An emotional salute to three-generations of the Spence and Cleone Eccles family from Chris Hill, director of athletics, kicked off the August 15 grand opening of the Spence and Cleone Eccles Football Center on Guardsman Way. The new high-tech home for Utah Football, with rehabilitation and nutrition facilities for all University of Utah athletics teams, marks a dramatic step forward in recruiting, training, and educating all U student-athletes.

“Today we celebrate not only the opening of this center, but also the one-of-a-kind role Spence and Cleone Eccles and their family have played in the success of Utah Athletics for decades,” said Hill. “Through their personal and unwavering loyalty and generosity, ‘Team Eccles,’ led by our #1 Utah Man Spence, has played a vital part in the progress of our programs and our move into the Pac-12.”

The $34 million facility, funded with more than $17 million in private contributions along with Pac-12 revenues, will ensure that players, coaches, and staff have the facilities needed to compete at the highest levels of excellence. Lead gift support for the center came not only from the Spencer F. and Cleone P. Eccles Family Foundation and the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation, but also the Sorenson Legacy Foundation, recognized through the naming of the building’s spectacular Utah Football Hall of Fame. Gifts from many other foundations, businesses, and individuals, including former U student-athletes, many of whom have gone on to NFL careers, are recognized throughout the facility.

The involvement of Spence and Cleone Eccles as enthusiastic Ute boosters and generous donors spans more than half a century—from their student days in the mid-1950s when Spence was an All-American on the U’s ski team, to his current co-chairmanship of Athletics’ Invest in Excellence Campaign. Their financial generosity was instrumental in creating the George S. Eccles Tennis Center in the late 1980s, the expansion of Rice-Eccles Stadium a decade later, and the fast-track construction of the Spence Eccles Field House in 2004, enabling the Utah Football team to prepare for its entry into the Pac-12.

“Each of these has been a landmark moment in the growth and positive trajectory of Utah Athletics,” said Spence. “For myself and our family, they have been shared opportunities to join with the U to make a significant and lasting impact that raises the level of excellence not only in athletics, but also campus-wide.” Acknowledging Cleone’s recent passing in April, Spence added, “Cleone would, at this moment, not only be very embarrassed, but also very much humbled. Like me, she loved the U and was..."
Football Center Cont.

proud of it. She always felt privileged to be associated with her alma mater, and thrilled to cheer for the student-athletes as they strive to be the very best they can be while representing this great university."

With dramatic interiors that are beautiful, functional, and energy-efficient, the center features a sports medicine complex where athletes from all sports will benefit from the most cutting-edge rehabilitation facilities and techniques. The center also houses a 250-seat cafeteria, additional nutrition services, an expansive football locker room, multiple team meeting rooms, equipment management spaces, and media studios. The Alex Smith Strength & Conditioning Center, attached to the new center, also was expanded as part of the project.

S. J. Quinney College of Law’s Rich History to Continue with New Building

On June 4, 2013, the 100th anniversary of the S. J. Quinney College of Law’s first Commencement ceremony, faculty, staff, students, trustees, administration, supporters, and alumni celebrated the groundbreaking for the college’s new building, which will replace its current outdated facility.

At the college’s first commencement in 1913, eight graduates celebrated the completion of their formal legal education at the University of Utah School of Law, as it was then known. At the 2013 event, an overflow crowd of several hundred, including alumni spanning the past 50 years, gathered to reflect upon 100 years of innovative legal education and service, and to look forward to the innovative new building, which will employ the latest technological innovations in education.

As several of the day’s speakers noted, the new 155,000-square-foot building will allow the college to dramatically improve its ability to educate lawyers and leaders for the 21st century, to produce cutting-edge scholarship, and to provide service to the legal and wider communities.
Prior to the ceremony, the college announced that the Alternative Visions Fund of the Chicago Community Trust had provided a $4 million grant toward the $9 million cost of the new building’s sustainability features, and also challenged the college to raise another $500,000 through its Green Building Fund. The new building promises to be among the most sustainable and accessible law school facilities in the world, with smart structural features designed to save water, reduce energy use, and preserve resources for the future. The building also will provide an iconic complement to Rice-Eccles Stadium and an inviting gateway to campus.

In addition to the Alternative Visions Fund, the building has received generous support from the S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney Foundation, the University of Utah, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and a growing number of law firms and individual donors.

Bob Adler, interim dean, explained, “The new building will transform the southwest corner of campus. It will welcome visitors and the campus community with universal access to accommodate disabilities, and will include a public café and a 450-seat conference center for use by the entire campus and the wider community.”

The new building is scheduled for completion during the fall of 2015.
Ye Noorda, with three of her four sons, John, Andy, and Alan, along with University leaders and a crowd of well-wishers, gathered on August 23 for the ceremonial turning-of-the-soil to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Ray and Tye Noorda Oral Health Sciences Building. Ray Noorda, founder of the computer software company Novell, died in 2006.

The groundbreaking was actually a bit after-the-fact, since the large hole, noted by Vivian Lee, senior vice president for Health Sciences, in her remarks as “the largest cavity on campus,” had already been excavated several weeks earlier.

The nearly 80,000-square-foot building will be home to the recently-established School of Dentistry, the first new college to be created at the U in 50 years, and the first new school of dentistry to be established at a major academic medical institution and public university in the country since 1971. The facility will provide lab and classroom space, administrative and faculty offices, and a dental clinic. Constructed with a generous gift of $30 million from the Noorda family, the facility will be located on Wakara Way in Research Park between the Orthopaedic Center and the Dumke Heath Professions Education Building.

Art Swindle, orthopaedics development director, and Lynn Powell, founding dean of the School of Dentistry and dental school faculty member, first met with the Noorda family approximately six years ago to discuss the concept of establishing a school of dentistry to benefit the citizens of Utah. Tye and her family believe strongly in the importance of access to affordable oral health care for the people of Utah, particularly those with limited financial resources. This commitment comes from Tye’s own experience as a child without it. Today, she is committed to making dental care accessible to everyone, especially those least able to afford it.

The quiet generosity of the Ray and Tye Noorda family and their concern for others will have a lasting impact on the health of all Utahns—and dental students will benefit as well. The School of Dentistry, which opened this year, welcomed its inaugural class of 20 students, selected from a pool of nearly 800 applicants, at a white coat ceremony on Aug. 16.
With the dream of being a travel writer, Travis Rigby left Logan, Utah, moved to Salt Lake City to attend the U, and took a job at The Daily Utah Chronicle, the U's campus newspaper. "The Chronicle was a great place to hang out," says Travis. "It was the heart of campus and had a lot of energy. I made many friends, and the opportunities I had while working there have been instrumental in my career." Because he considered his experience at the Chronicle so valuable, Travis decided to pay it forward and in 2007, established the Travis Rigby Endowed Scholarship for The Daily Utah Chronicle. The scholarship awards $5,000 to full-time students who are employed at the paper, with preference given to students from his hometown. “I want the writers to be able to get their work experience and not feel pressured about making ends meet,” he says.

"Working at the paper broadened my horizons, and I wanted to provide that opportunity and positive experience to other students." After graduating, he landed his first job working for a business newspaper in Salt Lake City, which boosted his entrepreneurial spirit. While Travis graduated with a major in mass communication and a minor in recreation and leisure, he isn’t writing for travel publications today. Instead, he founded PosterGarden, a company that offers unique and sustainable portable trade-show displays, exhibits for trade shows, and related products and accessories. He has offices in Los Angeles, Miami, and Portland, Oregon.

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— Travis Rigby

The 2012-13 Rigby Scholarship recipient is Jake Bullinger, a senior from Wyoming who is majoring in journalism. “While I understand the value of in-class education, I also value the importance of acquiring skills in real-world and professional situations,” says Jake. “Earning the Rigby Scholarship is an exceptional honor for any Chronicle employee.” The financial help allowed Jake to intern with Sports Illustrated in New York. After graduation, he hopes to work as a freelance writer or a magazine editor. “This scholarship has helped me tremendously in my preparation for the professional world, and I can’t thank Mr. Rigby enough,” he adds.

Jake Bullinger, 2012-2013 Rigby Scholarship Recipient

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Lindquist Scholars Perpetuate Community-Building

More than two decades ago, Kathryn Lindquist, who received her doctorate in humanities from the U in 1998, was working as an adjunct instructor when a student in one of her University of Utah courses introduced her to the Lowell Bennion Community Service Center. Impressed by the excellence of the students engaged there, she initiated a relationship that has evolved over the years. Kathryn’s involvement with the center has ranged from advisory board work to creating an endowed scholarship in her mother’s name. The Telitha Ellis Lindquist Community Service Endowed Scholarship offers service-focused awards to U students who have exhibited commitment to service. Recipients of the scholarship are recognized as Lindquist Scholars.

“I see these wonderful young people perpetuating community-building,” says Kathryn. “They are the reason for my commitment. You see the community becoming stronger because of their involvement with the center.”

For more than 25 years the Bennion Center has provided opportunities for student engagement in volunteer service and civic participation through academic courses. Students take the lead in making decisions and shaping the center’s actions and organizational structures. These leadership opportunities generate interest among students who see themselves as potential leaders and those already engaged in the community. They inspire students new to community service and leadership who subsequently help the center maintain its unique energy, vitality, and curiosity.

“Kathryn has been instrumental in strengthening board involvement and engagement. She is our mission in action,” says Linda P. Dunn, Bennion Center director. “You cannot do this work without the models that show the students how it works and challenge them to think about what to do.”

Kathryn has been concerned about how the scholarships will be sustained. By including a gift to the Bennion Center in her will, her legacy of service will extend beyond her lifetime. It is a legacy of core values that circles back to what her parents taught her: Use your education, skills, time, and monetary resources to build your community.

“I feel as if I’m a conduit from my parents to my children and grandchildren, who will recognize two generations of values in this gift. Hopefully they will expand my commitment with gifts and service of their own.”

— Kathryn Lindquist

Lindquist Scholar Amy Bosworth Takes a Look Back

My time spent as a Lindquist Scholar was priceless. It was an incredible honor to spend a year in service, which ultimately defined my career pursuit in the nonprofit world. I learned to see life through new lenses and gained the self-awareness that I can be a change-seeker and change-maker in our local and global communities.

I look back with fondness (and some humor) at the young woman I was when I first stumbled upon the Bennion Center my sophomore year, looking for something that would address the new ideas and chaos the university experience had elicited. For the first time, my ideals and belief system had been challenged. I wanted to make sense of the exciting, frightening, and sometimes unjust world that had changed overnight upon entering college. Thus began my journey to discover ways that I could make contributions to our community.

Through my service at the Bennion Center, especially as a Lindquist Scholar, I was inspired by amazing people who cared passionately about making a difference. It was an excellent opportunity to test social change theories, learn from mistakes, and refine personal perceptions of societal issues. I became addicted to the work of changing communities for the better, and continue to be passionate about that in my role with United Way of Salt Lake as the 2-1-1 director. I look forward to continuing my journey throughout the years, and appreciate the roots that were established as a Lindquist Scholar.

Amy Bosworth
Lindquist Scholar, 1998
Wagner Foundation Gift to Help Expand Veterans Support Center

In May, the I.J. and Jeanné Wagner Charitable Foundation made a generous gift of $100,000 to help pay for relocating the U’s Veterans Support Center from its original 400-square-foot space on the ground level of the Olpin Student Union Building, to the 1,200-square-foot, CORC Room located on the building’s fourth floor. I.J. (Izzi) Wagner was a U student who was in the invasion of Guadalcanal as a Marine in World War II. The Wagner Foundation gift is made in partnership with the University, which will contribute $107,000 toward the remodel. The Wagner gift will be used exclusively for construction, furniture, fixtures, equipment, and to fund additional support programs directly impacting student veterans at the U.

The Veterans Support Center was established in May 2011 after Kari Ellingson, associate vice president for student development, and Scott McAward, director of the U’s Center for Disability Services, realized there was no place on campus for veterans to meet one another for support, and especially for camaraderie with others who understood both the military and the academic experience. Ellingson and McAward wanted to do something about that so they began working to establish a campus support center for vets.

In 2010, in preparation for the project, organizers conducted a survey of student vets to assess their needs and experiences. When asked where they felt most comfortable on campus, the Student Union was the clear favorite. Whit Hollis, director of the Student Union, and Barbara Snyder, vice president of student affairs, responded with enthusiastic support and office space was made available.

With a mission to improve the success of student veterans, help them receive the benefits they deserve, serve as a liaison between the student vets and the University, and increase the veterans’ academic success, the center attracts between 20 and 40 vets. During spring semester 2013, more than 800 vets visited the center. It was then that Roger Perkins, director of the center, realized a larger space was going to be needed. “It grows as trust for the center among student veterans grows,” he says. “And the determination that more services could be offered with more space drove the decision.”

During its first semester in business during fall 2011, the center attracted between 20 and 40 vets. During spring semester 2013, more than 800 vets visited the center. With this increase in visitors, and the goal to expand services, the need for a larger space was obvious. “Being able to offer counseling or other programs with any privacy is difficult,” says Perkins. “But the new center will have dedicated space for just that, including areas for a computer lab, legal clinic, lounge, and space to consolidate other support programs in one central location.”

“Camaraderie is the biggest reason vets come to the center, whether they are faculty, staff, or students,” says Perkins. “What makes the difference is that everyone on the staff is a vet so there is instant understanding.”

The renovated CORC Room is expected to be ready for occupancy by the end of spring semester 2014.

THE TOP TEN MAJORS OF STUDENT VETERANS AT THE U

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U Alumni Enjoy an Evening of Baseball at Utah Night at the Rockies

On August 13, University of Utah President David W. Pershing and his wife Sandi, along with Charlie Monfort, owner of the Colorado Rockies and an ‘82 University of Utah graduate, hosted the 8th Annual Utah Night at the Rockies Event at Coors Field in Denver. Although Charlie was unable to attend the event, he graciously offered his Rockies owner’s suite for a great night of baseball and conversation. This year, 15 University of Utah alumni and their guests were invited to attend the evening event, giving them a wonderful opportunity to mingle with the Pershings and University staff.

Prior to the game, a picnic was held at Platte River Rendezvous at Coors Field for all University of Utah alumni living in Colorado. Nearly 200 alumni and their families enjoyed the picnic, prizes and remarks by President Pershing.