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# Travel ban sparks protests

## Foreign travelers detained at airports, confusion rampant

By Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump's immigration order sowed more chaos and outrage across the country Sunday, with travelers detained at airports, panicked families searching for relatives and protesters registering opposition to the sweeping measure that was blocked by several federal courts.

Attorneys struggled to determine how many people had been affected so far by the rules, which Trump said Saturday were "working out very nicely."

But critics described widespread confusion, with an untold number of travelers being held in legal limbo because of ill-defined procedures. Lawyers manned tables at New York's Kennedy Airport to offer help to families whose loved ones had been detained, and some 150 Chicago-area lawyers showed up at O'Hare Airport after getting an email asking for legal assistance on behalf of travelers.

"We just simply don't know how many people there are and where they are," said Lee Gelert, deputy director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Immigrants' Rights Project.

Advocates for travelers say the chaos is likely to continue. The executive director of National Immigration Law Center, Marielena Hincapie, said "this is just the beginning."

"We're really in a crisis mode, a constitutional crisis mode in our country, and we're going to need everyone," she said. "This is definitely one of those all-hands-on-deck moments."

Meanwhile, protests continued across the country Sunday. Demonstrations first erupted



Port Authority police stand in front of protesters at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York, Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017. President Donald Trump's immigration order sowed more chaos and outrage across the country Sunday, with travelers detained at airports, panicked families searching for relatives and protesters registering opposition to the sweeping measure that was blocked by several federal courts.

Saturday, a day after Trump signed the order banning travel to the U.S. by citizens of Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia or Yemen. The president also suspended the U.S. refugee

program for four months.

In Washington D.C., hundreds of demonstrators gathered outside the White House, some holding signs that read, "We are all immigrants

in America." More than 100 protesters also gathered at the international terminal at Dulles International Airport outside Washington.

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# DOWN GOES NO. 12

## USU men's tennis upsets ranked TCU 4-3

By Megan McNulty  
SPORTS CONTENT EDITOR

The Utah State men's tennis team snapped No.

12 TCU's 31-match home winning streak this afternoon with a final score of 4-3. With the win, the Aggies qualify for the ITA National Team Indoors next month.



PHOTO CREDIT: Utah State Athletics

Aggie tennis players erupt in celebration after sophomore Samuel Serrano seals Utah State's upset bid in the final match of the day.

"The guys will remember this forever, and I'm so happy for them," said USU head coach James Wilson.

The Aggies trailed after doubles play 1-0, counting on a strong singles performance to put them back on top.

In singles play, sophomore Jonas Maier grabbed the No. 6 spot victory over TCU's Gianni Mancini. Then, at the No. 2 spot, senior Jack Swindells gave the Aggies at 2-1 lead with a victory over TCU's Guillermo Nuñez. The match wasn't over, though, as TCU rallied back with a pair of wins over juniors Kai Wehnelt and Jaime Barajas — the Aggies trailed 3-2. Then freshman Sergiu Bucu defeated TCU's Reese Stalder at the No.4 spot to tie the match 3-3.

The fate of the match fell on USU sophomore Samuel Serrano against TCU's Trey Daniel. Serrano, after dropping the first set, won the second and third set to guarantee the Aggies a spot at the ITA Team Indoor Championship.

"They deserve it," Wilson said. "All the hard work they've put in from day one paid off today. They out-competed TCU in every way. I knew we would have a chance, and I tried to communicate that to the team. They obviously bought in and stuck together in the tough moments."

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## Women's hoops nets first ever win in Fresno

By Logan Jones  
SPORTS MANAGER

Utah State women's hoops left Fresno State's gym with a win for the first time in program history Saturday, stunning the Bulldogs 52-47.

Fresno, which hadn't lost to an Aggie squad in 16 straight meetings, had no answer for sophomore guard Rachel Brewster or her frontcourt counterpart Shannon Dufficy. The pair routinely gashed Bulldog defenders inside and out to the tune of 36 combined points on 13-of-27 shooting, including back-to-back threes early in the third quarter to maintain their hard-earned first half lead.

The Aggies opened up the fourth quarter up 36-34 when Brewster promptly connected on her fourth three-pointer of the game, setting a new career-high for a single game. Shooting just 37 percent as a team, Utah State relied on a stingy four-minute defensive showcase to hold Fresno without a bucket long enough to protect its slim lead. Trading foul shots over the final three minutes wasn't enough for a dramatic comeback, as the Bulldogs fell to the Aggies on their home floor for the first time in 23 all-time meetings.

Utah State women's basketball aims to carry momentum from the road win into its next challenge, another contest away from home against the Nevada Wolfpack on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m. (MT).

# Donations fund future of Mormon Studies program

By Joshua Hortin  
NEWS WRITER

The Mormon Studies program at Utah State University recently received two large donations totalling \$1.5 million from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and another anonymous donor.

The \$1 million sum gifted by the LDS church will be used toward the endowment for the Leonard J. Arrington professorship of Mormon history and culture. An endowment is a fund owned by the university which generates interest, and the interest can be used to support a professor or program.

The anonymously given \$500,000 sum is intended to match future donations, meaning that the anonymous donation is worth up to an additional \$1 million for the program as long as partners of the program continue to provide support.

80 percent of the matching donation will also help fund the professorship endowment and 20 percent will help fund the Leonard J. Arrington Mormon History Lecture Series.

The professorship of Mormon history and culture is the “first of its kind in the world at a secular university,” said Philip Barlow, a professor of religious studies and history and the current Leonard J. Arrington professor of Mormon history and culture.

Regardless of personal religious affiliation or non-affiliation, “the study of religion is terribly important because our culture, our society, is deeply affected by religion,” Barlow said. “Mormonism is an extraordinary case study for how new religions form and adapt.”

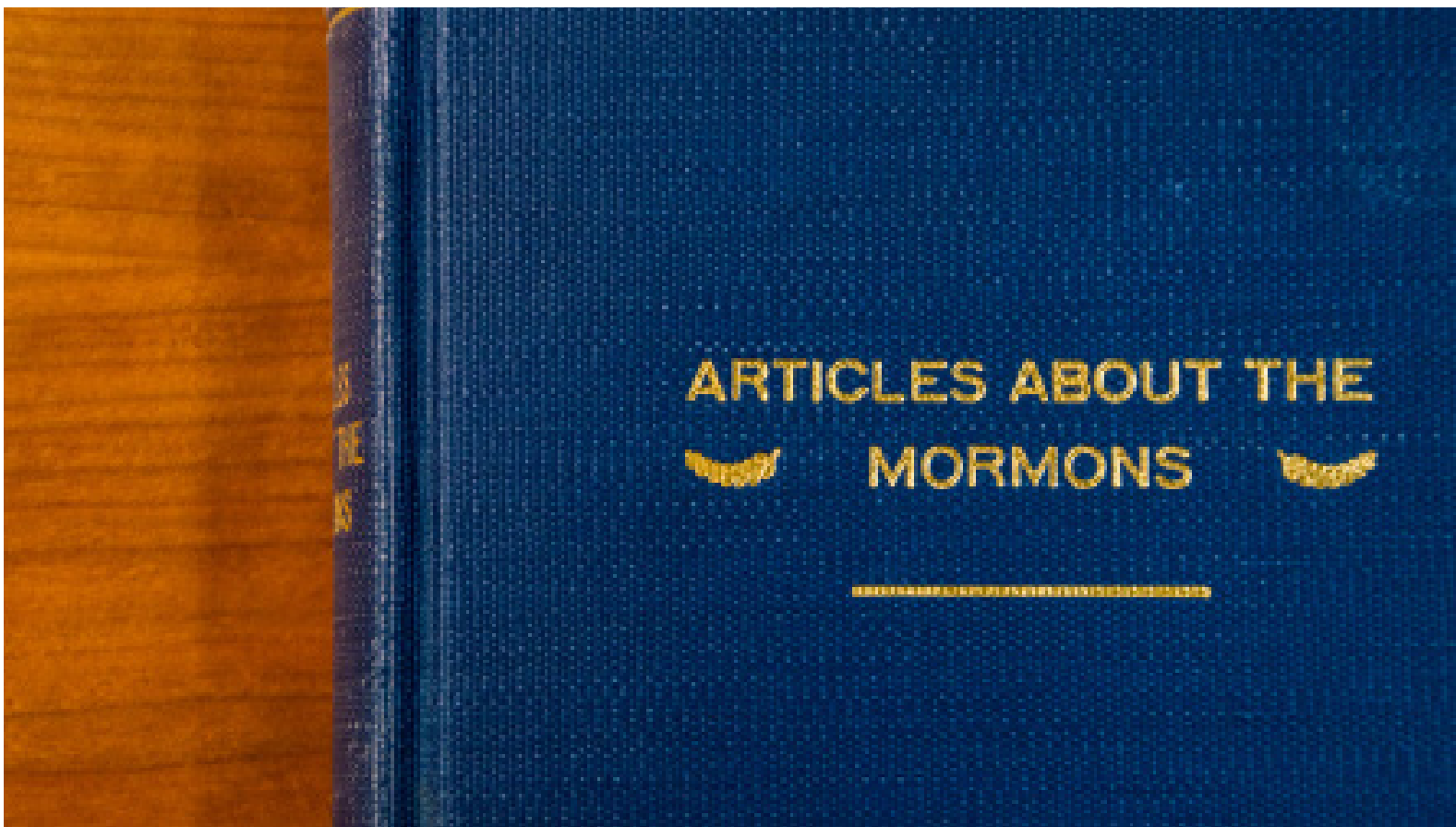


PHOTO BY Sam Brown  
A \$1 million sum was gifted by the LDS church will be used toward the endowment for the Leonard J. Arrington professorship of Mormon history and culture.

No matter what a person’s attitude may be toward the LDS religion, “it’s fabulously interesting — more colorful, more complex, more controversial and more ample in sources than any other religion I know of with a comparable lifespan,” Barlow said.

Barlow emphasized that Mormons and non-Mormons alike benefit from Mormon studies.

“The study of Mormonism shouldn’t be just for Mormons, any more than the study of Russia should be just for Russians. Yet church

members gain from formal study because when you’ve grown up in a movement you can know a lot from the inside, but there are many aspects invisible to you because you assume them,” he said.

Scholarly research “has tremendous value in promoting self-understanding for Mormons,” said Chad Nielsen, an amateur Mormon historian and graduate student in biological engineering.

“Looking at Mormonism within a broader context provides more room for building bridges of understanding between religious groups that may otherwise be at odds with each other,” Nielsen said.

Barlow hopes the donations will fund the professor who follows him long after he has moved on.

USU plans to establish the endowment to fund the Leonard J. Arrington chair of Mormon history and culture at \$3 million, Janelle Hyatt of Utah State Today reported.

Barlow hopes the endowment will be complete in two or three years, but said “it’s impossible to know for sure.”

“It depends on the partnership of those who are interested in seeing the program succeed,” he said.

Ultimately, the funds provided by the endow-

ments enable not only focused courses in the study of Mormonism, but provide scholarships for students and bring conferences and speakers “that enrich the intellectual life of the university and community.”

Nielsen likewise viewed the donation positively.

“It’s another sign that the Church accepts that taking a scholastically rigorous approach to understanding Mormonism is a good thing. I am optimistic that as more graduates of Mormon Studies programs become available — thanks in part to the LDS church’s contributions to Utah State University — they will be put to good use.”

Barlow is on leave from USU during 2017 while serving as the Neal A. Maxwell Fellow at the Maxwell Institute at Brigham Young University, where he is researching and writing a book on the idea of a war in heaven before Earth’s creation. He will return to Utah State on March 16 to host a conference on Joseph Smith and translation. When he returns full-time to the university in 2018, he will offer new courses on global perspectives of Mormonism and the roles of religion in film.

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PHOTO BY Sam Brown  
\$500,000 was donated anonymously to the Utah State’s Mormon Studies program.

# Hungry? New app delivers any food anywhere on Campus

By Shanie Howard  
NEWS SENIOR WRITER

A new food delivery option has become available to Utah State University students through an app called JoyRun.

JoyRun is a community-based app that allows users to either order a delivery or be the one to deliver an order and earn a little extra cash in the process.

“It’s a great way to make side cash,” said Tyson Mears, a user of the app who usually spends at least one night a week delivering to other app users. “Most people just order small groceries or food.”

Mears said he is able to earn anywhere between \$25 to \$45 while using the app in one night. JoyRun promotion team member, Jonathon Farr, said that in California, where the app was created, a person was able to earn as much as \$150 in just one night. Farr believes if the app continues to grow, Utah State students will also be able to earn the same amount of money in a night.

“There is nothing else like this in Utah,” Farr said. “I think it can become just as popular here as it is at U.C. Davis.”

JoyRun uses a payment system similar to Uber which requires a user to enter credit card information into the app before using the services available in order to ensure that delivery users are being paid. According to Farr if a user isn’t paid for some reason they can call JoyRun’s app support and be reimbursed in minutes.

“It’s a very secure app,” Mears said.

At Utah State the app has already gotten more than 500 downloads in just three weeks. Mears expects that number to continue to increase.

“The last three companies I’ve worked for have been start-up companies,” Mears said. “I know JoyRun is going to be successful.”

Farr said he is not surprised by the app’s success.

“We offer more options than anywhere else on campus,” Farr said. “Students get tired of eating the same thing every day.”

Utah State University’s Dining Services has declined to comment at this time.

JoyRun creator, Manish Rathi, is predicting the app’s success on a much larger scale.

“This product will eventually be global,” Rathi told reporters at The Daily Tar Heel. “Not just on campuses, not just a few campuses, but all campuses and then even in cities and offices and so on.”

JoyRun is currently backed by five major companies including Arena Capital Partners,

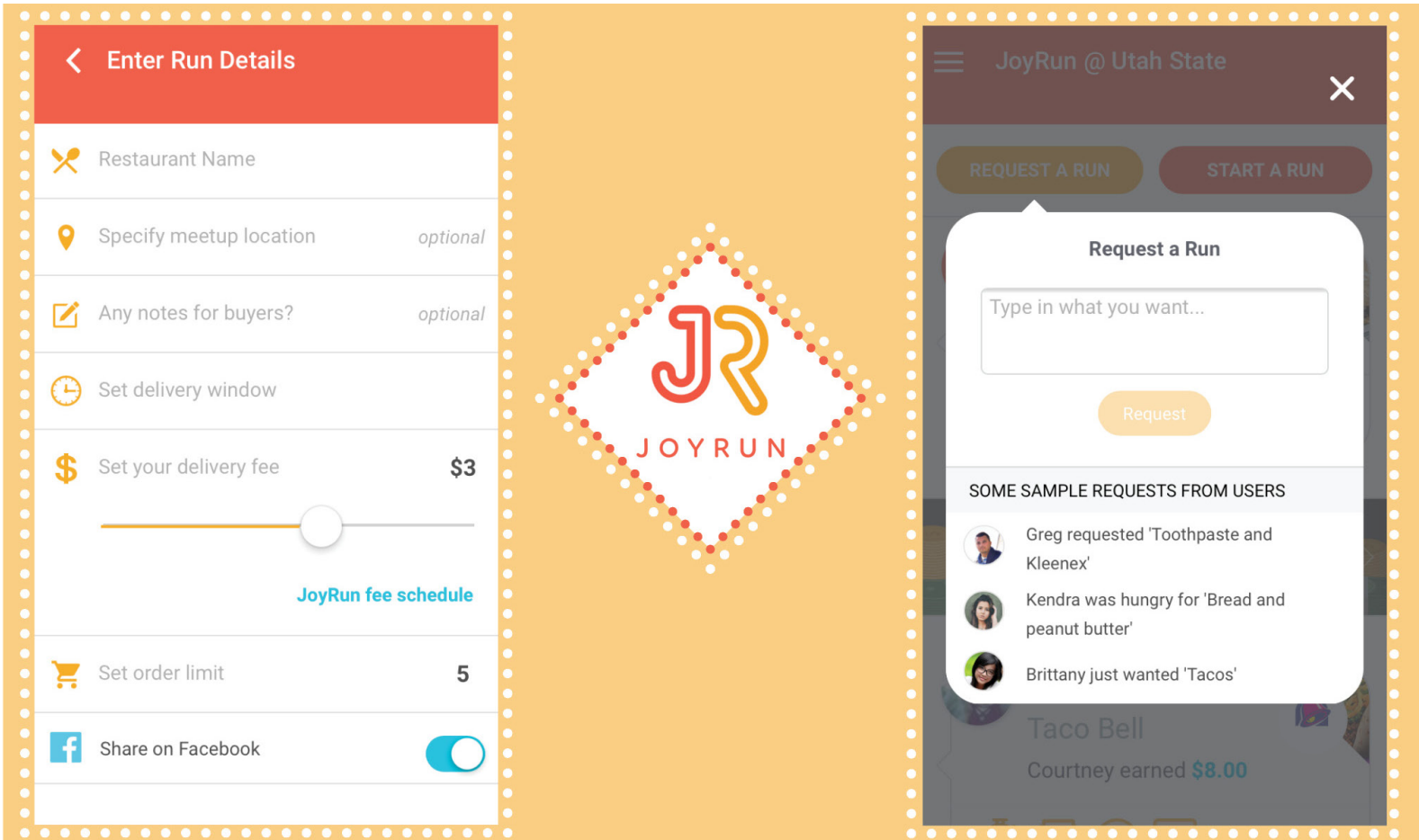
FLOODGATE, Morado Venture Partners, Northwest Venture Partners and Sinovation Ventures who have invested a total of \$23.75 million.

For now, Farr hopes Utah State students will recognize the unique value of the app and continue to build the JoyRun community in Logan.

“In Logan there is nothing else like this here,” Farr said.

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# THE WOES OF COLLEGE: TEXTBOOKS

By Savannah Lund  
STUDENT LIFE WRITER

The beginning of the semester always brings up one very important issue: textbooks. Where, when and how to get them are issues debated amongst many Aggies here at Utah State University.

Iain Laurence, a double major in French and art said he generally will buy textbooks from either the Campus store or off of Amazon.

"I spent about \$109 for an American Government textbook," Laurence said, "I sold it back to Amazon for only \$6 because a new edition was released."

Laurence said that he generally decides on whether to buy or rent based on which is a better deal.

"When it comes to the dedicated textbooks," Laurence said, "I get the feeling that after I'm done with the class I'll never use it again. I either rent or sell those kind of textbooks."

He will also sometimes rent ebooks if he can find a good deal for them. Laurence said he can understand why hardcopy textbooks can be expensive, but he doesn't agree with the high prices that sometimes come with ebooks.

"Textbooks are really expensive," he said. "I like when professors tell us we don't really need them for their class because that saves a lot of money."

Kate Nielsen, an anthropology major and a freshman, is not a fan of the textbook buying process.

"I get my textbooks after the first week of classes," Nielsen said, "that way I don't end up paying for a book I never use."

She also generally rents them and said she

could never see herself keeping a textbook for future use.

"I haven't even opened three of the textbooks I ordered for this semester yet," Nielsen said. "To be honest, I probably won't ever."

She believes that the high prices and low usage of textbooks make the entire process completely frustrating.

"This semester I spent about \$200 on textbooks," Nielsen said, "textbooks are a rip-off."

Heather Nielsen, a marketing major, generally buys her textbooks at the beginning of the semester.

"Occasionally," she said, "I wait until after class has started to absolutely make sure I need the book."

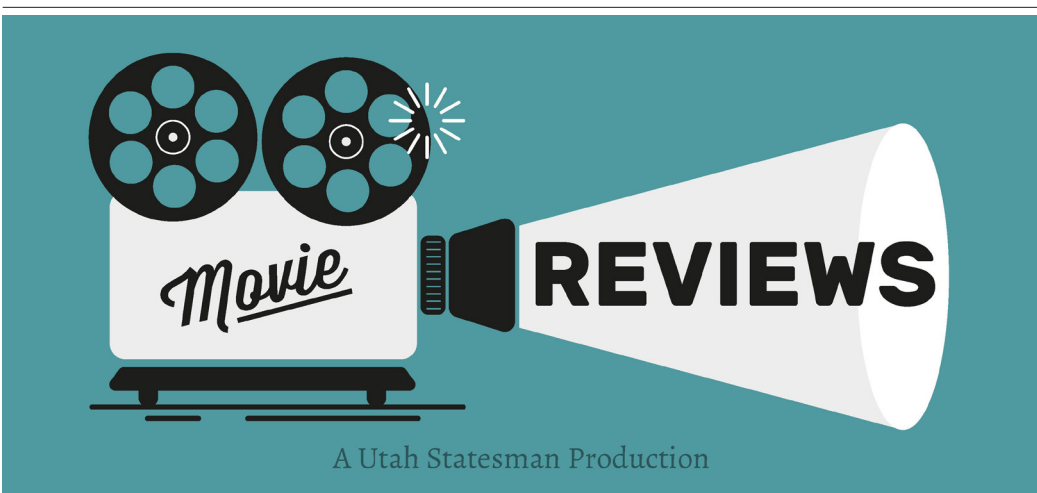
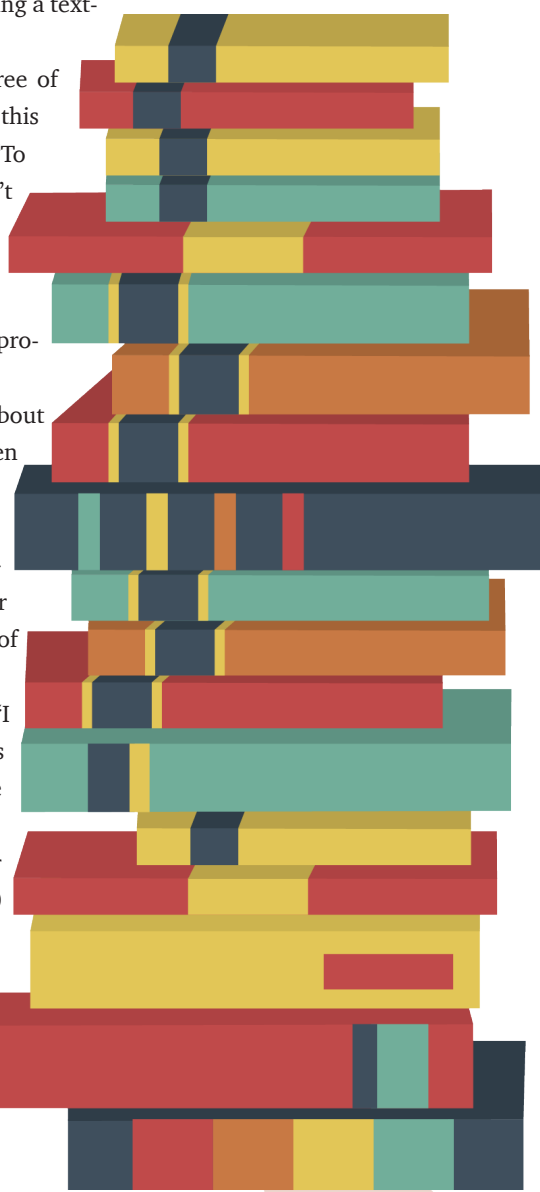
The most she has ever spent on books is the \$350 she used for the fall semester.

"I generally buy new ones," Heather said, "but that's only because by the time I get my books, the used ones are all gone."

An advocate for buying from the campus store, she said that buying off of Amazon is always a risky process.

"I'll definitely keep my philosophy textbook," Heather said, "I read that leisurely."

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By Miranda Lorenc  
STUDENT LIFE SECTION EDITOR

The Sundance Film Festival is coming to a close this weekend, and as with every year, there are plenty of movies that are shown around Park City, Odgen, Provo, and Salt Lake City.

Directed by William Oldroyd, "Lady Macbeth" is one of the films that premiered during the annual Utah festival.

This film tells the story of 19-year-old Katherine (Florence Pugh), a young bride bought to marry Alexander, a cold, violent man. Katherine's primary role in her new household is to provide children for her husband, though she soon finds he is sexually dysfunctional. Told to keep indoors by her new husband and father-in-law, Boris (Christopher Fairbank), Katherine finds herself trapped in a confining household with only her maid Anna (Naomi Ackie) for company.

When Alexander and Boris are called away for work, Katherine begins to for some excitement to break up the boring daily routine. She meets a newly hired servant named Sebastian (Cosmo Jarvis) and they begin a passionate and lust-filled affair that begins to catch the neighbor's attention. Confronted first by Boris upon his return from work, Catherine retaliates violently in a way that allows her to continue her affair with Sebastian. In a surprisingly violent turn of events, "Lady Macbeth" tells the origin story of the woman who will eventually become the Queen of Scotland in the Shakespearean play "Macbeth."

I felt the plot reflected multiple modern-day issues, such as women's rights through the setting of a patriarchal society and white privilege through the differences in race and class. Kath-

erine's growing frustration at her lot in life as an object to bear children and nothing more is shown through the austere and bare scenery in the house as her day-to-day activities left her sitting by the window, sitting at the dining table, and sitting in the parlor until bedtime. When the men of the household leave to business, she is able to do the things she wanted, like take walks outside and find love with one of the homestead servants. By taking control over little aspects of her life over the course of the film, the character develops into someone unwilling to be controlled by the abusive people in her life, even though she does so in a way marked by serial killers and psychopaths.

I found the actors performances very good, especially that of Pugh. For her first lead role, the 19-year-old is able to hold her own against seasoned actors in the cast. Through subtle facial expressions and glances, Pugh is able to portray her character's emotions and thoughts without the need for words or explanation.

The main problem with the film was the camera work and audio. There were multiple moments when shaky scenes and the sound of wind overpowered the action of the film and took the audience out the movie. Overall, the use of natural sounds over a soundtrack worked well with the use of close camera angles to create a sense of tension with the characters and the setting itself, but there could have been room for fewer close shots.

If I were to give this movie a grade, I would give it a B-. The plot was well thought out and surprising, and the acting was very good. However, the camera work and audio could have been improved.

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SPORTS

# Aggies back on track

Utah State snaps four-game losing skid, tops Fresno 78-65 for third conference win



PHOTO BY: Chantelle McCall

Teammates Julion Pearre, Quinn Taylor and Koby McEwen grin on the bench Saturday as the Aggies earned a home win over Fresno State. Utah State improved to a 3-6 conference record, and will face Nevada next Wednesday at home in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

By Jaden Johnson  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Utah State men's basketball team snapped a four-game losing skid Saturday at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum, defeating conference foe Fresno State 78-65.

Eager to get back in the win column, the Aggies came out shooting hot. The team shot 56 percent on 22-39 shooting, including 5-11 from behind the three-point arc en route to their win over the Bulldogs.

Fresno State came into Logan leading the Mountain West in field goal percentage at .480 on the season, but was held to just 35 percent shooting from the field and 11 percent shooting from the three-point line.

"I thought that was a huge part of the game," said USU head coach Tim Duryea of his team's defense. "Our guys played hard, played tough. They deserved to win tonight."

Not only did the Aggies hold Fresno State to a low shooting percentage, they were able to hold junior guard Jahmel Taylor to just three

points on 1-7 shooting, 1-5 from beyond the arc. Taylor entered the game No. 1 in the Mountain West in shooting percentage, and No. 6 in the nation in three-point shooting.

Sophomore forward Norbert Janicek went off for 14 points and grabbed 8 rebounds to help the Aggies to victory. The Slovakian big man has played limited minutes as of late because of early foul trouble, but he was able to stay on the court for 29 minutes in tonight's win.

"I was just trying to play as hard as I can," Janicek said. "We planned for this game for a week, and I thought that we did the things that we were supposed to do."

After gaining an early lead four minutes into the game, the Aggies never looked back. USU led for the remainder of the game, including outscoring Fresno State 51-42 in the second half.

Freshman guard Koby McEwen contributed in a big way to the Aggies hot shooting night, knocking down 6-7 of his shots including 3-4 from long range. He led all scorers in the game with 22 points, to go along with eight rebounds and two assists.

"Koby had six field goals tonight, I would say that about four of them were baskets that

you can't coach and can't teach," Duryea said. "You just kind of stay out of his way and try to not be a hindrance."

The Aggies high-percentage shooting was complimented by efficiency in the rebounding game. USU out-rebounded the Bulldogs 40-30.

McEwen attributed the team's victory to toughness.

"Coach Duryea challenged us, he said 'don't get out-toughed today,'" McEwen said. "Our aggressiveness needs to outmatch the other team every single night for us to be able to get wins"

The Bulldogs were unable to capitalize on an opportunity to move up into second place in the Mountain West, and instead fell to 13-8 (5-4) on the season. With the victory, the Aggies improved to 9-11 (3-6).

"I'm not really worried about wins and losses," McEwen said. "We'll peak at the right time come March and everything will be fine."

Utah State will take on first-place University of Nevada 18-4 (7-2) Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

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# USU Athletics explores new ticketing apps

By Taylor Emerson  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

On Friday, the Utah State University Athletics Department announced a partnership with the global sales provider ReplyBuy, which comes as a continuation of a commitment from the department into revamping game-day experiences for Aggie fans.

ReplyBuy, which will act as an additional way for fans to purchase single-game tickets, provides a mobile service and notification system for ticket purchasing moving forward. Fans who use the application will receive customized notifications when tickets become available. They can then choose to purchase tickets on demand from their mobile device and the tickets will then be delivered instantly to the device.

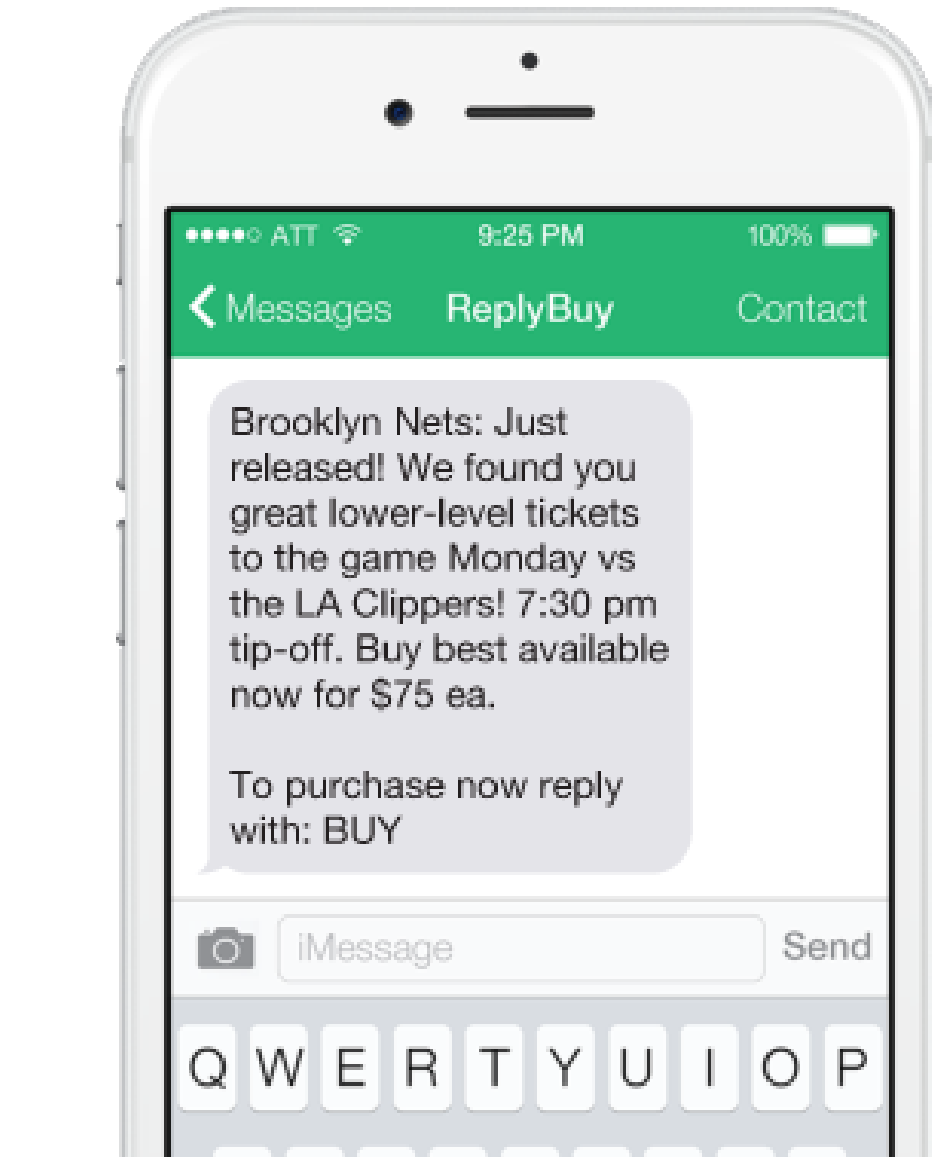
“We are extremely excited to partner with Utah State,” ReplyBuy SVP of Partnerships & Strategy Brandon O’Halloran said. “This new solution for their fans to buy tickets is right in line with their leadership putting the fan experience first. It will now be easier, faster and more convenient than ever before for their fans to purchase tickets.”

Essentially, ReplyBuy will operate via a first-come-first-serve basis, as fans who respond first receive priority for the available seat locations.

“We see ReplyBuy as a way to engage our younger alumni and the casual fan,” said Paul Finn, Utah State Assistant Athletic Director in charge of ticket office operations. “It’s an exciting addition to our system as it can help us offer an additional avenue for our fan base to purchase tickets.”

ReplyBuy will roll out immediately and will undergo a trial period during the remainder of the 2016-2017 USU men’s basketball season.

However, current Utah State students will not be able to receive student-section tickets through ReplyBuy. Instead, Utah State Athletics is currently



GRAPHIC BY: Emmalee Olsen

working with the Utah State University Fee Board to expand and streamline the current ticket system, Spectra, while adding a new program called FanMaker.

Currently awaiting an approval by the Fee Board, Spectra would be expanded to allow students to claim student-section tickets via their mobile device. This service would work alongside the current system in which students claim

tickets from the ticket office in the TSC.

“This will eliminate the lines, eliminate the wait and eliminate the hassle of our current system,” Finn said. “It will make the process simpler and easier to use, and that’s been the goal moving forward.”

FanMaker will act as a rewards system for students to use, as the program will offer points for

attendance at athletics events. The points could then be used to receive Aggie memorabilia and other prizes.

“FanMaker is an app that is utilized by top athletic programs across the country,” Finn said. “To join that list is impressive and it’s an exciting time for Utah State.”

Also rolling out for the 2017-2018 Football season will be a new ticket-marketplace program as a result of a partnership with StubHub. This program will allow for season-ticket holders to buy and sell tickets as they choose.

Utah State Athletic Director, John Hartwell, champions these new programs as ways to “make athletic events more accessible and more student-friendly.”

These partnerships join many past promotions, services, and other enhancements to the Aggie game-day experience.

The major commitment the university’s athletic department made came in the form of the newly-remodeled Maverik Stadium. Completed and revealed on Sep. 1, the \$36 million renovation of Romney Stadium, added 24 luxury suites, 24 loge suites, 700 club seats and a new press box to the stadium, increasing the total capacity to 25,100.

The renovations also included a rebuilt concourse, new concessions and restroom areas and two video scoreboards — one four times bigger than its predecessor. Maverik and Utah State agreed to a 22-year, \$6.3 million naming and advertising rights contract.

In the summer of 2016, Utah State soccer and softball also received new scoreboards, and volleyball had a new video board installed in the Wayne S. Estes Center.

Several HURD promotions, as well as ticket packages and promotions, have also increased in frequency over the past year, feeding into the commitment to the advancement of the game-day experience.

## Column: Ranking this year’s NBA All-Star snubs

By Daniel Hansen  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

As long as the NBA allocates any amount of All-Star voting to fans, there will always be an endless supply of All-Star snubs. This year was no different. Several players could still be selected as alternates, as some players may elect to rest over All-Star weekend instead of playing in an overly hyped exhibition game. Nonetheless, where we stand now with the rosters leaves some very deserving players out of the festivities. Here the worst snubs, ranked from semi-understandable to downright egregious.

### Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum, Portland Trailblazers

With all due apologies to Logan Jones, Lillard’s and McCollum’s absence from the All-Star game isn’t too infuriating to me, though it does seem odd that at least one of the two was not given the honor. With McCollum and Lillard both on the floor, the Blazers only have a net rating of +2.9. While not a bad rating, that two-man combination ranks 27th on the Blazers. Lillard and McCollum appear only once each in the top 26. With McCollum and Lillard, offense carries the burden of their All-Star candidacies. The offense has been there, as the two hold a 111.9 offensive rating while on the court together, but they also surrender a defensive rating of 108.9 at the same time. The West is loaded with All-Star caliber guards, so such statistics can strike a fatal blow to anyone’s All-Star hopes.

### Karl-Anthony Towns, Minnesota Timberwolves

Towns’ 5.2 RPM win shares on the season push him over Gordon Hayward, Mike Conley, LaMarcus Aldridge, and Nicolas Batum. His Player Efficiency Rating is 20th in the association, and only .05 behind Steph Curry’s. He averages 22.7 ppg and 11.9 rpg with 1.5 blocks per game. So why is Towns not on the All-Star team? Mainly, because the Wolves are 17-29 and 12th in the conference standings. Partly because of defense; Towns’ defensive RPM is -0.84, worse than known defensive sieve Ryan Anderson. In addition, Towns, and the Timberwolves in general, have struggled late in games.

Up until this past week, the Wolves had yet to win a one-possession game this season (they subsequently won three straight such games, but still). Lastly, I’ve already listed two other big men who fell victim the Western Conference’s slew of All-Star big men. There simply isn’t enough spots on the roster to go around.

### Joel Embiid, Philadelphia 76ers

The 76ers already have 17 wins this year — they tallied 47 over the previous three seasons combined. Embiid is the blatant reason as to how Philly has managed their renaissance of sorts over the past month. Embiid has a higher real plus/minus than All-Stars like Gordon Hayward, DeAndre Jordan, Klay Thompson, and Paul George. Embiid’s fault, however, is his lack of playing time. Capped at roughly 20 minutes per game by the training staff, Embiid has missed a massive chunk of playing time over the first half of the season. In total, Embiid’s minutes cap has cost him nearly the equivalent of seven whole games. Therefore, Embiid’s tally of RPM wins is lower than that of players like Amir Johnson, Cody Zeller, and Gorgui Dieng. There is the downfall of Embiid’s All-Star campaign.

### LaMarcus Aldridge, San Antonio Spurs

Player A: 18 ppg, 8.1 rpg, 3.8 apg, 44.4 percent from the field, 4.1 win shares  
Player B: 17.6 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 2.3 apg, 50.2 percent from the field, 4.9 win shares  
Aldridge simply makes the right play all the time. He plays sound defense, sets consistently good screens, and is a focal point on offense for the Spurs. Yet praise for his excellent year is quite sparse. Player A is Paul Millsap, widely recognized as the biggest reason the Hawks are even in the playoff hunt in the East. Millsap’s selection is one of my favorites of the year, as his game is not ‘flashy’ or that of a typical All-Star. Player B, of course, is LaMarcus Aldridge and the same characteristics apply. Aldridge is putting up similar numbers as Millsap, but with a lower usage rate and higher efficiency. In the Spurs’ six best five-man lineups that have played more than 10 minutes this season, Aldridge has been a part of all of them. To satisfy your curiosity, Kawhi Leonard is only



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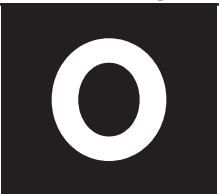
in three of those lineups. Aldridge is the second-best player on the second-best team in the league. That should be worth an All-Star nod.

### Rudy Gobert, Utah Jazz

The All-Star game is an offensive showcase that views defense as a cardinal sin. In that light, Gobert’s snub is easy to comprehend. Gobert’s value is almost entirely on the defensive end. His offensive game is shaping into a dependable weapon, but he largely remains a rim-runner on offense. In other words, Gobert sets screens in a pick-and-roll, dives to the paint, and gets on the receiving end of an

endless array of alley-oops and inside passes. Those types of offensive big men are a dime a dozen right now in the NBA (Javale McGee, Dwight Howard...) except — DeAndre freaking Jordan was selected to the West’s All-Star team. DeAndre Jordan is basically Rudy Gobert, but worse in almost every way. Gobert bests him in blocks per game, defended field goal percentage, defensive rating, and even free throw percentage. Excluding Gobert on the All-Star team in favor of Jordan is completely indefensible this year.

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# Why you should be watching The Bachelor

By **LOGAN JONES**  
SPORTS MANAGER

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I was once like you. I thought reality TV was mindless entertainment, a momentary retreat from burdensome real life responsibilities into a realm of gross inebritation and bosoms of silicone. It's mostly trash. No, it's all trash. So-called reality TV is about as representative of an actual grounded human experience as the WWE.

Then I started watching The Bachelor, and holy geez guys, have you seen this show?

Maybe it's because I'm a sports guy and the idea of competitive dating appeals to me, but the basic premise goes as follows — the affections of some bearded dude plucked out of an Abercrombie in Milwaukee are up for grabs while a few dozen women set out to build their armies of thirsty Instagram followers, and maybe find love along the way. The longer the

contestants feign a convincing courtship, the longer they get to be on TV in ridiculous situations.

They dance with old boy bands, shovel cow manure, don wedding dresses on first dates — there was a freaking camel in the pilot, and it didn't even crack the top ten most absurd moments of the show's opening stanza.

Each episode, roses are distributed musical-chairs style until a few unfortunate souls depart, roseless, though not before absorbing their weight in tequila. Tears are shed. Self-esteem are crushed. It's It's a horrible mess and an absolute dream after a day of lit classes and two shifts at your on-campus job.

I began my personal ascent into Bachelor fandom a few episodes into last year's Ben and Lauren season. Lauren Bushnell was a cute blonde Trailblazer fan and my early pick to win it all — which she did. It's refreshing investing in something competitive that still can't even breathe impact on your life. The Seahawks losing the Super Bowl threw me into a week-long funk; Raven's inevitable departure later this season will at most spur me toward the fridge to grab a scoop of Tillamook ice cream.

Now, it's no march madness tournament, but

there does exist an online bracket and point system to spice up the competitive aspect of the show if you so choose to watch with friends.

And honestly, watching with friends is the best part. Your merry band of netflix buddies will feel the air abandon your apartment's living room every time Corrine continues survives and advances. The steady pulse of hatred that courses through your Bachelor-viewing group each time Nick (who, I'm told, is the most unlikeable bachelor since Juan Pablo) cuts a deserving career-driven woman in favor of some partying spring-breaker, deftly scrolling past the fact that he is a grown-ass 36-year-old man.

You won't believe me until you try it, and your initial impression of the show will probably be a lot like that first week on Tinder. You'll insist it's "just kind of for fun," but step by gradual step, you'll begin looking forward to Monday nights at 7pm to find out if freaking Josephine is going to slip under the radar for another week, or if Vanessa finally ditches the show because she knows she's way too good for it.

Give it time, soon you'll be one of us, and we can talk all about it Tuesday morning.

# The people v. truth

Like it or not, Trump won the electoral college and lost the popular vote. Trump is now the president of the United States. You may believe he won the popular vote, you may believe he cheated to win the electoral college. The facts, however, remain unchanged by your beliefs. I don't mean to discount your belief. In fact, the belief that he won the popular vote will likely shape the coming years far more than the fact that he did not. That is what this editorial essay is exploring. How belief is more effective at creating change than truth, and what that means going forward.

People cry that our society is post-truth when Trump begins to build a wall, or ban muslims without fact backing him up. This, however, is nothing more than the historical norm. Both for our personal lives— such as when we cried when our mothers left reacting to a feeling that

she would never return— and from a societal level when the Roman Catholic Church declared a holy war in the middle east. Nor did truth matter when the people of Jonestown in 1978 drank the literal poison kool-aid. Trump won because he harnessed this. He lead by belief, and now by the force of his beliefs the world will shift around him and maybe even become closer to the world he believes in.

Belief is an integral part of truth. The idea of truth is external. We bring it it and create a belief based on it and then act not on the truth but rather on the belief. So in a way we are as fallible as our beliefs, but we are also only as strong as our beliefs. That is where I believe our society needs the most help. Humans require belief and in the absence of it we will take believe in what is there. The most important rituals to america are a yearly football

game, punching old people in the face for a 20% off TV, and lighting fireworks to simulate a war and a time in our history when we actually believed in something with merit behind it. We worship the athletes, we worship the companies that sponsor the super bowl. We worship the TV and the money we saved. It's time that we start worshiping something more worthwhile. It's time that we really ritualize and give the power to what we really ought to believe in. Truth.

Next week I'll continue this article by going into details about how to implement belief in truth into our society. Until then I leave you with this thought:

“The universe is change; our life is what our thoughts make it.” Marcus Aurelius, Meditations  
— Catherine St. Claire

## “Travel Ban” FROM PAGE 1

cheering people arriving from Muslim countries.

At the main Dallas-Fort Worth airport, some 200 people held signs and chanted, “Let them go!” They awaited word on nine people detained at the airport, most of them Iranian, according to the Council on American-Islamic Relations. Demonstrations also unfolded at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport and Detroit Metropolitan Airport and in suburban Chicago, where a Jewish group organized a protest to support Muslims.

Lawyers in Chicago crowded into a food court Saturday at O'Hare, some walking around with signs offering legal help. One volunteer attorney, Julia Schlozman, jumped on a subway train and headed to O'Hare even though she is a criminal attorney, not an immigration lawyer. “I just felt like I had to do something,” she told the Chicago Tribune.

A federal judge in New York issued an order Saturday temporarily blocking the government from deporting people with valid visas who arrived after Trump's travel ban took effect. But confusion remained about who could stay and who will be kept out of the country. Federal courts in Virginia, Massachusetts and Washington state took similar action.

A more decisive ruling on the legality of the Trump action by U.S. District Judge Ann M. Donnelly will probably take at least several weeks. Opponents and government attorneys will get a chance to lay out their arguments in

filings and possibly in oral arguments in court, Gelernt said. Activists said their goal was to have Trump's order overturned entirely.

Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich, known for usually tempering his public comments, did not hold back in a statement Sunday about Trump's measures: “Their design and implementation have been rushed, chaotic, cruel and oblivious to the realities” of security. They had, he added, ushered in “a dark moment in U.S. history.”

University presidents criticized the ban and cautioned students and professors from the seven listed countries to beware of traveling outside the U.S. for now The president of the University of Notre Dame, Father John I. Jenkins, was among the sharp critics of the ban.

“If it stands, it will over time diminish the scope and strength of the educational and research efforts of American universities,” he said Sunday in a statement. And he added: “We respectfully urge the president to rescind this order.”

There was no sign the Trump administration might heed such calls. The Department Of Homeland Security said in a statement issued Sunday that “prohibited travel will remain prohibited.”

An official with the Department of Homeland Security who briefed reporters by phone on Saturday said 109 people who were in transit on airplanes had been denied entry and 173 had not been allowed to get on their planes overseas.

No green-card holders were turned away from entering the U.S. as of Saturday, the official

said, though several spent hours in detention before being allowed in.

Hameed Khalid Darweesh, a translator and assistant for the U.S. military in Iraq for 10 years now fleeing death threats, was among at least a dozen people detained at Kennedy Airport. He walked free after his lawyers, two members of Congress and as many as 2,000 demonstrators went to the airport to seek his release.

After an appeal from civil liberties lawyers, Judge Donnelly issued an emergency order Saturday barring the U.S. from summarily deporting people who arrived with valid visas or an approved refugee application, saying it would likely violate their legal rights.

Before Trump signed the order, more than 67,000 refugees had been approved by the federal government to enter the U.S., said Jen Smyers, refugee policy director for Church World Service. More than 6,400 had already been booked on flights, including 15 families that had been expected over the next few weeks in the Chicago area from Ethiopia, Eritrea, Iran, Syria and Uganda.

The bulk of refugees entering the U.S. are settled by religious groups. All that work ground to a halt after Trump signed the order.

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Tarm reported from Chicago. Associated Press writers Verena Dobnik and Karen Matthews in New York, Olga Rodriguez in San Francisco and Caryn Rousseau in Chicago contributed to this report.



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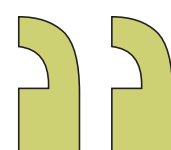
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