Senate Scat
By Lin Alder

Fall brings leaves and elections. Hopefully you've made a brief round trip to childhood and played in a pile of bright leaves. Now that you're back, November 9th is your chance to do the other obligatory thing — play with the metal puncher machine in the voting booth.

If you haven't registered to vote yet, your last chance is today (Nov. 3). Call the Logan City mayor's office at 750-9803 to find your neighborhood-registration place.

Fall at USU also brings new ideas and people who believe they have spare energy to do something about new ideas. For you, read on...

Grad School anyone?
For many of you older undergraduates, Fall is graduate school application season. Those of you toying with the idea of "the next degree" know about the inherent killer headaches: GRE, Financial Aid, Peterson's Guide to Graduate and Professional Programs, Letters of Recommendation, and on and on. However, you serious graduate school candidates are in a little bit of luck.

This luck of yours comes in the shape of the Graduate Assistance Program (G.A.P.) sponsored by Student Councils from the CNR and the Colleges of Science and Engineering. Wednesday, November 9th is the day, 12:30 to TSC Ballroom the place, and help is the name of the game.

The Panel of speakers will include the Assistant Director of Financial Aid; the Graduate Admissions Information Coordinator; and a representative from the Graduate Student Senate.

So, as you start to fill out graduate school applications, let these experts help you wind a successful path to that next degree. And don't forget to pick the brains of current CNR graduate students and faculty!

Got a Gripe about USU?
Have you had enough of locking your bike to a tree? Do you wish you could park your beast of a car closer to campus? Have you been run over by a speeding car as you went to the HPER? Do you have a solution to the Registration line rigamarol?

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10. Trees. We like em and miss em. Nuff said.

9. Cottonmouths and Gators. Our field projects are in Connecticut and North Dakota, nice places. However, not much sport in doing field work without having to worry about the hazards of the trade (being bit or eaten by the local lizards). Snakes and gators add new sport to swimming, fishing or even beaver trapping. If we happen to jump when you walk up behind us in the hall, don't worry. Old habits die hard. We're always on the watch for snakes, gators, and major professors.

8. Elvis. Yankees always expect us to talk about Elvis. So, here it goes... ELVIS!! Thank you. Thank you very much.

7. Rednecks. No. Not all southerners are rednecks. Some of us are very refined. Why, some of America's great leaders have come from the South: Thomas Jefferson, Martin Luther King, Jr., Bear Bryant, and Shug Jordan. (If you wonder about the last two, we refer you to #1). Rednecks are a peculiar sort of folk. They live in mobile homes with satellite dishes almost as tall as the trucks they drive so they can get wrestlin' on 48 channels. Most of the time they go barefoot in public. So you'll understand why we tend to refrain from shoeless activities on campus.


5. Accents and GOD. Enough already; so y'all think we talk funny. Hey, God talks like we do. You're gonna be real surprised when you die and you get up to the Pearly Gates and St. Peter says, between bites of a moon pie and swallows of RC Cola, "Alright now, y'all load up in the truck, and we'll run up to the Big House to meet the Boss Man.

4. Southern Belles. Women here are real nice, and we'd even take some home to meet Momma. But for short-haired, ma'am-and-sir-sayin', door-openin', grit-eatin' shoe-wearin' southern boys, there's nothing like a southern belle. Sometimes it's a little tense on campus when we open a door for a woman, not knowing if we're gonna get chewed out or thanked. Bear with us, we're learning. Just the same, Scott played it safe and brought a southern belle with him; good luck, Allen.

3. Food. Fried catfish, frog legs, grits, hush puppies, corn bread, black-eyed peas, fried okra, REAL fried chicken, spices of any kind, creamed corn, Mercy... good barbecue, fresh seafood, Florida citrus, ham hocks, potato salad, pecan pie, chocolate pie, goose berry cobbler, persimmon pudding. Oh Lord, we gotta stop this.

2. Momma. Momma=(#3)+(#4). Yes, ma'am. I'm getting enough to eat, and I'm staying warm.

1. Southeastern Conference College Football. If there's one thing we miss by being out here, it's real college football. It's our brand of college football in general, DEFENSE in particular. Even though Scott lives for the University of Alabama, and Allen is an Auburn fan, we still agree that SEC football is not a matter of life or death; it's much more serious than that. If you want a taste of what we're talking about, join us November 19 for the Auburn-Alabama Iron Bowl Classic. (Is it a rivalry or a holy war?)

Well, for better or worse, these are some characteristics of true southerners (as opposed to would-be southerners: folks from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, and Florida). We hope you'll had fun reading our top 10 list 'cause we sure had fun writing it. Y'all take care, now.
Opinions

Bobbie Corey?
By Seth Seyfried
(The opinions expressed in this column are of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the CNR college or Bird Cage Liner)

As a student with some background in Natural Resources, I found Kevin Poe's "Need a Job" article interesting. Believing that there must be opposition in all things, I am thankful to the Liner for allowing me to respond.

I find Poe's attitude concerning the job-market in natural resources alarming: "there is something you can do to help assure that jobs will be available by the time you graduate...I strongly urge you to vote for Corey."

Although Poe states that "Corey can't promise us all a permanent job in natural resources," he implies that Corey will work to ensure as many jobs as possible. Now, I don't know about y'all, but I believe that the government is not supposed to provide me with a job when I graduate. Government-provided jobs is Socialism, and I believe it should be fought against with as much vigor as Martin Luther King fought for civil equality.

Poe discussed Hansen's environmental voting record, but I think we should also examine Corey's environmental voting record. After all, she was the Cache Economic Developer, which means she influenced how the economy of Cache County interacted with the environment.

I also wonder how Corey will "improve range management with no increase in grazing fees" since the Democratic president (to whom she is loyal by means of her party affiliation) is proposing to raise grazing fees and impose greater mining restrictions. Will she vote with the Republicans? If so, would that not mean voting with Congressman Hansen on an environmental issue?

Furthermore, Poe suggested Congressman Hansen "tried to weaken the Clean Water Act, evidently thinking wetlands protection standards are expendable to relieve economic burden." Poe fails to offer valid evidence supporting the assumption that Congressman Hansen is against wetlands protection.

Contact Congressman Hansen. Make him defend his vote on the CWA. Congressman Hansen told me, when I asked him about it, that he voted against some rules that would have been enacted with the CWA, rules which would have made the CWA a poor piece of legislation by allowing interested parties to ignore the CWA through court litigation.

Attention: Fish Heads
The Student Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is alive and well and ready for your participation. We know you haven't heard much from us in the past, but we intend to change things this year. We've already started!

Saturday, October 8, four club members drove to Strawberry Reservoir to help Fisheries graduate students work with spawning kokanee salmon. On the streams we checked fish traps and nets, counted tagged kokanee, and tagged then released captured salmon. On the reservoir we conducted zooplankton tows, measured oxygen content and water clarity. It was a beautiful day and we had a lot of fun.

Our future plans include: monthly meetings with guest lectures from people working in the fisheries field, a fly-tying seminar in January and possibly a fishing tournament in the spring. Also, we may have another opportunity to help electroshocking for cutthroat at Strawberry Reservoir in November.

Our officers this year are:
Larry Hill - President
Jeff Finch - Vice President
Todd Seamos - Secretary
Joanna Garrard - Treasurer
You can reach us at the club office NR 212 or leave a message on VMS account SLTQD.

Thanks and hope to see you around!

Earth Resources Club
Tuesday, November 8, (election day) the ERC will be holding an organizational meeting. This is your chance to influence where the ERC will direct its energy. The ERC needs fresh ideas and motivated
individuals to participate in the club this year. Come out and get to know the members of ERC, munch some cookies and get involved in something you believe in.

The meeting will be held in NR 105 at 7pm and is open to all club members and individuals interested joining.

One of the activities ERC will be sponsoring this year is a Project Learning Tree workshop on January 10 and 12. This six hour workshop will train individuals to use the Project Learning Tree program as a tool in education. The program was developed by the USFS for educators, students, and anyone interested in sharing nature’s wonders with children.

Forestry Extension Specialist Mike Kuhns will be conducting the workshop. For more information call Michelle Brink at 755-8087.

Also, watch for information on our lecture series. Dates and speakers will be posted in the Atrium.

Agroecology

New to the CNR this year is the Agroecology Club. The club will help bring the College of Agriculture and the College of Natural Resources closer together. Our motto is: To maximize agricultural profits with the least amount of impact on the environment.

Agricultural innovations have allowed the production of large quantities of food and fiber of high quality with high labor efficiency. However, in some cases this has been accomplished with practices that erode soils, deplete water tables, contaminate foodstuffs and the environment, and require large energy inputs.

Sustainable agriculture embodies old and new ideas that address some of these problems while providing for a dependable food supply. For this change to happen, farm policy, industrial practices, and resource and land-use thinking must change.

If you are interested in creating a relationship of cooperation and consensus with agriculture and the environment, please contact Heather Paskett 755-0982 or leave a message in the CNR club office. Please look for upcoming activities in the next CNR newsletter!

Geography

Greetings! Here’s some global perspective from the Geography Club (or GTU-Gamma Theta Upsilon, the Honor Society for Geography, but for CNR purposes we will contribute to The Liner as the Geography Club)

This year’s officers are:

Steve Schill - President
Janae Kinikin - Vice President
Michael Sheen - Secretary
Kristi Green - Treasurer

We are here to serve!

We have put our heads together and planned some events for all of our intrepid geographers (and anyone else who is interested in joining us).

Some upcoming activities to pencil in on your calendars include: monthly brown bags (bring your munchies and listen to a variety of fascinating geographic-related topics), trips to Salt Lake to visit some of the folks that use aerial photography and remotely sensed images in real life, a trip to Denver to tour USGS-where topo maps come from, our annual Christmas party and white elephant bash, and National Geographic Awareness Week.

During N.G.A. week, we will be selling our amazing t-shirts and sponsoring a geography bowl for all of you who know the capital of North Dakota and the major exports of Tuvalu. Start organizing your teams soon.

Our goals and aspirations for the year include announcing all this fun stuff to you on time so you can participate, creating a better sense of unity among the geography majors, and integrating our club with the entire CNR to broaden our academic and social horizons. If you have any suggestions or questions for the club, please direct them to one of the officers or send them to: GTU-email SL3FP.

Range Club

Hello friends. The Student Chapter of the Society for Range Management is busier than ever. As promised at our opening social, Don Burnside, a visiting Quinney Scholar from Australia, will address some of the rangeland issues in Australia on November 2 at 6:30 in BNR 314. He is eager to share his insights and experiences with all those interested in attending.

On November 4th and 5th, the Club will be holding a fund raising demolition project. Dr.
Phil Urness, in conjunction with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources offered to pay the Range Club to take down a shed in North Logan. All proceeds will go to the club to fund future activities. Everyone interested in helping the club, relieving a little tension, or anyone interested in destroying things are invited to attend.

Please watch for our flyers in the NR and BNR buildings, and advertisements in the Statesman for more details on these and other upcoming activities.

Audubon Notes

By Chandara Heaton

Clear, cool water rolling along its merry way free of sludge, auto parts, and various other unpleasantities... Would you like to be able to describe the Bear River in such glowing terms? Al Stokes, professor emeritus and well-known Audubon activist, is looking for a few good CNR students interested in becoming a part of a Bear River Coalition. The coalition will seek to improve and maintain aesthetic and water quality, through a combination of clean-up projects, community cooperation, and an understanding of laws currently affecting the area. Al would like to start by adopting a segment of the Bear River from Tremonton to Amalga and is seeking enthusiastic and dedicated students to take a leadership role in the ambitious new project. Could this be you? If you would like to know more about this chance to save a part of the world, make some great contacts in the community, hang out with some cool "grown-ups," and generally get involved, contact Al Stokes at 797-2542 or stop by his office in BNR 281.

Forestry Club News

Hey there Forestry Club saplings!! Here's a little November update for your perusal:

- Our annual Christmas tree cut and sale is almost upon us. The cut will take most of the day on Saturday, November 12, and will be followed by a pizza party at the Factory Pizzeria for all who attend. An organizational meeting for people interested in helping will be on Monday, November 7 in the NR Atrium at 5:30 p.m.. It will be extremely short: what to wear, what to bring, what to expect, etc. Any questions? Call Jenn Farrar (755-8522) or Ed Keith (755-3194). Everyone is welcome to attend! See you there!

"Consensus, Anyone?"

Some Natural Resource managers in America feel that reaching a consensus could be the solution to many of today's thorny NR issues. What do YOU think? Will bringing together representatives from most sides of an issue (e.g. forest protection/extraction in the Northwest) prove to be a panacea or a can of worms?

In our next issue we will publish one opinion representing each side of this question (that means at least two will be printed). We reserve the right to not publish and/or edit any submissions and we will publish based on quality of argument and thought. CNR students and faculty are welcome to respond.

Deadline for copy in the next Bird Cage Liner is December 1, in NR 212

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Obsolescent "Opinions"

By Laura J Brunt/Editor

I've heard concerns regarding the objectivity of the Opinions column. In the future, to provide a balance concerning controversial topics, the format of the Opinions will be point-counterpoint. I promise that this information source will not impede your freedom to express yourselves, but be aware that we will solicit a counter view to provide symmetry. Your opinion will then be published in the following Liner.

In response to Kevin Poe's opinion of Congressional candidates, Jim Hansen and Bobbie Corey, we thought you would be interested in hearing what a Hansen supporter will say. Read Seth Seyfried article, Corey?

Jim Hansen and Bobbie Corey were asked to respond, but both declined. Apparently, the clout of this small newsletter is far too intimidating a forum for their debates!
Editor - continued

Thanks goes to the southern graduate students who contributed "Grits and Gridiron" for this issue From the Grad Side. We'll need a story for the December issue... anyone interested?

The next issue of the Liner, Lin Alder thought the "Point - Counter Point" column should have you respond to the contention over Natural Resource management by consensus.

That's great Lin, but I think (to provide a balance to Lin of course) I would like to hear confessions. Tell us what it sounded like when you drove your car into the garage with your bike still strapped onto your rack.

Tell us that it was you that phoned Logan City police to inquire about invasion of the Aliens when War Of The Worlds was televised on Devil's Night.

Please, tell us about a charming moment where you erroneously identified a robin for a pelican.

Tell us when you ran out of time on an exam and 1/4 of it was left. In your scramble to get a few points via guessing, you chose the letter "c" to fill in the remaining blank circles on your scantron, and, well...the last part of the exam was true/false. It could happen.

Tell us about how, to quote my favorite writer, Jim Wright, "Nothing bonds with Super Glue as joyously as human flesh" rather than the item it was intended for.

C'mon make our mandibles ache!

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You'll notice a new addition to the Atrium.

Thanks to Roger Jeffs, owner of Finders Keepers on 74 west 100 North in Logan, we now have a proper dispersal site for the Bird Cage Liner, the bird cage!

If you haven't been inside Jeff's store, you must. The Antique Mall is a new addition to Finders Keepers where several antique dealers display their collections. The effects in there that will interest the entomologist, geologist, glass collector, artist and those who collect early American antiques.

Help the folks at Finders Keepers celebrate their 15 year anniversary on November 2nd. Thanks to Finders Keepers for their charitable contribution!!