

### Filmmaker enjoys success of Moore documentary

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Steven Greenstreet is surprised by all of the attention his documentary has received, and he hopes to continue to ride that wave of enthusiasm.

The former BYU student turned full-time filmmaker who made "This Divided State" just returned from his 23-college campus tour.

Now he will keep that promotion going as far as it can take him.

The tour included schools like Princeton, Cornell and Yale, as well as North Carolina, Kentucky, Southern Cal, Stanford and University of California at Berkeley. Greenstreet says the reception was outstanding, as the film played to either "full to capacity or standing room only" crowds at every venue.

The documentary that chronicled the visits of liberal filmmaker Michael Moore and conservative radio talk show host Sean Hannity to Utah Valley State College will be shown at Westminster College on May 16. The 7:30 p.m. screening will be at the college's Vieve Gore Concert Hall and is free and open to the public.

"I am really surprised at the success we've had," Greenstreet said. "It has all the elements of a rags to riches story. I thought it would be of interest to people in Utah, but people from all over have taken to it. It's been a really nice experience."

Some of that interest has even come from other parts of the world. The Documentary Film Guild of London has made arrangements for Greenstreet to fly to England at the end of May and show the film. And Greenstreet is in discussions with a Belgium film guild for a similar arrangement.

Next up is the Santa Cruz Film Festival, which begins today and runs through Friday.

The just-completed campus tour was underwritten by an organization called Campus Progress, which is a division of the left-leaning Center for American Progress. But that association with a liberal group doesn't bother Greenstreet.

"I wanted to be as unbiased as I could in making the film, but whoever wants to make it possible for people to see it, I don't care what their political affiliation is," he said.

DVD distribution in Utah, nationwide and hopefully internationally is the next goal, Greenstreet said. He hopes to have the DVD in Utah stores by July or August, and then nationally by next fall.

While he's made some money during the campus tour, Greenstreet said he has turned most of that around, spending it on further promotion of the film.

Greenstreet has kept in touch with Jim Bassi, UVSC student body president, and even had contact with Michael Moore.

"About three weeks ago, he (Moore) called us and asked for a copy of the film," Greenstreet said. "After we sent him a copy, his agent called us back and said (Moore) liked it."

He hasn't been so lucky in getting the film to Sean Hannity. Greenstreet said that he has gone "through all the channels" to contact Hannity, but has only received what he calls "the cold shoulder."

Greenstreet, who quit BYU to make the documentary, says he has gained lots more experience during the whole process than he could have attained in school. But finishing his education is in the plans -- sometime.

"I eventually want to go back to school and get my degree, but for right now, I'm going with this," Greenstreet said.

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