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Fee Board approves \$10 CAPS fee increase and funding for visual arts

By Naomi Ward
NEWS SENIOR WRITER

Utah State University students could see a \$10.46 increase in their student fees, if President Noelle Cockett, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents give their approval.

The fee increase would support Counseling

and Psychological Services by fixing the office's budget deficit and funding therapist and social work positions. The increase would also fund the second half of a psychologist position for the Caine College of the Arts, the first half being funded by the college.

Some board members expressed confusion in the last meeting about where in the arts college budget the money was coming from.

Caine College of the Arts Senator Sierra Wise said the dean and financial officer of the college confirmed that the college's contribution is covered with discretionary and vacant position funding.

The Student Fee Board met Wednesday to vote on the three proposals discussed in last week's meeting, including a fee increase for CAPS, a new fee to create a Global

Opportunity Scholarship Fund and a reallocation of funds in the Caine College of the Arts to support the Eccles and Tippetts galleries.

Wise said, "If we were to fund this fee, I think it would be appropriate for USUSA to draft a letter talking about support for the CAPS fee but also politely petitioning for making CAPS more of a priority in the initial budget."

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'We all have nightmares'

Ex-boyfriend stalker sentenced to 60 days in jail



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY Chantelle McCall

By Alison Berg and Naomi Ward
NEWS SENIOR WRITERS

Editor's note: To protect the identity of the victims, The Utah Statesman has chosen not to use their last names.

Nearly a year after four women were stalked and terrorized, Luke Champlin is going to jail.

The 26-year-old man from Smithfield was sentenced last week to 60 days in Cache County Jail with work release.

But Lexi, Bre, Maddy and April still live in terror.

During the weeks he spent terrorizing them, the four roommates said, they felt as if every day a new nightmare became their reality.

"We all have nightmares," Bre said.

"We got over that month but we're still dealing with a lot of stuff," Lexi added.

The timeline of events

Lexi met Champlin and began dating him during an internship at Roolee, a boutique owned by his brother. Lexi's internship ended in August, but she and Champlin continued to date until February 2018.

Lexi said she and Champlin had a "peaceful

breakup." Afterward, the two remained close friends and Champlin stayed in contact with Lexi's three other roommates.

"We all loved Luke. We thought he was the ideal boyfriend," April said.

Then strange things began to happen.

According to police report, Lexi woke up on March 30 to find "weird oil" under her car tires. On April 7, she started receiving spam emails, phone calls and text messages from websites ranging from back pain services to adult entertainment. On April 12, a firecracker went off in Lexi's window in the middle of the

night. The same day, her registration sticker was scratched off of her car. The day after that, Lexi's tire was deflated with a screw.

"Somebody is out to get Lexi," April remembered thinking. "This isn't a coincidence, this isn't a funny prank."

The Saturday after, the roommates' porch light bulb was stolen, according to police reports and testimony of the women. The next morning, they called police and their paranoia grew.

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Effects of government shutdown find their way into USU Students lives

By Shelby Black
STUDENT LIFE SENIOR WRITER

Editor's Note: This story was originally published prior to the government reopening. The story has been edited to be up to date.

The United States just experienced the longest government shutdown in history, and the effects are not only being felt nationwide, but also right here in Logan, Utah. Many Utah State students are directly connected to or have someone close to them who relies on the federal government.

Dillan Passmore, journalism and political science major, works as a data consultant in his free time for the National Endowment for the Humanities. As a unofficial employee, he reviews grant information, develops strategies to help clean up the grant-making process, provides suggestions to higher up management, and communicates with members of congress. Passmore has been working remotely for this agency since May, but all his projects came to a standstill when the shutdown began.

"Right now, from my understanding, currently everyone within the agency is furloughed. Kind of or just stashed away because they are



GRAPHIC BY Makalee Richardson

not considered necessary to the absolute function of the government," Passmore said. As far as he knows, there were only three people working for the agency, a "miniscule part" of the original staff.

Passmore works another job as well, so the shutdown didn't hinder his ability to live, but he understands the effects it had on other federal employees.

"That's a long time for a lot of people to go without pay, considering a lot of Americans

don't really save," Passmore said. "It is these people's livelihoods that are in the balance."

Students in Logan seeking jobs that are connected to the Federal Government found it increasingly difficult with the shutdown. Kevin Tso, forestry ecology management major, has previously worked as a wildland firefighter. He wanted to do the job again this summer, but the application process has been difficult because many organizations that hire firefighters are connected to the Federal

Government.

"I was excited to put in applications for this upcoming season. Fire hiring is really complex and frustrating; to have the shutdown happen just adds more frustration to the hiring process," Tso said. "There is a lot of loops you have to get through. You have to make calls, and get your name out to where you want to work. I can't do that with the shutdown because nobody is working."

Luckily, Tso was able to find a job for the summer with the state. Tso also explained that although it is not wildfire season, many of these organizations still have work to do during the shutdown.

"I hope the shutdown ends soon because in the winter, there is a lot of off-season work that upper management does as far as training, winter burning, and preparing for the upcoming season," Tso said. "You wouldn't think they would be doing a lot of work in the winter, but they do."

Though not all students work closely with the federal government, many students' parents have been affected by the shutdown.

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OER textbooks could save students thousands

By McKay Johnsen
NEWS STAFF WRITER

A resolution to spread awareness over Open Educational Resources at USU was passed on Jan. 7 by the Utah State University Student Association academic senate. OER has the potential to save students thousands of dollars in textbook costs.

“USU Libraries and Academic & Instructional Services are collaborating with various colleges on campus to offer faculty grants for the adoption, adaption, or creation of OER to enhance their classes,” said OER Coordinator Kori Ellis. “The theory behind OER, or Open Educational Resources, is that knowledge should be free, unlimited, and accessible to everyone, everywhere, and not locked behind a paywall.”

OER are freely accessible texts and media that are used for both teaching and learning, all made available online. With this motion, students and faculty alike will have access to a wide range of material.

“OER includes everything from textbooks and lecture slides to modules, videos, or any other educational resources that reside in the public domain,” Ellis said.

OER are being used to better education from the university level down to elementary schools across the nation. In fact, USU has already implemented OER into its course catalog.

OER Program Assistant Derek Petersen said, “In 2017, College of Humanities and Social Sciences invested \$20,000 in grants to introduce OER to CHaSS courses this resulted in \$70,000 on the return of the investment or in money saved.”

In the 2018-19 academic year, the OER Program hopes to offer similar grants to the College of Science and College of Engineering in order to replicate the success with CHaSS.

OER have been at USU since 2014, and certain courses have implemented them for sev-



PHOTO BY Jason Rimando

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eral semesters. These professors either forgo textbooks altogether or require fewer course materials, which also saves time and money.

“A part of this revolution is to let professors to know that we at the OER Program will help implement OER into courses at every step of the way,” Petersen said.

Courses using OER range from 1010 introductory classes to upper division classes, then to 6000 level capstone classes, and include a variety of subjects such as Biology, Geology, Math, Journalism, and Accounting.

“Twenty-six unique OER courses were offered

at USU during the 2018-19 academic school year. Since 2014, more than 11,000 USU students combined have saved over \$1,000,000 through the use of OER,” Ellis said.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Senator McKenna Allred said, “We already have so many of these free resources at USU they’re just not well-known to students or faculty.”

Awareness is the first call to action that the academic senate along with the OER Program legislated to faculty, specifically professors to use with their students.

March 4-8 is Open Education Week on campus and the OER Program and USUSA are planning on collaborating in hosting events that could promote OER and inform people who may be unaware.

“We believe that this is the best way to move forward. This is why we are calling on any USU body that has the power to make these resources more obtainable, to do just that,” Allred said.

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Utah State University to introduce Chinese major

By Peter Pigott
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Utah State University is expected to offer Chinese as a new major for students in fall 2019.

Several factors contributed to the Department of Languages, Philosophy and Communication establishing the new major, and growing student demand was one of the biggest.

“I remember nine years ago, students were requesting a Chinese major,” said Ko-Yin Sung, an associate professor in Chinese.

Chinese teachers conducted a survey asking students enrolled in the Chinese minor if they’d be interested in switching to a major; 76 percent said they would.

Another consideration was the increasing value of Chinese as a second language skill in the job market.

“There’s a general environment, economic and political, that also plays a role along with

the students’ interests and faculty resources,” said Brad Hall, the department head of LPCS.

grams, which was another basis for the creation of a Chinese major.

“They’re willing to spend the time and the energy to make the program work” — Brad Hall, languages, philosophy and communication studies department head

Hall said the growing trend in Chinese economic influence was a key factor in the decision to create the major.

“It connects well to economic growth factors – it’ll allow students to establish their credentials in areas that have a lot of potential as far as career growth and opportunities,” he said.

Utah is one of the leading states in the nation for Chinese dual-language K-12 pro-

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Li Guo, a Chinese associate professor, said student community and local interests all contributed to the rationale for the establishment of the program.

“Considering all of these auspicious elements, it is time to request a major,” she said.

Guo said that returned missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, who comprise the majority of Chinese language students, have experience in Chinese-speaking communities outside of mainland China. She said the engagement of students who have spoken Chinese outside of mainland China will allow the major to offer more opportunities to provide a diverse curriculum.

In preparation for the major’s increased course load, the department hired a new Chinese professor, Yu-Hsing Chen, in fall 2018. Her addition brings the number of full-time Chinese professors to three, not including graduate students who occasionally teach low

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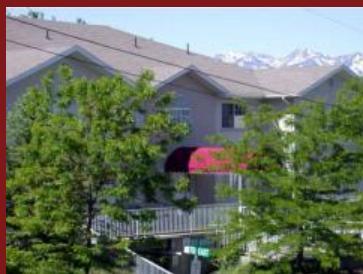
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Exploring alternative treatment with the Contextual Behavioral Science Lab



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The Contextual Behavioral Science Lab offers access to programs that may improve issues including depression, anxiety, stress, academic concerns, body image, addictions and more.

By Shelby Black
STUDENT LIFE SENIOR WRITER

Researchers at the Utah State University Contextual Behavioral Science Lab are coming up with innovative treatments for mental health issues. Their research focuses on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) and self-guided approaches to dealing with different problems. With student mental health issues on the rise, the lab is constantly researching and creating new resources.

Mike Levin, co-director of the ACT program at USU, oversees the many activities that are taking place at the CBS lab. “We are exploring self-guided resources,” Levin said. “This is a additional treatment, or in addition to getting help while they are waiting to see a therapist, or if they aren’t sure if they want to see a therapist, this is a low intensity option.”

Levin and his lab have created several self-help books related to different mental health problems. These books are available at the library for students to check out and use.

Levin is joined in his work by several graduate students, who help complete projects and studies to gain experience while working on their degrees.

Jennifer Krafft, one of the graduate students involved with CBS, is currently working on a project that deals with worry. Her study will combine testing a skills app with a mobile app. Krafft is currently recruiting those interested to come and be a part of her research, which she feels will be different from previous studies.

“We know that ACT is successful, but it hasn’t been tested in groups before,” Krafft said. “There is unique aspects of that, like getting to see people who are struggling with a similar problem and seeing other people be successful. We think the app can help people practice the skills that we are teaching the group. This kind of technology can really help integrate these skills in your life.”

Mobile apps and websites are a large part of the lab’s projects. They are looking to see if this technology can be used to facilitate effective treatments.

Carter Davis, graduate student, has seen how technology is changing behavioral science research. He said that self-help and online studies can lead to a lot of research in a short amount of time with a larger group of people. The science itself, however, doesn’t change.

“We see technology kind of comes and goes,” Davis said. “I think that when we are talking about human behavior and the science of that, it is something that doesn’t really change. There will be the trends in technology, but we are trying to look at that from a perspective that is more permanent.”

Davis hopes that their research will improve alternative treatment options for individuals seeking help and encourage people to be “proactive about their wellness.”

“It feels important because it is hopefully allowing people to make more informed choices about where they can get help and support,” Davis said. “There are a lot of barriers to getting help. I think anything to help people make smarter choices about getting help is good.”

These programs have helped break down barriers to treatment and provided options

for many undergraduate students on campus. The CBS labs’ progress report stated that it had enrolled 182 students

in a clinical trial for one of their programs from Fall 2016 to Spring 2018. The report gave the following results: “71.8% of previously depressed students were no longer depressed, 72.5% of distressed students were no longer distressed, 57.7% of anxious students were no longer anxious, and 61.7% of students who had been struggling academically were no longer struggling after using the website.”

The Contextual Behavioral Sciences Lab is paving the way for alternative treatment methods for USU students. Levin hopes to see the lab continue to have success in the future.

“I think that technology helps people get access to a different type of resource,” Levin said. “I think it helps support the work that therapists and other providers give. Over time we will get better at integrating them and matching people to

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UPR hosts panel discussing Kavanaugh, #MeToo

By Erick Graham Wood
STUDENT LIFE STAFF WRITER

Utah Public Radio continued their discussion about the #MeToo movement on Friday night with a panel at Utah State University highlighting the results of the Kavanaugh hearings.

Utah Women 20/20 is a UPR series that explores the opportunities and difficulties that face women today. The series explores topics such as gender disparity and elections. Within the last year, the #MeToo movement has been another subject of discussion.

“We decided to do an event to process the Kavanaugh hearings,” said Tom Williams, the host of the program and moderator for Friday night’s panel. “I was just realizing the other day that I haven’t fully processed the hearings.”

Judge Brett Kavanaugh was ultimately appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court despite allegations of sexual assaults levelled against him by Dr. Christine Blasey Ford last October. Ford was criticized for her allegations against Kavanaugh and ultimately the senate decided in favor of Kavanaugh.

The panelists at the UPR event reinforced many ideas that have been in the forefront of the country’s collective mind after the Kavanaugh hearings.

“What’s difficult about this process is that it did go through,” said Marisela Martinez-Cola, a USU Sociology professor. “Even though we had a brave, strong woman come forward, this is the stark reality.”

Felicia Gallegos, a panelist from Friday, said that the conver-

“It’s important to come together as we work through this.”

— Tom Williams

sation sparked by the hearings is still worth having.

“It wasn’t just any conversation,” Gallegos said. “It was a conversation that was so personal, that resonated if you are a survivor or not, and it created waves, and I think it shook the country, and I think that’s still something we haven’t really settled on.”

Gallegos also said that survivors of sexual assault need people to listen to them.

“They have already had their options taken from them and they need to be able to choose what to do for themselves,” Gallegos said. “Don’t try to investigate their claims or tell them what to do. We shouldn’t think we know what a victim’s experience is like.”

Williams asked the other members of the panel “where we are at” in terms the Kavanaugh hearings, the 2020 elections and the #MeToo movement.

“Men need to decide whether they are going to recognize their toxic characteristics or not,” Gallegos said. “We are not mad at men, but so many young men are in a mindset that they are just part of a flow and that they have to be dominators and real men and that’s just what they do, but they aren’t having the conversations about what it’s like to be in a respectful relationship.”

Gender discrimination and sexual harassment continue to be big topics moving into the next election season. Williams recognized the importance of unity as the nation continues to consider these issues..

“It’s important to come together as we work through this,” Williams said.

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Students and employers mingle at Summer Job Fair

By Alek Nelson
STUDENT LIFE WRITER

The buzz of representatives from over 55 employers and hundreds of students resonated through the halls of the Taggart Student Center during the annual Summer Job Fair on Wednesday.

Students had the opportunity to network with various businesses and agencies in the Sunburst Lounge of the TSC throughout the day. Organizations and companies represented at the event ranged from event planning to tour guide services to nutritional supplement distribution.

Over 600 students came to the event this year, each with specific goals, according to Donna Crow, executive director of USU Career Services.

“For some students, it might just be an opportunity to explore,” Crow said. “For others, they’re targeting this event, they’ve got their resumes, and they’re planning to do interviews this afternoon or tomorrow because they’re making a job happen.”

Kortnee Craig, a senior studying elementary education, attended the job fair. In the past, she has worked during the summer at museums, camps and lodging outside Zion National Park.

“I personally like to make most of my money during the summer to help pay for my schooling,” she said. “Then, when I’m in school, I don’t have to worry too much about working full-time because I use the money I’ve saved up during the summer.”

Summer employment is a route many students take to help pay for college. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in July 2018, 20.9 million people aged 16 to 24 years were employed, 10% more than three months prior, in April. This increase in employment is a cycle that happens yearly.

In addition to financial help, summer jobs also provide opportunities to gain experience for college students. This was one reason Jadyn Wallace, a sophomore majoring in



Representatives from over 55 employers came to the annual Summer Job Fair hosted by USU Career Services.

PHOTO BY Alek Nelson

mechanical engineering, came to the fair.

“I’m looking for a job that will either help me be able to pay for school or to get some experience in engineering,” Wallace said.

Employers benefitted from the job fair as well. Candace Hutchinson, an employee of the Utah National Parks Council of the Boy Scouts of America, was at the fair recruiting people to work at BSA camps in Utah. She said the job fair was helpful because they were able to reach out to people that may not usually think about working at a camp over the summer.

The Summer Job Fair is just one of seven fairs USU Career Services hosts every year. More information about upcoming fairs and other employment resources can be found at career-services.usu.edu.

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PANEL DISCUSSION

"WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN: SUFFRAGE IN THE 21ST CENTURY"

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Dr. Christy Glass
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er-division classes.

The program will total 34 upper-division credits, as opposed to the 33 credits required for French, German and Portuguese majors.

The new major will make USU the second university within the Utah System of Higher Education to offer a Chinese major after the University of Utah. USHE, as it’s known, is comprised of eight public colleges and universities throughout the state.

Hall said although the major is still in the approval process, he expects it to be approved.

“I’m very optimistic that it will be in place by the beginning of fall,” he said. “I think it will be another very strong major.”

Hall emphasized the importance of faculty in the success of programs like this.

“I think we have three excellent faculty members for students to work with,” he said. “They’re willing to spend the time and the energy to make the program work. Part of the reason I think it will be so successful is the commitment you see from the faculty.”

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PHOTO COURTESY OF **Roberto E. Rosales/Albuquerque Journal**
Utah State freshman center Neemias Queta drives past New Mexico sophomore center Vladimir Pinchuk during the Aggies’ 68-66 victory Saturday afternoon in Albuquerque, N.M. Queta scored eight points and had a game-high 12 rebounds in the game.

Aggies take down the Lobos

Porter’s game-winning three propels Utah State to 68-66 road victory over New Mexico

By Dalton Renshaw
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

“Life on the road, you hang in there and find a way to win. I couldn't be more proud of our team,” Utah State men’s basketball head coach Craig Smith said Saturday night after his team’s 68-66 win over New Mexico.

The start of the first half was a dominant performance by the Aggies. With 9:51 left in the half, Utah State was able to stretch its lead to 22-8, its largest of the game. But, that’s when the Lobos started their comeback, going on a 14-5 run over the next six minutes. Utah State was able to mitigate New Mexico’s comeback somewhat, and held a 36-27 lead going into the half.

"We got off to a really good start. It was important for us to

be able to play with a lead,” junior guard Sam Merrill said. “They hit some shots and a lot of credit to them for getting back in that game.”

Merrill led the way for the Aggies in the second half, scoring 14 of his team-high 22 points, the seventh time this season Merrill has eclipsed 20 points. Along with Merrill, redshirt freshman guard Brock Miller had another efficient performance from beyond the three-point line. Miller went 4-of-5 from three and scored 16 points overall, his third straight game in double figures.

One of the Aggies’ strengths this season has been their rebounding, ranking 10th in the nation in rebounds per game. Freshman center Neemias Queta pulled down nine of the Aggies’ 37 rebounds in the first half alone. This also marked the

18th game this season Utah State has out-rebounded its opponent.

Despite the Aggies’ dominance in the opening part of the first half, New Mexico was able to hold off USU from making more runs in the second half and kept the game close until the end.

“They get off to a hot start in the second half, but we responded,” Smith said. “In the first media timeout, we were up by 10. It felt like they kind of out-played us early in the second half and then they start throwing haymakers.”

With 14:07 left in the game, Utah State stretched their lead to 47-37 after a made layup from sophomore forward Justin Bean. From then on, the game turned into the Anthony Mathis show as the Lobos’ senior guard scored all of his sixteen points over the next ten minutes, tying the game at 64 a piece. Unfortunately for Utah State, its star big man Queta was kept off the floor during this run after falling into some foul trouble early in the half.

“This was a similar thing that happened in Houston where we kind of folded, but because of those experiences, we stayed poised,” Merrill said. “Obviously, credit goes to Abel (Porter) and that was big time.”

Over the final four minutes, Utah State held New Mexico to just two points, putting them in position to take the final shot of the game, giving them a chance to win. A controversial backcourt violation by New Mexico gave the ball back to Utah State and with only a one second difference between game clock and shot clock, Utah State held the ball for the final shot, down 66-65 to New Mexico. After working the clock down to under ten seconds, Merrill made a drive to the basket and was able to find Porter on the wing, who sank a step-back three with 1.8 seconds left.

"We wanted to get the ball in Sam's (Merrill) hands," Porter said. "I knew I was going to be doubled-off of. They've been doing it the whole game. If it came to me, I had to shoot it and I don't remember anything else to be honest."

Maybe a little extra motivation contributed to the Aggies’ performance as well, according to coach Smith.

“We showed our guys the movie Gladiator and we showed that today,” Smith said. “We showed the scene where they come walking up the tunnel and they go out the Coliseum and we have to stay together. It's the most important thing and if we do that, we have a chance to win at the end.”

With Saturday’s win, Utah State is now 15-5 (5-2 in conference) on the season and has moved up to third place in the Mountain West. The Aggies continue conference play Wednesday with a home matchup against San Jose State.

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Men’s tennis splits pair of weekend matches

By Daniel Hansen
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Utah State men’s tennis team competed in the ITA Kick-Off Weekend, splitting two matches versus Miami and Washington. The Aggies lost to Miami 4-2 before returning with a 4-2 victory over Washington on the second day of action.

“Today was a great effort and I was really proud of the way we stayed tough, especially after losing the doubles point so close,” said head coach James Wilson. “The guys didn’t hang their heads, they got back to work and they were able to get four decisive points. I hope we can keep building off of this win.”

Against Miami, USU faced an uphill battle versus one of the more talented teams in the nation, with the Hurricanes fielded three players ranked in the top 100 singles player in the nation. The task proved even more daunting with Miami securing the doubles point with a 6-2 and 6-1 victory on courts two and three.

On court one to start singles play, Isaac Arturo Arevalo faced the daunting task of playing #21 A. Soriano Barrera, forcing a third set before ultimately losing 7-5, 5-7, 6-2. Duro Opacic fell to #97 Francisco Bastias on court three by score of 7-6 (7-9), 6-4. Jose Carvajal put the Aggies on the board with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Franco Aubone, while Felipe Acosta also defeated Dane Dunlap 6-3, 7-6 (7-5). On court six, Kaya Gore defeated Rithvik Bollipalli 6-2, 5-7, 6-3 to give Miami the match victory. Sergiu Bucur’s match versus #35 Bojan Jankulovski remained unfinished in the third set.

The loss dropped Utah State to 3-2 on the season, and slotted the Aggies into the consolation bracket for the weekend to face off versus Washington, who lost 4-0 to #8 Texas on the first day of play.

USU started doubles play versus Washington with a spirited effort, with Bucur and Bollipalli combining to for a win on court two. However, the Huskies snagged the doubles point with vic-

tories on courts one and two to put Washington up 1-0 heading into singles play.

The Aggies immediately stormed back, with Arevalo defeating Enzo Sommer at court one 6-1, 6-3, before Bucur followed suit by defeating Piers Foley 6-1, 7-5 to put USU into the lead 2-1. The Huskies responded as Jack Davis defeated Opacic 6-4, 6-4 on court three. The Aggie victory was sealed shortly after, with Bollipalli besting. Adam Torocsik 7-6 (7-2), 6-2 on court six and Carvajal disposing of Sebastian Hawken 7-6 (7-1), 7-6 (7-4) on court five. Acosta’s match versus Ernesto Turegano went unfinished following the second set.

Utah State returns to action on Thursday versus BYU at the Sports Academy in Logan. USU has won four straight matches versus BYU. The match is currently scheduled for 5 pm.

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PHOTO BY **Iain Laurence**
Utah State's Duro Opacic returns a serve during a tennis match against Idaho State on Jan. 13.

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FILE PHOTO BY Kyle Todecheene
Utah State pitcher Delaney Hull pitches in a game against Nevada on March 29, 2018. Hull is the only pitcher remaining on USU's roster who has pitched in a game for the Aggies.

The young Aggie bullpen

With the season quickly approaching, Utah State will rely on an inexperienced pitching staff this year

By Dalton Renshaw
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The softball coaches at Utah State are choosing to go with a pitch-by-committee approach for this upcoming season. A new season starts in just under three weeks for the Aggie softball team, and they don't have a true rotation set up as of now. Although softball is different from baseball which typically uses a five-man-rotation, most softball programs opt to go with two players in their rotation. Because of that, the team will elect to go with multiple starters instead of locking down a consistent second starter, at least for the start of the season, says head coach Steve Johnson.

"We'll be doing a lot of rotation, we call it pitching by committee," Johnson said. "So if one of them gets hot and is doing well, obviously we're going to let them keep rolling. But, if they get into trouble, we'll have the other two ready to go."

This Utah State pitching staff is young, after the loss of two of their most used pitchers in the offseason. Jordyn McCracken has graduated and sophomore Kellie White has transferred to Long Beach State; meaning it's now up the two sophomores, one junior and two freshmen the Aggies have on their roster to carry this team.

Last season, the coaches primarily relied on two pitchers; White and Freshman Delaney Hull. The two accounted for 43-of-52 starts among Aggie pitchers, with McCracken also starting in eight. Currently, there is only one player on the roster who has pitched in more than one game for the Aggies.

Hull was the ace of the staff last year, winning nine games and finishing sixth in the conference in ERA, and she's back for her sophomore season.

"Honestly, I think all three of us are just going to be rotating in and out the entire season," Hull said. "I think we all bring something to the table, which is really cool and exciting because I feel, at any moment, any one of us can just go in," Hull said. "Definitely both of the freshman are neck and neck, working hard, in and out each day. So they're definitely battling for that spot... But overall, I think we are really strong as a staff right now."

I think we all bring something to the table

— Utah State sophomore pitcher Delaney Hull

As of right now, there doesn't seem to be a favorite among the coaches between freshman pitchers Kapri Toone and Chloe Nightingale. Toone, last year's Ms. Softball in the state of Utah, twice took her team to a state title at Bear River High School. Regardless of her high school success, she's motivated to help her team win in any way she can.

"I just want to play a bigger part for my team," Toone said. "We have three good pitchers here, so I'm not always going to be throwing like I did in high school, so I just want to be there for them too."

Nightingale had some success of her own in high school; winning a state title with Adolfo Camarillo in California and being named pitcher of the year as a freshmen. She expects this Aggie team to be just as good as any she has played on.

"Honestly, I think this team is going to do really well," Nightingale said. "I've seen them a lot over the past five years, coming here and just being here as a recruit, and I just think this year is going to be a really big year for us."

This coaching staff has ensured that both players are grinding hard to be able to be ready for the start of the season, should their team need them. Utah State has been scrimmaging since the fall, and has been practicing six days a week since the start of the new year. Assistant coach Laura Heberling shared what she's seen from these players since she started working with them.

"You know, they're transferring over from the high school travel team level to the next level, at the Division I level, and what I've seen in them is just them trying to take in so much knowledge and fundamentals," Heberling said. "It's like a light goes off, like wow this helps me, or that helps me, so that's been the biggest key."

This may be a young team, but one thing is certain, they have plenty of confidence in the potential this team has to be very competitive in the Mountain West.

The Aggies kick off their season Friday, Feb. 8 in Fullerton, Calif., where the Aggies will take on Northwestern in the first of five games as part of the Titan Classic.

Aggies drop tight contest to New Mexico

By Hannah Leavitt
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

The Utah State women's basketball team (10-8, 5-2) took on one of the top teams in the Mountain West Conference on Saturday afternoon. The matchup was highly anticipated, with the New Mexico Lobos (17-2, 7-1) ranked second in the Mountain West Conference. In a high-intensity game, the Lobos beat the Aggies 68-64.

Utah State junior forward Shannon Dufficy said the loss wasn't surprising after a struggle in the first quarter.

"When you look at our first half, it was not good," Dufficy said. "We came out so flat. We set ourselves up for that loss in the first half, pretty much. I don't know if we were too timid or we thought about the game too much but that needs to be improved and I'm sure if we do that, we will be able to beat them next time."

Junior guard Olivia West proved a force to be reckoned with by scoring a three-point shot within the first minute. This prompted New Mexico to get in motion with Ahlise Hurst scoring a few seconds after. From then on, the Aggies began to trail. Even with 12 rebounds, Utah State was down 12-18 by the end of the first quarter.



PHOTO BY Tim Carpenter
Utah State junior forward Hailey Bassett shoots over New Mexico senior forward Jaisa Nunn during Saturday afternoon's game at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

Things started to look up for the Aggies in the second quarter. Senior guard Rachel Brewster was a powerhouse player, scoring four points and getting five rebounds off of New Mexico. The Aggies lagged by just three points at 29-32 after the second quarter.

In the fourth quarter, it looked like the Aggies might prevail, but the Lobos came out on top in the last few seconds beating Utah State 68-64. USU head coach Jerry Finkbeiner said that one of the dominating forces in their loss was New Mexico's Jayla Everett. The freshman guard scored 22 points.

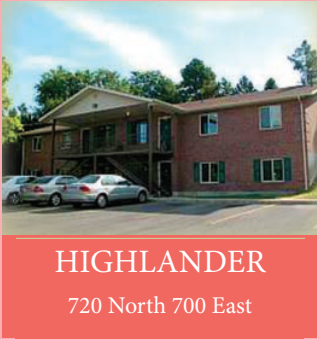
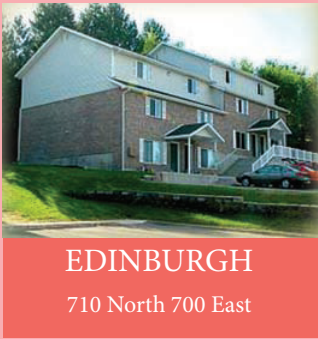
"I have a lot of respect for New Mexico, being one of the better, if not the best teams in the conference," Finkbeiner said. "The team, the girls, the coaches... all wanted it so bad that I think we became our own worst enemies today. New Mexico is a really hard team to guard. They're big and they're quick."

The game was full of achievements, with Dufficy setting a program record for consecutive double-doubles, earning her eighth-straight with 26 points and 10 rebounds, along with junior guard Olivia West scoring 10 points. Dufficy was more disappointed in the team's loss than impressed with her record-breaking.

"I would've liked to get the win, that's more important than the record or whatever," Dufficy said. "But that is a cool personal achievement. It reflects the whole team. They were able to get me the ball and get those records."

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“Nightmares” FROM PAGE 1

On Saturday, Lexi woke up to find the driver’s side and trunk door of her car, as well as the air valves and windshield wipers, had all been super-glued.

She also found lip gloss smears on the passenger side of her mirror and on her USU parking pass, according to police reports.

April sent Champlin a text message to tell him what happened and, later that night, he sent her and her roommates a box of cookies with a note that said “we’ll catch these bastard(s).”

Throughout the weeks of terror, Champlin repeatedly sent Lexi encouraging texts, songs and videos.

On April 22, Lexi came home around 12:45 a.m. and Bre was awake until about 1 a.m., but when the roommates woke up in the morning, they found their porch light missing again.

On April 29, a firecracker outside of the roommates’ apartment went off around 3:40 a.m.

Later that day, as Lexi and April were leaving the house, they saw the handle on the driver’s side of Lexi’s car had been super-glued shut, her registration stickers were scratched, gasoline had been poured on the porch mat, both of their cars both had gasoline poured on them, and the windshield wipers had been super glued on both cars.

The women called police that night, and offi-

“I honestly think this is something that’s gonna mess with us for a very long time, probably the rest of our lives”

— Bre

ably the rest of our lives”

Even though Champlin has been convicted and will be sentenced on Tuesday, the four women haven’t slept in months. They’re overcome with panic every time they hear a noise outside their apartment.

Champlin did not respond to multiple requests for comment from The Utah Statesman.

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“Fee Board” FROM PAGE 1

get rather than coming back and asking for fee increases from the students.”

The board approved the fee in a 22-1 vote. The proposal will next go to President Noelle Cockett for approval. If approved, it will go on to the Board of Trustees, and if passed there, will go finally to the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents will ultimately determine whether the fee increase goes into effect.

The new fee for a Global Opportunity Fund would go through the Institute of Government and Politics and the Global Engagement Office. The proposed fee would cost students \$5 and create a seed pool for \$1000 travel scholarships for 210 students.

James Morales, vice president of student affairs, said he took a summary of the fee board’s previous discussions to members of the university’s executive committee. Morales said Dean of Engineering Jagath Kaluarachchi confirmed study abroad for engineering students as a “near impossibility” due to accreditation.

Student-at-large Tasha Olson said, “It would be better for this to be funded at the college level so it’s representative of the opportunities available to different fields.”

“I think this proposal is neat and what it aims to do is positive,” student-at-large Kaden MacArthur said. “But my main concern and reason for not supporting it is that it would be the only student fee that isn’t openly and constantly accessible to all the students.”

The board voted against creation of the new

fee with 21 members voting no, one voting yes, and one abstaining.

Lastly, the Caine College of the Arts proposed to use funding already in the budget towards the Tippetts and Eccles visual art galleries in the Fine Arts Center.

The funding, acquired from online students’ tuition and fees as well as an automatic fee increase, was used last year to purchase new marching band uniforms. The proposal would not deduct funding from the performing arts programs.

The board voted unanimously in approval.

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“Behavior” FROM PAGE 3

ing more options and more access. Giving it a try is a great way to see if it is useful.”

If a student is experiencing mental health issues, Dr. Levin highly recommends seeking help from USU Counseling and Psychological Services first. If students are looking to try other resources along with CAPS, CBS has a variety of ongoing studies. Students can check usucbs.com if they are interested in these opportunities.

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“Gov’t Shutdown” FROM PAGE 1

Jackson Rands is a psychology major whose parents serve at the U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan. Rands’ father is a counternarcotics officer for the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; his mother works with Public Affairs, helping lead the Women and Civil Society Unit. Rands’ parents had to continue working during the shutdown because their jobs are deemed “essential

for national security.”

“They have been working for free for a month,” Rands said. “They are frugal and they have money saved up so they will be ok. They have to keep going to work like normal and just not get paid for it.”

His parents explained that though they were only doing what was necessary, they were still working six days a week. They are hoping that the diplomatic relationships they have built there are not hurt because of the shutdown.

“When you work for the foreign service, you don’t do it for the money; everyone knows that,” Rands said. “With how qualified you are and what kind of work you do, you could make a lot more in the private sector with a lot less work. It is more so you are serving your country. Foreign service officers don’t do what they do for the money, but that doesn’t mean it’s ok to be working for no pay.”

After 35 days of shutdown, the U.S. Government has reached a temporary reopen-

ing. The president and congress came to agree on a deal that allowed for a short term spending bill to keep the government open until February 15th. If a new deal is cannot be agreed upon by this date then the government could face another shutdown. For now the U.S. Government will function as usual and federal employees will be receiving back pay.

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Your garbage is killing us



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By Thomas Sorenson
OPINION MANAGER

The U.S. has a garbage problem and no, I'm not just talking about the dudes that post shirtless selfies on Tinder. I'm talking about real garbage, the kind that is overwhelming our landfills and floating in our oceans.

While there are some positive trends, overall the problem is continually getting worse, and the most effective way to combat it is to lower our garbage production. We each have a responsibility to find ways to reduce our individual consumption.

The average American generates 4.4 pounds of trash each day, which doesn't actually sound like a lot. But over the course of a year that sums to more than 1,600 pounds of garbage that, if measured in cubic feet, would be as tall as the Leaning Tower of Pisa. And that's just you! The average American family of four produces more than 6,300 pounds of garbage, roughly the weight of an Asian elephant (or the punchline of a killer "Yo' Mama" joke). All Americans combined generate 254 million tons of garbage annually, enough trash to stretch to the moon and back 25 times!

We tend to think of overused landfills as a space problem — and it absolutely is — but there's more to it than that. Chemicals in our garbage that aren't disposed of properly will seep into the ground, damaging ecosystems and even getting into the water supply. Plastics can take upwards of 500 years to decompose, meaning if a ketchup bottle was dropped by one of the pilgrims on the Mayflower it would still be buried in the ground in Massachusetts today. And

even the organic materials that do biodegrade — like food — release methane gas, which makes up a large percentage of the smog you see over Cache Valley each winter, and is a more effective greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide.

Recycling provides a compelling alternative, and one that more and more Americans are turning to. If you have garbage you should recycle as much of it as possible, especially plastic materials. Be aware, though: each recycling center has different standards regarding what materials it can process, so check with your city. Logan, for example, has a list of accepted materials on its website.

But despite the many benefits of recycling, it's still not the best option. The only way to truly manage our garbage problem is to simply produce less of it.

That includes purchasing products with recyclable materials, as well as products that avoid needless packaging. Say no to plastic straws, bags and other materials whenever you can, and limit your food waste as much as possible.

As you look for ways to limit overconsumption in your life, you'll find that there are additional benefits that will affect you personally. Research has found

that we receive a burst of dopamine in anticipation of new purchases, an effect that frequently leads to unnecessary consumption. Learning to manage that desire will lead to less waste — both physical and financial — and develop increased self-control.

Overconsumption can also be seen in our desire to match or exceed the lifestyle of those around us. But the emotional gains of new purchases don't last and often leave us feeling lower than before. Committing yourself to reduce your consumption will make you happier in the long run.

I'm not advocating for tiny houses, empty

rooms or a minimalist lifestyle, but I am advocating for conscientious decision-making. Take an inventory of your life and explore what things you truly need in your life. And when you go shopping or are preparing a meal, remind yourself of the negative effects of overconsumption — both for yourself and for the planet.

Thomas Sorenson is a graduate student in the professional MBA program at Utah State. He thinks the New England Patriots making another Super Bowl is also garbage, but that's a column for a different day.



PHOTO BY AP Photo/Ben Margot
Discarded cups in a garbage container seen Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019, in Berkeley, Calif. Berkeley has approved a 25-cent tax on disposable cups city officials say is part of an effort to eliminate restaurant waste. The City Council voted unanimously Wednesday to approve the ordinance that also forces restaurants to provide to-go containers that are compostable by January 2020.

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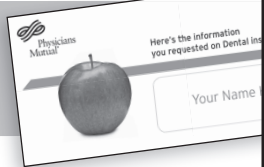


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Learn to Belly Dance with Shimmering Sands! 7:00pm Whittier Community Center 290 North 400 East Logan, UT	Brown Bag: Dr. Alexis Ault 12 pm Merrill-Cazier Library 101	Open House to Meet Title IX Coordinator and AAEO Director 4-5:30pm Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art	King Henry IV Part 1-Logan Youth Shakespeare 7:00pm Bullen Center 43 South Main Logan, UT	Nature's Ninjas 10-4 pm. Swaner EcoCenter	Little Naturalist Swaner EcoCenter 10-11am
USU Study Abroad Fair 10am-2pm TSC, International Lounge	CHaSS Alumni Lunch Series: Q&A with Nathan Putnam, CEO/Co-Founder at Monumetric 12 pm Taggart Student Center West Colony Room	USU Men's Tennis Vs BYU 5-8 pm Dee Glen Smith Spectrum	Silicon Slopes Tech Summit 8am-5pm Salt Palace, Salt Lake City	Monster Concert 6-8pm Chase Fine Arts Center, Daines Concert Hall	Yale historian of culture in early modern Europe presents lecture for Tanner Talks series 4:30-5:30pm Haight Alumni Center
Sk80s, Bowling, and Laser Tag 8-10 pm Cache Valley Fun Park	Lunch with Latinx Leaders 12 pm Merrill-Cazier Library 154	Claire Chenette, oboe: Contemporary Craft and Culture 5-6 pm Family Life Building Caine Room			Geology Speaker Series: Cianna Wyshnytzky (NRCS) 3:30-4:30pm Geology Building 105

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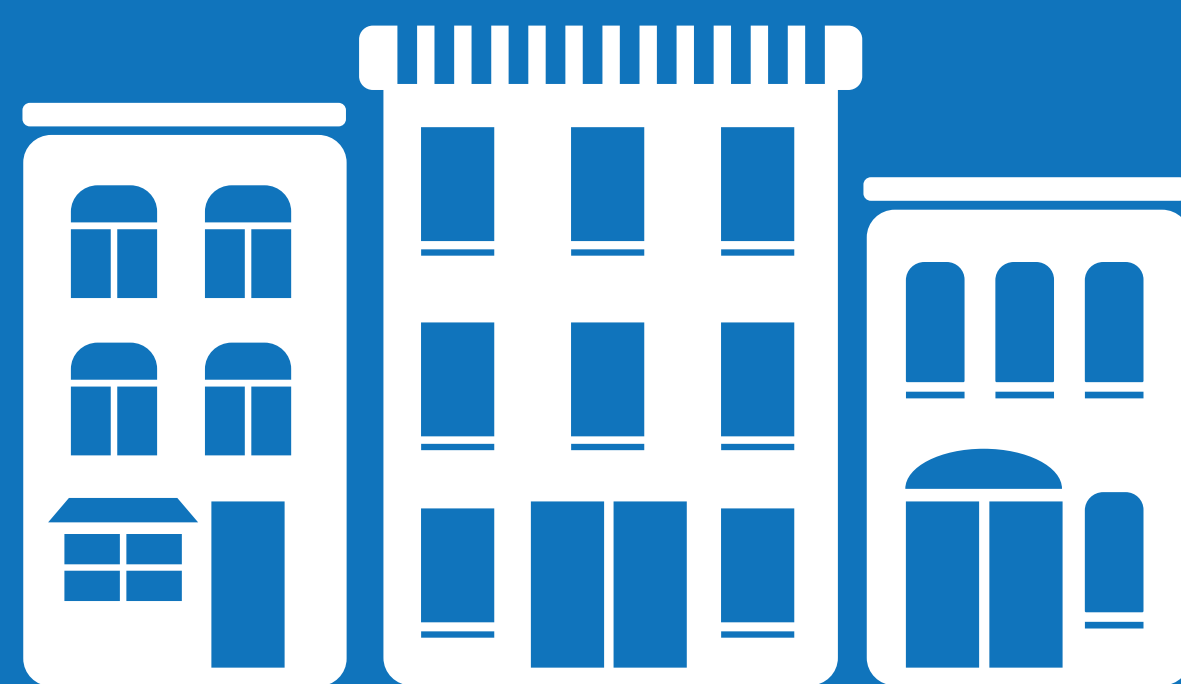
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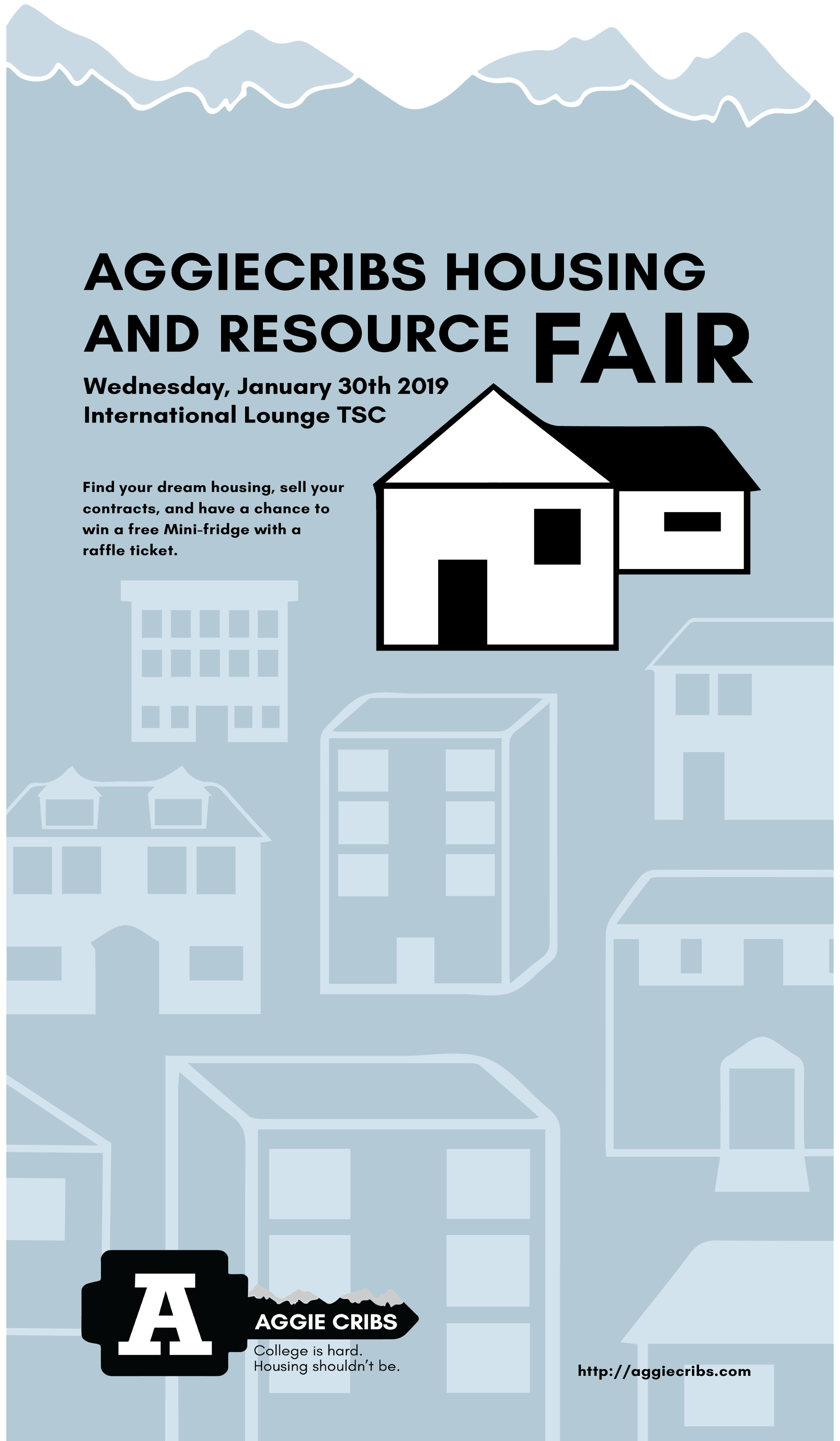


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