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## ”ROAD GAME EDITION!!!”

### The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
32	Tyler Kepkay	6-0	G	Jr.
11	Lawrence Borha	6-3	G	Jr.
21	Shaun Green	6-8	F	Jr.
13	Stephen Weigh	6-6	F	So.
50	Luke Nevill	7-1	C	Jr.
0	Curtis Eatmon	6-3	G	So.
1	Johnnie Bryant	6-0	G	Sr.
2	A.J. Reilly	5-9	G	Fr.
3	Chris Grant	6-3	G	Sr.
5	Luka Drca	6-5	G	So.
10	Tre Smith	5-9	G	Fr.
14	Kim Tillie	6-9	F	So.
15	Carlton Brown	6-4	G	Fr.
25	Sayre Brennan	6-6	F	Jr.
31	Jonathan Downie	6-8	F	So.
45	Morgan Grim	6-9	F	Fr.

Coach: Jim Boylen

### U of U administration finds answers to explain low attendance.

Utah State basketball fans are widely regarded to be one of the nation's elite college fan bases, which has made a small college town in Northern Utah a living hell for visiting teams. A fair example of Aggie fan's dedication was on display last weekend when 9,345 fans battled the frozen roads and freezing temperatures for Saturday's game against Santa Clara, despite the Aggies' slow start to this basketball season. It was a setting that was far from "fair weather" in both a literal and metaphorical sense. That same evening in Salt Lake City, the Utah Utes, who are off to a pleasantly good start to their season, played to crowd of 8,137 while outside the weather conditions were comparable to Logan, with the exception of the frozen roads. The significance of the attendance numbers is amplified when market size is taken into account. Cache Valley offers USU a total population of approximately 102,000 residents, compared to over 948,000 in the Salt Lake Valley where the U of U calls home. So why is it that Utah State is drawing out 9.2 percent of it's entire market out to basketball games compared to a 0.86 percent draw of the U of U? How is it that only 80 miles from the hardest of the hardcore fans live the fans that are so frequently absent from their own basketball games? According to University of Utah's athletic department, the answer is simple... Curfew.

Ann Ronchetti, director of marketing in the U of U athletic department, said, "Our basketball attendance suffers a fair amount because of how late at night the games are played. Most of our students have parents expecting them to be home by 10 o'clock on weeknights, which takes a huge chunk out of our attendance for each game."

Utah has long had the stigma of being a commuter school, meaning the students generally don't live on or near campus, which increases the distance they must travel for basketball games. More often than not the students will spend the majority of their college years living in the same house as their parents, which comes with the same house rules and regulations that they had imposed on them on their first day of Junior High.

When asked to speculate why so much of the U of U student body chooses to live at home Ronchetti said, "I think the biggest thing is that most of our students aren't yet ready to handle real life away from their parents. Moving out of home is a big step, and much of our student body isn't ready to take that step by the time they are finished with high school. The un-readiness seems to make it easier for them to deal with the restrictions of a curfew, even into their college years."

With no change in sight for the near future, Ronchetti is hopeful that the several students who already regularly attend basketball home games will elevate their rowdiness to a higher level.

"We always look forward to playing Utah State," Ronchetti said. "We're hopeful that our student body will take notes from the Aggies on what makes real college basketball fans."

### In All Honesty: Roadie preview...

Utah's trainwreck season of a year ago looks to be a thing of the past under new head coach Jim Boylen. Utah returns all five starters from their 11-19 team of a year ago, and Boylen has them playing at a much higher level than Ray Giacoletti ever did. A much better coach on the U of U bench, as well as a very experienced Utah squad will make for a tough match-up for the Aggies. Last year the Utes had no answer for Jaycee Carroll as he went for 27 points, and Steve Ducharme has been nearly unstoppable on the road this season. One more player will probably need to step up and have a big scoring night for the Aggies to come away winners tonight.

### Quickies - Exactly what it sounds like.

#### Giacoletti finally able to sleep again.

Former Ute coach Ray Giacoletti said in a recent interview that he is finally able to sleep again knowing that he will not have to come back to the Spectrum. He was also quoted as saying that his ears had finally stopped ringing sometime last July from his first visit to Logan in late 2004.

#### Utah ticket office refuses sale to Chaz Spicer.

The U of U ticket office is alleged to have refused the sale of a ticket for tonight's game to former Aggie Chaz Spicer. U of U director of ticket sales Zack Lassiter said, "We know what Chaz is capable of in clutch situations. Even though he is out of playing eligibility, we're not taking any chances."

#### Nevill wins Halloween costume contest wearing only a hooded sweatshirt.

Utah center Luke Nevill was given the award for the top costume at a Salt Lake City Halloween party just over a month ago. Ironically Nevill did not even wear a costume to the party, but instead wore a maroon colored hooded sweatshirt. Several fellow party attendees pointed out Nevill's striking similarity to 1980's cartoon villain "Skeletor" from the He-man series, and Nevill went on to win the contest as that character.

### The Petri Dish - You know what this is by now.

**#50 Luke Nevill** - Claimed to be "the best all-around center in college basketball this season" on the Utah athletics website. Currently has the same rebounding output per game as Jaycee Carroll, despite being over seven feet tall. Looks frighteningly similar to Skeletor from the 1980's He-man cartoons. From Australia.

**#13 Stephen Weigh** - The second of the two Australians on for Utah. His mother got him into basketball at age six because his mother thought he was too bad at soccer.

**#11 Lawrence Borha** - Got pretty chatty with the Spectrum crowd last season, and talked enough smack during Utah's three point lead in the last minute to jinx his team all the way to a long ride home after a loss.

**#1 Johnnie Bryant** - Took a heavily contested off-balance shot (which missed) on Utah's possession just before Chaz Spicer's game winner last year. Somewhat of a ballhog. Was a starter last season, but was demoted to the bench this season in favor of junior college transfer Tyler Kepkay.

**#45 Morgan Grim** - High school nickname was "The Reaper"

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