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She didn't have to leave California
to be a Wildcat.



Lisa Kiyohara's first trip to northern Utah was in April 2019. Her husband and two daughters came with her for a "mini vacation." Item number one on Lisa's itinerary: Graduate from Weber State University.

Yes, graduate, from a university she had never even visited, but one she had come to know well over three years as a student in the **School of Radiologic Sciences' independent study program**. An ultrasound technologist at a busy acute care hospital in California, Lisa had been taking online classes from her home base in Los Angeles County since 2016.

Lisa already had an associate's degree from a community college in Costa Mesa, California, but she wanted to explore the options that having a bachelor's degree would offer in education and health care leadership. So, she started to research universities.

"I first heard about Weber State from a colleague who graduated from WSU," she said. "I visited the

school website and was impressed with the graduate testimonials. When I learned that I could obtain my bachelor's degree in diagnostic medical sonography and advanced radiologic sciences, I was convinced Weber State was perfect for me."

With 28 years in the field of radiology, Lisa already had enough clinical hours; she just needed to finish a few courses. She appreciated being able to do that on her own time.

"My family and work commitments made it challenging to have consistent timeframes to attend traditional-scheduled classes," she said. "The program director, **Diane Kawamura**, was instrumental in tailoring my education to my needs."

Lisa plans to pursue a leadership role in radiology. "The radiology field continually ignites my interest, as each patient presents with unique signs and symptoms," she said. "There is no one-size-fits-all diagnostic answer."

For more information about WSU's School of Radiologic Sciences, visit weber.edu/radsci.



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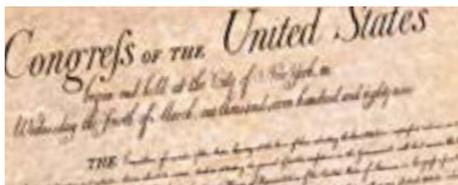
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What did Wildcats do this summer? They traveled the world as part of 30 different study abroad trips, visiting far-flung destinations such as Dubai, Ecuador and Rwanda. The WSU Alumni Association also hosted two trips to Greece and Costa Rica.



When asked what they enjoyed most, participants had a hard time choosing. "I can't quite pick one experience because my entire experience was absolutely amazing and life changing," said one. Another reported, "I loved the architecture and the food! I loved to see the culture up close and personal — how people eat, live, work. It was great!"



WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

The Doctor *Nurse* Will See You Now

Presenting WSU's First Doctoral Program, the Doctor of Nursing Practice

Weber State's new Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree meets a community need, while training students for the highest level of nursing practice.

Beginning this fall, the DNP will help combat issues stemming from a physician shortage by preparing nurses to care for patients as physicians would.

"Our Doctor of Nursing Practice allows the graduate to become completely independent in the state of Utah and practice at a level where they can give diagnoses, order labs and take care of their patients in every way," said **Susan Thornock**, Annie Taylor Dee School of Nursing chair.

"The DNP is the first doctoral-level degree in the allied health program at WSU," said **Bryan Maynard**, a flight nurse

for Intermountain Life Flight who enters the program this fall. "I thought it would be exciting to be part of history at the university and in the community."

The DNP offers two educational pathways: The Leadership program prepares nurses for executive roles, and the Family Nurse Practitioner program trains nurses as leaders in clinical practice.

"Once I obtain this degree, there are so many different opportunities I can go toward," Maynard said. "I really have no idea which path I will pursue, but having options is a good problem to have."

Making *Costume Design History*

Theatre arts graduate **Victoria “Toria” Snow** captured a Weber State first: the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival grand prize for costume design.

Snow was recognized for her creations for the WSU production of *The Cripple of Inishmaan*, a dark comedy about a young man in the 1930s who dreams of escaping his remote town on the Irish coast when he’s cast in a Hollywood movie filmed on the island.

Snow created intricately designed, traditional clothing worn by the people of Inishmaan, complete with complex stitches and patterns that represented the isle’s different clans. Her originality and authenticity led to a regional first place honor and subsequent trip to the Kennedy Center, where she wowed a panel of national judges with her costume designs and presentation.

“Toria has a unique ability to collect knowledge

from those around her and transform it into something new,” said performing arts professor **Catherine Zublin**, Toria’s faculty mentor. “She uses materials from her study of art and theater to craft both her artwork and theatrical designs. Her costume designs are well researched and conceived and always help the actors create believable characters.”

The prize included a trip to the 2019 Prague Quadrennial of Performance Design and Space, the largest international festival of theater and stage design.

Snow is currently pursuing a master’s degree in costume design at California State University Fullerton.

Photos by david photography, courtesy of the Teriha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities



Parade of Homes Showcase

The Northern Wasatch Parade of Homes featured its first affordable net-zero home this summer thanks to a unique partnership with Weber State, Habitat for Humanity of Weber and Davis Counties, Dominion Energy, Rocky Mountain Power, Davis Technical College and Ogden-Weber Technical College.

The 2,160-square-foot house belongs to a mother and six children who lost their home to the tornado that hit Ogden in 2016. After the tornado, the family was separated, with some of the children living with relatives.

The home, located at 450 15th Street in Ogden, demonstrates the ways in which existing houses can be retrofitted to achieve net-zero energy, meaning the home is fully powered by renewable energy sources.

Training Cyber Security Defenders

Fifteen Weber State University management information systems (MIS) graduates from the Class of 2019 continued their educational pursuits at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), home to the U.S. News & World Report’s No. 1-ranked graduate program for information technology and management. Six completed a summer fellowship program; nine began their master’s degrees.

Recognizing the need for highly skilled cybersecurity and information systems professionals, WSU associate



professor of MIS **Randy Boyle** collaborated with industry leaders to develop an innovative formula of curriculum and instruction to meet industry demand, and prepare students for advanced degrees.

Boyle’s students have been successfully competing for placements in the CMU summer fellowship for several years. In 2018, nine of the 25 students in the fellowship were selected from WSU, and in 2019, six of the 30

were from WSU. CMU covers all fellowship costs. Students who finish the program and are admitted to a master’s program at CMU automatically qualify for a scholarship covering at least half of tuition, a \$55,000 value.

In 2019, Boyle also spearheaded a partnership where his students vie for limited spots in CMU’s master’s programs.





In My Shoes ...

When you tell a story from your perspective, it helps the listener better understand and connect to you, the storyteller. To encourage an empathetic approach to hearing others' viewpoints, opinions or beliefs, WSU's Center for Community Engaged Learning has chosen the theme of "In My Shoes ..." for its 2019-20 Engaged Learning Series (ELS).

Events will focus on finding and sharing stories and perspectives that may otherwise be untold or underrepresented and will encourage civil dialogue.

Since 2012, the Weber State community has engaged in a campuswide conversation around a single topic. The first three years focused on themes of water, air and food. Civility and matters of fact were recent discussions. The series attempts to raise awareness, impact personal behavior and increase public engagement.

Advancing Weber State

Following a national search, **Betsy Mennell** has been named vice president of University Advancement. Mennell comes to WSU from Regis University in Denver. No stranger to the Big Sky Conference, she spent 18 years at Northern Arizona University in a variety of roles, including vice president for Development and Alumni Engagement. She is especially proud of her philanthropic work to provide opportunities for underserved populations. Mennell holds a doctoral degree in educational administration from The University of Texas at Austin.

Mennell said she was impressed by WSU's commitment to student success and its outstanding reputation as a dual-mission university, serving a wide variety of students, from those seeking certificates and workforce training to those pursuing graduate degrees.

An outdoor enthusiast, Mennell also plans to take advantage of Ogden's mountains and trails.



Photo by Benjamin Zaack



Expanding Apprenticeships With \$2M Grant

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) awarded \$2 million to Weber State University to lead a collaboration of Utah technology groups and businesses in an effort to expand apprenticeships.

Known as the Utah Computing Apprenticeship Collaborative (UCAC), the group has made a long-term commitment to supply computing talent to Utah companies.

According to the DOL, the apprenticeships are specifically intended for underrepresented groups including veterans, women, people of color and Americans transitioning from the criminal justice system. Those who receive an apprenticeship will begin at 60% of full salary and receive a wage increase with each training or education benchmark met, with the ultimate goal of full employment.

Weber State will manage the overall project and its funding and also lead a higher-education consortium through the creation of new and innovative curriculum and training materials.

Celebrating Inauguration Oct. 5-12, 2019

Weber State University is planning a full slate of events to warmly welcome its 13th president, Brad Mortensen. Join us for the festivities!

- Oct. 5: Mt. Ogden Hike
- Oct. 7: National Summit on Dual Mission Institutions in Higher Education
- Oct. 9: Day of Service
- Oct. 10: Inauguration
- Oct. 11: WSU Salutes
- Oct. 12: Homecoming football game versus Southern Utah

Details will be posted at weber.edu/inauguration as they become available.



Q & A with New WSU Film Program Director

Weber State University recently launched its film and digital media studies program. Award-winning filmmaker **Ashkan “Ash” Soltani-Stone**, newly hired assistant professor of film and digital media studies, answers questions about the program and about his filmmaking.



Q: What excites you most about the new film and digital media studies program at WSU?

A: I am excited about the interdisciplinary approach among the visual art and design, communication, and English departments, which will promote collaboration between film students and faculty from different fields of study.

Q: What will students gain by pursuing a degree in film and digital media studies?

A: Students who enter the program will gain skills that are immediately marketable.

Educated film and digital media professionals are being sought not only by the entertainment industry but also by regional and international businesses, nonprofits, health care providers, and science and research foundations that are searching for specialists who can tell their stories to the public and to potential donors.

Q: If you could make one film right now and had the resources for it, what theme would it have?

A: I recently wrote a screenplay (inspired by a true story) for a feature-length comedy about the misadventures of two aging “headbangers” who escape the nursing home to attend a heavy metal festival. I believe comedy is an ideal format to deal with serious themes such as melancholy and mortality in a subtle way.

Soltani-Stone earned his Master of Fine Arts in Film and Media Production from the University of Utah.

In his films, Soltani-Stone explores a wide range of topics such as affordable housing, immigrant workers, indigenous land rights and subversive music. Soltani-Stone's latest project, *Rez Metal*, is a feature-length documentary about the heavy metal music scene and underground youth culture on the Navajo Nation Reservation.

Soltani-Stone established the film production program at Minnesota State University, Mankato and taught at the AMDA College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts and Whittier College in Los Angeles before joining WSU.

Innovative Degree Combines Love of Language, Culture

What happens when a business's wildly popular U.S. slogan means something entirely different in another country? The business suffers a blunder of international proportions. Take Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC), for example. Its slogan, when translated into the Chinese language for the fast-food chain's opening in Qianmen, Beijing, in 1987, changed from “It's Finger Lickin' Good” to the not-so-appetizing “Eat Your Fingers Off.”

While KFC made a comeback, becoming the most popular fast-food restaurant in China, the translation oversight demonstrated the need for translators with localization skills — experts in language and culture.

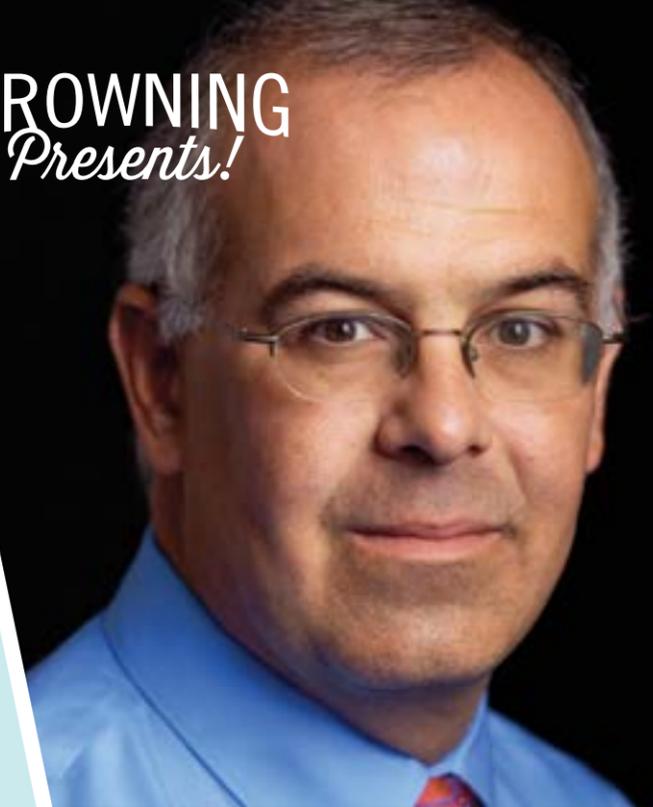
Demand for these individuals is even higher today due to increased globalization. In fact, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects employment of interpreters and translators to grow 18 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations, and for starting salaries to begin at \$50,000.

On the forefront of localization education, Weber State University's Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities is the only state institution in Utah offering an associate's degree in localization.

In addition to localization, the Lindquist College is also offering a new bachelor's degree in Spanish translation. For an overview of these two exciting and industry-needed programs, visit weber.edu/foreignlanguages.



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Currently a commentator for PBS' *Newshour* and NPR's *All Things Considered*, **David Brooks** has years of experience as a journalist, having worked for *The New York Times*, *The Weekly Standard*, *Newsweek*, *The Atlantic Monthly* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

Brooks will take the stage as part of the **Browning Presents!** program, previously known as the Office of Cultural Affairs. Each season, the program features public performances and educational residencies of artistic excellence in a diverse range of disciplines. The series has included visits from Cornel West, Marcus Roberts Trio, Parsons Dance, Ronan Farrow and more.

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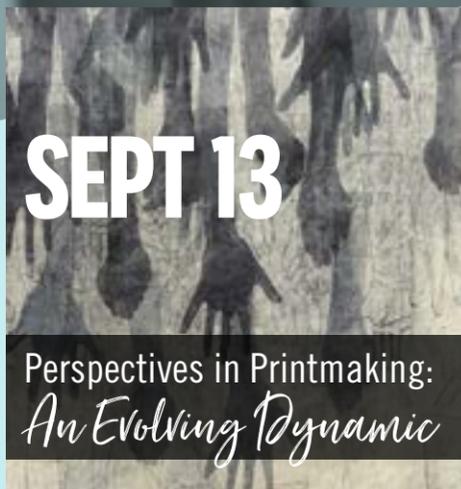
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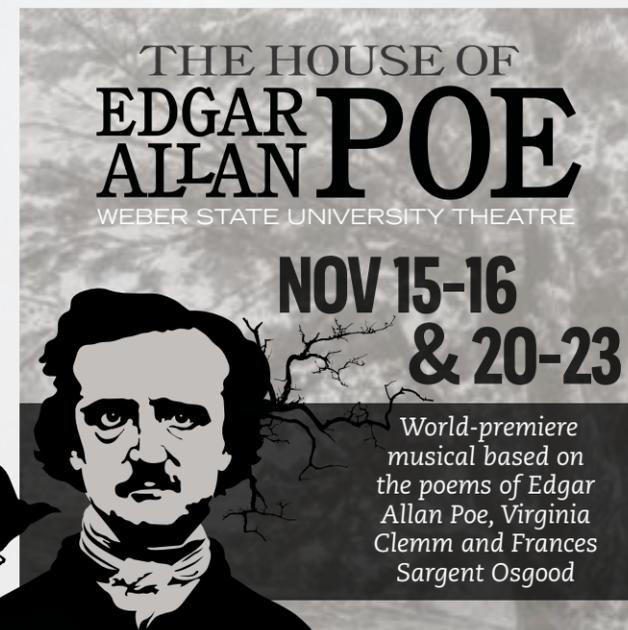
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NOV 2



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The Truth About CAMPUS TRADITIONS

Karin Hurst MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Packing his suitcase for a trip to Cuba, **Willard Z. Maughan** insisted on including a 4-inch tall, cardstock cutout of Waldo the Wildcat. Not only did the Ogden native wedge the affable feline between layers of breathable-cotton clothing and miniature tubes of lip balm, Caladryl lotion and sunscreen — he is a retired dermatologist after all — he also made sure that his die-cut traveling companion didn't miss a single vacation photo-op.

A quick swipe through the images Maughan captured on his trusty mobile phone reveals: Waldo, propped up by a can of Ciego Montera tuKola (Cuban Coca-Cola); Waldo, precariously perched atop what appears to be a slightly perturbed baby alligator at Everglades National Park; and Waldo, lounging in the cabin of a Royal Caribbean cruise ship next to a white elephant. (Well, technically, it's a white bath towel folded into the shape of an elephant.) And that's just a random sampling of Waldo portraits.

You might think the 75-year-old former WSU Alumni Board president has taken his passion for Weber State's lovable mascot one step beyond sanity. But, as Maughan nestles into a comfy, cloth patio chair and begins talking over the burble of spring snowmelt rushing into the creek bed that intersects his verdant backyard, his story starts to make sense.

Fun or Function?

Nearly every university has time-honored traditions. From annual celebrations to goofy competitions to fight songs, campus traditions encourage students to let loose, have fun and display school pride. But some scholars and researchers believe there's more to college traditions than what meets the eye. Simon J. Bronner, distinguished professor emeritus of American studies and folklore at Pennsylvania State University, views campus traditions as important coming-of-age rituals.

According to Bronner, there are very few ways of acknowledging adulthood in America. While other nations have recognized rites of passage that mark a young person's transition into adulthood, American society is vaguer about that. Folklorists, like Bronner, say students who attend college immediately after high school are at a "liminal stage

of being betwixt and between" childhood and adulthood. A college campus, therefore, serves as a safe, acceptable location for younger students to act out the dramas, performances and rituals of becoming grown-ups. While most of us think campus traditions are lighthearted and trivial, Bronner believes that when scrutinized at a deeper level, campus traditions expose significant symbols and metaphors about a college student's life experience, values, aspirations and anxieties.

Building a Tradition of Giving

Then there's the monetary value of school traditions. In a 2015 study, researchers set out to determine factors that impact alumni loyalty and giving at institutions of higher education. They found that alumni who perceive their alma mater has valued, well-established traditions and a vibrant alumni organization, exhibit stronger behaviors associated with loyalty than alumni who don't feel their university has valued, well-established rituals and a high-functioning alumni organization. The study concluded that university initiatives designed to enhance and strengthen alumni relationships are crucial. The researchers recommended that alumni associations, in particular, be viewed as strategic, vital university assets that serve as "keepers and promoters"

of school traditions and rituals. (By the way, you can meet your alumni leaders on page 34.)

One behavior generally indicative of alumni loyalty is charitable giving. Today, in higher education's precarious economic climate, it's imperative for public universities to foster active, dedicated alumni to garner financial support for scholarships, programs and facilities that can't be solely sustained through state funding. Statistics show that donors tend to support things they truly care about. Maughan's annual gifts to WSU are perfect examples. "My wife and I support Spanish and nursing scholarships at Weber State," he explains. "Now, why would I want to do that if I didn't care about Weber State or feel connected to the university?"

Which brings us back to the question of why Maughan lugged Waldo the Wildcat all the way to Cuba.

By standard definition, Maughan is not a Weber State alumnus. Although he took advanced placement courses at Weber as a high school senior, he spent the bulk of his educational career at other institutions. And yet, he considers himself a bona fide Wildcat and voluntarily serves on the WSU Alumni Association's Emeriti Alumni Council. Why? "Because Ogden is home, and Weber State is in Ogden," he says with a heap of purple pride. After WSU Alumni

Relations Executive Director Nancy Collinwood BS '94 and Rebecca Gibson AS '09, alumni engagement coordinator, met with the emeriti council to outline a new program called Traditions Keeper, Maughan felt an urge to participate.

Tracking Wildcat Traditions

Traditions Keeper seeks to build school pride and bond students, alumni and friends through shared involvement in Wildcat traditions. The program is targeted at freshmen, who usually have four years to complete and track 50 preselected activities. However, alumni and friends, in Utah and elsewhere, are also invited to participate and earn incentive prizes along the way.

In its role as "keeper and promoter" of Weber State traditions and rituals, Alumni Relations teamed with WSU Marketing & Communications to choose 50 well-established Wildcat traditions, research their origins and create a website, weber.edu/traditionskeeper, to house historical information and anecdotal stories. Rules specify that current WSU students must complete all 50 traditions before they earn the right to call themselves a genuine WSU Traditions Keeper. Friends and alumni, however, are only required to do 35.

As you already may have guessed, Maughan's favorite activity was tradition No. 16: Travel with Waldo. But he also enjoyed No. 2: Eat Purple Pancakes. To fulfill that tradition, Maughan added blue and red food coloring to pancake batter and poured the mixture onto a hot griddle in the shape of a wildcat. "It didn't really look too much like a wildcat, but it had ears," he chuckles. Tradition No. 4: Visit Legacy Wall sparked a flame of nostalgia in Maughan. As a youngster,



16. Travel with Waldo



34. Visit Tracy Hall Diamond Press



4. Visit Legacy Wall



11. Cheer for the Wildcats



he lived within walking distance to Weber College's 25th Street campus. He performed with a singing group led by Glenn Hanson, who taught music at Weber from 1945 to 1962. "We practiced in the old Moench Building," Maughan recalls. "The thing I remember most about that place is how loudly the floors creaked." Maughan says tradition No. 43: Explore Wildcat Store got him into the most trouble. "I can't remember what I bought there, but it had to be something because I can't leave a souvenir shop, hardware store or bookstore without bringing something home." Maughan says the most enlightening tradition he completed was No. 30: Explore Something New at WSU. While touring the university's new Dumke Center for Interprofessional Education in Healthcare, he saw a 3D virtual cadaver. The cadaver lies embedded in a 6-foot, interactive table. (Think gigantic iPad.) With the flick of a finger, a student can "slice through" skin, bone, muscles, organs and tissue to peer closely at anatomical details of the human body. "That was really cool," says Maughan.

It took Maughan about four months to earn his WSU Traditions Keeper title. He claims his most difficult task was uploading photos to an online account. "I'm technologically challenged," he confesses. "So, I took my phone over to the Lindquist Alumni Center and had Rebecca do that for me."

Ranking Campus Rituals

Naturally, any self-respecting college or university would deem its own campus traditions a cut above the rest; an official ranking would be largely subjective. Nevertheless, *BestColleges.com*, an online company that posts various rankings to help prospective students decide which schools best meet their needs, has taken a stab at it. With a rubric based on uniqueness and longevity, the company compiled a top 25 list of Best Campus Traditions in 2019.

A Loud and Proud Defense

Shockingly, no Weber State Wildcat tradition made the top 25! Because we feel unjustly overlooked, we've invited three Wildcat "mystery traditions" to explain why they deserve national recognition for their great-great-greatness.

Mystery Tradition No. 1:

Standing over 9-feet tall and weighing at least a ton, I'm the original "big man on campus." I was created by prolific American sculptor Avard Fairbanks, the same Utah artist who, in the 1920s, designed the iconic ram head logo for Dodge. First, Fairbanks molded me from clay; then, he sent me to Italy to be cast in bronze. I moved to Weber State on Oct. 22, 1964, but was relocated to the center of a prominent crosswalk in 1972. Facing east for many years, I kept silent watch over Weber State students and faculty. Then, in 2006, university administrators thought I should be rotated to face west so I would appear to embrace the greater Ogden community. With this fresh perspective, I now symbolize the university's famously friendly campus. I'm not sure exactly when, or how, it began, but, over time, students and other passersby started giving my toe a brisk rub for good luck, especially during finals. Hey, I figure it's a win-win situation — they get higher test scores, and I have perpetually polished boots!

Who am I?

Mystery Tradition No. 2:

I consider myself Weber State University's "coolest" tradition. I made my campus debut in the winter of 1995, an exciting time in Wildcat basketball history. With 10 wins and two losses, the "Lady 'Cats" — yes, that's what our women's basketball team was called back then — were on their way to breaking a pre-conference record. Meanwhile, the men's team was on a red-hot, 11-home game-winning streak, and ramping up to scorch BYU-Hawaii in the Dee Events Center on Friday, Jan. 6. To celebrate what would become the team's 200th home-court victory that evening, Farr Better Ice Cream, Utah's oldest ice cream manufacturer, introduced — me, a yummy, vanilla- and grape-flavored frozen concoction designed especially for fans and supporters of Weber State University. Of course, I'm a little older now, but just as sweet, delicious and available at the company's original shop, 286 E. 21st Street, Ogden. Every so often, you'll also find me at Farr's South Ogden location, 4013 Riverdale Road.

Who am I?

Mystery Tradition No. 3:

Those irksome quackers and honkers splashing around the Ada Lindquist Plaza retention pond would never admit this, but insiders agree — I'm WSU's most famous campus icon. I've been here, marking time and performing hourly, since 1971. As far as I know, I was the first campus structure to be named in honor of someone. It's true. There was never an official naming ceremony for the so-called "Moench Building" on our old 25th Street campus. I, on the other hand, was dedicated during a fierce, December blizzard. (I guess I've always had a flair for the dramatic.) Nothing at WSU escapes my attention. (With four faces, I see it all.) Generally speaking, I'm not one to "kiss and tell," but that's exactly what has been going on here for decades. Couples from near and far come to my plaza to steal a midnight kiss during Homecoming Week. Afterward, they proclaim themselves TRUE Wildcats. Considering my elevated stature, who could have predicted that I'd ever be linked to such a scandalous practice? (Luckily, it's dark, so you don't see me blush.)

Who am I?



Mystery Tradition Answers:
 1. Statue of Louis F. Moench
 2. Wildcat Whipple Ice Cream
 3. Stewart Bell Tower

FREE SPEECH, HATE SPEECH

and a History of the FIRST AMENDMENT

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On July 3, 2019, a trending BuzzFeed post titled “The Whole World is Wondering Why Americans Say This on the Fourth of July” poked fun at the fact that most Americans refer to Independence Day as the Fourth of July, the British format for dates, day/month, instead of July Fourth, the American format, month/day. And, “Didn’t North American colonists spend seven years fighting for independence from Great Britain?” the author quipped. The majority of commenters asked, “Who really cares?” Certainly not the whole world like the clickbait title inferred, but the story was sort of funny, in an ironic way, and it made some sense. The colonists had a different speech pattern at the time, and the colonies had been tied to Great Britain for so long that it seems natural they’d adopt the British way of saying Fourth of July.



It’s easy to see both sides when the subject is trivial, like the formatting of calendar dates, but not so easy when the subject triggers deep-seated emotion, when the subject is, say, Colin Kaepernick — the former NFL quarterback who, in 2016, opted to kneel during the pregame singing of *The Star-Spangled Banner*, and this year, spoke out against Nike’s Fourth of July-inspired shoes featuring a Betsy Ross-designed American flag with 13 stars for the 13 original colonies. Both times, Kaepernick said he was protesting wrongdoings against minorities. Both times, he ignited a firestorm of conversations about patriotism, which, consequently, sparked heated arguments on, among other things, freedom of speech. Both times, the comments were especially harsh online, from people on both sides of the debate — those who thought Kaepernick had the right to protest and those who didn’t. Both times, their conversations often went beyond civil discussions, crossing the line from hateful to hate speech, with offensive name-calling and vicious attacks on each other’s race, religion, national origin and even physical characteristics.

Also, on the Fourth of July or July Fourth, whichever you prefer, news sites across the world were reporting that French lawmakers had approved a measure intended to force search engines and social networks to block hate speech

online. Some questioned whether America, where freedom of speech is a revered national value and protected by the First Amendment should also try to ban hate speech. **Adrienne Andrews**, Weber State University’s assistant vice president for diversity, had an emphatic response to that question: “No,” she said. “Censoring hate speech does more harm than good. History shows that punishing hate speech rallies even more people to hate.”

Richard Price, assistant professor of political science at WSU, said other countries, Germany for instance, aggressively crack down on hate speech from extremist groups, but, as a result, the censorship pushes those groups underground — a dangerous place for them to be. “Those countries might have made it harder for vicious hate groups to organize, but it also made them less visible,” said Price, who teaches a class on free speech and who also is part of a group that received a National Science Foundation grant to maintain a comparative free speech database. “We can better monitor hate groups if we allow them to express themselves, as vile as their expression might be. One of my students made a great point about this in class, saying, ‘I don’t like those people, but I like the fact that I can see them publicly and decide how to respond.’”

HATE SPEECH Defined

Technically, hate speech doesn't have a legal definition, but Supreme Court justices throughout the years have offered their opinions on the subject during specific cases.

In the 2011 case, *Snyder v. Phelps*, for example, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 8-1 that the First Amendment prohibited the imposition of civil liability upon Fred Phelps, leader of Westboro Baptist Church, whose members picketed the funeral of a Marine, whose father, Albert Snyder, sued Phelps for intentional infliction of emotional distress. The court reasoned that, while highly offensive, the picketers protested peacefully on a public street and that their "speech" was a matter of public concern, mostly dealing with the moral conduct of the U.S. In his conclusion, Justice John Roberts said,

“Speech is powerful. It can stir people to action, move them to tears of both joy and sorrow, and — as it did here — inflict great pain. On the facts before us, we cannot react to that pain by punishing the speaker. As a nation, we have chosen a different course — to protect even hurtful speech on public issues to ensure that we do not stifle public debate.”

Price explains further: “Yes, what Westboro Baptist Church did was vile, but it was political in nature. That's key. The church's signs were about public policy. The church complied with all of the rules — time, place and manner restrictions. They stayed peaceful. The court says you can't punish that.”

Price says it's helpful to think of free speech as a marketplace

of ideas. “It's the same as a marketplace of goods. We allow goods to compete, and we hope that, through competition, the best goods win. And so it is with free speech. We have to look at the marketplace of ideas and allow ideas to compete ... unless the idea presents imminent public danger.”

IMMINENCE Explained

It's 1919. The U.S. Supreme Court has just ruled against Charles Schenck, the general secretary of the Socialist Party of Philadelphia, in a case that would give rise to the saying, “You can't shout fire in a crowded theater,” a paraphrase of a sentence in Justice Wendell Holmes Jr.'s opinion, in which he originally said, “falsely shouting fire in a theater and causing a panic.”

According to a textbook titled *Constitutional Law in a Changing America: Rights, Liberties, and Justice*, which associate criminal justice professor **Mark Denniston** uses in his classes, Schenck “printed fifteen thousand pamphlets urging resistance to the draft. He mailed these leaflets, described by the government's case as ‘frank, bitter, passionate appeal[s] for resistance to the Selective Service Law,’ to men listed in a local newspaper as having been called and accepted for military service. Federal authorities charged him with violating the Espionage Act; specifically, the United States alleged that Schenck conspired to obstruct military recruitment and illegally used the mail to do so.”

Schenck was convicted on three counts and sentenced to 10 years in prison for each count.

Denniston points out that you have to view Schenck from a historical perspective. When Schenck distributed his fliers in 1917, the world was at war. The U.S. had just drafted over 2 million men to the World War I effort. This infuriated people, like Schenck, who were anti war. Ultimately, the Supreme Court decided that wartime circumstances change the rules related to free speech, and it upheld Schenck's convictions. In upholding the convictions, the Supreme Court created the “clear and present danger” rule. For 50 years, the rule helped the courts determine whether words used in certain circumstances created a clear and present danger that would bring about “substantive evils,” as Holmes called them.

“So yes, Schenck was a landmark case because it gave us clear and present danger,” Denniston explains, “but I want to

be very clear that Schenck is no longer good law. Clear and present danger is defunct. Actually, by today's standards, Charles Schenck probably would not have been indicted.”

Clear and present danger was replaced by imminent lawless action in *Brandenburg v. Ohio* in 1969. Clarence Brandenburg, a leader in the Ku Klux Klan, made a speech at a KKK rally. During the speech, he made anti-Semitic and anti-black statements and alluded to the possibility of “revengeance” (sic) in the event that the federal government and Court continued to “supress the white, Caucasian race.” He was convicted of violating Ohio's criminal syndicalism law, which made it a crime to “advocate ... the duty, necessity, or propriety of crime, sabotage, violence, or unlawful methods of terrorism as a means of accomplishing industrial or political reform.”

Brandenburg was fined and sentenced to serve one to 10 years in prison.

Ironically, the American Civil Liberties Union appealed Brandenburg's case to the Ohio intermediate appeal court, which upheld his conviction without opinion. The Ohio Supreme Court declined to hear the issue.

The U.S. Supreme Court took up the case and, ultimately, overturned Brandenburg's conviction and issued a new test for all future restrictions on speech, the imminent lawless action test, which says the government may prohibit speech advocating the use of force or crime if the speech is directed to AND likely to incite imminent lawless action.

“What Brandenburg did was almost a threat,” Denniston explained. “It wasn't analyzed as a true threat because he didn't have a definitive victim, and he didn't give a specific timeline for violence. He only advocated for violence in the abstract sense — ‘revengeance,’ whatever that meant. It wasn't imminent. He wasn't exhorting his followers to go burn down the courthouse at 9 p.m. that night. He wasn't arming

a revolution for tomorrow at 6 p.m. He was talking in the abstract — that there may need to be violence in the future. With the *Brandenburg* ruling, the threat of violence in the abstract became protected speech.”

INFURIATING, Not Imminent

Could hate speech enrage people to the point they retaliate against the speaker or riot? Yes, of course. Would the speaker's words then be considered to have produced imminent lawless action? “Generally, no,” Price explains. “There was a time at which the court could punish speakers for essentially getting people riled up. The criticism of that is it encourages a mob to silence others, which had very negative consequences.”

Price brings up an incident of campus violence at the University of California Berkeley two years ago. “The university had a controversial speaker presenting on campus. They took every measure to protect him, but a riot broke out. People were throwing bottles, Molotov cocktails even. At that point, the university had to choose between actual violence or allowing the speaker to continue. The university decided that, since it could no longer protect the speaker, to move the speaker off campus. Whether or not that's constitutional is a difficult question. I think it was fair, but the point is, you can't arrest the speaker for the violence. He wasn't encouraging anyone to break the law.”

“You also have to realize there are loopholes in all of this. It all still comes down to this very powerful idea of a marketplace of ideas. The marketplace is how we take information in, how we come to get ideas, and it makes politics better.”

COMBATING Hate Speech

Andrews agrees, but adds that we need to communicate better with each other about those ideas. “So often, we don’t have healthy debates,” she said. “During the Richard Nixon-John F. Kennedy presidential debates, the candidates agreed that, although they saw the world very differently, they had the same goal. I’m sad we’ve moved away from that, that we can’t talk about big, important ideas as engaged communicators who are able to disagree and still maintain a relationship. Now, if we don’t exactly agree, either I’m the devil or you are. That is not a civil society. That is not who we are as a nation.”

Andrews relayed a story about a community vigil after the 2019 attack on a Muslim mosque in New Zealand. “Members of the Ogden community held a vigil with Muslim members of the community to show support and to share in the grief of losing people, people we will never have the pleasure of knowing because they were murdered because of their faith. In the midst of having that vigil, individuals in vehicles with very loud mufflers drove up and down the street in front of city hall and shouted at the people. There has to be a more continuous showing that we are inclusive. We need to believe we can have different traditions and different cultures and still have the same value as part of a common humanity.”

Andrews encourages everyone to counter hate speech with positive speech.

“Hate has the capacity to invade and infect any segment of society. That’s why I love Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. so much. He said, ‘Hate is too big a burden to bear.’ He chose love. I aspire toward love, because as a human being, there is nothing in me that makes me better than what is in you.

“If we allow it to, hate will take over our lives. Hate closes doors. Hate shuts windows. Hate closes the flue on every fireplace, stifling us.

“Love, on the other hand, love opens conversations. Love demonstrates willingness. Love opens every door, every window, every fireplace flue.

“Like Dr. King said, ‘Hate is too big a burden to carry.’”

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I have certainly learned a great deal from the program. It has helped to round out areas that I didn’t even understand I had a gap in.
— Darcy Siebenaller, eMHA Student

Do you know?

Penned by James Madison, the Bill of Rights includes the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The amendments make specific prohibitions on governmental power. The First Amendment, for example, prevents Congress from “prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech,” and establishes other rights, such as freedom of press, assembly, petition and the right to a fair and speedy trial. A common misconception is the First Amendment was first because it was the most important.



“Technically, the First Amendment wasn’t the first amendment in the Bill of Rights, it was the third,” said associate criminal justice professor Mark Denniston. “The U.S. Senate approved 12 amendments, which were sent to the states for ratification. The first two amendments weren’t approved, so the third of 12 became the first of 10.”

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Matt Gerrish BS '10, MPC '15 MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

It started in August 1919.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints adopted a policy permitting football teams to be organized at church schools. At the time, Weber Normal College was owned and operated by the church and was in its final few years as a high school of 820 students. In September 1919, Weber Normal College athletics coach Malcolm Watson announced that the school would field a team that fall. But there was a lot to be learned, on both the part of the coach and the players, and it had to be learned quickly — the first game was scheduled for Oct. 8, 1919.

Richard Sadler, retired WSU history professor and dean of the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, recounted those hurried months before Weber's first football game in his book *Weber State College: A Centennial History*. He wrote, "Watson had been the coach of Weber's athletic teams during the past five years and now would add football to the sports he coached. Watson spent the summer of 1919 'studying the science of football' and also spent some time in Salt Lake City with Tommy Fitzpatrick, the football coach at the University of Utah to learn the rudiments of the game."

The football team boasted 27 student-athletes, with Joe Brewer as captain. The players — they wouldn't be called Wildcats until 1928 (see the timeline to read more about Weber's original "Wildcat," football player Wallace Morris)

— traveled 20 miles north to Box Elder High School on that historic autumn day in October, hoping to kick off the program with a win.

They lost 20-0.

One month later, Weber Normal College earned its first victory over Davis High School.

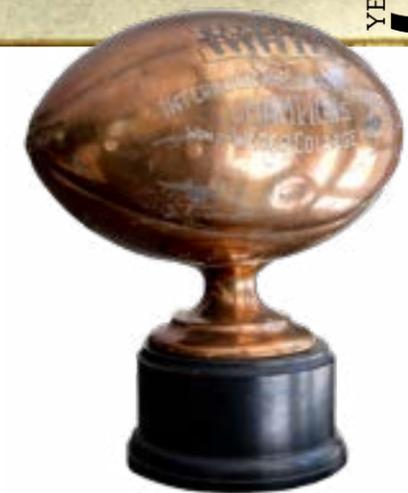
Sadler provided more details: "During this first football season, Weber played eight games, six in Ogden and two away. The away games were played at Brigham City and Granite High School. Weber won two games, defeating Davis High School and LDS High School, and lost games to Box Elder, Brigham Young College, the American Legion, Ogden High School and Granite High School. Weber played its football games on a dirt playing field at Glenwood Park (later known as Lorin Farr Park)."

In 100 years, fans have watched the Wildcats evolve from a high school team that played games on a small grass field in a local park to a collegiate national-title contender that plays in a 16,500-seat stadium that boasts, hands-down, one of the most beautiful views in northern Utah. The history is packed with great achievements, heartbreaking moments and phenomenal heroics.

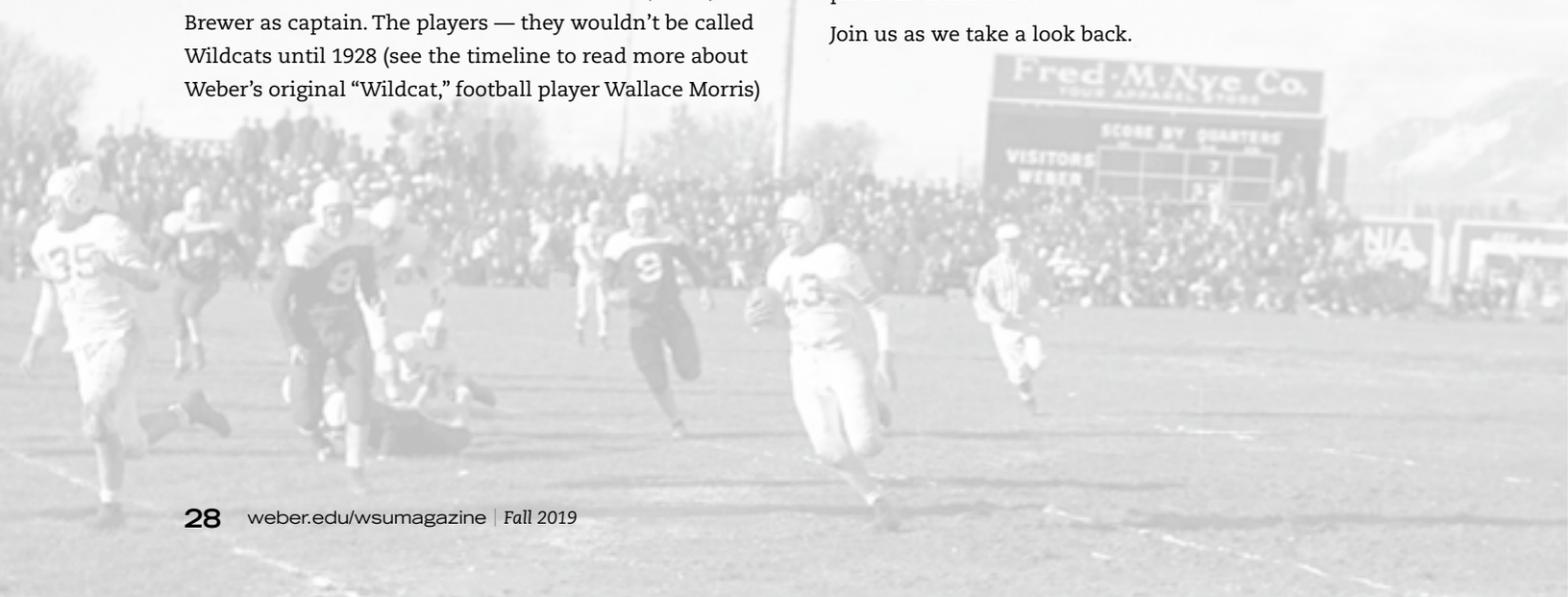
Join us as we take a look back.



1924: After transitioning to a junior college, Weber was primarily known as a "football" school, especially during the interwar years, winning eight straight Intermountain Conferences beginning in 1924, when the team earned a 33-0 victory over Phoenix Junior College in the Western States Championship.

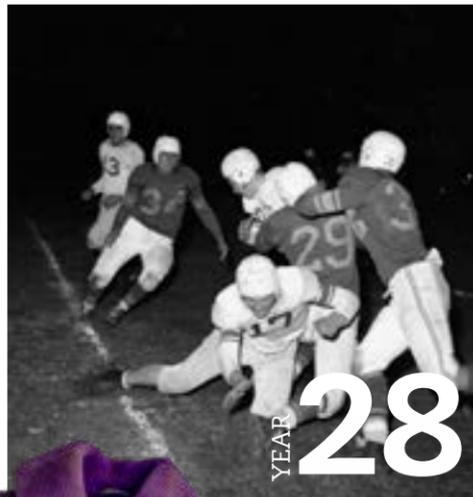


1925: Star player Wallace Morris was nicknamed "Wildcat" Morris, inspiring a local sportswriter to refer to the football team as "scrappy as a bunch of wildcats." The name stuck, and the team became the Wildcats.





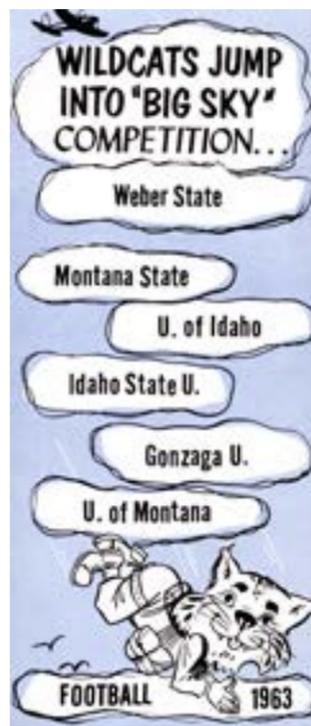
1942: Halfway through the season, Weber College — along with many other programs around the country — was forced to abandon the football program as a result of World War II.



1946: Football returned as a sport with the end of World War II.



1953: After decades of playing home games at Lorin Farr Park, the Wildcats benefited from the school's move to Harrison Boulevard, where Wildcat Stadium offered wooden bleachers that seated 3,800 fans.



1963: With Weber having changed its status to a four-year institution in 1962, the Wildcats joined the Big Sky Conference in 1963 after playing one year as an independent.



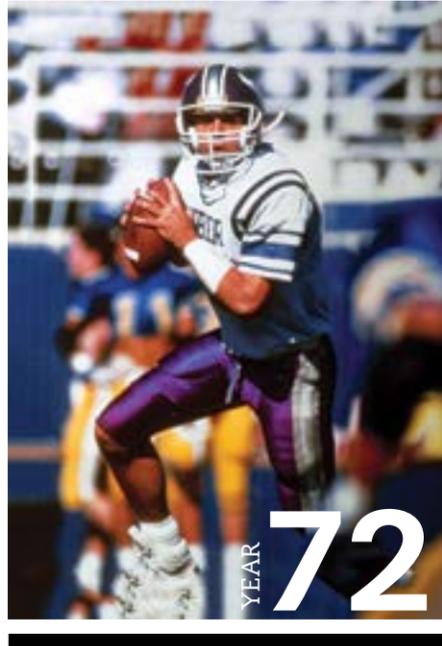
1965: Guided by coach Sark Arslanian, the Wildcats won a share of their first Big Sky championship in 1965, and would eventually win it again three years later. The success and camaraderie of Arslanian's teams (1965-1972) led his players to self identify as "Sark's Boys."



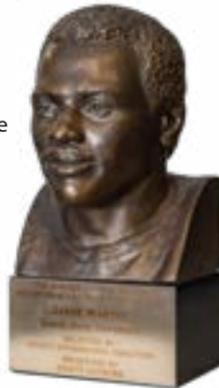
1966: In an effort to accommodate more fans, Wildcat Stadium was expanded with the construction of the west grandstand, nearly doubling its capacity.



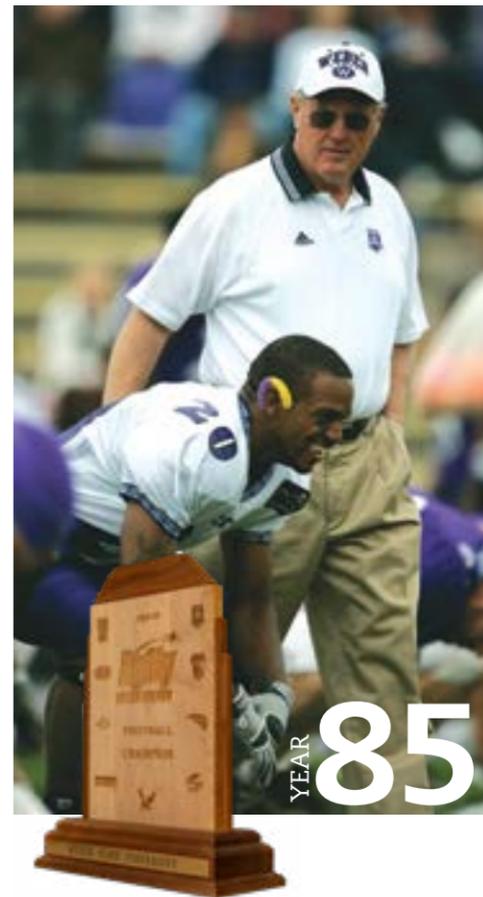
1987: The Wildcats ended their 19-year drought in which the program had only three winning records in conference play, as Mike Price's squad went 7-1 in Big Sky play to win the college's first conference title in almost two decades. These Wildcats were also the first in school history to compete in the Division I-AA (now known as the FCS) playoffs, finishing the season ranked No. 9 in the nation.



1991: Weber State quarterback Jamie Martin set a new standard in Wildcat record books, shattering various school and conference passing records en route to winning the Walter Payton Award, honoring him as the nation's top Division 1-AA player.



1998: After more than 40 years of use, Wildcat Stadium was renamed to Elizabeth Dee Shaw Stewart Stadium.



2001: Stewart Stadium was upgraded with a 38,000 square-foot Sky Suites & Press Box complex, growing the stadium's capacity to 16,500 fans.

2008: After another long conference title drought, Ron McBride's team defied preseason expectations to win a share of the 2008 Big Sky crown with a 7-1 record, earning the Wildcats a trip to the FCS Playoffs, where Weber State advanced to the quarterfinals.



2017 and 2018: For the first time in school history, the Wildcats won back-to-back Big Sky championships, led by coach Jay Hill. Weber State earned its first ever home playoff win in the 2017 campaign, finishing the season ranked No. 5 in the country, the highest in school history. The 2018 season saw the Wildcats finish No. 6 in the nation after another FCS quarterfinals appearance.



2019: Weber State football will celebrate its 100th anniversary by opening its latest expansion of Stewart Stadium, Sept. 6 from 4-6 p.m. The 27,000-square foot north end zone expansion will include the Barbara and Rory Youngberg Football Center, the Sark's Boys Gateway, the Stromberg Strength and Conditioning Complex, the Marquardt-Kimball Plaza and the Behnken Plaza. Former players and coaches are invited to celebrate 100 years of Wildcat football as part of the Sept. 28 game against Northern Iowa. For more information, visit weberstatesports.com.

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Clint Costley BA '98

President
WSU Alumni Association

What's your favorite outdoor destination?
The Grand Canyon. I run the Rim to Rim trail every fall; it's the most physically demanding and spiritual place I've found in nature. A close second is Ben Lomond Peak.

While hiking, would you rather meet a rattlesnake, a grizzly bear or a mountain lion? A grizzly bear. (I've already met the other two.)

If you could choose one celebrity to be your hiking partner, who would it be? Abraham Lincoln — because he's Abraham Lincoln.

Describe your wildest outdoor adventure or misadventure: Hiking Kings Peak with my son. It involved lightning strikes, torrential rain, fishing for food, purifying water, altitude sickness, a limited window to make a safe ascent and one long hike out in the dark. Amazing memories!

After a rigorous outdoor adventure, would you rather return to a tent, a travel trailer or a hotel room? Hotel room. I need a shower and nice sheets.

What's your favorite outdoor adventure book? I like nonfiction accounts of events that test the boundaries of the human body and spirit. *Into Thin Air* and *Everest: Alone at the Summit* are both about the dangers and exhilaration of being on Mount Everest — at the top of the world.

What's your favorite WSU tradition? Traditions Keeper No. 9: Celebrate WSU Homecoming. My earliest WSU memories include attending athletic events at Stewart Stadium and the Dee Events Center when I was a kid.



James Starley BS '85

President
Emeriti Alumni Council

What's your favorite outdoor destination?
Exploring the incredible scenery of Grand Teton National Park.

While hiking, would you rather meet a rattlesnake, a grizzly bear or a mountain lion?

A rattlesnake, because I think I could outrun it.

If you could choose one celebrity to be your hiking partner, who would it be? Tim Allen because his sense of humor would keep me laughing if the going got tough.

Describe your wildest outdoor adventure or misadventure: In 2001, my son-in-law led my wife, my two daughters and me on an expedition to Grand Teton, the highest point of the Teton Range. We left the Lower Saddle at 8 a.m., but got lost in a steep, knobby section called the Golden Stair. It took us nine hours to reach the summit.

After a rigorous outdoor adventure, would you rather return to a tent, a travel trailer or a hotel room? To a hotel room for a long, hot shower.

What's your favorite outdoor adventure book? My favorite stories involve 19th century mountain men. *John Colter's Escape From the Indians* by Addison Sheldon is one of my favorites.

What's your favorite WSU tradition? Traditions Keeper No. 9: Celebrate WSU Homecoming. Everything about the homecoming game, from the beautiful setting at Stewart Stadium to the cheer squad and band to the various ceremonies, makes this event special.

[Read about Traditions Keeper on page 16.](#)



Alexa Rosen BS '11, MBA '15

President
Young Alumni Council

What's your favorite outdoor destination?
Southern Utah, because I love the desert and the red rocks.

While hiking, would you rather meet a rattlesnake, a grizzly bear or a mountain lion?

None of the above! But, I'd probably stand a better chance with a rattlesnake.

If you could choose one celebrity to be your hiking partner, who would it be? Miranda Lambert, so we could talk about gender equality and shelter pets, and sing country music together.

After a rigorous outdoor adventure, would you rather return to a tent, a travel trailer or a hotel room? A travel trailer because I like the in-between option of wilderness living with a few modern conveniences.

Name something that tastes better eaten outdoors than indoors: Cheddar jalapeño sausages. Normally, I wouldn't eat them, but when you're camping and cooking over a fire, they're a go-to!

What's your favorite outdoor adventure movie? *Quigley Down Under* starring Tom Selleck. It's a quirky mix of romantic comedy and Wild West adventure with an inspirational theme of standing up for those facing difficulties.

What's your favorite WSU tradition? Traditions Keeper No. 17: Volunteer in Your Community. I'll be forever thankful for the education and opportunities I received while attending Weber State. Now, as a Young Alumni Council member, I have an opportunity to give back to my university and community.



Hayden Bickley BLS '19

President
Student Alumni Association

What's your favorite outdoor destination?
Zermatt, Switzerland. A few friends and I skied there while backpacking in Europe.

While hiking, would you rather meet a rattlesnake, a grizzly bear or a mountain lion?

A grizzly bear, just because I've never seen one in the wild, and it would be pretty awesome.

If you could choose one celebrity to be your hiking partner, who would it be? Bear Grylls from the TV survival series *Man vs. Wild*. He could teach me outdoor survival tricks and entertain me with his cool accent.

Describe your wildest outdoor adventure or misadventure: I lived on an Indian reservation in Paraguay for a time. We slept outdoors in hammocks, showered with buckets of well water and packed all of our food for weeks at a time. We also shared the area with crocodiles, snakes, spiders, wild horses, goats and bees. I woke up one night with a tarantula on my face!

What's your favorite outdoor adventure movie? Growing up, my brothers and I loved a movie called *Wild America*. It's about three fearless brothers who travel the U.S. filming wild animals. We especially liked the part where the boys entered a cave with sleeping bears.

What's your favorite WSU tradition? Without doubt, it's Traditions Keeper No. 12: Become a "True" Wildcat. After a WSU Homecoming dance, I kissed my date, a pretty girl named Courtney, under the Stewart Bell Tower at midnight. That's how we both became true Wildcats, and the next summer, we got married.

CLASS NOTES

ALUMNI UPDATES

'60s

A Truman Carver AS '63, BS '65 is a guidance counselor in the Davis School District. He completed his graduate studies at Brigham Young University, where he received his Utah counselor certification. Truman operates the Pioneer Photo Gallery, a classic antique portrait studio he opened at Lagoon amusement park in 1976. He is a member of WSU's Emeriti Alumni Council. Truman and his wife, Kathy Carver, live in Kaysville.

F. Ric Hammond AS '63, BS '64 retired after 34 years with O.C. Tanner, where he served as vice president of client relations. He previously worked for American Oil, formerly Standard Oil of Indiana and now Amoco Corporation, for five years after earning his MBA from

the University of Utah in 1967. Ric served on the board of directors for the Utah Food Bank, as president of the board for the Utah Tennis Association, and he volunteered for Salt Lake Senior Transportation for 10 years. He married Claudia Ann Russell, and together they raised three sons. Ric and Claudia live in Holladay and have 11 grandchildren and two great grandsons.

Following graduation, **Marilyn Hartog Porter BA '66** served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in São Paulo, Brazil. She then taught English at North Davis Junior High. She speaks Portuguese and German. Marilyn lived in Thailand for two years, and then moved to Indiana, where she was a substitute teacher for Brownsburg Community Schools. She later served

a second mission in Western Australia. Marilyn has four sons, three daughters and 18 grandchildren. She lives in Ogden.

L C. Robert "Bob" Day BS '69 retired from the U.S. government after 38 years. He worked for the Department of Defense in logistics management and resource management. Bob received his master's degree from Webster University in 1974. He and his wife, **Nancy Jo Day**, have three children and six grandchildren. They live in York, Pennsylvania, where they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and where Bob recently completed his 10th year as an elected judge of elections.

'70s

Catherine "Katie" Folkman BS '73 is a national board

certified middle school math teacher and a volunteer math club advisor for the Lake Washington School District in King County, Washington. Her husband, **Kevin Folkman BS '74**, is an information technology specialist for the Issaquah School District, also in King County. Kevin has written articles on The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the Mormon History Association and other groups, and he reviews books for the Association for Mormon Letters. Katie and Kevin live in Redmond, Washington. They have six children and 10 grandchildren.

Edward Rampton BS '73 retired after a 44-year career in public power, having served as the chief governmental affairs officer for Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems. He and his wife, Jana Rampton,

have two sons, two daughters and eight grandchildren. The Ramptons live in Lehi but are currently serving in the Adriatic North Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Nancy Hartog AS '75 enjoyed a 30-year career in the Imaging Services Department of Intermountain Healthcare's McKay-Dee Hospital. She performed CT scans and MRIs, and spent the last 16 years specializing in ultrasound imaging. Nancy lives in North Ogden.

A MJ Quinn BA '76 is an author and attorney who has won awards for his short stories and articles on international and comparative law. He writes the Periston Manor novel series, Book 1 of which was published in 2016. MJ also has had plays workshopped and staged in New York. He was educated in the U.S., Germany and the United Kingdom. He lives in New England.

David Tensmeyer BA '76 retired after nearly 40 years as a family physician with Intermountain Healthcare. He still teaches in the residency program at McKay-Dee Hospital. David received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Utah School of Medicine. He also holds a certificate of added qualification in sports medicine. For 37 years, David has volunteered as a team physician for Weber State University Athletics. He twice served as a bishop for

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and he volunteers at the Ogden Rescue Mission and as a mentor for WSU's Leadership to Legacy program. David and his wife, **Gayle Foulger Tensmeyer AA '74**, live in Layton. They have four children, two of whom are WSU graduates, and 14 grandchildren.

'80s

Duane Whitbeck BS '82 is chair of Pittsburg State University's Department of Family & Consumer Sciences. He earned his master's degree from North Dakota State University in 1985 and his Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Tennessee in 1998. Duane has worked with child development and family programs for over 30 years and has been active in organizations at the state and national levels. He served as the 2016-17 president of the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences. He married **Lisa (Call) Whitbeck AS '83**, who has been a pediatric, nursery and neonatal intensive care unit registered nurse since graduating. Duane and Lisa have three children.

John D. Johnson BS '83 is a professor of management information systems at Utah State University's Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, where he previously served as head

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of the Department of Management Information Systems. John serves on WSU's Department of Economics Advisory Board. He is a co-founder of Politic and RedBird Metrics. He is also a co-founder, former chief technology officer and board member for FNC Inc. John received his doctoral degree in economics from Texas A&M in 1987. He and his wife, Heather Johnson, have eight children. They live in North Ogden.

L Douglas Hansen BS '84 retired from the FBI in 2006 and spent the next five years in Iraq, where he helped establish the Iraq National Information & Investigation

Training Institute, the Iraqi version of the FBI Academy. He currently teaches law and public safety at Walden Grove High School in Sahuarita, Arizona, where he also chairs the Career and Technical Education Department. Douglas is a professor in the Administration of Justice Studies program at Pima Community College in Tucson, Arizona. He and his

L wife, Colleen C. Hansen BS '84, live in Sahuarita.

L Eric Aragon BS '87 worked as a certified fitness professional for 29 years. He has been a Division I assistant strength and conditioning

coach and a national competitor, coach and referee in both powerlifting and USA Weightlifting. He is currently a personal trainer at Foothill Personal Training in Salt Lake City. Eric received his master's degree in exercise and sport science from the University of Utah in 1994. He serves as president of the board of directors for the Weber State Wildcat Club. Eric is married to Dominique M. Aragon. He has three children and two pugs.

Anthony Godfrey AA '88, BA '93 was named superintendent of the Jordan School District in May 2019. He worked in the Jordan School District for 26 years as

an English teacher, assistant principal and principal. He also served as a member of the school district's administrative cabinet for 13 years. He and his wife, **Susan Godfrey BS '93**, live in Sandy.

Jim Neal BS '88 is the sales manager for Altria Group and Distribution Co. He previously worked as a store manager for Smith's Food and Drug/Fry's. Jim volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and St. Mary's Food Bank, and he is a member of the Rotary Club in Chandler, Arizona. He and his wife, Cheryl, have three children and two grandchildren. They live in Chandler.

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'90s

Lisa Hardin-Reynolds BS '90 was named CEO of Girl Scouts of Utah (GSU) in March 2019. She has worked for the organization for 29 years, previously serving as interim CEO, chief operating officer and vice president of outdoor programs and property. Lisa has been instrumental in building GSU's outdoor program, helping thousands of girls create memories and gain a love of the outdoors at Camp Cloud Rim and Trefoil Ranch. She has two daughters.

Masters runner **Brad Barton BS '91** became the new world record-holder in the mile for the men's 50-54 age

category during the 2019 Music City Distance Carnival in Nashville, Tennessee, where he finished in under 4 minutes, 20 seconds — 4:19:59 to be exact. Brad teamed up with WSU track coaching legend, **Chick Hislop AS '57**, to train. With Hislop's mentoring, Brad has also set masters world and American records in the 1,500-meter, 3,000-meter and 3,000-meter steeplechase races. When he isn't running, Brad is a professional leadership and inspirational speaker. He and his wife, Melissa Barton, and several of their children make their home in Spanish Fork.

Shauna Nielsen Gibby BS '94 is a writer and author who has had four children's

books published in the last two years. Her books are interactive. Each page asks a question, and the answer comes by shining a flashlight behind the page to reveal a hidden image. Shauna is also a graphic designer who designs book covers and interior layouts for Deseret Book Company. She and her husband, John Gibby, have five children and 16 grandchildren.

'00s

Kirk R. Johnson BS '01 is a financial advisor with Edward Jones in Ogden. He advises individuals, small businesses and nonprofits as they plan and invest for the future. Kirk recently completed

his Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor® (CRPC) designation. Kirk and his wife, **Marcy Johnson BS '03**, have five children and live in South Ogden.

Rebecca Bennion BS '04 is the running program coordinator for The Orthopedic Specialty Hospital in Salt Lake City, where she has worked in the physical therapy department, the sport science lab and the sport training program. Rebecca has professional certifications through the National Strength and Conditioning Association and USA Track and Field as a certified strength and conditioning coach, and as a level 1 certified track and field coach.

Sarah Penn ASN '04, BSN '05 is a family nurse practitioner (FNP) for Lander Medical Clinic in Lander, Wyoming. She previously worked as an FNP for Rocky Mountain Emergency Specialists and for Intermountain Healthcare. Sarah earned her Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. She is an associate professor of medicine at the University of Wyoming and is a volunteer with the local 4-H horse program. Sarah and her husband, Nate Penn, have three children and live in Lander.

Sgt. Shane Kibler BS '06 has worked for the state of Utah for 18 years, supervising a juvenile probation unit in Salt Lake City. He previously served for 13 years as a security forces technical sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. He and his wife, Lindsay Kibler, have three children, two of whom received bachelor's degrees from WSU. The Kiblers live in Bountiful.

Zach Smith AA '06, BS '11 is the CEO and co-founder of Funded Today LLC, a crowdfunding agency that has raised funds for more than 3,000 new ideas and businesses worldwide. He also owns Smith Investments Holding Group LLC, a hard money and real estate holding group. Zach is also CEO and founder of Unplugged LLC, a professional landscaping, fertilization and lawn

care business that he has managed for 12 years. He volunteers with the ZimbabWECare medical missions to Africa. Zach and his wife, Courtney Bergen, live in South Ogden.

Krissy Bigelow Soto AS '08 is a licensed CPA and is the commissions and payroll accounting manager at Instructure Inc., an educational technology company in Salt Lake City. She earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from Westminster College. Krissy and her husband, Fernando Soto, have two sons. They live in Salt Lake City with their two dogs.

'10s

Timothy Reed BS '10 is a freelance lighting designer for productions on Broadway. He has served as the lighting designer for *Lewis Black: Black to the Future* and the Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS shows, *Broadway Backwards* and *Gypsy of the Year*. Timothy also has served as an associate lighting designer for *All My Sons*, *Meteor Shower*, *War Paint* and *The Illusionists*, and as an assistant lighting designer for *The Cher Show*, *Frozen*, and others. Some of his national tours include *Frozen*, *Finding Neverland*, *Elf The Musical*, *Twelfth Night*, and *Into the Woods*. Timothy has also worked with Disney Cruise Line® - Norwegian Cruise Line, Cirque "R.U.N."

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in Las Vegas, and the Disney Concert Series at Disney World. He lives in New York City.

Ben Larsen AA '11, MHA '17, MBA '17 is a patient experience leader for Baylor Scott & White Health in Central Texas. He previously worked for Intermountain Healthcare. Ben volunteers for Flying Doctors of America, United Way and the Boy Scouts of America. He and his wife, **Kailene Wallentine Larsen AS '09, BS '11**, have three children. Kailene is a dental hygienist and stay-at-home mother. They live in Waco, Texas.

Stacy Bernal AS '12, BA '13 is a professional speaker and coach for See Stacy Speak LLC. In 2019, she became a U.S. founding member of the global organization, Keynote Women Speakers, whose mission is to bring more diverse female speakers to stages around the world. Stacy founded the Awesome Autistic Ogden event, as well as a local nonprofit. She is a contributing writer for *Scary Mommy*, *Autism Parenting Magazine* and *Thrive Global*. Stacy also serves on the WSU Alumni Association Board of Directors. She and her husband, **Dusty Bernal BS '03**, live in Ogden.

Adam Huffield MS '13 is a continuing lecturer at Purdue University in the nutrition science and health and kinesiology departments. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership. Adam has over 15 years of experience working in the health, fitness and sports industries. He is a registered dietitian and a board-certified specialist in sports dietetics. Adam is also a certified athletic trainer and a certified strength and conditioning specialist through the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Brent Jenkins BS '13, MS '14 is a certified management accountant (CMA) and finance professional for Goldman Sachs' Human Capital Management division. Brent previously worked for Allegiant for five years as the manager for fleet planning and corporate finance. He also has worked as a business analyst for the U.S. Institute of Languages. Brent has a master's degree in global finance from Thunderbird School of Global Management, a unit of Arizona State University's Knowledge Enterprise Development. He served a mission in Cambodia for The

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Brent and his wife, **Shelley Johnsen Jenkins BS '12**, have three children and live in Plain City.

Brenda Smith AS '13, BS '14 is the development director for Weber State's Jerry & Vickie Moyes College of Education and the College of Engineering, Applied Science & Technology. Brenda started the Anything For A Friend Foundation, a local nonprofit that has raised over \$2 million to assist more than 40 families in Davis and Weber counties. Her husband, **Blaine Smith AS '12, AAS '12, BS '14**, is a software engineering manager for Davis County. Brenda and Blaine are certified health coaches for Optavia. They have three sons, one daughter, and live in Layton.

Taylor Knuth BA '14 is the development director for Weber State's Division of Academic Affairs. He previously served as development director for the Ogden Symphony Ballet Association, now Onstage Ogden, and as the community services coordinator for United Way of Northern Utah. Taylor earned his master's degree in arts administration

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Nina Morse AS '16, BS '17 is the communications specialist at Northrop Grumman Aerospace Structures, where she manages internal communications. She serves on the West Haven Special Service District community board. Nina is pursuing a master's degree in professional communication. She and her husband, Nate Morse, have one daughter and two sons. They live in West Haven.

Ann Parry MPC '17 is president of Harper Associates, where she specializes in product marketing and sales. She is a community advocate who has been working with nonprofit groups in Weber County and surrounding areas for 17 years. Ann has served as chair of the board of trustees for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Weber-Davis and is currently serving as an executive board member and chair of the RAMP Tax Advisory Board of Weber County. She lives in Ogden.

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