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UTAH ATHLETICS

Promoting a Culture of Excellence to Position Student-Athletes for Success

MARK HARLAN has served as **Athletics Director** for five years and has overseen significant success in competition, in the classroom, in the community, and in fundraising. He came to the University of Utah with more than 20 years of intercollegiate athletics experience at five different universities.

The 2021-2022 academic year was the Utes' most successful since joining the Pac-12 in 2011. Seven sports programs earned NCAA post-season berths, with the football team going to the Rose Bowl. Three other Utah teams won conference championships in their respective leagues: gymnastics, skiing and lacrosse. In Harlan's tenure, the ski team has captured three NCAA championships and the perennially powerful gymnastics team has claimed two third-place finishes.

Academic achievement has matched the success of team sports.



Utah's student-athletes have posted the top semester GPAs on record, including a program-best 3.57 GPA in Spring 2020. Yearly GPAs also have broken records: 3.407 in 2020-21 and 3.315 in 2021-22.

Utah recorded its fifth consecutive year at 93-percent or higher in the NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR) report for 2022, its score tying for sec-

ond among Pac-12 departments behind Stanford.

Harlan has spearheaded fundraising efforts that have raised more than \$60 million for capital projects, including the development of the Ken Garff Red Zone at Rice-Eccles Stadium, expanding the stadium capacity to 51,444. Remarkably, all premium seating inventory sold out before completion of the project. In June 2021, the Athletics Department launched the "Elevate U" program to support Utah's student-athletes as they maximize their "Names, Images and Likenesses" opportunities under recent NCAA legislation.

Harlan, 52, earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in education from the University of Arizona. He and his wife, Carolyn, have two children: Savannah (17) and Austin (14) and Cali the Labradoodle (8).

NOTE: Luncheon will be held in the Saltair Room at Noon on January 10

ZOOM INFORMATION:

For full participation on a computer, tablet or smartphone:

Join meeting at <https://utah.zoom.us/j/96199886022> Passcode: 240429. Presentation begins at 12:30.

For further information about attending Zoom meetings see: <https://bit.ly/35IIJe1> or google: "Utah Emeriti Club" and click on the Zoom Instructions link.

For audio only on any cell phone or landline phone:

A few minutes before noon, dial this Zoom number: + 669 900 6833. You will then need the Meeting ID: 961 9988 6022

From the President

KEN JAMESON

Six Club members were the “Grandparents Are In” in the Union on November 16th and 17th. We all enjoyed the experience and the students seem to have warmed to it immediately. As one of us wrote:

I thought students were too engrossed in their cell phones, and themselves, and wouldn't give us the time of day. However, I was willing to give it try, and I was GOBSMACKED!!! We had multiple students coming up to us and sharing amazing stories, issues, problems, even asking if we would be here “tomorrow?” or “all the time?” etc. It was amazing.

The Director of the Union wrote afterwards:

Some of our student employees asked us about you after seeing your table and sign and really loved the spirit of this project and your willingness to connect with students in this way. Cheers to you all for doing this.

We plan to connect with students again on Monday, Dec. 5 and Tuesday, Dec. 6 in the Kahlert dorm dining hall area. We are hoping others will join us there and next semester as we continue the effort. If you are interested, let Ken Jameson know (kpjameson@gmail.com; 801-466-5812) and we will try to include you.

If you are hesitant, let me offer a few of our thoughts. We didn't expect to be approached by students in crisis, and we weren't. We did have a list of resources we could fall back on. We do have a “longevity dividend,” i.e. we have faced many of the problems the students are concerned about and they seem to respect our perspective. I think it is probably easier for them to talk with us strang(ers) than with their family. And some of them are far from home and are out of touch and missing their family. And it seems likely that Covid isolation has made them more interested in interacting.

We talked to graduate students, mostly undergrads, and the occasional high school students who were doing tours. The first day was more female, but the second day was about equal. The concerns were pretty much what you would expect: lots of questions about what happens when they graduate, should they be at the U, majors, how to make friends, how to get it all done, and why we were doing what we were doing. And then unique questions: about breaking up with a long-time girlfriend; or “when you know you are ready to have children.” In all cases, we listened as they described where their concern came



***You, too, can give advice:
Even if it's bad
it's free.***

from, and I think they were happy to be able to bounce it off us, even if we gave advice that was BAD.

Two last thoughts from our group:

They were very fun and seemed to have come to an understanding of the effort (intergenerational communication). I was apprehensive at first (who am I to give advice? sort of thing) – just my insecurity. So, once I understood that it was more about “lending an ear”, I felt more comfortable.

And:

Not only is there a need for something like this, I think you might consider having many of our emeriti members rotate and keep it going on a regular basis. If the students knew there would be someone there (say on Tues, Wed or whatever), they might return or refer it to others. Several indicated that they wished to come back again! I think many of our emeriti faculty would find it rewarding and worthwhile. I think others would feel comfortable and rewarded for their services.

So join us — and the students! Contact Ken and we'll plan for next semester.

Television Suggestions

DON STRASSBERG

This month's suggestions again include some older movies & series that are currently available on streaming services and well worth a look. Please note that if a "-" appears in the date of one of these selections, it means that this is a TV series, not a movie. Also, since shows are coming to and leaving TV or theatres all the time, it's possible that a suggested shows may have already left or have not quite reached one of the streaming services. As always, please let me know of your TV suggestions for this column (don-ald.strassberg@psych.utah.edu)

Netflix

Enola Holmes (2020) and Enola Holmes 2 (2022): Mysteries solved by Sherlock's teen sister...a "super-sleuth in her own right." Millie Bobby Brown is delightful as Enola.

Mo (2022): A Palestinian refugee "straddles the line between two cultures, three languages and a ton of foolishness...constantly living one step away from asylum on the path to U.S. citizenship."

Wednesday (2022-): An Addams Family spinoff chronicles the daughter's (Wednesday) time as a student (and amateur detective) at Nevermore Academy

Hulu

Riders of Justice (2022): "A darkly humorous revenge thriller with satisfying depth and a dash of savory quirk."

Children of Men (2006): "When infertility threatens mankind with extinction, a disillusioned bureaucrat becomes the unlikely champion in the fight for the survival of Earth's population."

Apple TV+

Spirited (2022): Will Ferrell teams up with Ryan Reynolds for a musical take on Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

Echo 3 (2022-): "After an American scientist goes missing near the Colombia-Venezuela border, her brother and husband team up and try to find her."

The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey (2022-): Samuel L. Jackson portrays an ailing elderly man with dementia who undergoes an experimental treatment to restore his lost memories.

Prehistoric Planet (2022-): From the producers of *Planet Earth*, this series "combines award-winning wildlife filmmaking, the latest paleontology learnings and state-of-the-art technology to unveil the spectacular habitats and inhabitants of ancient Earth."

Amazon Prime

Call Jane (2022): Elizabeth Banks and Sigourney Weaver in a 1968-set drama about a woman trying to obtain a life-saving abortion having to navigate an all-male medical establishment.

The English (2022-) Emily Blunt in a "visual knockout" of a Western.

The Peripheral (2022-): A woman discovers a head set that transports her consciousness to London in the year 2070. I'm on episode 3 and am hooked.

HBO Max

Death on the Nile (2022). Based on the Agatha Christie novel, it's a fun and thrilling mystery with colorful/quirky characters.

The Banshees of Inisherin (2020): A somewhat slow moving but graphically beautiful drama that follows life-long friends after one unexpectedly puts an end to their friendship.

Disney +

Encanto (2021): Columbia-based, "enchanted, beautifully animated fun for the whole family" with a heart-warming message (also available for rent on Amazon Prime).

PBS/Masterpiece

Sandition (2019-present): "Jane Austen's final novel, left unfinished when she died in 1817, gets the small screen treatment in this winning adaptation."

Annika (2022-): Glasgow's Marine Homicide Unit investigates the "puzzling crimes and unexplained murders that wash up on the shores of Scotland's waters." Both my wife and I love this show.

In Theaters

The Fabelmans (2022): We recently viewed this wonderful movie by Steven Spielberg telling the story of "the family roots that helped make him a beloved filmmaker."

Devotion (2022): Just saw this movie and loved it. It tells the true story of an African-American Navy pilot at the start of the Korean war, featuring wonderful performances by its lead characters.

Emeriti / Osher Institute

HERTA TEITELBAUM



A special thank you!

The *Winter 2023 Course Catalog* is now available and can be accessed at https://continuinged.utah.edu/_resources/images/_cece/osher/catalogs/23-08002-w23-osher-catalog_v6-web.pdf. Registration starts on December 5. Course offerings include 60 in-person and 26 Zoom classes. We are pleased to note that several of our emeriti colleagues are teaching a class or giving a lecture.

Courses

Gene Fitzgerald (Dept. of Russian Language, Literature, and Culture): "Russia and Ukraine: A Historical and Contemporary Discussion from 863 to the Present Day." The course will discuss the different views of Russian and Ukrainian history which provide the backdrop for Russia's justification and Ukraine's rejection of the present war.

Bruce Landesman and Patricia Hanna (Philosophy Department): "The Threat to American Democracy." The instructors will explain why democracy in this country is under attack, not from without, but from within, and then outline some of the basic features of a democratic government such as free, available, and fair elections or freedom of action, speech, and religion. We will see that many of these elements of democracy have come under threat, why this has happened, and what needs to be done to contain these threats to democracy.

R. Scott Williams and Jay Jacobson (Dept. of Internal Medicine): "Medical Ethics and Law in Film." The instructors will use films and documentaries for class discussion to help participants see how long-standing principles of medical ethics and certain legal precedents function and compete with one another in medical care and research. Class members will also come to understand the styles and techniques used by filmmakers to enhance the use of reason, passion, and emotional appeal in medical dramas studied.

Jill E. Meyer (Executive Director, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) and Margaret Landesman (Librarian Emerita): "Masterpieces at the Met: Paintings of People and Their Stuff." Portrait sitters often have chosen to be portrayed amongst their stuff: featuring a profession, social status, book-filled study, children, horses, dogs, servants, or elegant dress. We will learn about the past — and the present — from such paintings in the collection of the Metropolitan Museum.

Lunch And Learn Lecture (February 28)

L. Jackson Newell: "Higher education in the US: Why Can't We Get It Right?" The lecture will focus on critical issues facing American universities and colleges and discuss why it is so difficult to address the problems.

Of the many ways Professors Emeriti contribute to the University of Utah and society, their financial contributions stand out at this year's turning. **Emeriti contributed over \$8.1 million** to the University for fiscal 2022. Year-by-year results suggest over three-quarters of the U's faculty contribute financially in their emeriti years.

Let's keep up the good work in the new year, and **watch for a special opportunity.**

Links of Interest

In case you missed **Brian Moench's** provocative presentation on why the environment enables women to become smarter than men, you can access it at: https://mediaspace.utah.edu/media/t/1_j5fo0161

Seniors are especially vulnerable to certain **scams** because they typically have accumulated wealth. One of the scams is the **technical support scam**. Here's how it works:

A pop-up message appears on your computer or phone saying your device is compromised and you need to fix it. You call the support number for help, and the scammer requests remote access to your device so they can fix it if you pay them a fee.

For the most up-to-date scam alerts, visit [FTC.gov](https://www.ftc.gov).

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In Memoriam

Carol Withrow, November 23, 1930 – November 17, 2022,
spouse of C. Dean Withrow, Pharmacology

Laya Kesner, May 6, 1943 - November 30, 2022
Chemistry



Pioneer Memorial Theater

PLAY	TICKETS AVAILABLE	PREVIEW PERFORMANCE
<i>A Distinct Society</i>	January 9, 2023	January 25, 2023
<i>Putting It Together</i>	February 13, 2023	March 2, 2023
<i>What the Constitution Means to Me</i>	March 20, 2023	April 6, 2023
<i>The Prom</i>	April 24, 2023	May 11, 2023

Emeriti and spouses are entitled to free tickets to Pioneer Memorial Theater preview performances. When tickets become available, members gather at the theater. All you need to do is show your Emeritus Card. Each card holder is entitled to two tickets. Because there can be a rush, and

to minimize wait time, card holders organize themselves by when they reach the theater. As soon as the box office opens, waiting card holders queue up according to when they arrived and receive their tickets.

The hikers have had a straddle season which means foothills and regional parks waiting for the snow to deepen. We have enjoyed the lingering fall temperatures and challenged our cardiac output and strengthened our bones and joints. None of this was too taxing as we hiked from City Creek Canyon up to the microwave towers and a smoggy view over the valley. Valley views were either spectacular or horrifying depending on the pollution. Rattlesnake Creek off of Millcreek provided another perspective. With snow forecast we chose a lower elevation and hiked in Dimple Dell Park doing 5.5 miles arriving to our cars as the first flakes fell. The Avenues provided views of a golden eagle and Sandy a bald eagle. Fortunately, we usually have a birder with us.

We are looking forward to a holiday potluck at the Forest Glen

Hiking Group



Condominiums on December 12, thanks to Julia Kleinschmidt. We are trying a "pop-up" format– just show up and bring what you want to share. It should be a surprise and those thinking about hiking with us or old timers wanting to eat, but not hike, are welcome! Perhaps we can figure out the digital technology to project some of our many happy memories.

It is time to book your motel or campsite for our **annual motel/camp trip**. This year will be **Snow Canyon**

State Park. The group campsite has already been reserved. Those with trailers need to mark their calendars 4 months out at 8 a.m. on December 3, 2022 to try to get a site during our **April 3-7, 2023** reservation at the group site. The group site can accommodate tents, vans, pickup campers. There is plenty of room. Trailers would have to book a separate site and thus this alert. The days of dropping in to camp are over, so don't be disappointed and don't be late. The small fee for cancelling is nothing compared to the cost of disappointment.

Kathy and Suzanne wish everyone a warm holiday season with lots of moisture and family gatherings. Be careful, the pandemic is not gone, and we don't want to discontinue our time in the outdoors, which always brings us renewal.

January 10th Luncheon Menu

ENTREES

Beef lasagna
or
Vegetable lasagna
or
Fruit plate with cottage cheese

Broccoli salad on greens

ACCOMPANIMENTS

Seasonal vegetable
Rolls and fruit bread with butter
Carrot cake with cream cheese icing
Ice water with lemon
Coffee and tea service

LUNCHEON RESERVATION and DUES PAYMENT FORM

Voluntary Dues for 2022-23: \$12/Single, \$24/Couple

Luncheon payment due January 3. Attendees should be in seats by 12:00.

To pay by credit card (preferred): <https://umarket.utah.edu/um2/uuemeritclub/product.php?product=1>

(Please use the dropdown menu to select your meal choice. If you plan on bringing a spouse/guest, be sure to update the quantity box to "2", and fill out the info for your guest's lunch selection.)

To pay by check:

Name _____	Beef lasagna _____	Veg lasagna _____	Fruit Plate _____
Spouse/Partner _____	Beef lasagna _____	Veg lasagna _____	Fruit Plate _____
Guest(s) _____	Beef lasagna _____	Veg lasagna _____	Fruit Plate _____

Email: _____ Telephone # _____

Number attending @ \$20 each _____ Luncheon \$ _____

Voluntary Dues for 2022/23: \$12 Single, \$24 Couple Dues \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please check here _____ if this is your first luncheon as a new member. (Hey! It's a free lunch!)

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