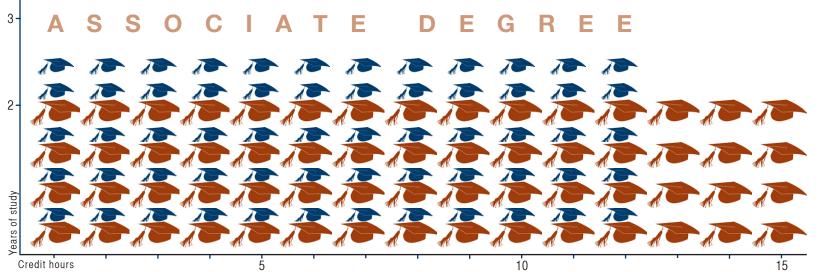
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STUDENT VOICES AND VIEWS FOR THE SLCC COMMUNITY

# '15 to Finish': A campaign to help students graduate on time



Over the course of four semesters, students who take 15 credits a semester will complete the same amount of coursework as those who take 12 credits for five semesters - graduating more quickly and paying less for school.

**Aaron Quintana** 

Staff Writer @aaronqco

Students planning their course schedules should think twice about the number of credits they are taking. Many colleges and universities are encouraging students through the "15 to Finish" campaign to take 15 credit hours each semester in efforts to help students finish their degree on time.

"We know that students who enroll in at least 15 credits finish college faster and can start on a career that provides financial independence and increased lifetime earnings," says Dave Buhler, commissioner of higher education in an interview with Deseret News.

Martin Luther King Jr. promoted

the real American Dream

On average, if students take 15 credits every semester, they'll be able to have an associate degree in two years and a bachelor's degree in four years.

Utahns with degrees earn more than those without degrees. On average, graduates will earn \$8,000 more per year with an associate degree and \$18,000 more with a bachelor's degree.

Apart higher paying jobs, students can save money because they finish school earlier. Taking the right amount of credits per semester can ensure that students graduate on time, get out into the working world faster and start paying off student debt.

Many colleges and universities charge the same amount for 12 credits as they do 15 credits. Studies have shown that students that add a class who are already taking 12 to 14 credits in a semester have better grades.

Though the benefits can be appealing, not all students have the resources or time to take 15 credits every semester.

"Taking the right amount of credits is subjective to each student and needs to be," says Gordon Storrs, academic and career advisor for SLCC. "For most students, they want to get finished as soon as they can, but that is subjective to the

factors when planning their coursework through the semesters. Meeting with an academic advisor can aid in accomplishing the goal of graduating on time. Students can benefit from guidance that comes from a professional that has helped other students achieve their academic goals.

"For most students, [meeting with an advisor] is really essential," says Storrs. "Even if they're really good at self-guiding their education, there are questions they don't ask that a student can be assisted to ask if they have a chance to visit with an advisor."

Even if students have a good

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### circumstances of their lives." Students should consider many

Samir Monges Staff Writer @samirmonges

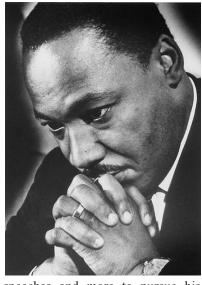
The work of Martin Luther King Jr. as an activist and an American leader of the Civil Rights Movement is an iconic example of the progress of civil rights in the U.S. during the mid twentieth century.

King's charisma and ability to engage citizens and politicians in negotiations about inherent human rights made him one of the greatest black leaders in modern American history, promoting a humanistic concept of the American Dream.

Baptist minister, King contributed in fighting against racial discrimination and segregation through peaceful means and civil disobedience. He opened the way to visualize new definitions of American values applicable to all citizens in an ideal society that has no bounds in terms of race, sex, gender, language or socioeconomic conditions.

Although he faced many obstacles such as jail and even assassination attempts and ultimately assassination, because of his socalled radical perspective of society, he succeeded by guiding a nonviolent fight to secure basic human rights and equality for African-Americans. He also focused his efforts on eliminating poverty and opposed the Vietnam War. However, King's greatest accomplishment was the declared war against racial discrimination in the United States.

Ironically the U.S., regarded as a land of justice, freedom and equal opportunity, enriched itself upon the labor of minorities. King experienced these social issues and was determined to pave the way towards social justice and equality. He organized boycotts, marches,



speeches and more to pursue his humanistic ideals.

"I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character," King said in one of his famous speeches.

Certainly, King had a dream. It was not the "American Dream" as we know it today, which is based on an economic value promoted by a dominant political ideology. King's dream was the real American Dream based on universal human rights: tangible justice, freedom, equity and equal opportunity regardless of color, race, religion, sex or socioeconomic conditions.

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up, live up the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal," King said.

King did not want to accept that there was no hope for minorities. He "refused to believe that there were insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunities of this nation."



See www.globeslcc.com for full feature article.

### Events to honor Martin Luther King Jr.

### Rachael Folland

holiday.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day and remember the events surrounding the march on Washington and Brown vs. The Board of Education. Salt Lake Community College will host a panel discussion and a night of music and story in remembrance of this special

The MLK Humanitarian Awards Ceremony and Panel Discussion will begin at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 29 in the Student Center Oak Room on the Taylorsville Redwood Campus with special guest panelist Sharon Ewell-Foster.

Bestselling author and speaker, Foster has written historical books including the Civil War fiction

"The Resurrection of Nat Turner." On Jan. 20. America will celebrate Her novel, "Passing Samaria," was chosen to be the NAACP Book of the Year in 2000.

Other panelists will include Director of Educational Equity for Granite School District Charlene Lui, SLCC Ph.D. Joshua Gold, SLCC Director of Public Relations Joy Tlou and Diversity Educator and musician Dr. Dennis Slaughter.

Slaughter is the Artistic Director and Founder of the Boston Community Choir and directs the Boston Pops Gospel Choir. He is coming from Massachusetts to participate in the MLK events at SLCC.

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### SLCC now has an app for that

### **Spencer Brown**

Contributing Writer

Released in mid-November, Salt Lake Community College's free mobile app is intended to make life easier for students and teachers.

Ellucian, the same company that provides the banner software for SLCC, powers and provides the framework for the mobile app. This framework made it easy for inputting access to class schedules, grades, holds and Bruinmail. Teachers can check their class rosters, and developers added other features, such as maps and a staff directory.

SLCC Chief Information Officer Bill Zoumadakis was in charge of the project, which started in late June.

"The school has wanted mobility for a long time, we just hadn't found anything. We were looking for a starting point, and this [Ellucian] was a great starting point for us. I

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Sign in screen of SLCC's new mobile app.

don't think by any means it's the end - we want to build upon it," says Zoumadakis.











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### **World Religion Day**

Aaron Quintana

Staff Writer @aaronqco

Religion is something that is very personal, but in the grand scheme of things, beliefs are something that can bring people together. Faith

is relatable and something that is

universally understood. On Wednesday Jan. 15, 1950, the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States founded World Religion Day to promote world unity in religion.

Baha'i scripture states that religion should be the cause of love and agreement, a bond to unify all mankind for it is a message of peace and goodwill to man from God.

World Religion Day is observed the third Sunday of January in the United States and has a rising number of people celebrating the event. Many events take place around the globe including interfaith discussions and conferences.

For those looking to take a closer look at religions around the world, Salt Lake Community College offers new classes this semester including World Religions, Religious Cultures of Asia and Introduction to Buddhism. These courses are taught by Professor Wijitha Bandara from the Humanities Department of SLCC.

Bandara was born in Sri Lanka and became a monk at the age of 12. After spending 20 years in the monasteries, he obtained his Doctorate in Religious Studies from the University of Virginia. After being a visiting scholar at Utah State University, he moved to Salt Lake City.

"It is my hope that students will gain a critical understanding of the many ways peoples and cultures understand their own lives and the world around them," says Bandara. "Students will learn to view religions other than their own from an objective point of view and in a manner that respects the beliefs and practices of others."

Throughout teaching his courses, Bandara hopes that students will recognize the welcoming nature of religion.

"I do not wish to limit students to a narrow approach to religion," says Bandara. "What is important is learning about different religious cultures and how they are shaped and reshaped by human beings throughout history."

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### 10:00am-2:00pm

Hot Chocolate & Doughnuts @ South City Campus

### THURSDAY, 16TH

### 12:00pm-1:30pm

Conversation with Sybrina Fulton Mother of Trayvon Martin @ UofU. Union Ballroom 200 South Central Campus Drive

### 6:00pm-8:00pm

Resumes and Cover Letters Part 1 of Two-Part Workshop @ Sorenson Unity Center, 1383 South

To register call 801-957-2192

### 7:00pm-9:00pm

Literary Connections @ Salt Lake City Public Library, Main 210 East 400 South

### FRIDAY, 17TH

### 6:00pm

"Chicken Run" Free Movie Utah Film Center @ Sorenson Unity Center, 1383 South 900 West

### SATURDAY, 18TH

### 8:30am-12:00pm

**UofU Day of Service** @ UofU Olpin Union, 200 South Central Campus Drive

3:00pm-5:00pm SLCC Women's Basketball vs. Snow College

@ TRC, Student Center 5:00pm-7:00pm

SLCC Men's Basketball vs. Snow College

@ TRC, Student Center

#### MONDAY, 20TH

Martin Luther King Jr. Day **COLLEGE IS CLOSED** 

### 12:00pm

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Luncheon @ Grand America Hotel 555 South Main St.

Cost: \$75, Call: 801-250-5088

### TUESDAY, 21st

### 12:00pm-1:30pm

Thavne Center for Service and Learning: Community Partner Spotlight @ TRC, STC 221-223

### 6:00pm-8:00pm

From Six to Six Hundred Words. Writing Workshop
@ SLCC Community Writing Center - 210

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Due to the high volume of requests for articles we receive, The Globe letter. Due to our limited staff, The Globe may not be able to

may not be able to reply to every attend or cover every event or issue submitted. The Globe encourage emails/notices of events. However, any request of coverage of an event or issue should be made within a time frame of at least one week.

### From Inside the Glass

### Rachael Folland

Assistant Editor **☑**@TheRachEF

This month, America celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day - a day for people to remember the fight for diversity and equality. King was a man who had a dream that people would forget their differences and live together in tranquility.

The struggle for all mankind to be equal did not begin during the civil rights era. Since the dawn of time, things like religion, race, sexuality or ethnicity have all been reasons for people other.

Recently, I watched the film adaptation of the wellknown book by Harper Lee, "To Kill a Mockingbird." Set in Georgia during the Great Depression era, it tells the story of a lawyer who defends a black man accused of rape in a court of law. Although all evidence clearly proves the man's innocence, the allwhite jury's verdict suggests otherwise.

As I reflected on this movie, I thought of how ignorant all of us are. We put lives at stake all because of something as insignificant as skin color. If we only took the time to get hurt ourselves.

### **Martin Luther** King Jr. Day helps us remember

to know people for who they really are instead of only seeing their label or stereotype.

Diversity should be embraced and not a cause for starting wars. In fact, wars are started by people and their inability to accept others' differences.

Having influential people such as Martin Luther King Jr. to wake us up and help us understand that we are all not so different is a beautiful thing. We all have eyes and hearts and breathe the same air – we are all human. No matter what color my hair, or the tone of my skin, to discriminate against each I am human – I eat, breathe and live the same as anyone else.

It's interesting to look back in history and see how far America has come - from slavery to segregation - to now a black president in office. Although this is progress, there is still much more work to be done concerning discrimination and equality.

My hope is that we take holidays, such as Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and remember why we are here in America. We are here to be free and embrace one another. Why waste precious time in our lives trying to hurt another person? In the end, we only

### **MLK Legacy**

Welcome to the Globe's SLCC Talks. A feature where the Globe asks fellow students and staff questions about SLCC issues.

Subjects, questions and responses are found online via our Facebook page, Twitter, or even our own website at GlobeSLCC.com.

In this edition of SLCC Talks, we explore the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. and what he means to students at SLCC.

Q: "What does Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy mean to you?"



**Felix** 

"He wanted to fight for rights for everybody. He wanted to make the world a better place and make it easier for everyone."



Kristian Cook

"It's definitely the end of an era of oppression for a

Slaughter's talents will be

group of people. He was a mover and shaker of the times. The world needs more people like him. [He changed] the ideals of an entire nation. [He] definitely needs to be talked about more."



Craig Neely Photography

"Equality. He led by example. He's a true leader and a great example. It's tough to describe him in a few words. He's a hero."



Leah Harris Photography

"What he did was really important. It helped shape what the country is today."

Also visit us online to share your thoughts on what Martin Luther King Jr. legacy means to you.

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showcased, along with several other performers on Jan. 30 at the South City Campus Grand Theatre. The concert, "In Remembrance of MLK and the Civil Rights Movement Through Story and Song," will be based on the happenings of 1963. Some of King's Speech will be recited, music from the 1960s will be performed and the Brown vs. The Board of Education writings will be highlighted.

The G. Brown Quintet/ G. Brown Jazz Ensemble, Christine Littlefield, Tammy

**DISCUSSION PANEL** 

### **MLK CONCERT**

Wednesday, Jan. 29 @ noon Taylorsville Redwood Campus Student Center Oak Room

Johnson-Stanton will all be featured in Thursday's program. Stanton is an academic Advisor and Club Advisor to the Black Student Union.

Hanson and SLCC's Glory

Throughout the week of Jan. 27, Slaughter and Foster will visit and speak to classes at SLCC.

Community Outreach & Strategic Initiatives Manager Marian Howe-Taylor and Arts & Cultural Events Coordinator Raina Dalby are responsible for planning and organizing the MLK events. They can be contacted at raina.dalby@slcc. edu or marian.howe-taylor@ slcc.edu for information.

Thursday, Jan. 30 @ 7:30 p.m. South City Campus **Grand Theatre** 

## **HORRORS COPE**

### Shad Engkilterra

### Aries Mar 21 – Apr 19

You stand up for what is just because it is just and right.

#### **Taurus** Apr 20 - May 20

Our loyalty to the country should be measured by our ability to lead the nation to higher heights of democracy and the great dream of justice and humanity.

#### Gemini May 21 – Jun 20

There should always be room for dissent. We've come to a tragic period in our nation when we equate dissent with disloyalty.

#### Cancer Jun 21 – July 22

It is necessary to have these moments of dissent in order something that may be because of ancestry, or

# down the wrong path.

July 23 - Aug 22 Until we can look at something that look like us and not have if we become victimized preconceived notions about who and what that is, we're always going to be in the

### Vigro Aug 23 – Sep 22

or other.

There's no greater heresy than to do the right thing for the wrong reason. We've got to prove our moral power. Libra

Sep 23 – Oct 22 It is possible to be militant

and yet non-violent. Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 21

There is no justifiable to challenge reason for discrimination can make a tremendous

# leading the whole nation religion, or race, or color

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#### or sexual orientation. Sagittarius Nov22 - Dec 21

In a time of Horrorscope

Violence must doesn't come from any of us for with violent intents, we will have walked in vain. Capricorn

middle of some sort of war Dec 22 – Jan 19 Learn, baby, learn, so that you can earn, baby,

### Aquarius Jan 20 – Feb 18

Where there darkness, crimes will be committed. The guilty one is not merely he who commits the crime, but he who causes the darkness. 35

### **Pisces** Feb 19 - Mar 20

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Horrorscope is a parody meant for entertainment only proving that the universe doesn't revolve around you. The Globe denies any resemblance to anything living or dead. The brotherhood of man will become a reality; all of God's children will be able to join hands and sing "Free at Last."

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idea of how they want to plan their education, having a guide can be useful throughout their career. Even the best student can have difficulties that can be aided by an advisor, family or friends.

"For many it's easy to get distracted and take breaks and then never come back," says Storrs. "It's really important that some people have that cheerleader in their life.

For more information on the "15 to Finish" campaign www.15tofinishutah. visit com

For more information about academic advising at SLCC visit www.slcc.edu/ academicadvising.



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### Welcome Back to SLCC!

2014 brings with it a renewed sense of hope and the lure of a new beginning. Whether you have been with us for some time or are brand new to the college, you are stepping into a wholly new semester, one which will play out in many shades of success.

I challenge you this semester to try on new styles; reach deeper into your own learning, inhabit the gap between what you know you should do to be successful and what you do, keep the end in mind as you pursue your goals. And continually draw on the strengths you have as a student.

Learning is a luxury...a gift. Try to remember this even when the stress of papers and research and analysis creeps upon you. Take advantage of this new semester and make it the best one yet...

Enjoy your journey...

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### Save your health and money with a call to your elected officials

### Shad Engkilterra

Assistant Editor 💟 @Shadexaminer

The first day of the Utah State Legislative session for their representative. 2014 is Jan. 27, 2014, and your financial and physical health are on the line. Don't be fooled you can act now to positively influence your representative on the Hill before the session even starts.

Based on Salt numbers, Community College students could have a significant impact on the governing body that holds the keys to funding higher education in the state. to belch the untreated remains you just need to be informed While the Board of Regents of medical waste through its and participate. has authorized an increase in bypass stack and the refineries tuition at SLCC each of the last

or \$640 for a full-time course approved permits, residents

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> about the air quality, you should support of them. You are the be. While Stericycle continues government in a democracy; pump heavy metals and other contact

> load, students can change that along the Wasatch Front with a call, email or letter to are paying a heavy price in medical fees, reduced lung Even if only half of the capacity, lower childhood government through low sperm count. The cost to \$1 billion in medical treatment.

There are a number of bills them will be passed without If you are not concerned a call from constituents in

For your representatives' information, 10 years for about 68 percent chemicals into the air on state le.utah.gov/GIS/findDistrict.jsp.

## Letter to the Editor - eLearning

I just read the article in the Dec. 4, 2013 Globe regarding online vs. on-campus classes. I have an interesting perspective because I am a full-time student, taking both online and on-campus courses, as well as the administrative assistant in the eLearning Division. I am disappointed in this article and wanted to address some concerns.

First, there are points in this article that are not accurate. One inaccuracy is that there are several instructors who teach online who do not teach on-campus.

The second is the information given at the end of the article regarding who to contact for more information. eLearning has its own Support Desk. If a student is interested in online courses, we want them to contact eLearning so that they can receive accurate information regarding online classes. If they are interested in registering, then Enrollment Services is the correct avenue to take, but if they are interested in more information regarding "eCampus," they need to be directed to eLearning. This article does not even mention the eLearning Division, let alone contact information.

My biggest concern regarding this article is that the writer, Bryan Gonzalez, did not interview anyone in eLearning. I'm not sure how an article can be written regarding eLearning (online classes), and especially a comparison article, without speaking to anyone in eLearning.

In eLearning, we have Instructional Designers who, along with Faculty, design the online courses. We also have Instructional Technologists who support Faculty with their courses in Canvas, a Support Desk who answer calls, participate in live chats, and respond to e-mails from students with questions and concerns, and classroom technology specialists who install and maintain things like projectors in classrooms. We also have the Learning Center in our Division who tutor students with problems in their courses, as well as Testing Services where students go to take their online quizzes and tests. This is valuable information that students should be made aware of. Unfortunately, it does not appear that Bryan did much research on this issue.

It is disappointing because, as a student, I want to be able to see pros and cons of both online and on-campus courses if I am reading an article which compares the two. There are two students who gave comments, which is helpful. A student's prerogative is huge! Complete information on both sides is also extremely important. My hope is that there will be a followup article written for next month's issue. I hope that complete and thorough research will be done to allow students the opportunity to understand both options. There are several people within the eLearning Division who would be happy to sit down and answer questions.

Thank you for your time, Heidi Manwell Administrative Assistant

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## The Legend of Hercules': Wherein he tries too hard to be Leonidas

**Stephen Romney** StudioFantasma





Kellan Lutz stars in "The Legend of Hercules" as the son of Zeus, conceived as a result of a desperate plea by his mother Alcmene, played by Roxanne McKee to the goddess Hera for a way to stop the power hungry King Amphitryon, played by Scott Adkins.

When Hercules is caught showing his affections to his brother's promised bride, played by Gaia Weiss, he is sent to Egypt by the king who hopes to have him killed prior to his eldest son Iphicles, played by Liam Garrigan, who is ascending to the throne.

This film has gotten as far away from the source material name only.

While the distance from attempt to rip off both "300" games. This is chiefly seen believable hero in general. through the overuse of mostly unimpressive CGI.

and it really shows. The fake- seriously.



For a depiction of a Greek myth, it feels very Roman don't you think? Pictured: Radoslav Parvanov as the fighter Half-Face (Left) and Kellan Lutz as Hercules (Right).

looking CGI looks phonier, and the green screen effects interpretation of Hercules, as possible. Without getting look worse, than what you nor was it even a good into some of the real nitpicks, would see in television shows adventure film. It felt like this demigod is Hercules in such as "Once Upon a Time" someone was playing "God or "Legend of the Seeker."

the source material could be poor man's Chris Hemsworth, watching "300" mixed with forgiven as artistic license, making even Liam Hemsworth episodes of "Spartacus," that doesn't give the film look like Sir Lawrence Olivier. only to jump up and suddenly an excuse to be a desperate His acting, while showing decide to make a movie. It potential, didn't create a very felt like the director was too and the "God of War" video believable Hercules, or even a ambitious for his own good.

slow-motion the film is mostly reluctant want to wait for the Dwayne sequences that didn't need to in showing the supernatural Johnson film coming out this be in slow-motion as well as and fantastical elements of summer, at least wait for some really poorly produced the myth, only to suddenly "The Legend of Hercules" introduce those elements to come to Netflix if you're This movie was converted during the third act and that desperate. Otherwise, to 3D during post-production, expect the audience to take it just watch the Kevin Sorbo

This was not a good of War" and "Ryse: Son of Lutz comes across as a Rome" while intermittently

If you're really craving This is not helped by how some Hercules and don't

## 'Lone Survivor' would have worked better as a docu-drama

**Stephen Romney** 







we have to be careful in how propaganda or stern morality plays, today's audiences call for survival, the harsh questions of morality and sanity both inside and outside the war zone, as well as showing that not speak for the whole of a nation.

that cost the lives of 19 the author Marcus Luttrell,

played by Mark Wahlberg, survived the event.

a things as realistically and at the very least, he gave a moderately interesting period even-handedly as possible, very realistic performance. in our nation's history where while still attempting to tell It's definitely one of the better a cohesive story. We spend performances he's given in we address topics unique to a little bit of time getting to recent history. our nation's military. While in know the various characters, the past it was easy to create which helps us understand the film does the job of telling melodramas impact the losses had on the a realistic story that doesn't main character.

more sophisticated stories realism of this film, but there glorify the exploits of the that address themes such as was something a tad off about military. It does feel like it it. It felt like the kind of lost its focus as it was being film that changed its artistic made, but it's a movie worth direction at some point checking out if you're looking during production, or at the for something covering more those we face in combat do very least, post-production. I say this because we're given details at the end that were release last year to qualify for These are the themes I saw not clearly communicated the Oscars, "Lone Survivor" in "Lone Survivor," which is in the film proper. Also, based on a firsthand account the dedication to the fallen chance for this awards season. of an operation in Afghanistan soldiers felt more like something you would've seen worn by the SEALs, this film soldiers, and documents how in a documentary instead of a blends in among the other narrative feature film.

The only remaining praiseworthy topic would While this film isn't as have to be Wahlberg's grim as "All Quiet on the performance. While he didn't Western Front," it does present really disappear into the role,

Set in Afghanistan, the try to demonize the Afghani I praise the intensity and people, nor does it try to recent conflicts.

While they did a limited doesn't really have a strong Much like the camouflage contenders a little too well.



The film does a decent job of developing the ill-fated four man team and their relation to the main character. From left to right: Taylor Kitsch, Mark Wahlberg, Ben Foster, and Emile Hirsch.

Aldo Gomez

# 'Dr. Luigi': A bittersweet pill to swallow

3.5/5 To finish off the Year of Luigi, Nintendo adds a new twist to the classic Dr. Mario franchise by putting the green brother in charge of prescriptions. For Wii U

To finish off the Year of Luigi, the green plumber receives a Ph.D. and his own Doctor game.

"Dr. Mario" revolves around eliminating viruses by using color coded pills, matching them in lines of three or more in order to remove them from the field. "Dr. Luigi" adds some changes to the formula and while it makes it a different experience, an L shape isn't enough to swallow the \$15 price tag.

The biggest and best change to the series comes from one of the three included game modes, Operation L. Operation L replaces the classic pill by sticking two pills together that form an L shape block. The bigger blocks mean that a miscalculation can have harder consequences, but it's still an easy task to clean out viruses.

The L shape isn't the only change to the gameplay; when playing in multiplayer a combo no longer results in

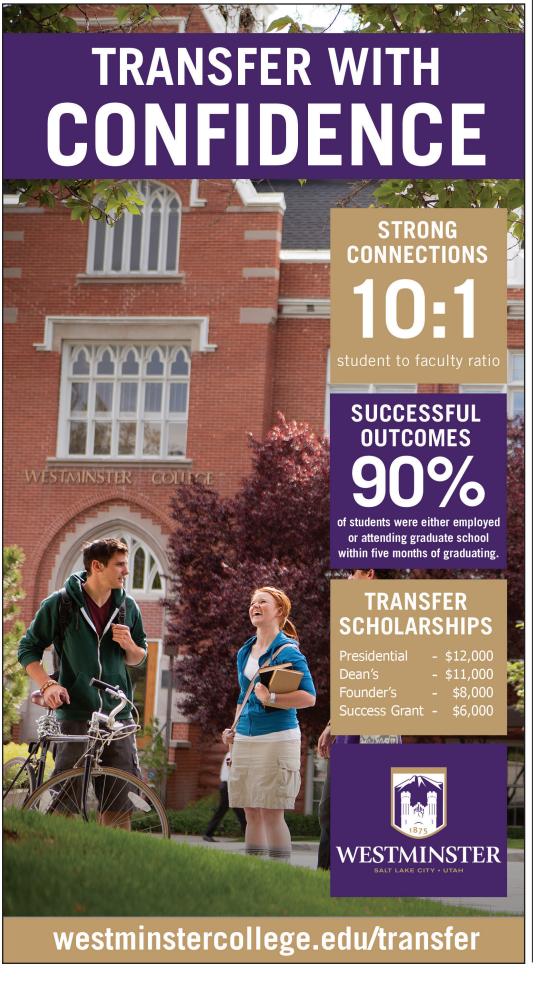
combination of their next pill at the last moment. Though not a seemingly punishing attack, veteran players that focus on planning ahead are player-matching in online severely crippled, forcing them to rethink strategy.

modes are Retro Remedy and Virus Buster. Retro Remedy takes away the "Dr. Luigi" changes and reverts to the classic "Dr. Mario" gameplay. Virus Buster takes a break from the hectic pill popping and dropping experience and slows down the gameplay while utilizing the Wii U touch pad to drag pieces down. The mood is light as pills drop slowly and prolonged play starts dropping more pills, up to three at a time, to put into better, but it's still a solid place.

perfect update as none of give it a score of 3.5 out of 5.

The classic Nintendo title sending extra colored blocks the multiplayer allows for into your enemies' screen, but more than two players at a rather you change the color time, even when previous iterations have included four player matches. Another problem that may be off putting to new players is the matches. Players are ranked internationally by skill, but The two remaining game the ranking is not taken into consideration when matchmaking, meaning that a new player might be matched against veteran professionals, making for a sour experience.

One new mode doesn't justify a five dollar price increase when there is a cheaper version available; however, better online servers and cute graphics might sweeten the deal for some. "Dr. Luigi" could've done experience for lovers of the "Dr. Luigi" is not a green plumber and for that I



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## SLCC women's basketball soars over Golden Eagles

Walker Gale

for the Bruins, as the women's dime to guard Summer Yack basketball team completely demolished their in-state rival Utah State University-Eastern 16 minutes left in the second (USU-E) 82-63. This was the half. Bruins 11th consecutive win.

Lake Community College to establish an 11 point cushion with about five minutes left in the first half, and due to has led us to this success," tremendous team chemistry says Riggs. and solid defense, the Bruins overwhelmed USU-E.

assist to turnover ratios in the country; when your team half was simply too much. is wanting to pass more than shoot, a lot of good can mark, power forward Bella happen," says sophomore Swan finished with a layup guard Natalie Parsons.

Sophomore power forward Britney Johnson had an eight minutes left in the exceptional game but really shined in the first half, dropping 13 of her 19 points, adding a strong eight boards another three, then two backand swiping two steals.

Starting the second half, Bruins up 75-56. the Bruins did not let up the pressure as sophomore majestic when it comes to

Jan. 11 marked a great day the following play, drops a who converts a corner three. This put SLCC up 53-36 with

Riggs had an impressive It didn't take long for Salt game as well dishing out 10 assists and dropping 10 points for the double-double.

"Working as a team is what

USU-E tried to stick with the Bruins but to no avail; "We have one of the best the offensive onslaught that SLCC put on them the second

> Around the 14-minute from the post.

Then with approximately game, Parsons caught fire yet again; starting with a stifling 3-pointer, followed up with to-back layups. This put the

Although Parsons is

point guard Mercedes Riggs scoring, she also has the ability splashes a 3-pointer and on to pass, and she takes pride in

> "I love getting the assist just as much as scoring because it doesn't matter who scores; it just matter[s] that the team scores, and sometimes, making a sick pass is better than hitting a shot," says Parsons.

> The Bruins take every game seriously because they have an agenda that they plan on fulfilling.

> "USU-E in conference, and we want to win our conference, so any game is super important to us," says Riggs.

It was another appreciable home victory for the Bruins; as the season rolls forward, their bonds and knowledge of one another continues to fuel their success.

"We have the type of chemistry that we know each other's strengths and weaknesses and know how to play according to those; it just makes the game easier when you know what to expect from the girl next to you," says Parsons.



Natalie Parsons drains a three on USU-Eastern.

Photo by Chris Crayton

### 5 Reasons to attend an SLCC basketball game

Bryan Gonzalez Contributing Writer

Lake Community No. 3: It's free College's No. 10 women's record. The men's basketball no brainer. team is No. 20 in the country No. 4: Division I talent and got off to a hot start to the season going 17-3.

to go support the Bruins:

### No. 1: Be the X-factor

crowds are a large reason for 2014-15 season. this statistic. You can literally No. 5: Socialize be part of a victory by cheering Sports is a great avenue for on the Bruins.

changing the momentum of in a different environment. the game by starting a chant should you scream nonsense or men's game starts at 5 p.m.

slurs, but finding creative ways to intimidate opponents can be both challenging and rewarding.

All SLCC students get into basketball opened with an games free with their OneCard. impressive 16-4 start that As college students, anything includes an eleven game win free is worth doing. If you are a streak and a 5-0 conference sports fan at all, this should be a

You can say that you saw them before they were on the big Here are the top five reasons stage. The Bruins have produced quality Division I players just in the last few years, including Home court advantage is BYU guard Skyler Halford, real. In the NCAA, from 1947- former BYU guard Craig Cusick 2009, the home team won 68.8 and Bruin guard Gary Payton II percent of the time according who recently signed his intent to to Discovery News. Home play for Oregon State during the

meeting other SLCC students No. 2: Game within the game outside of a classroom setting. Being a fan is a game in Instead of trying to solve a and of itself. Finding a way to math equation or doing some help your team by getting in awkward role-play assignment, the opposing team's head or you can interact, cheer or relax

The Bruins next home games is something only fans have will be Jan. 18 vs. Snow College. the power to do. By no means The women tip off at 3 p.m. The

### Bruin men's basketball causes turbulence for USU-Eastern Golden Eagles

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Although Utah State University-Eastern (USU-E) is ranked an outstanding No. 11 in the country, the Salt Lake Community College men's basketball team proved why that spot should be theirs when they dismantled the eagles 90-74 on Jan. 11.

Leading off the game, the Bruins immediately get the ball to their well-rounded 6-foot-11 center Neil Monson, who converts a post move from the block. Setting the tone for how they are going to approach the game. Monson leads all scorers with a staggering 26 points and seven boards.

"We were able to get me the ball in spots where I can be successful. Coach Phillips has worked a lot on throwing the ball into the post, and my teammates did a great job in finding me and making my job easier," says Monson.

The Bruins establish a very aggressive play style early by knocking down open shots and attacking the basket strong.

Around three minutes into the game, SLCC was up 7-2, partially due to the quick 5 points that 6-foot-6 freshman guard De'Sean Parsons dropped. First hitting an open 3-pointer and then slithering his way into the lane for a tough layup.

Parsons finishes with a double-double scoring 26 points and snatching 10 rebounds.

The assault doesn't stop there. Sophomore shooting specialist Jaden Jackson chimes in with his first bucket sparking a fire and putting SLCC up 11-4 with approximately 15 minutes left in the first half. Jackson finishes with 15 points and two assists.

"I honestly felt good in warm ups, and I try to think I'll always be on, but after my second jump shot went down I knew I was locked in," says

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says Monson.

Gary Payton II dunks over the USU-Eastern defense.

Jackson.

does everything in their power on a fast break and throws shots just aren't falling.

SLCC takes advantage of and the Bruins are ecstatic. most of their opportunities the 6-minute mark. When the Bruins down; they prepared to Golden Eagles try to make play the Eagles properly and their comeback, bringing the then executed resulting in a opportunities that we had," score within 5 at score 26-21, defined victory. the score never looks like that again; the Bruins regroup and strike again.

Gary Payton II goes into beast mode and snatches 10 rebounds, while strategically dishing out an amazing 14 assists and adding 9 points.

"I just try to make everyone around me better and bring energy to the team, and me doing a lot of everything makes it easier for the other guys," says Payton.

During the midway point in the second half is when the game took a turn for the better. SLCC begins to play a fluid style fueled by energy and excitement.

Jackson drains 3-point shots, and Monson doesn't let up from muscling around the block. At 265 pounds, he's hard to contain when he gets the right position.

With 14 minutes on the "We packed in our defense In the first half, USU-E clock, guard Parsons gets out to prevent drives and were aware of their shooters, so we to stick close to the Bruin's down a monstrous dunk on made it really tough for them brutal attack; however, their No. 44 for the Golden Eagles to score. We are a defense Teotonio Do; the crowd erupts, oriented team and play at a different pace than most There was no way the [junior college] teams, so that but slips up slightly around Golden Eagles could slow the definitely upset their rhythm. We also shared the ball really well and took advantage of the



Photo by Lindsay Daniels Neal Monson (30) hits a jumper over USU-Eastern's defense.



