

# ADVISOR NEWS

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## Calendar Events

### Advising Coordinating Committee

Thur. Sept. 14 10:30 A.M. MLIB 204  
Thur. Oct. 12 10:30 A.M. MLIB 204  
Thur. Nov. 9 10:30 A.M. MLIB 204  
Thur. Dec. 7 10:30 A.M. MLIB 204

All advisors are welcome to attend and participate. Meetings will be broadcast through Distance Education to various Education Centers and Extension sites.

### Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR)

For students entering USU Spring 2001

Monday, November 13, 2000

### NACADA National Conference

October 5-8 Orlando, Florida

### Homecoming/ Parents Weekend

Homecoming and Parents Weekend is scheduled for September 29-30, 2000. Friday's activities include a golf tournament and the Homecoming Dance. Saturday's activities include a Parents Association Breakfast, the Homecoming Parade, a Barbeque, and the football game against the University of Utah.

A package deal is available for parents of students. The cost is \$23/parent or \$20/parent for those who are members of the Parents Association. The package includes the Parents Association Breakfast and the football game. Parents may join the USU Parents Association for \$25. For more information about the Parents Association or parent package, call 1-800-606-4USU or (435) 797-1128.

## Utah State UNIVERSITY

### Congratulations!

Stan Allen, faculty advisor in the Department of Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences, was selected by the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) to receive an **Outstanding Advisor Award** as part of the 2000 NACADA Award Program for Academic Advising. Dr. Allen will receive his award at the NACADA National Conference in Orlando.

### Advisor/ Personnel Changes

Ruth Harrison is the new Director of the College of Business Student Service Center; Cathy Myers-Roche is a new professional advisor in the Department of Plants, Soils, and Biometeorology; and Julie Wheeler is a new advisor for Family and Consumer Science majors.

The Office of Advising and Transition Services has recently lost two employees to other positions: Will Broadhead is working for AMX in Salt Lake City, and Chris White is an advisor for Student Activities at USU.

### Student- Athlete Services

There are three new advisors in Student-Athlete Services: Brian Evans is the Assistant Athletics Director; Chris Wujek is the new Academic Coordinator, replacing Sabrina "Bre" White, who is now at San Diego State University; and Troy Kema is an Academic Coordinator, replacing Deanna Palmer, who is going to graduate school.

For more information about Student-Athlete Services, contact Brian Evans (evansbr@cc.usu.edu) at 797-1868.

### General Education Reminder

All students who transfer to USU Fall 2000 or later and who have not received an AA or AS degree must satisfy the new University Studies requirements. (They may not graduate under the former quarter requirements.) Students who transfer to USU Fall 2000 or later with an AA or AS degree from an articulated institution (see pages 60-61 of the 2000-2002 *General Catalog*) will be considered as having satisfied only the General Education portion of the University Studies requirements. These students will still be required to satisfy the Depth Education requirements, in order to receive a bachelor's degree from USU. Students who transferred to USU with an AA or AS degree prior to Fall 2000 are considered to have completed all University Studies requirements (both General Education and Depth Education).

### Advisor E-mail Distribution List

The Office of Advising and Transition Services is continually updating its advisor e-mail distribution list. This list currently includes more than 160 professional and faculty advisors and directors of various departments within Student Services. The purpose of the list is to inform advisors of upcoming meetings, provide updates on policies and procedures, and coordinate the exchange of other pertinent information from the Registrar's Office and other areas. If you wish to have your e-mail address added to or removed from this list, please notify John Mortensen (mort@cc.usu.edu).

## Study Skills and Study Behaviors Assessment

The Academic Resource Center (ARC) provides an assessment of a student's study skills and study behaviors. The Student Behavior Inventory (SBI) is available to students at no cost and is a PC-based (not internet based) assessment. Students may take the inventory in the Academic Resource Center (TSC 304A) or in one of the following open access student labs: Student Center, Merrill Library, Science Technology Library, or Agricultural Science.

The SBI assesses a student's strengths and areas requiring improvement, followed by a description of USU resources that are available to assist the student (e.g., study skills and text-reading classes, tutoring, supplemental instruction, individual consultation with ARC staff, idea sheets, videos, etc.). The student is able to print a comprehensive report following completion of a 47-item questionnaire.

Advisors may ask to have the SBI installed on a PC in their advising center or office for student use. They may also refer students to one of the five locations listed above. Advisors may also refer students to the Academic Resource Center for consultation prior to completing the SBI. For additional information or for answers to questions regarding the SBI, please contact Carol Rosenthal, Assistant Director, Academic Resource Center, 797-4027 (carolr@cc.usu.edu).

## Advisor Handbook

The 2000-2001 *Advisor Handbook* was distributed to various academic departments and service offices. If you have a heavy advising load and have not yet received your handbook, please contact John Mortensen (mort@cc.usu.edu).

## Final Exam Schedule

Final Examinations are not to be scheduled prior to Monday, December 11 or at any times other than those indicated in the *Schedule of Classes* without the specific approval of the department head or college dean.

## New Air Force ROTC Scholarship Opportunities

The Air Force ROTC has two new scholarship opportunities this year. One opportunity will pay for up to two years of graduate studies--the student just needs to complete two years of ROTC. The second opportunity is an Express scholarship for nursing. The Express scholarship will pay for up to 3.5 years and has a simplified application process. As in past years, Air Force ROTC has two- and three-year scholarships available for any degree program: the STAR program that provides up to two years of scholarship benefits for incoming juniors, an incentive for any junior and senior in good standing in ROTC, and an Express scholarship for electrical engineers. If you'd like more information about any of these opportunities, please contact Captain Dan Stormont at 797-8723.

## Supplemental Instruction & Tutoring

The Academic Resource Center (ARC) maintains a web site at:

[www.usu.edu/acaserv/center/frames/lcframes.html](http://www.usu.edu/acaserv/center/frames/lcframes.html)

The site contains the schedules for all Supplemental Instruction sessions, free tutoring on campus, and many other college learning skills resources.

## Don't Cancel That Class!

This semester, instructors may discover that they will be forced to miss a class due to a conference, family obligation, or other important event. Instead of canceling the class or scrambling to find another instructor to cover the material for the day, instructors should consider contacting the staff at Career Services to request a "substitute" for the class. Topics may include career decision-making, career search strategies, networking, interviewing skills, resume writing, etc. For more information, contact Donna Crow at 797-7777.

## ACT Statistics

Here are some interesting statistics compiled by ACT. The statistics refer only to new freshmen who were enrolled full-time during spring semester at USU.

Avg. ACT Composite:	22.4
Percent Scoring 28 or higher:	13.5%
Percent who are minority:	5%
Percent who are LDS:	78%
USU was first choice on ACT:	38.5%

### Top 10 Feeder High Schools

1. Sky View	117
2. Mountain Crest	79
3. Logan	67
4. Box Elder	46
5. Davis	44
6. Bingham	38
7. Bear River	37
8. Uintah	35
9. Viewmont	29
10. Weber	28

## First-Year Success Program

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