "Best In The Nation" awards for his volleyball, men's soccer and women's soccer media guides in 2004.

In the spring of 2006, Fisher successfully placed one of West Texas A&M's student-athletes in the Faces In The Crowd section of Sports Illustrated magazine.

Fisher was born in Billings, Mont. on Feb. 23, 1978. He attended Billings West High School where he competed in soccer, basketball and track. He graduated from Carroll College with a degree in communication studies and public relations in 2001. His hobbies include attempting golf and watching ESPN Sportscenter reruns.

## USU Media Relations Directors (1950s-Present)

Bob Hatch	1950s
Karl Klages	1957-63
Harvey Kilpatrick	1964-69
Ken Mitchell	1970-73
Craig Hislop	1974-93
John Lewandowski	1994-96
Mike Strauss	1997-present



**Michael Bair**  
Supervisor of Athletic Equipment  
10th Year at USU

Entering his 10th year as the athletic department's supervisor of athletic equipment is Michael Bair, who joined the staff

in August of 1997.

Bair services all 16 sports with athletic equipment, uniforms and clothing, while also supervising student managers for many of the sports. He served on the Schutt Sports Athletic Council for the past two years.

A Lewiston, Utah native, Bair, who was born August 20, 1966, graduated from Sky View High School in Smithfield, Utah and Utah State with a business management degree in 1995.

Prior to coming to USU, Bair worked in the sporting goods industry doing retail and team sales.

He and his wife, the former Michelle Parker, have three children, Makayla, Nick and Adelynn. Bair enjoys spending what little free time he has with his family.

## USU Equipment Managers (1950s-Present)

Mike Carlisle	1956-66
Ken Seamons	1967-91
Brad Berlin	1992-94
Mike Smith	1994-95
Criag Hopkins	1996
Mike Bair	1997-present



**Bill Garren**  
Video Coordinator  
First Year at USU

After arriving in time for spring football, Bill Garren is in his first full year as the video coordinator for the athletics department.

Garren is responsible for video filming and editing of Aggie football and basketball practices and games.

He served as the video coordinator at Idaho State in 2000 and 2001 before moving to San Jose State for the 2002 season. He was an assistant football coach and track coach at his high school alma mater (Montrose (Colo.)) in 2003. He then spent the 2004 and 2005 seasons as video coordinator at Idaho State before coming to USU.

He earned a master's degree in athletic administration from Idaho State in 2005.

Garren, who was born April 3, 1976 in Grand Junction, Colo., was an all-conference football player at Montrose HS. He played one season at Idaho State before beginning his video career. He and his wife Melinda have two daughters, Maia and Milly.



**Mark Uyeyama**  
Strength and Conditioning  
Third Year

In his third year as the department's strength and conditioning coach is Mark Uyeyama. Uyeyama

(pronounced U-E-yaw-mah) is in his second stint in the Aggie strength room as he was a graduate assistant here in 2000.

Uyeyama came to Logan from Arizona State where he worked for three and one half years as the lead assistant for the football team. He was also directly responsible for the newcomer development program, as well as wrestling, track and field, volleyball and tennis.

At USU he oversees the strength and conditioning of USU's 16-sport, 314-student-athlete program with a goal of significantly improving the mental and physical well being of the athletes.

Uyeyama graduated from Utah in May of 2000 with a degree in exercise sports science. He earned a master's degree in education from Arizona State in May of 2003.

He competed in football and judo and still competes in Jiu-Jitsu and Submission Grappling. He also is involved in Muay Thai Kickboxing.

Born Dec. 2, 1975 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, he attended Steveston Seniro Secondary in Richmond, B.C.

## USU Strength and Conditioning Coaches (1987-Present)

Doug Salmon	1987-92
Milt White	1993-96
Kim Sword	1997-98
Shawn Griswold	1999-2004
Mark Uyeyama	2004-present

## USU Athletic Trainers (1921-Present)

George "Doc" Nelson	1921-57
Red Burnett	1958-63
Jimmy Railey	1964-71
Dick Melhart	1971
Jim Riley	1971-74
Dale Mildnerberger	1975-present

# ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT STAFF



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Equipment  
Coordinator  
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**Stephanie Bear**  
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Football  
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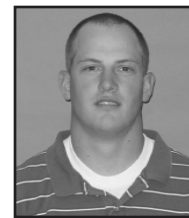
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**Jeff Crosbie**  
Assistant AD  
Ticketing Operations  
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**Gretta Curless**  
Assistant Business  
Manager  
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**Kevin Dustin**  
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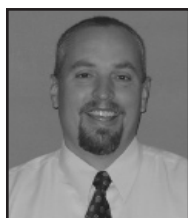
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Student Services  
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**Zach Fisher**  
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Relations Director  
797-2066



**Vicky Fonesbeck**  
Staff Assistant  
797-8115



**Tom Hale**  
Big Blue Scholarship  
Fund Director  
797-1828



**Karen Hamilton**  
Student-Athlete  
Services Secretary  
797-1849



**Jason Herbers**  
Assistant AD  
Marketing & Promotions  
797-1360



**Doug Hoffman**  
Associate Media  
Relations Director  
797-3714



**Kristin Johnson**  
Staff Assistant  
Women's Basketball  
797-1850



**Shukria King**  
Academic Advisor  
797-1783



**Chris Knox**  
Assistant Ticketing  
Operations  
797-0009



**Dave Kragthorpe**  
Special Assistant  
To The AD  
797-1783



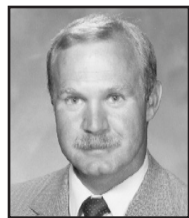
**Fawn Michel**  
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**Dale Mildenberger**  
Associate AD  
Support Services  
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**Jami McBride**  
Assistant Marketing  
and Tickets  
797-0304



**Ken Peterson**  
Sr. Associate AD  
Business Operations  
797-1858



**Kathy Rigby**  
Staff Assistant/  
Big Blue Scholarship Fund  
797-2583



**Kurt Schmidt**  
Assistant Strength  
& Conditioning  
797-3638



**Randy Spetman**  
Director of Athletics  
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**Lucy Stolpe**  
Compliance  
Coordinator  
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Head Strength  
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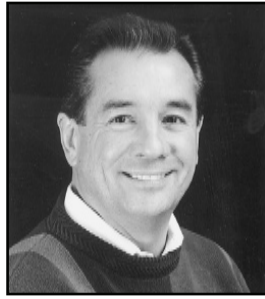
**Mike Williams**  
Assistant Trainer  
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# HEAD COACHES



**Heather Cairns**  
(Soccer)  
Fourth Year



**Ray Corn**  
(Gymnastics)  
29th Year



**Grayson DuBose**  
(Volleyball)  
First Year



**Gregg Gensel**  
(Track & Field / Cross Country)  
20th Year



**Brent Guy**  
(Football)  
Second Year



**Dean Johansen**  
(Golf)  
Seventh Year



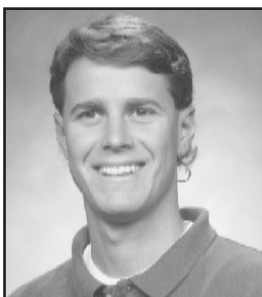
**Candi Letts**  
(Softball)  
First Year



**Stew Morrill**  
(Men's Basketball)  
Ninth Year



**Raegan Pebley**  
(Women's Basketball)  
Fourth Year



**Christian Wright**  
(Men's & Women's Tennis)  
16th Year

## 2005-06 Utah State Athletic Finishes

MEN Sport	Overall Record	Conf. Record	Conf. Tourn.	NCAA
Basketball	23-9	11-5 / t2nd	2nd	1st Rd.
Cross Country	--	--	1st	6th Reg.
Football	3-8	2-6 / t6th	--	--
Golf	--	--	8th	--
Tennis	9-10	--	t5th	--
Indoor Track	--	--	4th	--
Outdoor Track	--	--	2nd	Individuals
WOMEN Sport	Overall Record	Conf. Record	Conf. Tourn.	NCAA
Basketball	3-24	2-14 / 9th	9th	--
Cross Country	--	--	2nd	7th Reg.
Gymnastics	7-17	--	4th	Reg. Ind.
Indoor Track	--	--	3rd	--
Outdoor Track	--	--	3rd	Individuals
Soccer	7-9-4	4-2-1 / t2nd	1st Rd.	--
Softball	8-38	3-14 / 7th	--	--
Tennis	8-15	--	t5th	--
Volleyball	21-13	11-5 / t2nd	2nd	1st Rd.

Commissioner's Cup Standings - 4th/9  
Academic all-WAC Selections - 109



## Class of 2006



**Marvin Roberts**  
Basketball



**Al Smith**  
Football



**Kris Stano Lilly**  
Gymnastics



**John Clyde Worley**  
Football, Basketball,  
Baseball, Track



**Dr. John Worley**  
Football,  
Team Physician

## USU Athletic Hall of Fame

The year of 2006 saw the Utah State Athletic Hall of Fame reinstated with the induction of five more deserving individuals to bring the Hall of Fame to 32 members.

The Hall was founded in 1993 with 12 initial members. In 1994 the school added eight more members and in 1995, seven more honorees were selected.

The addition of any Hall of Fame selections was stopped until 2006 when Marvin Roberts, Al Smith, Kris Stano Lilly, John Clyde Worley and Dr. John Worley were inducted in February of that year.

### Class of 1993

**Annette Viola Cottle**

Volleyball, Basketball, Volleyball Coach

**Wayne Estes**

Basketball

**Mary Lou Ramm Flippen**

Softball

**Fern Gardner**

Basketball, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball,  
Basketball Coach, Softball Coach,  
Volleyball Coach

**Cornell Green**

Basketball

**Ralph Maughn**

Football, Basketball, Track, Basketball  
Coach, Football Coach, Track Coach

**George "Doc" Nelson**

Athletic Trainer, Wrestling Coach

**Merlin Olsen**

Football

**E.L. "Dick" Romney**

Athletic Director, Football Coach,  
Basketball Coach, Baseball Coach, Track  
Coach

**Kent Ryan**

Football, Basketball, Track

**L. Jay Silvester**

Track

**Elmer "Bear" Ward**

Football, Track

### Class of 1994

**Ladell Andersen**

Basketball, Basketball Coach, Athletics  
Director

**H. Cecil Baker**

Basketball, Track, Basketball Coach

**Mark Enyeart**

Track

**Phil Olsen**

Football

**Eddie Peterson**

Football, Track

**Len Rohde**

Football

**Elaine Roque**

Volleyball

**Frank "Buss" Williams**

Football, Wrestling, Track,  
Athletics Director

### Class of 1995

**Tony Adams**

Football

**Jay Don Blake**

Golf

**Karolyn Kirby**

Volleyball

**Clark Miller**

Football

**Bill Staley**

Football

**Conley Watts**

Basketball

**Glen Worthington**

Football, Track, Basketball

### Class of 2006

**Marvin Roberts**

Basketball

**Al Smith**

Football

**Kris Stano Lilly**

Gymnastics

**John Clyde Worley**

Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track

**Dr. John Worley**

Football, Team Physician



# WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

In its 45th year, the Western Athletic Conference continues to evolve and features some of the nation's best intercollegiate competition. One thing that remains unchanged is the persistent nature of the nine schools in the WAC to advance their programs to contend at the top levels of the NCAA.

The WAC provides its student-athletes the chance to travel to scenic destinations and gain exposure in some of the nation's most diverse markets. In addition, the WAC's student-athletes work to achieve the highest levels of success with the academic support of their respective institutions.

The WAC has experienced tremendous success. Over the past four years, it has won 57.1 percent of its bowl games, the second best winning percentage of any conference in the nation. In the past three seasons, the WAC has sent a total of 11 teams to bowl games. Boise State has won 53 games since joining the conference, the fourth most in the nation. In men's basketball, the WAC has sent at least two teams to the NCAA Tournament in 22 of the past 23 seasons. Every current school in the WAC has competed in the NCAA Tournament since 1990. Fresno State softball and Louisiana Tech women's basketball have both competed in every NCAA Tournament ever held.

Current WAC alums have made their presence felt as well. David Carr (Fresno State) was the first player selected in the 2002 NFL Draft by the Houston Texans. Cheryl Ford (Louisiana Tech) was named the WNBA Rookie of the Year and helped the Detroit Shock win the league's champion-

ship in 2003. And in 2004, the United States' softball team won the Olympic gold medal with former Fresno State players Laura Berg and Lovie Jung.

In 2001, the WAC partnered with ESPN and added a regional network for unprecedented coverage of football and basketball. Over the past three years, the networks have shown a total of 72 football games, by far the most in a three-year period in WAC history.

The WAC is the sixth oldest among the nation's 11 Division I-A conferences. Its history traces back to July 27, 1962, when the original six-team league of Arizona, Arizona State, Brigham Young, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming began competition.

The first championship was held in November 1962, when Arizona won the men's cross country title and New Mexico followed with the first WAC football title. Arizona finished second in the NCAA College World Series and, less than three years later, Arizona State claimed the league's first NCAA title when the Sun Devils won the College World Series trophy. Rice was the last WAC school to earn an NCAA team title when it won the College World Series in 2003.

Since that year, several changes have occurred. UTEP and Colorado State became members in September 1967, while Arizona and Arizona State withdrew on June 30, 1978. The WAC then added San Diego State (1978), Hawai'i (1979) and Air Force (1980). Before 1990, the WAC sponsored championships only in men's sports. However, a merger with the High Country Athletic Conference formed a single conference under one administrative structure, and the

1990-91 athletic year was the first in which both men and women competed under the WAC name. Fresno State was added in 1992, and then in 1996, the women's programs from Air Force and Hawai'i along with six new schools (UNLV, Rice, San Jose State, SMU, TCU and Tulsa) came into the WAC. Air Force, Brigham Young, Colorado State, UNLV, New Mexico, San Diego State, Utah and Wyoming withdrew on June 30, 1999. Nevada (2000), Boise State (2001) and Louisiana Tech (2001) were added while TCU withdrew following the 2000-01 season. The current membership was established on July 1, 2005, when Idaho, New Mexico State and Utah State joined the WAC after Rice, SMU, UTEP and Tulsa withdrew.

The WAC has had just five commissioners in its history. Paul Brechler was named the first leader of the conference and held the position from 1962-1968. He was followed by Wiles Hallock (1968-71), Stan Bates (1971-80), Dr. Joe Kearney (1980-94) and Karl Benson (1994-present).

Presently, the WAC crowns team and individual champions in 19 sports – eight men's and 11 women's. For the men, there are championships in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, tennis, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field. Championships for women are held in basketball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field and volleyball.

The WAC office has been located in the Denver area since the conference's inception with the exception of a two-year stay in Phoenix from 1964-66.



# WAC COMPOSITE SCHEDULE



## August 31 (Thursday)

SE Louisiana at New Mexico State, 7:00  
Sacramento State at Boise State, 7:00

## September 1 (Friday)

\*Nevada at Fresno State, 7:00 (ESPN2)

## September 2 (Saturday)

Hawai'i at Alabama, TBA  
Idaho at Michigan State, 12:00 (ERT)  
Louisiana Tech at Nebraska, 2:30 (FSN)  
San Jose State at Washington, 12:30  
Utah State at Wyoming, 2:30

## September 7 (Thursday)

Oregon State at Boise State, 5:30 (ESPN2)

## September 9 (Saturday)

Idaho at Washington State, TBA  
Stanford at San Jose State, 3:00  
Utah State at Arkansas, 6:00  
New Mexico at New Mexico State, 6:00  
Nevada at Arizona State, 7:00  
Oregon at Fresno State, 7:00 (ESPN2)

## September 16 (Saturday)

Boise State at Wyoming, 1:30  
Fresno State at Washington, 12:30  
Idaho State at Idaho, 2:00  
Nicholls State at Louisiana Tech, 6:00 (ERT)  
Texas Southern at New Mexico State, 6:00  
Utah at Utah State, 6:00  
Colorado State at Nevada, 6:00  
UNLV at Hawai'i, 6:00

## September 22 (Friday)

Northwestern at Nevada, 5:00 (ESPN2)

## September 23 (Saturday)

Idaho at Oregon State, TBA  
Utah State at Brigham Young, 1:00  
Cal Poly at San Jose State, 3:00  
Louisiana Tech at Texas A&M, 6:00  
\*Hawai'i at Boise State, 6:00

## September 30 (Saturday)

Louisiana Tech at Clemson, 1:00  
Boise State at Utah, 1:00  
\*Idaho at Utah State, 1:00  
San Diego State at San Jose State, 3:00  
New Mexico State at UTEP, 7:00  
Nevada at UNLV, 7:00  
Colorado State at Fresno State, 7:00  
Eastern Illinois at Hawai'i, 6:00

## October 7 (Saturday)

\*New Mexico State at Idaho, 2:00  
\*Fresno State at Utah State, 6:00  
\*Louisiana Tech at Boise State, 6:00 (ERT)  
\*Nevada at Hawai'i, 6:00

## October 14 (Saturday)

\*Hawai'i at Fresno State, 2:00  
\*Utah State at San Jose State, 3:00  
\*Idaho at Louisiana Tech, 6:00

## October 15 (Sunday)

\*Boise State at New Mexico State, 6:00 (ESPN)

## October 21 (Saturday)

Fresno State at LSU, TBA  
\*Boise State at Idaho, 2:00  
\*Utah State at Louisiana Tech, 6:00 (ERT)  
\*San Jose State at Nevada, 4:00 (ABC)  
\*Hawai'i at New Mexico State, 6:00

## October 28 (Saturday)

\*New Mexico State at Nevada, 1:00  
\*Louisiana Tech at San Jose State, 3:00  
\*Idaho at Hawai'i, 6:00

## November 1 (Wednesday)

\*Fresno State at Boise State, 6:00 (ESPN2)

## November 4 (Saturday)

\*Hawai'i at Utah State, 1:00 (ERT)  
\*Nevada at Idaho, 2:00  
Louisiana Tech at North Texas, 6:00  
\*San Jose State at New Mexico State, 6:00

## November 11 (Saturday)

\*Utah State at Nevada, 1:00  
\*New Mexico State at Fresno State, 2:00  
\*Boise State at San Jose State, 3:00  
\*Louisiana Tech at Hawai'i, 6:00

## November 18 (Saturday)

\*Utah State at Boise State, 1:00  
\*Idaho at Fresno State, 2:00  
\*Nevada at Louisiana Tech, 7:00  
\*San Jose State at Hawai'i, 6:00

## November 24 (Friday)

\*Fresno State at Louisiana Tech, 8:00 (ESPN2)

## November 25 (Saturday)

\*Boise State at Nevada, TBA (ESPN/ESPN2)  
Purdue at Hawai'i, TBA (ESPN/ESPN2)  
\*New Mexico State at Utah State, 1:00  
\*San Jose State at Idaho, 2:00

## December 2 (Saturday)

Oregon State at Hawai'i, TBA (ESPN/ESPN2)  
\*Louisiana Tech at New Mexico State, 1:00  
\*Fresno State at San Jose State, 3:00

\*WAC Game

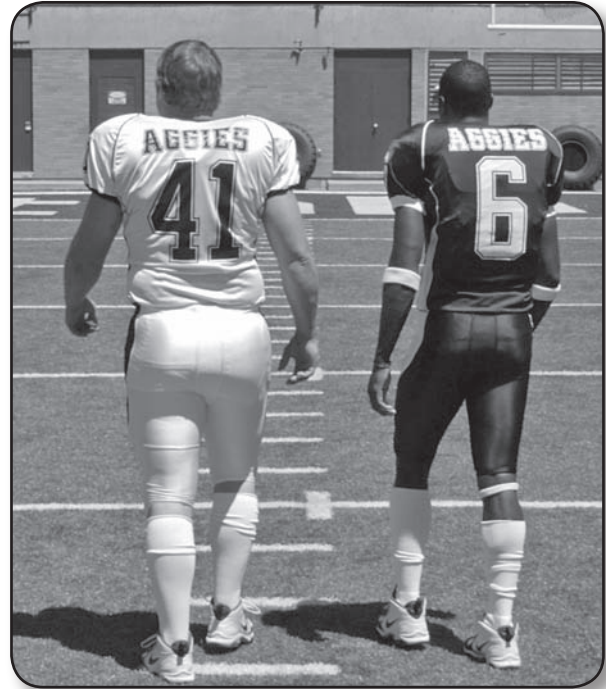
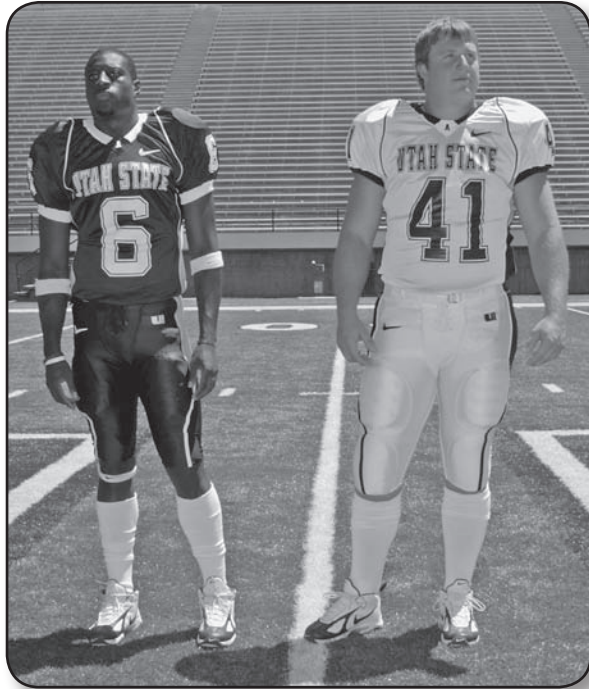
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# WAC

WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



# USU IMPROVEMENTS



## New Uniforms

Utah State will be taking the field in new uniforms for the 2006 season. The Nike made uniforms, navy blue with white letters, numbers and trim for home and white with navy letters, numbers and trim for the road, feature "Utah State" on the front and "Aggies" on the back. It is believed to be the first time in the program's history to say just "Aggies" and the first since the coach John L. Smith era (1995-97) to not have the players' names on the back. The U-State logo is featured on the left hip of the pants and the "A" is featured on the collar of the jersey.

The new uniforms are modeled in the pictures by junior WR Kevin Robinson (#6) and senior DE Kerry Shepherd (#41).

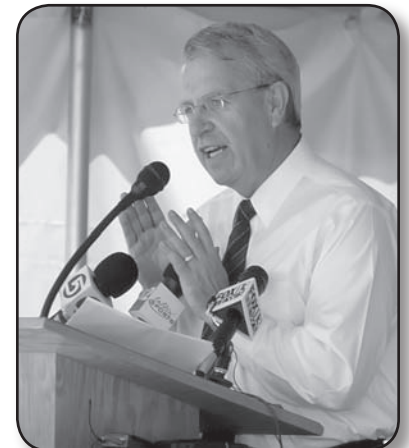


**Randy Spetman**  
USU Athletic Director



## North Endzone Building

A ground-breaking ceremony for the new north endzone facility at Romney Stadium took place in early July. The building which is scheduled to be completed ahead of the 2007 season, will house home and visitor locker rooms, an equipment room, coaches offices, team meeting areas and a sports medicine area. {See Inside Front Cover for more information}



**Stan Albrecht**  
USU President