Kiger features Latino Voices
Utah State University’s acclaimed Latino Voices Project will start including stories from local youth. The project aims to capture what it means to be Hispanic in northern Utah through personal narratives housed in the North Logan Historical Special Collections and Archives. Three Utah State University students will discuss the collection at Kiger Hour on "Day at Cult Cafe.”

The Latino Voices Project was established in 2007 by folklorist Randyl Williams after he found they were underrepresented in the archive. The collection should be included in Northern Utah’s cultural narrative. The project will be hosted by student volunteers.

Dillard's to close, student jobs end
BY ZACH WALLIN

Dillard's in the Cache Valley Mall will close its doors and say goodbye to Logan at the end of March.

Dillard's has roughly 55 employees, including many USU students, who will find themselves out of a job.

Dillard's will offer the option to employees to transfer to another store either in Utah or another state. However, this option does not work for every employer, especially students in Logan.

There are companies in Logan hiring new employees. With the number of people leaving on missions to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, companies are beginning the search for new employees.

Alisa Coleman, a Dillard’s regional manager for the past two years, said many of the current employees are transferring to the Dillard’s in the Fashion Place Mall in Murray.

Professors in departments who are working with, or working for families who have jobs at Dillard’s said, "This closing is going to impact them a lot.

"Julie Bull, the company’s spokesperson, said there have been a few other store closings both in Kansas and Virginia due to lack of sales. "The Logan store actually had a really good last quarter," Bull said.

Bull said the closing of the stores in Kansas and Virginia and the Logan store is part of a process called strategic store closing. "We look at the performance of the store and a number of factors and a decision is made by our senior management team," Bull said. "We don't like to close locations.

Dillard’s must clear out inventory before the official closing of the store. "The department store was a ZCMI until it was purchased by Dillard's in 2004. Dillard’s has five other Utah stores in Murray, Sandy, Ogden, Provo and St. George. The company, founded in 1908, has 304 stores nationwide in 29 states. None of the other stores located in Utah are scheduled to close.

Signs adorn the doors of the Dillard’s store in the Cache Valley Mall. The store is set to close at the end of March. (MCKELLE HAYES photo)

Sigs Cadets participate in training exercises. Photos courtesy USU Army ROTC.

Female cadets eligible for combat role
BY SARA DAVIS

Recent changes in Washington are beginning to change the face of the United States military.

Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta said the military will allow women to serve in combat positions. Prior to this, women's ground combat experience has been limited to logistics on the part of women. Women were allowed to serve in a small portion of military assignments due to many factors including strength, stamina and living conditions.

Military women will be able to move up in the military pursuing combat experience. The difference is being researched.

Maj. Ammon Campbell of the US Army ROTC said the program is leadership development program with its lower-division courses giving any student training to develop skills to be a better person and leader. The ROTC offers upper-division courses for juniors and seniors.

The ROTC program is established in 213 primary universities and has hundreds of other satellite locations.

After completing the ROTC program, cadets can enter one of the 10 basic branches such as infantry, armor and artillery.

"Today we are acting to expand the opportunities for women to serve in the United States armed forces and to better align our policies with the experiences we have had over the past few decades," said Gen. Martin Dempsey during a press conference following the announcement.

Campbell said opportunities for women leaving USU will be expanded for female cadets as well as positions open to women to doors. Some will take more time than others due to factors including physical tests and job requirements.

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"The young women who have tended to be Hispanic in northern Utah are being encouraged to participate in training exercises. The Latino Voices Project will start including stories from local youth. The project aims to capture what it means to be Hispanic in northern Utah through personal narratives housed in the North Logan Historical Special Collections and Archives. Three Utah State University students will discuss the collection at Kiger Hour on "Day at Cult Cafe.”

The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies is also starting up. The project will be hosted by student volunteers.

Three Utah State students were hired to help build the project.

The project will be funded by a $2,500 grant from the Utah Humanities Council.

ChAaSS to present Lillywhite award

The ChAaSS Dean’s Office is looking for outstanding students, Ray L. and Elaine Hoopes Lillywhite University Scholars. The Lillywhite endowment is an extraordinarily generous one which has benefited dozens of students in past years. University Scholars are characterized by being undergraduate students who demonstrate one and need. Typically, they should be upper-division students attending full-time.

Lillywhite Scholars are expected to be enrolled for both fall and spring terms. Students selected for this honor agree to express their gratitude to the endowment trustee.

Each scholar will receive $2,000, which is divided between the two terms. Those wishing to apply should submit the online application found on the Dean’s website or on facebook.

Aggies pick up new coordinator

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