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Aggies stay hot

Men’s basketball beat Colorado State

By Jason Walker
SPORTS SENIOR WRITER

Utah State used hot shooting from deep to beat Colorado State 87-72 and get its third-straight Mountain West Conference win.

The Aggies took 25 3-pointers — third-most this season by USU — making 12, nearly matching the team’s season high of 13, set against UC Irvine back on Dec. 1.

“We’ve been shooting the ball a lot better the last few games,” USU head coach Craig Smith said, adding that he thinks the “guys are just settling in” with the team now 19 games into the season.

Freshman guard Brock Miller was responsible of half of those with five in the first half alone and six overall. That total matched his personal career-high set earlier this season.

Miller has turned around his season recently in terms of 3-point shooting. In December, he made only 25 percent of his shots from deep. In January, that percentage is up to 44.4 percent.

“Overall, I’ve felt more confident,” Miller said of his uptick in shooting. “I’ve always had confidence in my shot but it’s been good to see a couple shots fall.”

Miller finished with 18 points, tied with fellow freshman Neemias Queta for most in the game by any player. Queta secured his third double-double of the season by adding 11 rebounds and had three blocks to boot.



PHOTO BY Tim Carpenter

Freshman center Neemias Queta looks to pass the ball during play against Colorado State in the Spectrum on Saturday, Jan. 19. Queta scored 18 points against the Rams, leading the Aggies to win, 87-72.

Queta drew one of the biggest responsibilities on defense: the unenviable task of guarding CSU center Niko Carvacho. The redshirt junior had been on a tear in conference, averaging 23.5 points and 12.5 rebounds per game in Mountain West play. Queta proved to be up to the task, holding the 6-foot-11, 240-pound big to 12 points in the game, his lowest total since Dec. 30.

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GUILTY

Torrey Green convicted of 8 sexual assault charges



PHOTO BY Eli Lucero/Herald Journal

Torrey Green stands as he waits for the jury to enter the courtroom during his rape trial, Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019 in Brigham City, Utah. Green is found guilty of eight charges including five counts of rape and a charge sexual battery in connection to reports from six women accusing him of sexual assault while he was a football player at Utah State University.

By Spencer Burt
NEWS STAFF WRITER

BRIGHAM CITY — An eight-person jury found Torrey Green guilty on eight of 11 sexual assault charges, they announced Friday at the 1st District Court in Brigham City.

The charges stem from sexual assault allegations from six women between 2013-15.

Green, a former Utah State University linebacker and NFL prospect, was found guilty of five counts of rape, one count

of forcible sexual abuse and one count of object rape. He was found not guilty of one count of forcible sexual abuse, one count of object rape and one count of aggravated kidnapping. The jury found him not guilty of one count of forcible sexual abuse, but guilty of a lesser charge of sexual battery.

He was originally charged with six counts of rape, two counts of object rape and one count of aggravated kidnapping.

A jury comprised of five men and three women deliberated for about 13 hours before handing down the verdict.

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Women’s wave 2019

Inclusivity and empowerment for every individual



PHOTO BY Megan Nielsen

People march down Main Street as part of the Logan Women's Wave on Jan. 19, 2019, in Logan, Utah. The event was the 2nd annual march in Logan and hosted the same day as its sister march in Washington D.C. and featured speakers talking on a range of topics including gender, racial, and transgender equality.

By Allison Allred
STUDENT LIFE STAFF WRITER

“We will not wait until America is ready. We’re coming whether you like it or not.”

Those words come from Lex Scott, the founder of Black Lives Matter Utah, in her speech at The Logan Women’s Wave the morning of Saturday, Jan. 19.

People gathered in front of the Cache

Valley Courthouse to hear speeches from eight different speakers, each of them representing different groups.

One of the organizers for the event, Desiree Chavez, said that making sure this year’s march took an intersectional approach was one of her goals.

“I think we need to recognize that the Women’s March, while it might seem like it’s presenting a voice for all women, we also need to recognize that it needs to

be an intersectional effort. Fighting for all women really isn’t valid unless we keep it intersectional,” Chavez says.

Intersectionality is the idea that groups or individuals may identify with multiple social groups at once. Factors such as gender, race, sexual orientation, age, religion, and disability overlap with each other, creating complex identities among marginalized people.

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USU considering new bike share program

By Naomi Ward
NEWS SENIOR WRITER

If the contracts are approved, Utah State University and Logan may be getting a new bike share program – only this time, the bikes are bright turquoise. Margaret McCarthy, Aggie Blue Bikes program coordinator, said the potential partnership with bike share company VeoRide is intended to be more long-term than the program USU implemented with Spin, which was terminated about three months after it started. If passed, the VeoRide contract would last three years, McCarthy said.

“They seem very willing to be a partner in the community,” McCarthy said. Unlike Spin, which partnered with local bike shop Joy Ride, VeoRide would hire its own general manager and staff to operate. McCarthy said the bicycles are also better quality. The company offers electric assist bikes and e-scooters in addition its traditional bicycles.

However, VeoRide’s contracts both with the city and the university have yet to be approved.

McCarthy said a VeoRide representative came to Logan last October. The contract was signed by representatives from Aggie Blue Bikes and then went through a departmental

review in which Utah State University Student Association President Jaren Hunsaker. Vice President of Student Affairs James Morales approved the program as well.

Next, the contract must undergo a university review. USU purchasing agent Robert Kekauoha said he received the contract Dec. 20, 2018. It will then go to Dave Cowley, university CFO, whom Kekauoha said would be the final signature needed to pass.

Kekauoha said there are a lot of risks involved with a bike share program. “If we sign, we are liable on behalf of the students. Our concerns are for the safety of the students, university property and the product itself,” Kekauoha said.

Still, Kekauoha is hoping the program succeeds. “I love this program, and I would like to see it come to fruition, on campus or throughout Logan,” he said. “It’s good for our university to work with the city.”

Before approval, the VeoRide contract must be reviewed by the Utah State University Physical Resources Planning Committee. This year’s committee includes Executive VP and Provost Frank Gale, who serves as the committee chair, and representatives from university finance, facilities, president’s office, provost’s office, public safety, transportation,



PHOTO COURTESY OF VeoRide

athletics, all the college deans and the USUSA president, Jaren Hunsaker.

Hunsaker confirmed Sunday that the committee had not yet discussed the program.

“Hopefully it will go through, but I feel really stuck,” McCarthy said. “It’s really frustrating. The data speaks for itself – students liked bike share, and it’s a great answer to

our air quality.”

Even if the program is not approved by the university, McCarthy expects the city will partner with VeoRide.

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USU ARC celebrates its one millionth patron

By Andrew Rummens
INTERN NEWS WRITER

On Thursday, the Aggie Recreation Center saw its one millionth participant, after three years of being open.

As he entered his A number and crossed through the entry line to the ARC, Dylan Jensen was greeted with cheers and a balloon drop from ARC staff, and an ARC employee announced a celebration over the intercom.

Chase Ellis, ARC director, was surprised at how quickly the facility hit one million.



“We didn’t think we would hit it this quickly, but again it just attests to the value the ARC has been to the students by the amount of volume of students actively using it,” Ellis said.

The ARC was a student-funded initiative, led by Tyler Tolson, 2009 Utah State University Student Association president.

Tolson met with James Morales, vice president for student affairs, and the two agreed they both wanted a better recreational facility for students, as the Nelson Fieldhouse felt outdated and inadequate to student needs.

In 2012, the student body passed a \$75/year fee increase o fund the construction of the ARC, and construction began in April, 2014.

By November, 2015, the ARC opened its doors to all USU students.

“It was built for students, it was paid for by students, students voted for it,” Morales said. “This is not a building for me, this is not a building for administrators or others, it is for students.”

In its three-year lifespan, 98 percent of students have used the ARC at least once, and 35 percent of the student body uses it three to five times per week.

“A lot of times nationally you don’t get that amount of numbers or use,” Ellis said. “We think it is a really good addition for the campus and we love providing those new opportunities for the students because it’s the student’s building.”



PHOTO BY Cameo Tamala

Vice President of student affairs James Morales congratulates Dylan Jensen on being the one millionth Aggie Recreation Center patron.

Ellis added in any given day, student use ranges from 2,300 to 2,600, but can climb as high as 4,000.

“You figure semesters and times of the year and obviously the first of the calendar year usage goes up and kind of tapers off and we didn’t think we would hit it this quickly,” Ellis said. “But again it just attests to the value the ARC has been to the students by the amount of volume of students actively using it.”

Morales said the appeal to the ARC is its multidimensional usage, as it is more than just a gym.

“It’s a recreation center,” Morales said. “Students come to socialize, to spend time together, to watch people playing in a pickup basketball game or a three-on-three basketball game...And so there’s other elements to this building than just a gym or fitness center.”

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PHOTO BY **Eli Lucero/Herald Journal**
Prosecuting attorney Spencer Walsh walks into the courtroom during Torrey Green's rape trial, Monday, Jan. 14, 2019 in Brigham City, Utah. Green is accused of raping multiple women while he was a football player at Utah State University.

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Below are details of each case. The Utah Statesman has identified each victim by her initials:

M.H.

She matched with Green on Tinder, met up once in the Merrill-Cazier Library at Utah State University, then agreed to go on a date later in November 2013. The two went to Green's apartment at Legacy Village, where he cooked dinner for them and put on a movie. While watching the movie in his bedroom, M.H. said Green offered her a back massage. She consented, with the condition that he not touch her under her clothes. She said he began trying to take her shirt off, and, after multiple physical and verbal attempts to stop him, it turned into a struggle.

M.H. said that when she resisted, Green said things like “You’ll like it.” “I’m big.” “I’m really good at this.”

He then raped her, she said, and after some time she gave up and “prayed that it would end soon.”

She immediately told a man who she was dating off and on, and at the time had agreed to date other people but not get physically intimate.

She also wrote a poem about that night and posted it on Tumblr.

She reported to the police in August of 2016 after she and some friends were discussing the then-recent news article about the two other allegations. Her friends encouraged her to report it to the police, which she then did.

Green's story matched up until the massage — he said M.H. took her shirt off and they later had consensual sex.

Skye Lazaro, Green's defense attorney,

argued that M.H. was ashamed for having sex with Green and breaking the agreement she had with her ex-boyfriend, so she made up the accusation to shift the blame.

C.D.

Green approached her in the USU Taggart Student Center during the fall semester of 2014, her freshman year. They texted for a while, then for their first date he picked her up and took her to his apartment. She said he made dinner, but she was nervous and didn't eat. As they watched a movie in his bedroom, they began kissing, which she said she was fine with. Then he grabbed her buttocks and legs, which she objected to. He tried to remove her clothes, she said, and she continued to resist.

Wanting an excuse to leave, C.D. said she told Green she needed to go home to do homework.

“You don't want to go home,” she said Green replied. “This will be fun. You'll like it.”

He pinned her up against the wall, then pinned her down on his bed and raped her as she cried, she said in court last week.

She told her friend that night, and told her mother later. She wrote an essay about being raped for an English class that semester. In the essay and in telling her friend, she said she didn't know her attacker's name.

C.D. reported to the police in 2016 after her mom saw a story in the news about rape allegations that seemed similar to her account.

Green claims he did not have sex with C.D. — they only kissed and that he only touched her buttocks consensually, he said, and she

was only at his place for about half an hour. He told the jury Tuesday that he did not have sex with her because he was taking pills for chlamydia treatment. Lazaro filed a medical record from Planned Parenthood as evidence to corroborate his account.

Lazaro also questioned why C.D. claimed to not know her attacker originally. She responded that she was scared, she did not want to face the reality of what happened, and she did not want to ruin Green's life or career.

On Wednesday, Spencer Walsh, the Cache County attorney, shared findings from the North Park Police investigation that appeared



PHOTO BY **Eli Lucero/Herald Journal**
Torrey Green looks back at his family while being consoled by defense attorney Skye Lazaro, after a jury finds him guilty of eight charges including five counts of rape and a charge sexual battery in connection to reports from six women accusing him of sexual assault while he was a football player at Utah State University, Friday, Jan. 18, 2019 in Brigham City, Utah.

to contradict Green's claim that he was taking chlamydia medication at the time of their date.

According to AT&T phone records, C.D. and Green texted back and forth for several days leading up to Sep. 22, 2014. On that night, C.D. did not send any texts between about 7-9 p.m. Then she texted her friend, who she testified she went to immediately that night and told him she was raped.

After that night, C.D. and Green did not text until Oct. 18, 2014, phone records showed.

Walsh said these records prove Green lied about his encounter with C.D. — first, the two hours of no texting seemed out of character for her, because she seemed to be constantly texting people throughout the day every day. Walsh pointed out that attested to only spending half an hour with her.

“He lied to you folks... This was a calculated lie to deceive you”

— Deputy Attorney Spencer Walsh

Walsh also pointed out to the jury that Green was prescribed chlamydia pills on Oct. 6, 2014, and he brought in a nurse to testify that the instructions for the medication are to avoid sex for 7-10 days. Green testified that he and C.D. texted the night of their date to arrange a time and pickup location. And although C.D. could not recall the exact date of the alleged assault, Walsh pointed out that if it was in September, likely the 22nd, or on Oct. 18, either way he would have not been on the pill.

On Thursday morning, Walsh used these findings to diminish Green's credibility.

“He lied to you folks,” Walsh said. “This was a calculated lie to deceive you.”

L.P.

She met Green on Tinder and agreed to a date in October 2014. They watched a movie in his bedroom, and after a short time she said Green attempted to kiss her, and she declined. She said he then tried to take off her shirt and put his hands under it, and she pulled and resisted. She told him she did not want to get physical at all, at which point she said Green became aggressive and agitated. She said Green forcefully “spooned” her on his bed, where they laid quietly for a short time until he fell asleep. She got off the bed and tried to leave, she said, but Green woke up and got out of bed. She said she backed away from him and ended up in his bathroom, where she said he pinned her arms and grinded against her. She managed to duck under him, but he caught her and pinned her against the bedroom wall, she said. As she resisted, she said Green told her, “Come on, you’ll like it.”

She then said to Green, “What would your mother think of you?”

She said after that, Green released her and said, “You’re not even worth it.”

He dropped her off back at her place, where she said she told him, “Don’t call me, don’t text me, don’t contact me ever again.”

She told her roommates that night and her mom the next morning on the phone.

She described the alleged assault as being “raped with my clothes on.”

She did not immediately report to the police — she wondered how she would prove he raped her, and assumed he would deny it.

But she promised herself that if she ever heard of another woman assaulted by Green, she would come forward.

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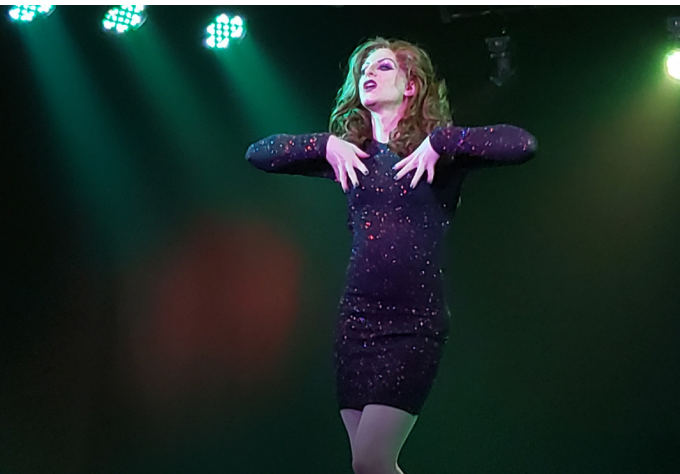
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First Dinner n’ Drag show held at Cache Venue



Madame LaCrude performs “Last Dance” on Sunday night.

By Erick Graham Wood
STUDENT LIFE STAFF WRITER

“Rebel Girls” who “Can’t Be Tamed” took the stage at the Cache Venue on Sunday night for the first ever Dinner n’ Drag show, a free monthly performance from drag queens in Cache Valley.

“I want this to be like a drag bootcamp,” said Neil Betty, the coordinator for the event. “I want to help other queens learn how to host their own shows, practice their drag and go out and network and give more people their first chance on the stage.”

Queens from all walks of life strutted down the runway to perform lip-sync versions of hits from Carrie Underwood, Meghan Trainor and more. The show was free to the audience with dinner and drinks available for purchase. Tipping was encouraged.

“I want everyone to get a chance under the spotlight,” Betty said. “That is why we will have a rotating set of queens so that everyone gets their chance to perform or DJ and the show is always new.”

Six queens performed, including Betty, who goes by Betty’O on stage. With looks inspired by Marge Simpson, Cher, and “Amy Winehouse if Amy Winehouse fell into toxic waste,” each queen varied in skill level and said that they enjoy the community and pageantry around drag.

“This is my second drag show. The first was at USU in November,” said Las Vegas newcomer Madame LaCrude. “I got my start at the theater department on campus and had a great professor teach me how to look like I didn’t just spread cocaine on my face.”

Though Dinner n’ Drag had a much higher turnout than anticipated, Betty is using the experience to plan for the next show.

“We had way more people than we expected,” Betty said. “This was like a rough draft and we are going to keep getting better. Next time we will have better seating and be more prepared.”

The Cache Venue, which was recently renovated, is also planning some changes that will help events like Dinner n’ Drag hold more people. Its co-owner, Mark Lusk, said that the venue is growing slowly.

“We aren’t restaurant owners, but we are figuring it out. Our menu is growing and we hope to keep doing events like this, events that the community needs,” Lusk said.

The Cache Venue will be opening up a second section of their building sometime this year.

Dinner n’ Drag can be seen every third Sunday of the month at the Cache Venue.

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MayMoe’s serves free breakfast to furloughed workers

By Erick Graham Wood
STUDENT LIFE STAFF WRITER

Giving back to the community that gave him his start means everything to Jason Davis, the owner of a Cajun and Creole restaurant in Cache Valley called MayMoes.

After three years in Logan, Davis said he felt it will always be his duty to give back when he is able to. It’s for that reason that Davis decided to offer a free buffet-style breakfast for furloughed federal employees and their families on Saturday mornings.

“I’ve been broke before and honestly, I don’t know if it’s about the money so much for the people as it is just the opportunity to get out of the house and have a nice family meal together,” Davis said. “I know when I was out of work I tended to sit at home a lot, so it was nice just to help people get out of the house.”

Davis said that many volunteers and employees have donated their time and food to help the community. Davis is also offering a reduced \$4 special each day.

While the federal government is finishing its fourth week of shutdown over President Trump’s \$5 billion border wall along the Mexico-U.S. border, thousands of workers are going unpaid and some are even being forced to work with no pay. The shutdown is now the longest in U.S. history.

Austin Miracal is an animal care technician at the Predator Research Facility, which is overseen by USDA Wildlife Services. Miracal said that if the shutdown goes for another two weeks, he will be out of money.

“We were lucky to have three pay periods in one month in November,” Miracal said. “This allowed me to save some money and I’m okay right now, but pretty soon it’s going to get pretty rough. My neighbors have been helping me with food.”

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During the government shutdown MayMoes in Logan, Utah served free breakfast to furloughed workers.



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Anthropology museum engages with students



Housed in Old Main, the Museum of Anthropology has a collection of around 6,000 objects.

By Shelby Black
STUDENT LIFE SENIOR WRITER

On the second floor of Old Main, the Utah State University Museum of Anthropology is engaging students and the community with their exhibits.

The museum began informally in 1963 when Gordon Keller, archaeology professor, began displaying a small number of artifacts in Old Main. Since then, the museum has grown to include many display cases and a collection of around 6,000 objects.

Under the direction of Molly Cannon, executive director, student teams have put together the exhibits that are now on display. They research, design and build the exhibits themselves.

“We try to have a new exhibit each semester,” Cannon said. “A full exhibit is the result of a semester or longer’s research. It is the students doing research then coming up with the design and concept for an exhibit and then constructing it.”

For one of the museum’s upcoming exhibits, they took to Twitter to let their patrons decide what would be shown next.

This idea came from Josie Mythen, the museum’s outreach assistant. Mythen has been working for the museum for the last six months. The museum’s empty exhibit case will soon be featuring an Egyptian sarcophagus as determined by the Twitter poll.

As outreach assistant, Mythen also helps put together a special event every month called Family First Saturdays. These events are aimed at families and each one features a different cultural anthropology theme.

“We plan activities and teach them about whatever theme we’ve decided on,” Mythen said. “This next month, we are doing homes across different cultures. In April, we are going to be having a egypt-themed event.”

The museum is also making interactive exhibits and materials available online. Kelly Jimenez, a graduate research assistant, has been working to create story maps and other interactive materials for education and outreach.

“Right now, I am working on a story map that what is anthropology to you,” Jimenez said. “My goal is to interview professors here and create a story map that introduces those to the field of anthropology. I created a story map for the peruvian exhibit, and we put that online so people from other states can explore what we have.”

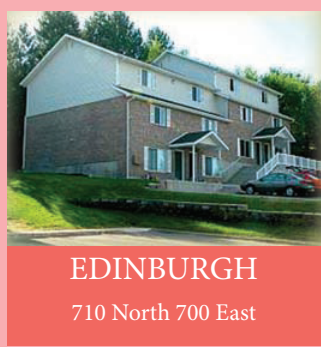
From free events to online materials to the thousands of objects on display, the learning opportunities at the Museum of Anthropology are endless. The museum staff suggests that students stop in and see what they have to offer.

“It is a small area, but there is so much here. There is lot of history here, Jimenez said. “Working here, everytime I take a break and read the exhibits we have, I always learn something new. It just makes you think and opens up your mind.”

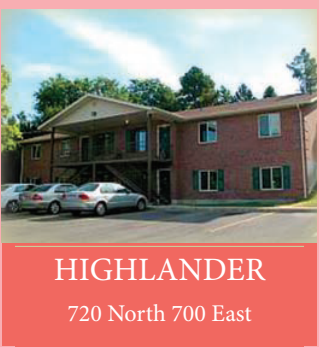
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People march down Main Street as part of the Logan Women's Wave on Jan. 19, 2019, in Logan, Utah. The event was the 2nd annual march in Logan and hosted the same day as its sister march in Washington D.C.

With this in mind, organizers set out to find a diverse group of speakers to headline the event.

Marchers first heard from Lexie Gibbs, the president of Utah State University's Students United for Reproductive Freedom group. Gibbs challenged marchers to remember, in the face of frustration about the state of the nation, all the positive things that have come out of the #MeToo Movement and Women's Marches.

Gibbs was followed by Karina Andelin Brown, a former Utah House District 5 candidate and health care advocate, who reminded marchers that "you don't need to win an election to make a difference."

Next was Lila Sanchez, a case-worker and diversity coordinator at the Community Abuse Prevention Service Agency (CAPSA), who encouraged listeners to start by believing women.

Then came Kirsten Mara, a student at USU studying Sociology and Criminal Justice. Mara is a nonbinary person, which means they identify as neither a man nor a woman. Mara stressed the importance of including trans women and nonbinary people in discussions about feminism. Mara also took a moment toward the end of their speech to honor Dana Martin, a black transgender woman from Alabama who was the first known victim of violence toward transgender people in 2019.

"Although she can no longer defend herself, advocates continue fighting to make sure Dana's voice is not forgotten and that her memory lives on in people's minds, so she is remembered as the woman that she was," Mara said.

Mara also offered comfort to other trans people who may be struggling with coming out. "There will always be people willing to fight for you to live as your authentic self," they said.

Storee Powell was there speaking as an advocate for disabled individuals. Powell encouraged marchers fighting for women's rights to include disabled people when crafting policy about women's rights.

"Please remember us when you are fighting for women's

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rights, because our voices matter too,” Powell said.

Dr. Marisela Martinez-Cola, an assistant professor of Sociology at USU, told the stories of many women of color who have changed history.

“We are often told that we stand on the shoulders of giants, and that may be true,” she said. “I would rather believe that we stand with the giants, within the giants, between the giants, among the giants. We are the giants and they are us.”

Martinez-Cola’s son passed out posters of pictures of 20 women who have changed history. Most of these women, she says, are often not discussed in history classes. “Never forget that history is about whose story gets told,” she said.

Devon Isaacs, a second-year Combined Clinical/Counseling Program doctoral student at USU and member of the


inclusive the march was.

“They were very passionate, and I loved the intersectionality and diversity of experiences and perspectives. They did a good job with that this year,” Chung said.

Following the speakers, marchers, lead by Scott, proceeded to march around downtown Logan, waving at individuals passing by in cars, looking through windows or walking down the sidewalks.

Despite the snow and slush, Logan citizens still felt it was important to come out and attend the march.

Attendee Jean Stewart summed up the feelings of many marchers: “I am marching because every voice counts.”

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***I am marching
because every
voice counts.***
— Jean Stewart

or murdered Indigenous woman, also known as MMIW. She shared stories gathered from friends, family and colleagues about MMIW in their own lives.

"I ask you to speak up and speak loudly. Lend a

voice to the voiceless,” she said.

The final speaker was Lex Scott, the founder of Black Lives Matter Utah. Scott told the stories of both herself and her mother during their own times at Utah State University, where they both attended school.

Though they both experienced tragedy and a loss of innocence during their time at school, Scott said she hopes the world is changing enough to where she will no longer have to worry about her daughter when she sends her off to university one day.

In addition, Scott touched on the importance of acknowledging the stories of everyone in attendance. Intersectionality is important when it comes to inclusivity in a movement, and Scott reminded us that in diversity there is power.

“We all have similar stories here,” she said. “We are taught from a young age how to fit the mold...we are taught what a stereotypical woman should be and we are taught to not stray from that mold. In 2019, we have destroyed that mold. There is no mold. We will be a woman how we want to be women.”

Anny Chung, a participant at Saturday’s march, said she came to listen to the speakers and was impressed with how



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Ward-Sessions shines in first home meet



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Utah State senior Madison Ward-Sessions performs a bars routine Friday night in USU's first home meet of the season. Ward-Sessions won titles in the beam and floor events, along with the first All-Around title of her career with a score of 39.225.

By Lauren Lomeli
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Spectrum was alive with a palpable energy Friday night as the Utah State women's gymnastics team hosted its first home meet of the season against in-state and in-conference rival BYU. The Cougars, ranked No. 6 nationally, won the meet with a score of 194.575 over USU's 193.950 team total, but that did not stop senior Madison Ward-Sessions from captivating the crowd with her stellar performance.

"I was nervous, but I was able to channel that into my routines, and that calmed down a little bit," said Ward-Sessions, who secured

the very first all-around title of her career with a score of 39.225. "When we were on each event, we were taking it one thing at a time."

Improving on the beam has been a big focus for Ward-Sessions over the past few years, and after struggling with the event in the past, she took first on Friday night with a personal-best score of 9.800. Afterwards, she went on to win the floor exercise event title with a score of 9.875 which left the crowd buzzing.

"It's been a mental challenge for me for the past three years. I've trained beam, but when I go to compete I get really nervous

and I forget everything pretty much, so tonight I was really focusing on all my cues," Ward-Sessions said.

"Maddie has been training beam for the last two years, and she's gotten frustrated with it where we've had these heart-to-heart talks of 'it's in there, you got this!' and just keep chipping away at this," said Utah State second-year head coach Amy Smith. "That

was super cool tonight to finally see her put that together, and under a ton of pressure because the front half of the beam lineup didn't set it up for her and she was anchoring, and she got the job done, and for her to come out and win the all-around on top of winning beam, which was great, I'm so excited for her tonight and what she did."

"I keep saying that she could be one of the best all-arounders in the country and in our conference," Smith continued.

Along with Ward-Sessions, Utah State sophomore Leighton Varnadore placed third in the all-around event with a score of 38.825, just behind BYU's second-place winner Shannon Evans.

Aggie freshman Grace Rojas earned a career-best score at the meet with a score of 9.775 on the vault, which placed her at fifth for the event.

The Aggies will be hitting the gym hard this upcoming week before facing off against BYU once again.

"They gotta self-reflect tonight and ask themselves if they got the job done," Smith said about training for next week. "We always talk about they got a job to do, and if you're stepping up to compete, that's what we train for. So, did you get your job done? If you didn't, we go back and figure out what we gotta do to make it happen."

The Aggies will head down to Provo on Jan. 25 to compete at the Marriott Center at 11 a.m. against the Cougars for the second week in a row.

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Utah State senior Emily Briones (left) and sophomore Leighton Varnadore (right) perform routines on the beam during Friday night's meet against BYU at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

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Utah State freshman center Neemias Queta takes the ball to the rim against Colorado State center Nico Carvacho Saturday night at the Spectrum. Queta had 18 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks in the Aggies' 87-72 win over the Rams.

Big men playing big role for Aggies

Utah State has relied on the combo of Queta and Taylor to become one of the top teams in the Mountain West

By Dalton Renshaw
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Utah State's big men played a, well, big role in Saturday's win over Colorado State. Senior forward Quinn Taylor and freshman center Neemias Queta, were much more involved than in recent games for Utah State. In total, they combined for 30 of the Aggies' 87 points on the night as well as 20 of the team's 39 rebounds.

This is something that USU head coach Craig Smith wanted to emphasize, speaking about it after their loss to Fresno State on Jan. 9.

Over the three games since that loss, Queta and Taylor have been featured more often in the Aggies' plans. Queta over the past three games has been averaging 15.3 points per game and 8.3 rebounds per game in 31 minutes played per contest. Within the first three possessions of the Saturday's contest, Utah State went to Queta twice in the post, hoping to establish his presence early on.

"Everybody wants to score the first ball, and I think it helps me a lot when I get the ball and score the first one," Queta said.

Taylor, although not scoring as much as Queta, has still managed 28.6 minutes of game-time over the past three, and acts as a floor general for the Aggies when he's on the court.

"Of course Quinn, he's just old reliable, right, he's just Mr. Dependable," Smith said. "You pretty much know what you're going to get out of him on a day-to-day basis. And we certainly went to him inside more tonight than maybe we typically have and I think that's something we gotta look at doing more often."

This change has been to the advantage of Utah State in a number of ways, not all directly related to the two star big men. The amount of attention that these two players attract in the paint does wonders to open up the Aggies' shooting on the perimeter. Since the Fresno State loss, Utah State has been shooting 48.9 percent from the field and 39.3 percent



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Utah State senior forward Quinn Taylor dribbles the ball in Utah State's win over Colorado State Saturday night at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum

from three, both tops in the league over that span. The bonus for Utah State is that both Taylor and Queta are plenty skilled enough to suck in the defense and make a quick pass to one of the Aggies' many shooters.

Redshirt-freshman guard Brock Miller shot 6-of-9 from three on the night, scoring 18 points. He spoke on the contributions that both Queta and Taylor had in his ability to get so many good looks.

"You know, they were doubling on Neemias in the post, and he's a really unselfish big man and knows how to play," Miller said. "You know, he kicked that out and we had a couple of ball reversals and it gave me wide-open looks."

Queta seemed to agree with his teammate.

"I think I'm a really good passer and the guys were moving really well," Queta said. "Usually when teams double me, they try to close out the three point for them, but I think we moved really well and I could find them."

The extra involvement from Queta and Taylor also helped the team limit one of the better big men in the conference, junior center Nico Carvacho, to 12 points on the night. Carvacho had been averaging 23.5 points per game over the past four. Utah State did this by trapping Carvacho in double teams every time he would enter the paint, largely a combination of Queta and Taylor being the ones to interfere with the center's attempts at the rim.

"Neemias was an animal, quite frankly," Smith said. "He did a really good job protecting the rim. He really anchored us, I thought he was really good, especially early on ... He's a good kid and he accepts coaching and he accepted the challenge, really, because Carvacho is a load, he's a really good player. I just told myself we're not taking Neemi out unless they take Carvacho out, and he played the whole second half."

A lot of the growth and development that the coaches have seen out of Queta has been over the past few weeks, as he settles into the season a bit more. Queta is one of six freshmen on the Aggies' active roster, and like most young players, thrives with the having a senior like Taylor on the roster.

"Quinn has been such a steadying influence, certainly on our team, but especially on Neemias. Because there's not much Quinn hasn't seen in his years as an Aggie, but he's certainly been a great mentor for him," Smith said.

There were a number of plays on Saturday night made by the Portuguese big man that showed an exceptional level of skill. One trip down the court, Queta used his 7'5" wingspan

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"He's a really good player," Queta said of Carvacho. "Us big men, we did a really good job on him. He still ended up with 12 points but I think we did really good on him."

Four of Carvacho's six first-half points came with Queta sitting on the bench. This led to Smith resolving that in the second half, he would only take the Portuguese big out if Rams' head coach Niko Medved removed his star big. Carvacho never stepped foot of the court in the second and neither did Queta, leading to high praise from Smith for his 36-minute performance.

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Without Carvacho's dominance inside, Colorado State yielded the paint to the Aggies with USU outscoring the Rams 38-20 in the paint and finish with a 39-24 rebound advantage.

Five players overall for USU finished in double figures. Behind Miller and Queta were Sam Merrill (16), Diogo Brito (12) and Quinn Taylor (12). The Aggies had 23 assists total, third-most

Aggie women keepwinning, improve to 5-1 in conference

By Daedan Olander
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Utah State women's basketball team picked up another road win Saturday afternoon when they traveled to Fort Collins, Colo. defeating the Rams who entered the game 7-8 in Colorado for the first time since 1980 with a decisive 72-53 victory.

Utah State junior forwards Hailey Bassett and Shannon Dufficy scored 18 and 14 points respectively, and each grabbed 12 rebounds in the game. This marked Dufficy's seventh-straight double-double, tying a program record for most consecutive double-doubles by a player. Junior guard Eliza West added a game-high seven assists.

"I finally got that double-double!" Bassett said after the game.

"We really blew it away today."

The Aggies led early in the first quarter 8-2, but then surrendered the advantage to a seven-point CSU run, the score 9-8 with 3:45 remaining. Utah State recaptured their momentum, however, and finished the quarter up 17-11 with the final points of the period coming off an Eliza West three-point jumper.

The game got out of hand for the Rams in the second, and vwhat was a two-possession competition going into the quarter quickly became anything but, as back-to-back Emmie Harris three's widened the margin to 33-19 with a little under half of the quarter remaining. The period ended with the Aggies on top 45-23, after outscoring CSU 28-12 in the quarter.

"We had a super second quarter," said Utah State head coach Jerry Finkbeiner.

The teams traded baskets throughout the third, and the margin beginning the quarter was unchanged at its conclusion, both teams scoring 14 points before the period ended, leaving the score 59-37.

The fourth featured more of the same, and the game remained out of reach for Colorado State, ending 72-53.

Utah State continued the hot shooting from their most recent game against San Jose State with 50 percent shooting from the field and over 40 percent from three against the Rams. They also dominated CSU on the glass, grabbing 25 more rebounds than Colorado State and finishing with 45 on the day. Fifteen offensive rebounds led to 18 second chance points for the Aggies as well.

"We just played with a lot of confidence, and we kind of set a standard for ourselves here as of late. Now, can we live up to it?" Finkbeiner said.

With the win, USU moves to 5-1 against Mountain West opponents and 10-7 overall. The Aggies also improved to 5-2 in true road games, after winning just one game outside of Logan last season.

The Rams will have a chance to even up the season series on March 4 in the Spectrum in what will be the Aggies' final regular season game. In the meantime, Utah State looks forward to returning to Logan to face New Mexico Saturday at 2 p.m.

to steal the inbounds pass and beat Carvacho down the court for an emphatic dunk.

On another occasion, after pulling a spin move on a Colorado State defender and scoring at the rim, Queta stuck his tongue out at the Aggie student section and pumped up the crowd on his way back down the court. Queta has started to take on the role of hype-man for this Utah State squad as the season has progressed, a role he enjoys.

"I'm always the guy that likes playing in a full environment and everybody's cheering for me, or playing in an environment where everyone's against me," Queta said. "I like having people there cheering for us and helping the team."

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this season. After the game, everyone focussed on how much the team has been sharing lately, especially Smith.

"Since Nevada, I feel like we're sharing the ball (more)," he said. "Not that we were ever a selfish team. But I just think our ball movement is much crisper...good passing teams are good shooting teams and I feel like since Nevada we've passed it much more efficiently."

Utah State will get a full week off, with its next game coming at New Mexico next Saturday.

"I think it's good," Miller said of the time off, "We have a lot of players that are banged up and I think that it'll be good for our bodies and minds to relax for a day or two. And obviously we're going to get after it and really prepare for New Mexico."

Smith said the break is "perfect timing for us," also mentioning that, as some minor motivation, he would give the players an extra day off if they won.

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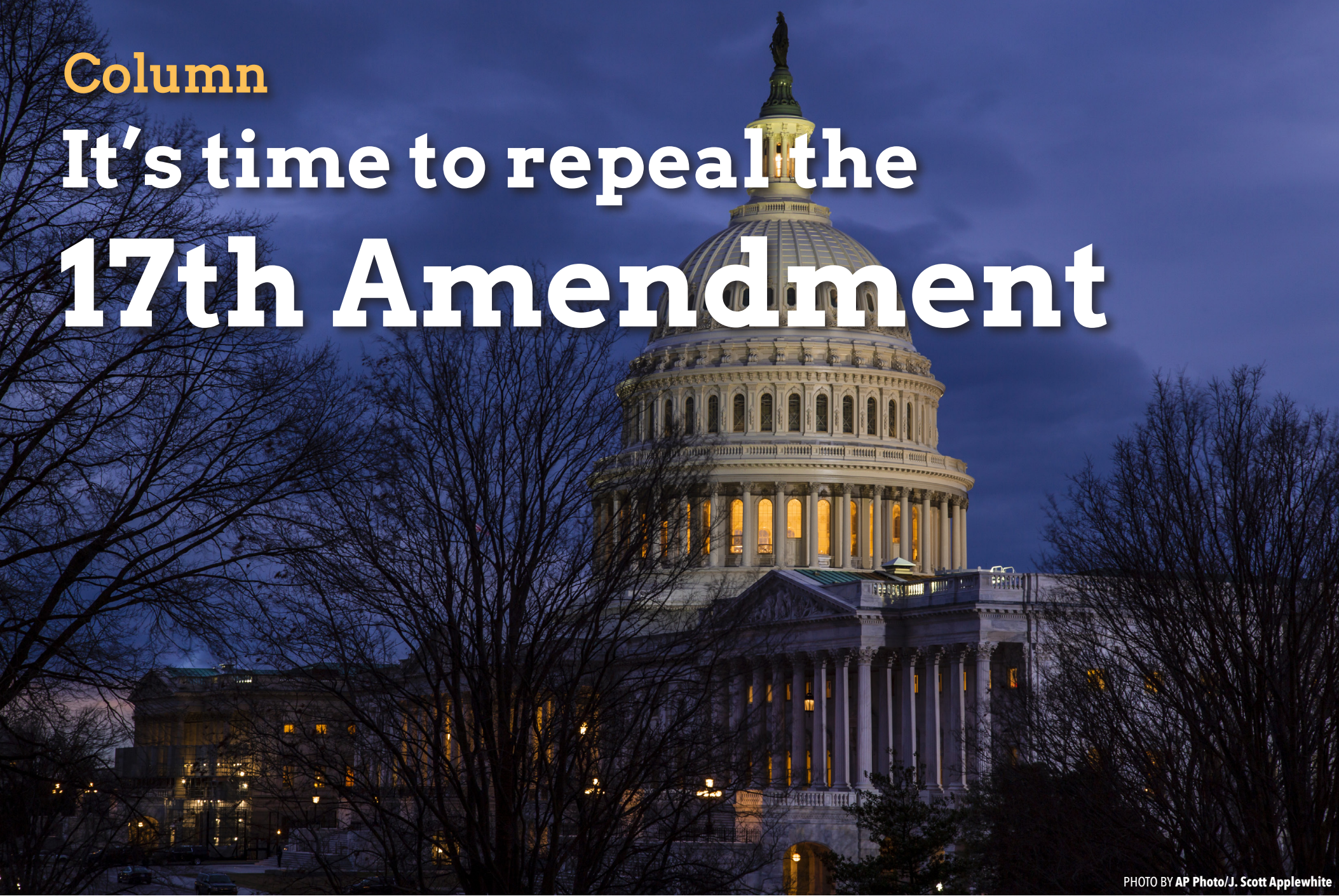


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By Andrew Rummons
NEWS STAFF WRITER

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"The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote" (17th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, emphasis added).

If I were to suggest a change to any aspect of the Constitution as it currently exists, I would repeal the 17th Amendment.

The 17th Amendment establishes the selection of United States Senators by popular vote by the people of their respective states, and it is a mistake that erases the entire purpose of federalism and bicameral legislature the Founding Fathers intended.

The original text of Article 1, Section 3, Clauses 1 and 2 reads: "The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for six Years; and each Senator shall have one Vote".

This design of the Senate was a result of the Connecticut Compromise, which tempered the concerns of both the small states and the large states that were raised during the process of writing the Constitution. The argument centered on the question of how representation should be granted between the states. The bicameral compromise assuaged the concerns of the small states by promising a Senate that provided equal representation to all states, while granting the large states population-based proportional representation in the form of the House of Representatives.

However, the compromise was also a trade-off between the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists, who had disagreements on how much electoral power the people should be given and how much power the states should have. Members of the House of Representatives would be elected by the people in a system that was designed to represent "the popular will", while the Senate would be appointed by state legislatures to serve as a "check" on the House and represent the interests of the states.

The appointment of Senators by legisla-

tures tied this compromise together by guaranteeing the populist, passionate interests of the people would not overtake the legislative branch, an issue Federalists were committed to preventing, while also ensuring that state sovereignty would be protected by a legislative body that served to prevent the national government from stomping on the rights of the states, an issue Anti-Federalists were committed to preventing.

However, this arrangement came to an end with the passage of the 17th Amendment in 1913.

It was passed due to fears that state legislatures had become corrupted by steel and oil monopolies, as well as concerns that state legislatures were unable to consistently agree on who to select as a senator and would fail to send senators to Washington. But these concerns of corruption were overblown, evidenced by the fact that between 1857 and 1900, there were only three Senate appointments investigated for corruption, and over the course of a century,

only ten elections were contested at all. In addition, it was incredibly rare for states to fail to appoint its senators as a result of state legislative deadlock.

The 17th Amendment has instead resulted in the Senate evolving into a chamber of Congress

its Constitutional duties to the executive branch. With no officers in Washington designed to advocate on their behalf, state governments have turned to lobbyists to have their voices heard, spending more than \$80 million in lobbying efforts, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

If we repealed the 17th amendment, we could restore power to states by, prevent taxpayer money from being spent on lobbying, and even potentially increase voter turnout in midterm elections as a result of the election of local officials having implications for who becomes a Senator.

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that, similar to the House of Representatives, is subject to the populist desires of the people. Instead of operating as a chamber that was designed to protect states' rights by having senators advocate in behalf of state legislatures and prevent the federal government from seizing too much power, the Senate has become a mirror-image of the House, passively giving up



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<p>CacheARTS Presents The King & I Ellen Eccles Theatre Logan, UT</p> <p>Learn to Belly Dance with Shimmering Sands! 7:00pm Whittier Community Center 290 North 400 East Logan, UT</p> <p>National Broadway Tour Rodgers & Hammerstein's The King & I 7:30pm Ellen Eccles Theatre Logan, UT</p> <p>Sympatico Percussion Group 7:30pm Caine College of the Arts</p> <p>What to Expect When Expecting an Engineering Degree... 4:30-5:15 pm Engineering 101</p>	<p>CacheARTS Presents The King & I Ellen Eccles Theatre Logan, UT</p> <p>Summer Job Fair 9:00am Taggart Student Center</p> <p>Love and Logic Class 6:30pm Logan Library</p> <p>Parenting the Love and Logic Way 6:30pm Logan Library</p> <p>Entrepreneur Leadership Series: Sam & Kacie Malouf (Founders of Malouf, Malouf Foundation) 6-7:15 pm Eccles Conference Center Auditorium</p> <p>Writing workshop 5-6pm Logan Library Bridger Room, 255 N Main</p>	<p>Helicon West Open Mic Night 7:00pm Logan City Library</p> <p>Huntsman Marketing Association Guest Speaker - Social Media Influencer 3 p.m.- 4:15 pm Huntsman Hall 220</p> <p>Visiting Artist Lecture by ceramicist Linda Christenson Chase Fine Arts FAV 264 5- 6 pm</p> <p>Accounting Hot Cocoa & Summer Leadership Prep Night Huntsman Hall 220 5:30-6:30 pm</p> <p>Hashimoto Communication Arts Seminar Chase Fine Arts FAV 150 7-8 p.m.</p>	<p>Bridal Showcase American West Heritage Center 4025 U.S. 89 Wellsville, UT</p> <p>Logan Home Show 10:00am Cache County Event Center Exhibit Hall Logan, UT</p> <p>Science Unwrapped: Microscopic 7:00pm Eccles Science Learning Center, Room 130</p> <p>True Blue Aggie Friday On Fridays, we wear Aggie Blue! Go to usu.edu/trueblue to see how you can post, tag and win prizes by showing off your spirit.</p> <p>VITA Tax Training 9-11:30 am Huntsman Hall first floor lobby</p>	<p>Bridal Showcase American West Heritage Center 4025 U.S. 89</p> <p>Living Legends Performance 7:00pm Ellen Eccles Theatre Logan, UT</p> <p>Logan Home Show 10:00am Cache County Event Center Exhibit Hall</p> <p>Music Box Concert Series, USU Double Bass Ensemble 11:00am Fine Arts Center, Room 104</p> <p>Red Dress Party 8:00pm The Cache Venue Logan, UT</p> <p>Women's Basketball vs. New Mexico State 2:00pm The Spectrum</p>	<p>Movie: 49th Parallel (The Invaders) 6:30pm Logan Library</p> <p>CacheARTS Presents Doktor Kaboom! It's Just Rocket Science 7:30pm Cache Valley Center For the Arts Logan, UT</p> <p>Koch Trivia Night 6:30-8 pm Huntsman Hall 470 Perry Pavillion</p> <p>High Stakes Bingo 7-10 pm TSC Ballroom</p> <p>Faith Distress Group 1-2:30 pm TSC 310 B</p>

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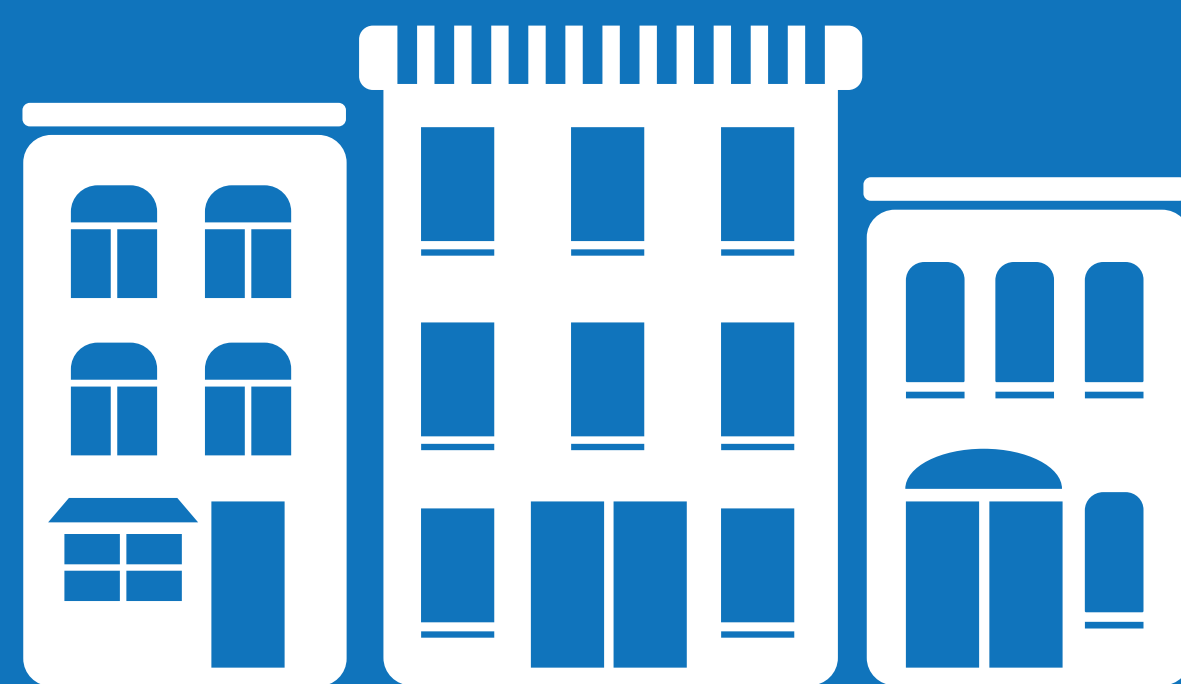








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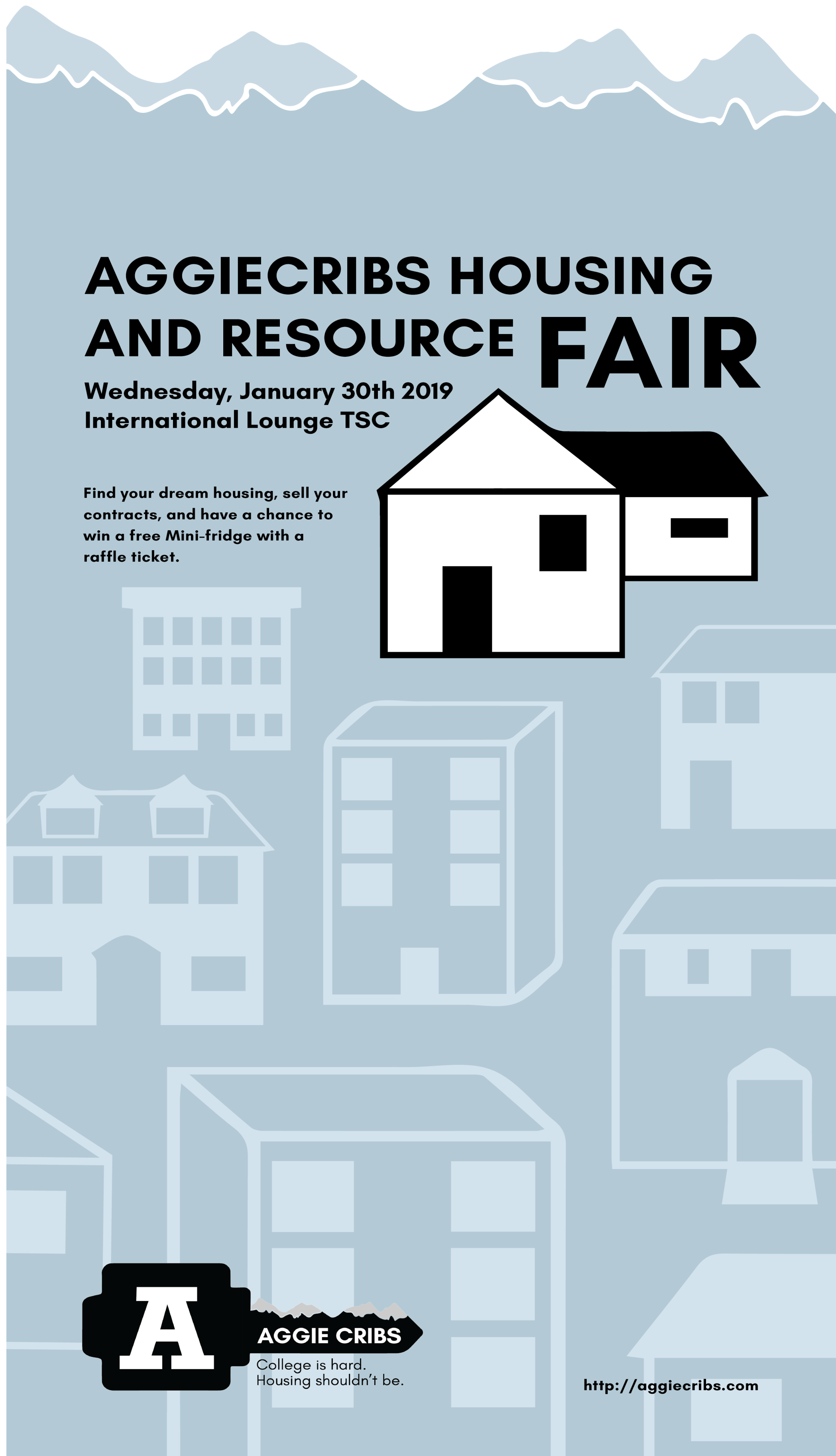


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