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CELEBRATING EARTH DAY AT SLCC

Photo by John Reuben Wolsey

SLCC Eco-Psychology student Brooke Morse, left, gathers signatures at South City for a petition supporting subsidized bus passes, that would provide students affordable transportation to school.

Students go green

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Salt Lake Community College (SLCC) is holding several Earth Day events to spark environmental awareness for our planet. April 22 is Earth Day and the Sustainability Committee, and a few of SLCC's clubs planned events to celebrate.

On Tuesday, different themed events were held at the Taylorsville and South City campuses.

"We're holding the event[s] on Tuesday because [it's] when the most students are on campus," said Adam Dastrup, a member of the Sustainability Committee.

The event at South City was entitled Alternative Transportation. Students and faculty learned about alternative transportation methods and made pledges to do something different in their lives to help the environment. Students pledged to plant gardens, carpool, bike to

school, pick up trash, and bring their own bags to the grocery store.

At the event students from Howard Ingles' Eco-Psychology class gathered over 400 hundred signatures for a petition that supports the subsidization of UTA Bus Passes for SLCC Students.

"There's a lot of people that can't get to school, and affordable bus passes help make that happen," said eco-psychology student Cassy Nielson.

At the same time a sparsely attended Sustainability Fair was held at the Taylorsville campus. Students and faculty came to learn what and how to recycle at SLCC.

"People usually pass by on their way to class, then come back after seeing it," said Brittany Miles, a member of Student Leaders in Civic Engagement (SLICE) and volunteer for a local food co-op. "I wish more people knew about the Co-Op," Miles added.

A food co-op is an organization where you can order groceries at low cost from a conglomerate of local farmers and merchants. By filling out an order form and turning it in you can then pick up groceries each

week at a number of sites in Salt Lake City.

Wasatch Community Gardens (WCG) also had a booth at the fair where people could purchase gardening plots and become their own gardener. Desa-rae Robertson, an SLCC student and volunteer at WCG explained that WCG is a non-profit organization that is funded entirely by grants. It finds locations around Utah for people to garden who otherwise couldn't, such as apartment dwellers or those who otherwise don't have space to grow.

Attendees also learned about Recycle mania, an ongoing competition between colleges to see which can collect the most recyclable materials.

On Wednesday the 20th the festivities will take a different turn with a movie screening and discussion. The movie *Earthlings* will be shown at noon in the Oak Room of the Student Events Center on Taylorsville campus. *Earthlings* chronicles humankind's treatment of animals and nature.

On Friday the 22nd a final Earth Day event will be held at the Taylorsville campus. This

celebration will be held, weather permitting, at the SLCC community garden, located on the east side of the Construction Trades building. If it rains the event will be moved into the nearby Student Events Center.

People can come plant seeds and flowers in the community garden planters. Flowerpots and planters will also be available to paint and decorate. Every planter box in the Community Garden is taken care of by a department at the college. Some examples are: Health & Wellness Center, Thyne Center, Student Life & Leadership, the Biology Department and SLCC Writing Center.

"There is lots of representation and involvement from all over the campus," Dastrup remarked.

Each organization does what it wants with the food and flowers that arise from their effort. The event will have plenty of food and music to go along with the painting and planting fun. The Community Garden Committee sponsors the event.

Community Food Co-Op of Utah:

www.foodco-op.net/
Recyclemania Event:
www.recyclemaniacs.org

Bye, bye Blackboard

Ryan McDonald
Staff Reporter

Whether you like it or not, Blackboard is on its way out of Salt Lake Community College. In its place will be CANVAS, a similar web-based education program.

Unveiled at a meeting for all faculty held in the Oak Room of the Taylorsville Redwood Campus last Wednesday, CANVAS will be in use on a small-scale as early as the Summer 2011 semester, as Blackboard's licensure expires in June. 10 teachers will use CANVAS this summer to allow time for training and glitch repairing before the program becomes more mainstream. 30 more teachers will use it this fall, 60 next spring and full integration will take place by the summer of next year.

As with any change that comes along, feelings were mixed about the move from Blackboard to CANVAS.

"I'm excited. This is going to be a wonderful platform for online classes," Rhonda Low said, who is the Concurrent Enrollment Director

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A tribute to a legacy: Liu Vakapuna

John Fisihetau
Staff Reporter

Liu Vakapuna has a name people wouldn't be familiar with, unless they know the Student Government at Salt Lake Community College (SLCC). Vakapuna is the Student Body President. His background and culture from both Samoa and Tonga are the embodiment of his main purpose at SLCC.

"I am the main advocate for SLCC students," Vakapuna said.

He was inaugurated into office in April of 2009 and keeps his position until he is released from his duties on May 5, 2011.

Vakapuna's responsibilities include acting as a voting member of SLCC's Board of Trustees, with its 13 locations around the Salt

Lake Valley. In addition, he is involved in policy negotiations that occur for student tuition and fees.

When Vakapuna started as Student Body President, he was surprised by the workload and duties he would have.

"I was like a deer in the headlights," he joked. "It was more responsibility



Photo courtesy of Joan Christiansen
Vakapuna was inaugurated into office in April of 2009 and keeps his position until he is released from his duties on May 5, 2011.

than I thought it would be."

A day's work for President Vakapuna focuses on his motto - "students first." He has received a full-ride scholarship as payment for the 29 required hours of work each week in the Student Center of SLCC's Taylorsville Redwood Campus. His office hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays are

often spent helping students one-on-one with individual problems and concerns.

Vakapuna is also a full-time student, planning to major in criminal justice at the University of Utah. He attends classes from 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. after completing his student government duties. However, from his activities and experience at SLCC, he has become interested in majoring in anthropology.

"I'm fascinated by culture," he said.

In addressing problems and challenges that students may have, Vakapuna explained that "taking time for students is more important than my title. It's not about knowing

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STUDENT EVENTS

WED/20

9am-3pm
2011 SLCCSA Short Film Festival @ SC Campus, Northeast Entrance.

11am-2pm
Annual Multicultural Arts Exhibit @ SC Campus, Northeast Foyer.

1pm-4pm
The Social Work Club presents: Healthy Lifestyles @ TR Campus, the quad.

THURS/21

All Day
Online Course Evaluations @ MyPage.

8am-8pm
2011 SLCCSA Short Film Festival

11am-2pm
SLCCstock: Year End Party @ SC Campus.

7:30pm-8:30pm
First Semi-Annual 'Speaker's Showcase' @ TR Campus, TB203.

FRI/22

Earth Day

All Day
Community Garden Party @ TR Campus, east side of the Construction Trades Building.

9am-3pm
2011 SLCCSA Short Film Festival

12pm-6:30pm
MANA Event @ Jordan Campus, Student Pavilion.

SAT/23

8am-12pm
Easter Egg Hunt @ TR Campus.

7:30pm-9:30pm
Crimes of the Heart @ SC Campus, Little Theatre.

MON/25

All Day
Online Course Evaluations @ MyPage.

10am-12pm
SLCC Bible Study @ TR Campus, SEC, Multicultural Conference Room.

5pm-7pm
Film Festival Awards @ TR Campus, SEC, Oak Room.

TUE/26

All Day
Online Course Evaluation @ MyPage.

10am-12pm
SLCC Bible Study @ TR Campus, SEC, Multicultural Conference Room.

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Easter

All Day
Online Course Evaluation @ MyPage

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SLCC PICS



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Deadline for entries is Tuesday, April 26th.
Congratulations to Justeena Masina, winner of last week's SLCC Pics.

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Growing selection of online classes at SLCC saves trees and gas

Kim Tsan
Contributing Writer

A growing selection of online classes at SLCC helps students drive sustainability. Enrollment at SLCC has experienced dramatic growth from the previous academic year. Along with the increase of students is the surge of waste and fuel consumption. SLCC Online advocates a reduction in the use of fuel and paper waste. “SLCC Online helps sustainability in two ways,” Wendy Johanson, an SLCC Online coordinator said. “With regards to the air, many students take online classes at home and therefore don’t pollute the air.” “Online classes can be beneficial to the environment in that if you are taking solely online courses, then you’re not using fossil fuels in your commute,” SLCC student Hannah Mount said. Less air pollution is vital to the Salt Lake Valley during winter months. “Red” quality air days are no stranger to the

residents of the Greater Salt Lake area. “With regards to waste, in some classes, professors offer or require online textbooks and students don’t need to find a way to recycle them after the class is over,” Johanson said. “Also, assignments for online classes are usually submitted electronically, no paper involved.” Paper is the most recycled item at SLCC, totaling 5.45 tons per month at last count in 2009. The amount thrown away is uncountable. “Environmentally, the best thing an online class can offer is saving paper,” Lucas Truong, former SLCC student said. For the 2010 – 2011 academic year, there are over 11,000 students taking online classes, nearly a third of SLCC’s total student population. To accommodate the increase of students, SLCC Online regularly adds courses. Anexpandingandextensive online course catalog provides more opportunities for SLCC

students to take classes online. “SLCC usually adds a few more online classes every fall and spring semester,” Johanson said. “For example, SLCC is fairly recently offering a Sustainability Certificate, some of the courses can be done online.” Information for the certificate can be found at slcccontinuinged.com/sustainability. Some classes are considered “hybrid,” with both in-class and online components. For example, math classes using My Math Lab and biology classes using Mastering Biology. Hybrid classes require regular attendance, but still save on paper waste because much of the assignments are electronically accessed, completed and submitted online. “My current math class is mostly online, which has been surprisingly great. It definitely depends on the class though.

I prefer traditional classes to online,” Mount said. College students’ nationwide express desire and satisfaction for more advanced online classes. “I prefer to get all communication electronically – it doesn’t waste paper and it’s ‘instant’ as opposed to snail mail,” Matthew Hilbert said, a student at Queens College of New York. “Queens College, sadly, still uses paper for most of its communication, it’s slow and wasteful.” “San Jose started using web conferencing for some of their online classes. It’s in real time so it’s sort of like an actual class, but on your computer,” Kaleb Lee said, a San Jose State University student in California. “Some professors really like that.” As of yet, SLCC Online does not have any plans to technologically advance its online classes.

More information on sustainability at SLCC can be found at slcc.edu/green

Spring Job Fair bustles at SLCC

Gustabo Rodriguez
Contributing Writer

The spring job fair was held this past Tuesday and, like job fairs in the past, it was a mad house. Students and non-students alike filled the Student Event Center at SLCC’s Redwood Campus. Many with no jobs had the opportunity to find out who was hiring in Salt Lake valley. Other students already have jobs and just wanted to go check it out to see if there was a chance for them to find an even better one. Dish Network, Comcast, UPS, FedEx, Verizon, were some of the big company’s looking for new hires at SLCC. Although it is a job fair for students some companies were trying to hire for summer, full-time or commission based pay structures. Many students

who attended were not looking for those types of jobs. Some students just wanted a part-time job that they can go to after school, before they go home and do homework. UPS and FedEx were two companies that were offering part-time employment opportunities. These two jobs have no major requirements before being hired. Without a resume or prior experience one can get paid \$8.50 an hour. If you get an interview with one of these shipping companies you don’t have to dress up. There is a down side to working for the shipping giants; it’s a lot of physical, dusty work. The two entertainment rivals at the job fair were Dish Network and Comcast. The cable and satellite companies are looking for new employees

to fill in some of the areas of their customer service. Dish Network is currently looking for people that can install satellite systems in people’s homes. No need for prior experience here either; they will fly you to Phoenix, Arizona for a paid training on how to install satellite systems. The potential downside for a student could be that it’s a full time job and would probably interfere with your education. Comcast was also hiring people into full time employment. The positions they were looking to fill were also in customer service. Both companies offer full medical benefits and best of all, if you work for Comcast you get cable

and internetservice for free. The same is true for Dish Network employees. If you work for them you get your satellite service for free. Many SLCC students and other fair attendees walkedaway from the job fair with interest in a particular job. Some walked away disappointed because the fair didn’t meet their expectations. As always the spring job fair was an overall success. If you missed the job fair there is one coming up in the fall semester, so there is still a chance for you to get a job. The Student Employment and Cooperative Education Services (SECES) may also be able to help you find a job in the meantime.

More Information about SECES programs can be found at <http://www.slcc.edu/seces/Index.asp>

Rewarding students for hard work

David Bell
Staff Reporter

MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement) members along with STEP (Science, Technology, Engineering Programs) members and members of SWE (Society of Women Engineers) have been awarded scholarships from some well know organizations. Each awarded student will receive a \$1,000 scholarship towards any school. The scholarship reception was held at the SLCC Miller Campus in the Karen Gail Miller Conference Center on Monday, April 11. There was an average of 200 people in attendance. 44 scholarships were awarded by organizations such as Intermountain Healthcare, ATK Aerospace, Questar, University of Utah Math Department and Salt Lake Community College. They

are members of the Industry Advisory Council, which is part of the MESA/STEP program. By donating scholarship money, Industry Advisory Council members host company tours for jr. high and high school students and provide speakers to interact with these students in after-school clubs. Cindy Spangler is a STEP member who is attending Salt Lake Community College. Spangler plans on transferring up to the U of U to study mechanical engineering. She was awarded her scholarship from Intermountain Health Care. “I’m very excited, this will help with education costs,” Spangler said. MESA is an after school educational program for jr. high and high school students. These students involve themselves through clubs and classes. STEP is for College and University

students. MESA/STEP offers an opportunity for the state to home-grow engineers, doctors, nurses, drafters and other professionals of technology. Kaly Mayombe is set to attend Utah State University next fall to study engineering. “I’m excited to get out of high school and get into the real world,” Mayombe said. Dinh Vo is a MESA recipient who’ll be studying electrical engineering at Utah State this fall. “I’m pretty excited, pretty happy about all this,” Vo said. The evening began with a Hors d’oeuvre reception, accompanied by live music. Dr. Clifton Sanders, Dean of Science, Mathematics and Engineering at SLCC gave the welcome from Salt Lake Community College. He spoke about the success of MESA/STEP. Advisory Council Chair Christina Siwachok then gave the Advisory Council

welcome. She stated that since MESA/STEP started, \$689,000 has been given out in scholarships. Siwachok told the audience how 86 students applied for the scholarships and 44 were awarded. She also introduced the keynote speaker by informing the audience of her accomplishments. The keynote speaker for the reception was Dr. Brenda Burrell, who spent her career working in education. She counseled the students to go to class every day and study hard. She told the recipients, “Some people succeed because they are destined to, most people succeed because they are driven to.” “My advice to you tonight is hold on to your dreams,” Burrell said. The scholarship winners sat at tables with their respective scholarship rewarding organizations.

Tips to study for finals

Veronica Aguilera
Contributing Writer

There are countless effective ways to study for finals, not just the old fashion way of grabbing the book and your notes and looking them over. If you are looking for a different way to prepare yourself for finals, look no more. Here are some tips from Salt Lake Community College Students to review and study for finals. Your way of learning is as unique as you are, and so is the way you should study for finals. When it comes to studying for finals, knowing the best way for you study is essential. “I’m a visual person,” SLCC Student Samantha Archuleta said. “So I look videos up on YouTube for my Biology class, like mitochondria, to understand it better.” Archuleta adds she also reviews her notes and “look[s] up any thing or word” that she does not know. Everyone knows that practice makes perfect, and when it comes to studying for finals it’s nodifferent for some students. “Practice and more practice,” said SLCC student Jose Saucedo “I do all the homework and review as much as I can for the final,” Saucedo continued. Some students may prepare for the finals by doing the homework, while others prefer to study “by doing the reviews that the teacher gives, and going back and reviewing all the important notes” SLCC Student Angel Alvarado said. “I review my note cards, and important chapters” Alvarado added. Finally, there are always those students who seek extra help during finals. “I pray to God and everyone up there to help me,” SLCC Student Maria Medina said. “I study a lot and cram everything I learn, so I can do better. I think it helps me do better,” Medina stated. Finals are important because they can be the difference between a passing and failing grade. Preparing yourself for finals by studying is always a great option. However if you don’t want to stress about studying there is always the option of attending class regularly, paying close attention and doing all the homework.

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the answers, but knowing the resources to point others to. Make sure you know how to motivate them.” Vakapuna related the importance of building healthy relationships, even with those who opposed him in elections to office. “You’re an elected leader for those who support you and those who oppose you,” he said. “You have to serve all. [In doing so] it helped me raise the bar of my attitude towards others.” Some of those individuals have now become some of Vakapuna’s closest friends. As Vakapuna soon passes his responsibilities on to newly elected President Mike Bird, he commented on Bird’s ability to get the job done. “He’s a man of his word,”

Vakapuna said. “If he says he’s going to do something, he’ll do it.” In retrospect, Vakapuna contemplated on his overarching goals of clarity, communication and unification within the student government - goals he hopes to see carried out. In closing, Vakapuna wanted to attribute his success to the many people who helped him. “My success is the success of others, in helping them carry out their ideas. My success is credited to the Executive Council, for they are the backbone of what I stand for and do.” Now, moving onward and upward, Vakapuna expressed his love for SLCC and gave some counsel. “I’ll always be a Bruin. It’s not just SLCC. Take pride in our Institution. I would not be where I am now without it.”

Blackboard

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and also an adjunct instructor. While excited, she said that there will be “a huge learning curve for the student as far as knowing how to navigate the system.” It was acknowledged that the system is still in its beginning stages. “I am at this point in a waiting position,” Computer Science instructor Margaret* said. “I am not excited. I am not thrilled about this project. There are still quite a few things that are less than satisfying.” She said that she does see promise for the program once all its wrinkles are ironed out. One of the most unique and controversial features of CANVAS is the updated way in which students will be able to receive announcements from their instructors. With Blackboard, students must log on to check for updates. With CANVAS, this will no longer be the case. Though not mandatory, students will have the option to receive these notifications through text message and social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter. Many instructors are nervous about the notion that their class material could appear on these sites, but music instructor Craig Ferrin said that the good outweighs the bad. “I think that the communication options are just incredible,” he said. “They are concerns. They need to be addressed, but 15 years ago e-mail was suspicious, and now it’s a part of life.” Faculty will go through introductory training sessions over the coming months and group discussions that will include student feedback will occur after the first users have used the system. General student orientations will occur online and in person as things progress.

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Former Bruins prepare for Paralympics

Ryan McDonald
Staff Reporter

The sport of bobsled might not be the first activity you would think people without an arm or a leg could be successful at. Thanks to two former Salt Lake Community College students, however, that is becoming a reality in an Olympic-sized way.

Having been involved in the sport since 1997, Jeremy Holm, a 2007 communications graduate from SLCC was approached by program director Dave Nicholls about taking over as the coach of the US Adaptive Bobsled Team last year.

“There were a couple things that drew me to job. One was the possibility of creating a team and creating a program that will hopefully make it happen in the Paralympics,” he said. “The other thing that really brought me into all this was I have struggled with depression and anxiety. It’s a disability, but it’s not visible...I realized that in some ways, I can relate to my athletes, so I just felt like it was a good fit for me and it has been. It’s been a lot of fun.”

A program that he described as “recreational” in years past, Holm has taken the bull by the horns to transform something recreational into something that has a chance to be part of the Paralympic Winter Games in 2014.

“The transition we had this last season was that it’s becoming more serious. The athletes have a bit more responsibility... I’m asking a lot more from them. This season has been a major growth period.

We have some great things that we are hoping to make happen over the next few years,” he said.

Top on the list is getting bobsled approved as a Paralympic sport.

So what would it take to bring adaptive bobsled to the big stage? Since being a Paralympic sport is such a big deal, Holm said that there are quite a few requirements that need to be defined and met. For one, sled specifications need to be standardized better. Holm explained that this is challenging because the athletes have a variety of injuries, from not being able to walk to missing a hand.

Another challenge is getting other countries interested and able to support such a program for international competition. Tongue-in-cheek calling his team “a guinea pig program,” Holm explained, “Its like a snowball. Right now we are the core of a hopeful avalanche, but we’re just barely rolling. We really have to get them [other countries] on board. Next season will be a pretty good indication of how fast things are moving.”

Thus far, athletes from Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom and the bobsled icon of Jamaica (think *Cool Runnings*) have shown the initial steps in developing adaptive programs.

In truth though, dreams of donning the red, white and blue at the Paralympics is only part of this story. The other part lies in the lives of people like Cody Reese, another Salt Lake Community College graduate. Born without a femur, “my grandparents told my parents to hide me because of my disability,” Reese said.

An incident involving a family member caused that to change for him, though.

“A cousin of mine lost his leg shooting avalanches up at Park City and told my parents to get me into ski racing. So as a kid, ski racing was my avenue.” With dreams of making it to the Paralympics one day, money to compete eventually became hard to come by. “For a long time I fought to find something to do, find something that would help me out.”

After a number of challenges that kept him from joining the bobsled program for a few years, things came together for Reese last fall.

“I just came out to try the sport...I went up for a run, just to try it out, and just got hooked,” he said. “It’s given me a huge sense of pride and self-esteem to be able to say that I am part of a team.”

Describing the sport as “very violent,” Reese insists that the adaptive version of the sport that he participates in is not much different than the one you might see at the Olympics.

“You see it on TV and it looks so smooth and controlled - any bump or hit against the wall - it’s like someone punching you as hard as they can in the side.” He continued, “Not only that, but the only part of my bobsledding that is adaptive is my prosthetic. The sled is the same. The track is the same. The G-forces are the same, all the turns are the same...it’s such a cool experience to have that. Being able to get in that sled and do as good or better than people that are able-bodied is such a great feeling, such a great experience.”



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Salt Lake Community College alumni Cody Reese (front) and Jeremy Holm (back) are blazing the trail for bobsled to be an official sport in the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Russia.

Holm seconds that motion.

“People might look at some of our athletes and say all the things that they can’t do, but our team is all about what we can do together,” he said. “That’s what I like most about this program, is just how we’re working together. The camaraderie that does exist is really cool. And I think everyone does get a sense of how important this is. We are breaking ground for something that is going to affect the Paralympic Games for the next hundred years.”

It is in that trailblazing spirit that Holm wants to involve the community in this journey. From sponsorships to volunteers, Holm said that all assistance is appreciated.

“Students reading this who want to become involved with the program and be supportive, we can always use volunteers,” he said.

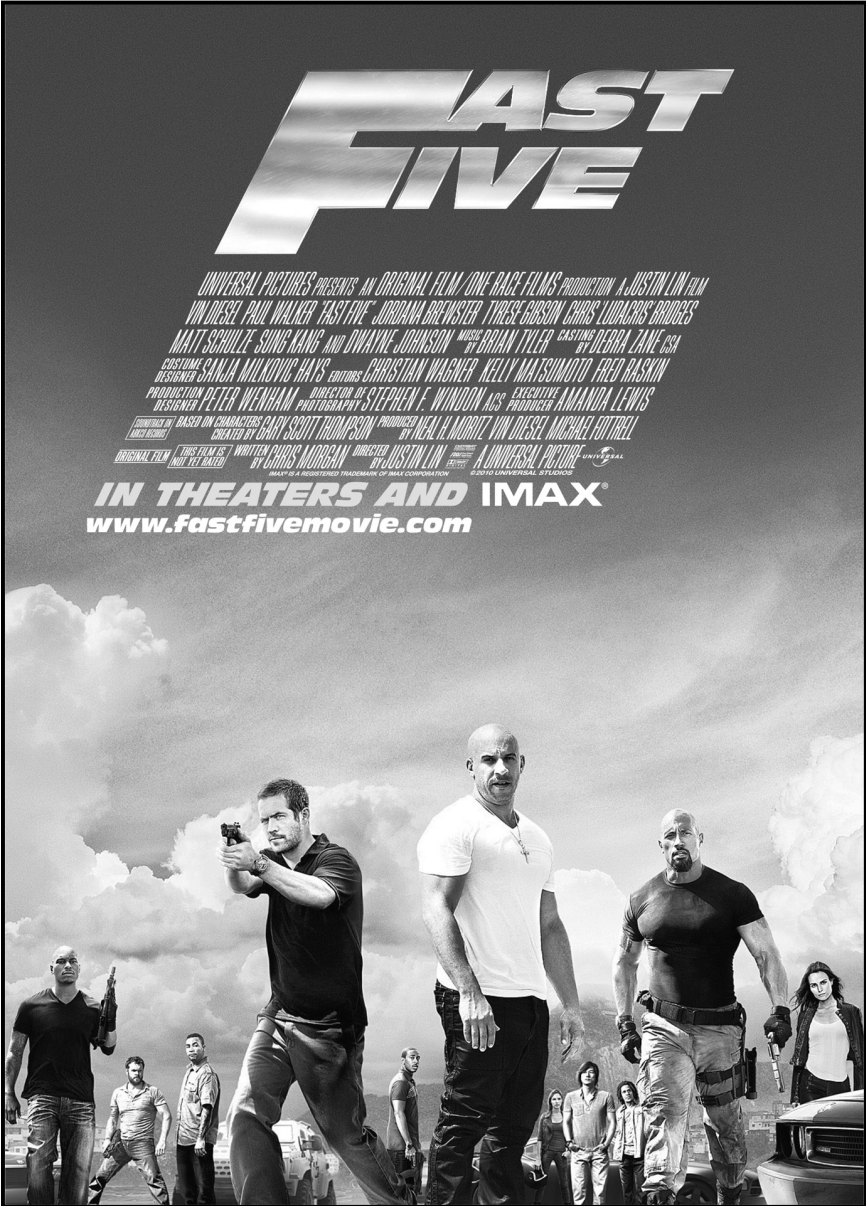
Noting that sleds can weigh several hundred pounds, he explained that hauling them around at practices can be challenging for some of the athletes.

Another way the team could use assistance is in videotaping practices. Holm explained that since he can only stand at one spot, it is difficult for him to examine an athlete’s entire practice run without video.

On the team’s end, Holm noted the inspiring lives that his athletes have led, and indicated that they would be open to speaking engagements.

To contact Coach Holm about interest in the program, whether it be athletic participation, volunteering or speaking engagements, he can be reached through e-mail at usaproductions@live.com

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Salt Lake landfills are hurting for space

Viviana Hernandez
Contributing Writer

The two public landfills responsible for handling all of Salt Lake Valley’s garbage are filling up fast. The Salt Lake Valley Landfill and the Trans-Jordan Landfill facilities, which benefit hundreds of thousands of Salt Lake Valley residents, collectively stand at the bottom of the national trend for recycling.

Neither of the landfills qualifies as ‘dumps’, but rather intelligently planned, highly efficient, and strikingly innovative waste management facilities. So efficient that not a cent of taxpayers’ money is spent on either of the two public landfills; both operate on their user fees alone, which for both sites, rank amongst the lowest 10 percent in the

nation. “We’re not hurting for money, we’re hurting for space,” Esther Davis said, Compliance Coordinator at the Trans-Jordan Landfill located in South Jordan. “When it’s cheap to throw things away, people don’t see the landfill being as valuable as it really is.”

Within the last 35 years the amount of waste each person in the Salt Lake Valley creates has nearly doubled from 2.7 to 4.6 pounds a day. This amount of disposal results in more than 1,300 tons of garbage that are buried in the Salt Lake Valley Landfill everyday. That’s not including the waste which is hauled off daily to the Trans-Jordan landfill, which serves the southern end of the Salt Lake Valley - where they dump 5.2 pounds of trash every day per resident.

Nationally, Americans recover, recycle or compost 32.5 percent of trash thrown out, but Salt Lake Valley residents recycle less than 15 percent of their trash. If only the “basics” were being recycled instead of thrown away, over 60 percent of Salt Lake’s waste would be recycled. That includes #1 and #2 plastics, aluminum cans, steel and tin cans, clean paper and cardboard.

The Salt Lake Valley Waste Management Facility cannot bury into the ground because it lies approximately eight-feet above the water table. Alternatively, the trash is piled into compact hills 100 feet high.

The Trans-Jordan Landfill functions differently with the use of cells that are enormous

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Wasting away the environment

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Each day, you waste on average 4.5 lbs of municipal solid waste (MSW). That amounts to approximately 245 million tons of waste each year in the United States that citizens like you contribute to. Soon we'll be swimming in our own waste. How does that make you feel? Yum. MSW is made up of the aluminum, plastic and paper packaging

that surrounds purchased items, as well as any excess food you toss out. The days of glass milk jars and loading our groceries into cars without an army of plastic bags in tow is not something we typically see today. Excess packaging is ultimately a result of increasingly busy schedules that we Americans seem to hold as highest priority. This has driven the food industry to find ways to make life easier by increasing plastic

and packaging materials for convenience and time efficacy. According to Jonathan Bloom's article *An Easy Way To Aid The Environment*, he states "The average family of four, conservatively, throws out an estimated \$1,350 annually," which can add up to about 700 meals that could be given out in soup kitchens. Reducing our carbon footprint today will help future generations have less damaging effects

on the environment, as well as saving us a few extra dollars. It only takes a few adjustments in our lives to make some sort of difference. Take Starbucks for example: Over the years they've tried to come up with an eco-friendly cup. Unfortunately their 100% recyclable cup could not withstand hot beverages for long. Now days, they use 10% post-consumer recycled paper in their cups.

Although that's seems slim, that small percentage saves about 11,000 tons of wood and 47 million gallons of wastewater, annually. Now imagine a reusable cup in place of the partially recycled cup. Can you imagine how many trees we'd be saving for our children's children? So take one eco-friendly challenge for a whole month. I dare you. Whether that be to bring your own cup into the coffee shop

or Tupperware into a restaurant, bringing your own bags to the grocery store, or buying fresh items more often. The solution to environment issues start with you doing something to make a difference.



Please Recycle

Switching gears to make energy efficient homes an industry standard

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Solar panels on rooftops are no longer just for those who have the money and want to be ahead of the curve. Home builders will soon have to comply with a zero Home Energy Rating System (HERS) on all homes built within the US. The short-term cost of these net zero homes will be more than a regular home, but with Government tax breaks and the low cost of

maintenance on an energy efficient home, the long-term effect is easy on the wallet. An employee of Garbett Homes predicts "within the next 40 to 50 years homes will be required by law to have a zero HERS rating." As of now Garbett homes is the only Production Home builder in Utah to offer solar panels as a standard feature on their homes. According to website resnet.us, today the standard HERS rating for most new

homes being built is about 100 points. Each one-point decrease in the HERS Index corresponds to a one-percent reduction in energy consumption compared to the HERS Reference Home. Thus a home with a HERS Index of 85 is 15 percent more energy efficient than the HERS Reference Home and a home with a HERS Index of 80 is 20 percent more energy efficient. A home energy rating involves an analysis of a home's construction plans

and onsite inspections. Based on the home's plans, the Home Energy Rater uses an energy efficiency software package to perform an energy analysis of the home's design. This analysis yields a projected, pre-construction HERS Index. Upon completion of the plan review, the rater will work with the builder to identify the energy efficiency

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holes that take three years to dig out of the earth. The cells at Trans-Jordan Landfill were designed to hold 12 years worth of trash, but the one currently being filled will be at capacity this coming summer and it's only been in use since 2007. With cells filling up at a rate 300 percent faster than expected, the lifespan of the Trans-Jordan Landfill will end in about 17 years, forcing the southern end of the valley's trash to

be hauled up the extra distance up to the Salt Lake County Waste Management Facility, the county landfill. "There are no more sites. Once the Trans-Jordan is at capacity, the trash will be sent to the county landfill until they fill up, and eventually we'll have to take it out to the desert," Davis said. Since there are no more Salt Lake sites available for a landfill after the Salt Lake Valley Landfill is at capacity, in the future trash will have to be exported much longer distances at a much higher price and cost

to the public. Expanding the lifespan of Salt Lake's landfills can be achieved easily with increased public consciousness. Reducing the amount of trash individuals produce,

reusing items that can be utilized again and recycling appropriate materials deemed garbage, remain the paramount points in public outreach education.

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improvements needed to ensure that the house will meet ENERGY STAR performance guidelines. The rater then conducts onsite inspections, typically including a blower door test, which tests the leakiness of the house, and a duct test, to test the leakiness of the ducts. Results of these tests, along with inputs derived from the plan review, are used to generate the HERS Index for the home. Unlike a Building Performance Audit or a

weatherization assessment, a home energy rating is a recognized tool in the mortgage industry. Home energy ratings can be used in a variety of ways in the housing industry. Since a rating quantifies the energy performance of a home, the HERS Index provides an easily understandable means to compare the relative energy efficiency of different homes. For homes to be able to go completely to net zero, two or more renewable resources would have to be utilized. This could include solar, geothermal and wind energy.

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The World’s getting hotter!

John Fisihetau
Staff Reporter

Those who support or deny the existence of global warming can’t help but witness the indisputable facts that our planet is warming in its entirety. Before I assess the way in which I think it can be controlled and prevented further, I believe that some background information is needed to establish the premise that global warming is real. I’m now taking a conservation biology class at Salt Lake Community College that has highlighted the stresses that the human population has put on the earth’s ecosystems. Here are some of the hard cold facts that I’ve learned:

1. The glaciers and ice sheets that cover the Arctic and Antarctic are shrinking in size at a rapid

- rate due to the excessive burning of fossil fuels.
2. Due to the melting ice, the sea levels around the United States are estimated to rise two feet, eliminating 10,000 miles of land.
3. Deforestation of forested areas has decreased the amount of oxygen in the atmosphere. As a result the damaged ozone layer has allowed harmful rays of sunlight to penetrate the earth’s surface, decreasing overall biodiversity of ecosystems like Australia.
4. “Human-induced climate change has the potential to alter the prevalence and severity of extremes such as heat waves, cold waves, storms, floods and droughts.”
5. Because of increasing temperatures, millions of migrant birds are spending their winters

farther north than 40 years ago. (Some of the above data taken from epa.gov) These factors paint a vivid image of the future of our planet due to over usage of the natural resources available to us. I guess what I’m saying is that global warming is not a question of if it exists, but rather the rate at which it will accelerate. There have been many climate shifts in the millions of years that map out the earth’s history. They have been caused by meteors or other natural disasters in which the earth has been able to coup with. The difference with this climate shift is that it is mostly human induced. The real problem considered the source of global warming can be found within the confines of what we call

“the American dream.” Everyone around the world wants to live their lives to the extent that Americans live, myself included. Over-consumption and careless spending accounts for the world’s demands for the limited natural resources that the earth has to offer. Making money orchestrates the world’s biodiversity and health - and is a mistake to which most people fail to recognize. Wants seem to always outweigh needs, thus producing a society full of individuals who let greed and material gain govern their ambitions. Even if we did have unlimited resources here on earth, the overall, incremental change that needs to take place is in the individual, thinking and acting outward rather than constantly inward.

Civic Duty and the ePortfolio

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If you are reading this, there is a good chance you are a part of Salt Lake Community College, whether it be as a student, faculty or staff member. As a community college, SLCC has some civic duties, which have been appealed to through five learning outcomes for students; to learn a substantial amount of information about their field, communicate effectively, develop quantitative literacy, think critically and be engaged civically. Now we must keep the following in mind - when we sign up to be a part of a place such as SLCC, we inherit these duties as our own, because it isn’t what we as students desire for ourselves that is what makes this school great; our own desires are met through time, effort and dedication to our studies. Part of what makes this a great school is that certain groups within have had the foresight to understand that everyone, no matter how focused, needs direction. Furthermore, we must understand that the College’s duties extend to the state level and that there have to be ways of gauging how effective these duties are being performed. Why, ePortfolio, why? The shortest, simplest answer is that ePortfolios give a directly accessible sample of how the College is performing these civic duties. And do not think that these duties are not civic. Whether life takes us to be a janitor or nuclear physicist, I, for one, hope we all have a tight grasp on these so-called learning outcomes:

- I hope we have learned enough about our fields so we do not get fired due to inability, thereby increasing unemployment and weakening job stability.
- I hope we can communicate effectively as to avoid the myriad of issues that stem from miscommunication; how many times have we fought with a loved one, ruining an otherwise positive day, just because we couldn’t clearly explain our thoughts?
- I hope we develop enough quantitative literacy so we can look at things like poll results objectively and not be misled by various corrupted entities.
- I hope we can think critically and get past arguing over simple political issues and instead focus on the stuff that really matters, such as corruption, racism, sexism and all other extreme and real issues we face on a scale - now greater than ever.
- I hope we understand the importance of being civically engaged, so we can start working together within our communities more often than not.

If we can make an ePortfolio, a painless process that literally takes less than a couple of hours to set up and less than 10 minutes to post work (we should be allotting well over 500 hours per semester for school on a 12 credit schedule) the chances are we will be much more capable of representing these learning outcomes. Do not brush off the chance to be a part of your community and do not miss out on the valuable skills we have a chance to gain while creating and sharing an ePortfolio, because the mere act of creating it is going to take us through a learning experience of its own. Just because it is a new thing does not mean there are no values to be gained, either now or later on in life. Most importantly, remember that we choose to be a part of this college and the civic duties that come with it.

A SLICK LOOK AT SPORTS

The dog days of spring

Ryan McDonald
Staff Columnist

The Salt Lake Community College baseball and softball teams continued their awe-inspiring play last weekend - each sweeping their opponent. A rundown of the action:

SOFTBALL:

The second ranked Lady Bruins made the case for joining their male counterparts atop the national rankings, taking four from the College of Southern Nevada on the weekend. In game one on Friday, ace Ariel Zimmerman notched her 20th victory of the season as Salt Lake cruised, 10-2. Outfielder Kylee Bufton led a balanced attack with a two-run dinger, while Madi White and Shay Wallace also brought two homes during the game via the base knock. Krystin Jachim added an RBI of her own. In game two the Lady Bruins continued their torrid offensive pace winning 12-0. Becky Simonsen was perfect at the plate with three hits while Wallace brought in another three runs. Kylee Colvin and Dezlee Roberts combined to pitch the shutout. The softball sweep was completed on Saturday, as SLCC won 6-2 and 10-3. In game one Zimmerman tossed another brilliant performance, striking out a whopping 14 batters. Savannah Webster and Brooke Budge were both perfect at the plate, combining for six hits, and Krystin Jachim added two hits in the win. In the final game of the weekend the Lady Bruins used two monster innings to take the contest. Scoring five runs apiece in the first and third innings, Salt Lake moved its record to 42-6 on the season. Jachim and Webster continued their hot hitting, combining for 5 base knocks and 5 RBI. Becky Simonsen drove in two herself and Brooke Budge was perfect at the plate.

BASEBALL:

The top ranked Bruins baseball team took four from Colorado Northwestern Community College, extending their record to 40-4. On Friday, a two-run shot from Scott Manning anchored the offense as the Bruins won the first contest, 8-4. Sean Moysh contributed 2 RBIs, while Dom Taylor and Tyson Popoff had two hits apiece. Adam Gunn was solid on the mound striking out five in four innings of work. Game two was won in more dominant fashion, 9-0. Salt Lake pulled away early, scoring five in the second frame. Taylor was 3 for 4, and Eddy Alvarez connected on an RBI triple in the win. Tanner Banks struck out eight in four innings on the mound. It was more of the same on day two action Saturday, as the Bruins outscored CNCC 17-3 over two contests. In the first match, Dom Taylor and Derrick Whitney each hit one out of the ballpark, and Jordan Hager pitched well to lead Salt Lake to a 9-2 win. Eddy Alvarez added two RBIs each. In the rubber match, Sean Moysh failed to connect on a single, just missing out on hitting for the cycle. Kory Raymond and Kyle Bilbrey joined Moysh in the home run party as SLCC won, 8-1 to send CNCC back home winless.

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Greetings *Earthlings*, meet your conscience

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Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “You have just dined, and however scrupulously the slaughterhouse is concealed in the graceful distance of miles, there is complicity.” Therein lies the premise of the harrowing tale told in the 2005 movie *Earthlings*. An earthling, the film reminds us, is simply an inhabitant of earth, with no right above that of any other earthling.

Narrated by Joaquin Phoenix and with a soundtrack scored by platinum-selling recording artist Moby, *Earthlings* describes in gripping documentary form the lopsided relationship human beings have with animals. Though we may not personally slice the cow’s throat, we sure love our quarter-pounder with cheese.

Earthlings shows in vivid detail our dependence on animals for food, entertainment, companionship, and vivisection. It then reminds the viewer the power and control humans have over animals; no matter how obstinate an animal may be, they ultimately must succumb to the will of humankind. The film suggests that with our control over every living thing comes choice, and perhaps responsibility, to become better stewards than we have been thus far to other *Earthlings*.

“This is the single most powerful and informative movie

about society’s treatment of animals,” said Woody Harrelson of *Cheers* fame. Harrelson, Phoenix, and Moby are all devout vegans (A vegan is a person who does not eat or use animal products of any kind.)

A lot of movies cross our paths each year and most are filled to the brim with gimmicks to keep us enrapt and entertained. *Earthlings* does so in eerie, stomach-churning fashion. The images in the film, which in its first frames reminds the viewer are, “industry standard for animals bred as pets, food, clothing, and for entertainment and research” are shocking and repulsive. The myth of ethical animal treatment in slaughterhouses is thoroughly debunked by an overwhelming barrage of grotesque secret footage. Our eating lifestyle is brought into grisly perspective as it peers in to view the atrocities committed in behalf of a meat-obsessed world that kills *10,000 “food animals” per minute*. Viewers must alternately squirm and wince when faced with the stupefying reality they are brought to behold, hardly able to face it, and just as powerless to look away.

Viewers beware: the film has been dubbed by animal rights activists as the “vegan-maker” as it so bluntly and effectively tells of humankind’s cruel treatment of animals on every imaginable level. It demands that we introspect about our

unconscionable ignorance towards our role in the pandemic slaughter of our fellow *Earthlings*.

I know, I know, you’re rushing to a computer to reserve your copy on Netflix right? This film is going to headline the BBQ get together you’re hosting this weekend right? Probably not, *Earthlings* is not easy, palatable viewing.

Watching this film though is not about viewing pleasure, it’s about understanding who you are and the role that is yours on Earth. This movie could be the downer of the century for you, but more likely it will be a gigantic step towards feeling better than you’ve felt in your life. I highly recommend keeping your eyes and ears bravely open for this one. It’s better to face the music than be the ostrich that sticks its head in the sand.

Earthlings came out in 2005, so why review it now? As part of SLCC’s weeklong celebration of Earth Day the movie will be shown at noon on Wednesday, April 20th, 2011 at an event hosted by SLCC’s Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. The screening will occur in the Oak Room at the Student Event Center on Taylorsville Campus. Vegan refreshments will be served and an open discussion will follow the screening. You can also stream the movie for free anytime from the film’s website, www.earthlings.com.

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Thor ready to hammer out the summer

Joseph Meyere
Arts Reporter

Disclaimer: This is a preview (not a review).

Marvel Comics has been dominating the superhero movie industry for the last few years. Non-comic book fans have been introduced to such superhero favorites as the *Fantastic Four*, *Spider-Man* and *Iron Man*, each filled with top of the line graphics and awesome fight scenes. The next superhero Marvel is bringing to the big screen is *Thor*, set for a May 6 release.

Thor follows its title character Thor (Chris Hemsworth, *Star Trek*), an arrogant god-like being from another dimension. His father, Odin (Anthony Hopkins, *Silence of the Lambs*), banishes him to Earth after Thor reignites an ancient war on his home world. Hot on his tail is his brother Loki (Tom Hiddleston), who is bent on taking over Earth. Thor then has to figure out what it means to be a true hero and defend his new home.

Every superhero of course has their own pile of cool powers and abilities to help stop evil - and Thor is no exception. Just like the Norse God for




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which he is named, Thor can wield his powerful magic hammer Mjollnir, as well as control the forces of lightning. On top of that he’s also incredibly strong, impervious to damage and can fly. Comic book fans know well how powerful Thor can be, having been witness to his toe-to-toe battles with Marvel powerhouses like Juggernaut, Hulk and Galactus. If these battles look half as good as they do in the comics, then the film will definitely be a must see.

Thor is part of a series of films that is building up to the *Avengers* movie, set to come out sometime next year. The *Avengers* will have nearly all of Marvel’s recent superhero movie stars revising their roles for a superhero showdown. This includes Robert Downey Jr. as Iron Man, Scarlett Johansson as Black Widow, Samuel L. Jackson as Nick Fury, and Chris Evans as Captain America, whose movie will be joining *Thor* this summer. This is the biggest superhero film undertaking in human history - and promises to pack a super punch like no other.

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