

Utah State University

DigitalCommons@USU

The Utah Statesman

Students

2-19-2019

The Utah Statesman, February 19, 2019

Utah State University

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.usu.edu/newspapers>

Recommended Citation

Utah State University, "The Utah Statesman, February 19, 2019" (2019). *The Utah Statesman*. 662.
<https://digitalcommons.usu.edu/newspapers/662>

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Students at DigitalCommons@USU. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Utah Statesman by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@USU. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@usu.edu.





NEWS | Logan gets new fast food

Find out what and where Logan's new fast food restaurant is.

see PAGE 2

STUDENT LIFE | Mini Baja

USU students are building off-road buggies to compete in a national design competition.

see PAGE 3

SPORTS | The Man behind the headband

Getting to know Utah State's Brock Miller.

see PAGE 4

Ag differential tuition? USUSA leaders not on board

By **Spencer Burt**
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences may be the next to start paying differential tuition at Utah State University, but some student leaders are not on board.

At its most recent meeting in January, the USU Board of Trustees approved a motion for the College of Agriculture and Applied Science to implement differential tuition to fund student services, primarily advising.

It was approved almost unanimously, with only one exception: USU Student Association President Jaren Hunsaker.

"I don't have an issue necessarily with differential tuition, as long as I see purpose in it ... making your degree more valuable," Hunsaker told The Utah Statesman afterward.

While he agrees that it will make advising more accessible and convenient, he said he doesn't believe

it's worth the extra cost to the students.

CAAS Dean Ken White, who presented the college's proposal to the

board, said the idea originally came from the college's USUSA senator four years ago.

"My immediate response was no, I didn't think that was something we wanted," White said. "But after multiple sessions with her, she convinced me to at least take a look at it,

collect some data and make a decision based on data, and she was totally right."

However, Hunsaker said the proposal didn't reflect what students wanted based on conversations he has had with them — specifically current CAAS Senator Dexton Lake and most of his student council.

"I figure if the senator and the whole council is willing to be opposed to this, then that's a pretty good indication of what the majority of the students feel," Hunsaker said.

Lake said he does not believe differential tuition will benefit every student in the college who has to pay for it.

So he, Hunsaker, USUSA Student Advocate Vice President Sam Jackson and Executive Vice President Allie Smith wrote a letter expressing their concerns to the state Board of Regents, which will make the final vote on the proposal at its next meeting on March 28.

If we're expecting every student to pay differential tuition, every student should benefit

— CAAS Senator Dexton Lake

Lake said every member of the CAAS student council signed the letter in agreement except one.

"If we're expecting every student to pay differential tuition, every student should benefit," Lake said. "And the way it's written right now, that's not going to happen."

A video on the college's website explains that differential tuition will provide students with real-world learning opportunities outside the classroom, cut waiting time for meeting with advisors and help to connect



FILE PHOTO BY **Autumn Dunda**

USUSA President Jaren Hunsaker speaks after being inaugurated on April 13, 2018. President Hunsaker was the only member of the USU Board of Trustees that did not vote in favor of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences proposed differential tuition.

students with internship opportunities.

Lake said the video actually misinforms students when it says the university-provided career adviser for the college is shared by the college of education.

When the proposal was written, he said, that was true. But since then, some reorganization within the university changed that, and the two colleges now each have their own career adviser.

Lake said Associate Dean Brian Warnick apologized for the inconsistencies when he brought them up, but the video still contains that information.

He said he believes if students fully educate themselves and read the proposal (which can

be found in the Board of Trustees meeting agenda online here), they would also disagree with implementing differential tuition.

White and Warnick are revising the proposal to be sent to the Regents, as the Trustees voted in approval but with modifications. The college initially proposed \$15 per credit hour on courses below the 3000 level, \$39 for upper division, then raising \$10 each year for the next two years for upper division. The Board of Trustees approved \$15 and \$39, but voted to keep it at that level and reassessing after three years.

—spencerburt@aggiemail.usu.edu

@SpencerABurt

Ward-Sessions sets personal best all-around score to give Aggies new season-high

By **Lauren Lomeli**
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Utah State gymnastics team traveled to Morgantown, W. Va. Sunday afternoon to in a quad-team meet against Pittsburgh, Cornell, and host-team West Virginia. During the meet, the Aggies put up a new season-high score of 196.075 to win their first quad meet since 2015.

The score of 196.075 tied for the fourth-highest road score in Utah State program history.

"We have been talking about energy and staying in battle mode from the moment they salute at the start of their routine until the moment they salute again at the end," said Utah State head coach Amy Smith. "It wasn't a perfect meet for us today, but it was a really great meet."

USU was able to win two individual events, and the all-around title thanks to senior Madison Ward-Sessions. Ward-Sessions claimed the all-around title with her personal-best score of 39.525, which is tied for second all-time in school history and is the highest score by any Aggie in the past 16 years.

Ward-Sessions took home the beam title with a career-high 9.900, which added to her now 32 career titles. Along with the beam, Ward-Sessions tied for second on the bars (9.850), floor (9.925), and vault (9.850).

"I was so excited," Ward-Sessions said of the team's performance. "We were so pumped and very relaxed today. I wasn't really thinking about all my scores adding up. I was just thinking about one thing at a time and it paid off."

Sophomore Logan Varnadore won the other individual title for USU on the vault with her career-best score of 9.875. Twin sister Leighton Varnadore earned third in the all-around category with a score of 39.100.



PHOTO BY **Tim Carpenter**

Senior Madison Ward-Sessions receives a hug after her performance on Jan. 18 against the BYU Cougars in the Spectrum. Ward-Sessions received her personal best score of 39.525 during a meet at West Virginia on Feb. 17.

The Sunday meet got off to a great start on the bars, where the Aggies nabbed a season-high 48.900, thanks to Ward-Sessions' 9.850 and junior Makayla Bullitt's 9.800.

In the second rotation of the meet, another season-best (48.950) was recorded on the beam with the personal-best 9.900 from Ward-Sessions. Fellow senior Emily Briones placed second in the event with a 9.850, and sophomore Autumn DeHarde rounded out in third with a 9.775.

On the floor, the Aggies continued their hot streak with another season-best score of 49.175 in the event. Along with the career-high score from Ward-Sessions, DeHarde tied for fourth in the event with 9.875 to help aide the team to victory.

Utah State placed in the top three spots on the beam, as Logan Varnadore took her spot at first with her 9.875 while Ward-Sessions took second. Leighton Varnadore tied for the third spot with her personal-best beam score of 9.825, which gave the Aggies another season-best score of 49.050.

"I am proud of the team for accomplishing what they did," Smith said. "They did not let down one bit, which was awesome to see. We kept pushing and we skipped right over the 195-mark and went right to 196, which is pretty cool."

The team will return to Logan and go head-to-head with Alaska Anchorage on Friday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. in the Spectrum.

@lomeli_lauren

Parks in Logan could become more dog-friendly

By **Harley Barnes**
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Logan may be entering into a 12-month pilot program that could allow dogs into more parks. This focus comes from input given in a previous city council meeting held on Jan. 22 and also through email messages sent to the mayor.

Russ Akina, the Logan City Parks and Recreation director, said the plan is not to add additional parks to what the city currently has, but to identify parks that could be open to dogs, and to monitor their use through the pilot program.

“Once we have a park identified for the pilot program, it will be submitted to the city council for a meeting on Feb. 19,” Akina said. “Our intent is to hold the pilot program to those sites only. If the council agrees to that those will be the sites we will monitor and survey during the course of the pilot program.”

Brookelin Backus, a dog owner in Cache Valley, said dog parks in Logan are “doable,” but she is sometimes left with very few options to take her dog to socialize or play.

“I’m really excited for what they’ve been considering as far as changes go because we’ll definitely be using that,” Backus said.

Josh Barfuss is also looking for more playtime options for his dog, Harley. He is very supportive of gaining more designated dog areas in Logan.

“It’s kind of like having a kid,” Barfuss said. “He’s not something I can just leave in the house all day, he needs to be taken out and move around,” he said.

Akina said there are various levels of concern in the valley regarding this topic, coming from both dog owners and citizens concerned with the quality of these sites once dogs are able to enter. Because of this, she said there will be a large emphasis by council members and volunteers to keep Logan’s trails and parks clean.

“There will be guidelines and rules that will be associated with the park sites that are being proposed,” Akina said. “Of course the big one is that it’s expected that users of the park will pick up after their pets, dispose of their waste properly, and all the other things that go along with having good neighborly use of parks by their pets.”

Akina also emphasized the importance of trails being free from dog poop at the start, so there is something to measure against once the pilot program has started. If good outcomes are met in this regard, the designated dog sites may become permanent.

“We’re hopeful that the pilot program stays in place after 12 months,” Akina said. “And that’s really the purpose of the program to see if people will police themselves to look after their pets and make for a place safe, in this case a park or a trail, for everyone to use.”

— harleybarnes@gmail.com
@harleyTbarnes



USUSA bill to declare climate change as emergency



By **Naomi Ward**
NEWS SENIOR WRITER

Almost three years after a mental health crisis was declared on campus, the Utah State University Student Association executive council is discussing a new problem: climate change.

Find this story online at usustatesman.com.

PHOTO BY **Megan Albrechtsen**
Watershed Sciences Assistant Professor, Patrick Belmont, talks about the steps that USU has taken in order to achieve its goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2020.

Del Taco comes to town



The new Del Taco is located at 464 E 1400 N and opened on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

PHOTO BY **Chantelle McCall**

By **Michaela Whitney**
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The president of Del Taco in Utah will be opening its first location in Logan on Wednesday. The new restaurant will be located at 464 E and 1400 N.

Paul Hitzelberger, the president and owner of Del Taco in Utah, said he had received requests from Logan residents for more than 10 years. After experiencing success in other locations such as Farr West and Ogden, he said he decided to open another franchise in Logan. “I didn’t want to do it until we had the right location and the right team,” Hitzelberger said.

Hitzelberger has brought in “seasoned workers” from other locations who know the business and train, help develop and mentor the staff. According to Hitzelberger, the teams are very important to the company and to the guests because the atmosphere in Del Taco is largely reflected by the attitude and

character of these teams.

Marilyn Thomson, the senior director of operations for all Del Taco restaurants in Utah, said what she loves most about her job is her boss, referring to Paul. “He and his wife are great owners” said Thomson. She also said she enjoys the “fast pace of everything and fresh food” of Del Taco.

Hitzelberger said Del Taco’s guests are the number one priority for him and his team. “The values for our guests are good tasting food, right price and convenience,” Hitzelberger said. “The guest is running the show here, I’m not running the show”.

The concern Hitzelberger has for the community is shown in his donations and outreach efforts. In the last few years, Del Taco has donated almost 1.4 million dollars to charities in communities. His primary focus is disabled kids, disabled military coming back from the war and taking care of the families of those that are deployed. “We get a lot

of satisfaction from doing that” said Hitzelberger.

Del Taco will be open 24/7 starting Wednesday. It has a variety of food, both Mexican and American which sets it apart from other taco places, Hitzelberger said. “The key to Del Taco is the food,” Hitzelberger said. “No matter what time of day, or night, Del Taco can offer its guests with breakfast, shakes, burgers and fries, or a simple taco.”

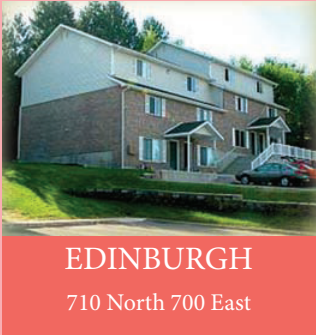
Hitzelberger is not worried about the competition in Cache Valley and that he is not out to get them. “Actually I love the other places, I want them to do well.” Hitzelberger said he is more concerned with how his guests are treated than about competition.

Hitzelberger said “the hallmark of our company is doing the right thing. Respect the community, the team and the guest, it will come back to you.”

—michaella10645319@gmail.com

EDINBURGH & HIGHLANDER *Best of the Best*

- Single Student Apartments
- Across the Street from Campus
- Private Bedroom and Bathroom
- Desk, Bed & Bookcase in each Bedroom
- Fully Furnished
- Laundry in each Apartment



EDINBURGH
710 North 700 East



HIGHLANDER
720 North 700 East

- Modern Kitchen Facilities
- Cable TV
- Living Room
- No Parking Hassles
- Air Conditioning
- Wireless Internet
- TV, DVD Player

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DENNIS
(435)770-2326

Accepting Applications for Summer and Next School Year

SL

STUDENT LIFE

Students prepare to compete in Mini Baja event



The USU Mini Baja club students are busy designing off-road buggies to take to an intercollegiate design competition in May.

PHOTO BY Chantelle McCall

By Shelby Black
STUDENT LIFE SENIOR WRITER

Dropping cliffs, taking jumps and nailing tight turns are all obstacles for the latest off-road buggy designed by the Utah State University Mini Baja club.

USU's Mini Baja club took a brief hiatus for a few years, but after receiving some funds, the club is back and preparing a vehicle for the next Baja SAE event, which will take place in Gorman, California in May.

Baja SAE is an intercollegiate design competition hosted by the Society of Automotive Engineers. At each event, teams from different colleges around the country and world build single-seat buggies to race and compete in a series of events over four days.

Baja SAE has certain specifications that must be followed by all teams, but apart from that it is up to the students to create the best vehicle possible.

Jake Behan, senior club member, has been keeping these rules in mind while designing the vehicle.

"Every team across the country has a stock motor. You can't touch it. It is 10 horsepower," Behan said. "There are certain competition restraints for safety. After that it is pretty much how can you build the fastest, most durable, and lightest vehicle." Behan also said that a second motor or any other propulsion device can't be added to the vehicle.

Mini Baja's vehicle is expected to reach speeds of 30 mph. The team is building everything custom and from scratch. They work every Thursday in the metal shop building pieces for the vehicle.

"We start with a metal block of aluminum," said Jentry Young, club co-president, explaining what happens in the metal shop.

"We will be cutting it until we have our final part. We are using pretty raw materials and creating something useful out of it."

Once the vehicle starts coming together, the club members will begin testing it and making final preparations before the trip to California. The club is currently on the lookout for a driver; due to the size of the vehicle, they need someone who is 5'2" and around

150 lbs. They keep a functioning vehicle on campus so they can take some practice drives.

Though the club is comprised of seniors from the mechanical engineering program who are participating as their final project, the club is looking for other members to help with different aspects of the event.

"It's a rigorous competition," said Wyatt Brown, project manager. "It is a four-day event and race series. The competition is very broad and they want you to know information on a sales perspective, business aspects and graphic design as well."

Brown finds a lot of satisfaction in using his skills to build something he loves. "No project is more fun than one you can drive off a jump," he said.

Although the adrenaline of building an all-terrain vehicle is exciting, the club members realize the importance of this project and how it will help them in the future.

"Every little detail has to be on a production-level scale. It gives us a lot of experience seeing the project from start to finish," Young said. "To have that before you even graduate is something that a lot of companies really like to see."

The team hopes to improve this year at Baja SAE and keep the Mini Baja club going into the future. For them, it has been a special time to build a vehicle together.

"We have a opportunity to build off designs and improve things. We want to make it sleeker, faster, and better because we want to win," Behan said. "I've been learning from books and doing homework, but now we get to build something that you can actually drive. There is nothing else like that on campus. It truly is the most unique project on campus."

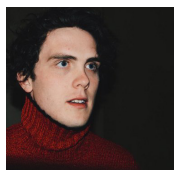
—shelby.black@aggiemail.usu.edu
@shelbsterblack

TWEETS of the WEEK



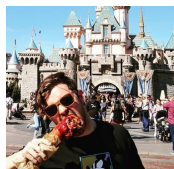
@Nate_Lundberg94

Roses are red
Violets are blue
I'm proud to be a @USUAggies
And glad I don't go to @BYU



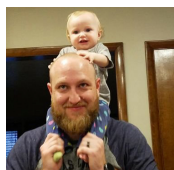
@chasejensen16

I made these for all my friends please
use them responsibly



@taylorbybee8

Just when I thought the presence of a
Del Taco in Logan couldn't be better,
the drive thru is 24 hours.



@TheRealTO

When you bring @SpencerJCox Aggie Ice Cream and Big Blue, but he's not there so you take over his office.
#AggiesAllTheWay



Correction

Last week's edition, published Feb. 12, 2019, an article printed on the front page titled, "A USU Love Story: Mollie Murphy and Tim Cullen" contained a typo. Tim's last name is "Curran."

CENTER for Women gender

PANEL DISCUSSION

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

PANELISTS

Blair Imani
Author and activist. Founder and Executive Director of Equality for HER.

Dr. Christy Glass
Professor in Sociology. Specializes in gender inequality, race/ ethnicity, and leadership.

Feminista Jones
Author, public speaker, and community activist. A Director for North10, Philadelphia.

Dr. Ann Austin
Professor of Child Development. Specializes in birth to age 12. Founding Director of CFWG.

FEBURARY 21, 2019
6:00PM - 7:30PM

at Utah State University Eccles Conference Center

FREE Event! Tickets Required. Register now at www.cwg.usu.edu/speakerpanel
Event will be broadcast live for our regional campuses



PHOTO BY Tim Carpenter

Utah State redshirt freshman guard Brock Miller shoots over Colorado State's Kris Martin during Utah State's 87-72 victory over the Rams Jan. 19 at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum in Logan, Utah.

The man behind the headband: Getting to know Brock Miller

By Dalton Renshaw
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

What is the one thing people should know about Utah State redshirt freshman guard Brock Miller? Would it be the time he spent in Argentina on an LDS mission? Or, his family's impressive basketball resume? Or, maybe it's his autoimmune disorder? Well, in his eyes, what makes him an individual can't be limited to one thing, rather a combination of his life experiences.

Growing up in the Salt Lake Valley, he attended Brighton High School in Sandy, Utah. The youngest of four brothers, who were also basketball stars at Brighton, he might be the most accomplished of all of them. Averaging 22.3 points per game as a senior, he attracted the attention of some prolific collegiate basketball programs from across the country. Miller was offered by the likes of Boston College, Harvard, Idaho State and Stanford.

As a senior, he was a three-star recruit and was ranked the third-highest recruit in the state of Utah for his class. Joining Utah State made him the highest-rated recruit the Aggies had ever signed from in state.

Although he had offers from some elite programs, and had the opportunity to follow his brother to Harvard, the choice to go to Utah State was an easy one to make.

"It was Utah State all the way through. I mean I love Utah State, the atmosphere, the

school and everything about it," he said. "I still remember my brother Corbin, who played at Harvard, was being recruited by Utah State and I came up to a game with him in about seventh or eighth grade. And I saw the crowd and how awesome it was and I turned to my dad and I said 'that's where I want to play'."

Compared to most families, being a basketball player in the Miller household is not as extraordinary of an occurrence. In fact, it's

quite common. The third brother in the trio of division one basketball players is Brandon, who graduated as the school's all-time leading scorer. However,

the family tree of athletes doesn't stop there.

"My dad played at BYU-Hawaii and you know, I had cousins that played at Weber State and BYU and grandpa played football at Texas A&M and then transferred to play basketball at UNLV," Miller said. "We all just kind of come from a basketball, athletic family, so it's definitely very competitive in the Miller family when it comes to basketball."

With so many good basketball players in one family, the question is, who's the best shooter of them all?

"Well, it depends who you ask, you know, if you ask me I'm going to say myself," Miller said. "But I think all of us kind of lean towards my brother Corbin who played at Harvard, he's a really good shooter."

While he always knew he wanted to be an

Aggie, the journey to officially becoming an one has been filled with some challenges and some new experiences. Since signing with the Aggies in 2015, Miller has seen two coaching changes, left the country for two years and has come back from a season-ending foot injury.

From February 2015 to February 2017, he served on an LDS mission in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In his eyes, going on a mission is something that has better prepared him to overcome obstacles in his life.

"I think the experience itself really helps you mature as a man," he said. "You learn more about yourself and who you are, you learn to go outside of yourself and to kind of forget about yourself and serve others. That's one of the big benefits of team, of teamwork, is having good teams and unselfishness and working outside of yourself and making yourself better to be able to help other people."

Even though he was away from the game of basketball for two years, Miller feels that the things he learned while on his mission are things that can translate directly back to the game he loves.

"You know it also teaches you about discipline, hard work and just being around people, interacting, communicating," he said. "Definitely for me, it's been life-changing. Especially being in a foreign country, being in a different culture. I mean you're really out of your comfort-zone."

He finds himself on a team that has six other return missionaries on the roster, three of whom also spent time abroad. Besides the seven men who served on missions, there are three players on the team that come from overseas, Portugal and Australia.

In fact, Utah State has two of four total division one basketball players from Portugal on its team, as well as a return missionary from Brazil who speaks Portuguese. This ability to break language barriers is something you don't see on a lot of other teams and Miller thinks that has helped him and his teammates grow closer.

This story is continued online.

Visit usustatesman.com to read more of this story



PHOTO BY Megan Nielsen

Utah State redshirt freshman guard Brock Miller drives to the hoop past an Eastern Oregon defender during the Aggies' 84-57 victory over the Mountaineers Dec. 28 at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum in Logan, Utah.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

VS. COLORADO STATE

WEDNESDAY | 9 PM

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

VS. ALASKA ANCHORAGE

FRIDAY | 7 PM

FREE ADMISSION FOR STUDENTS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

VS. BOISE STATE

SATURDAY | 2 PM

FIRST 100 FANS RECEIVE A LAVENDER T-SHIRT

UTAH STATE™

Aggies get back on track, snap losing skid

Brewster’s season-high 17 points helps Utah State break six-game losing skid in 64-55 home victory over Air Force



Utah State senior forward Rachel Brewster works against Air Force's Kaelin Immel during Saturday afternoon's game at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum. Brewster led all Aggie scorers in the game, and went for a season-high 17 points.

By Daedan Olander
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Utah State women’s basketball team used a season-high 17-point effort from senior guard Rachel Brewster to end its losing streak on Saturday, picking up a win at home against Air Force, 64-55. “A sense of relief,” said USU head coach Jerry Finkbeiner of his team getting a win after six-straight losses. Utah State shot 6-of-10 from the field in the first quarter, which provided a much needed hot start for the Aggies who have struggled shooting from the field in their last several games.

“We have a new offense, and tonight we started the game with it,” Finkbeiner said. The Aggies also played tough defense to match their offensive output. USU recorded five blocks in the first half, two of which were by senior center Deja Mason. “The girls just (said) it’s time, put the foot to the pedal, break them on defense and push it on offense,” Finkbeiner said. “I like the spirit we showed.” Both teams came out of halftime and had their best scoring quarters in the third, Air Force tallying 20 and USU 19. Two free throws by Shannon Dufficy in the final seconds of the period pushed the Aggies ahead, 46-44. The Aggies re-established their defensive

presence in the fourth, however, and held the Falcons to just 11 points in the final quarter. USU freshman guard Steph Gorman also had two of the team’s five total threes in the period. “Usually that fourth quarter is reversed, the other team hits big shots and plays good defense,” Finkbeiner said. “Tonight, we did that. In addition to Brewster, both Gorman and junior forward Shannon Dufficy finished in double figures. “My biggest challenge as a coach is: how can we have more than one have a nice offensive night?” Finkbeiner said. “Sure is nice to have Rachel and Steph step up for us.” USU has five games remaining until they

travel to Las Vegas to compete in the MW tournament beginning March 10. This win puts them at 11-13 on the season and 6-7 in conference play. “We still have a lot to improve on, which I think is a positive, that we can still improve for these next five games,” Brewster said. Next, Utah State will travel and face the second-ranked team in the Mountain West, New Mexico on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

— daedanolander@gmail.com



Utah State junior guard Eliza West is defended by Air Force's Briana Autrey during the Aggies’ 64-55 win over Air Force Saturday afternoon.

Aggie men keep soaring with win over Falcons

By Jason Walker
SPORTS SENIOR WRITER

For the first time since the 2012-13 season, Utah State is a 20-win team thanks to its 76-62 road victory over Air Force on Saturday afternoon. The early goings of the game weren’t pretty for the Aggies (20-6, 10-3) as the Falcons (10-15, 5-8) were able to build a 10-3 lead three minutes in. The Academy were able to hold their lead until almost midway through the first half before a 17-2 run put USU up permanently. And while Air Force hung close, a 15-4 push by the Aggies turned the game from an six-point contest 48-42 into a semi-blowout. Aggies’ head coach Craig Smith said that during one of the early timeouts of the opening half, they simply talked about focussing on the things they could control — a staple of the first-year coach’s philosophy. “We came together and talked to the players to just do your job,” Smith said. “We talked to the coaches to just do your job and not worry about the things that are uncontrollable and let’s worry about what we can control and unite. From that point on, we really came together and had a lot of great performances.” A major boon in the first-half comeback was the play of junior Diogo Brito. The 6-foot-5 guard scored eight points in less than three minutes during USU’s big run. Brito finished with just 11 points but tied a career-high

with 11 rebounds while also getting four steals. “If that wasn’t his best game of the year, it was one of his top two in his career,” Smith said of Brito. “He really impacted the game in a major way.” In the second half, Sam Merrill and Neemias Queta took over. Merrill scored 15 of his team-high 20 points in the second on 4 of 8 shooting overall and 3 of 5 from deep. Queta, who picked up two quick fouls to start the game, had eight points, five rebounds and a blocked shot in the second half, finishing with 17 points and six boards. Saturday was just the third time Air Force has been downed by more than seven points at home. “We played really hard and we knew it as going to be tough,” Brito said. “We’ve been here before and this is really one of the toughest places to play in the league. We know that and other teams have felt that too. We really grinded it out and we were able to come out on top.” Utah State will play at home Wednesday against New Mexico. The Aggies will have a chance to secure a season sweep against a fifth conference opponent (Air Force, UNLV, San Jose State, Wyoming). Last time the two teams met, USU won on a buzzer-beating 3-pointer by Abel Porter.

@thejwalk67



Utah State sophomore guard Abel Porter dribbles past defenders during the Aggies’ 84-57 victory over Eastern Oregon Dec. 28 at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum in Logan, Utah.

Escapism is proof Americans are unhappy

By Erick Graham Wood
STUDENT LIFE STAFF WRITER

This weekend I watched a movie.
So did you, probably. According to a Redbox study, Americans watch more than 5,000 movies in their lifetimes, an average of about seven per month.

But why do we feel the need to fill our free time with stories about fictional people and fictional universes that have no effect on us?

One researcher — Dr. Ping Xiao from the University of Technology and Business School in Sydney — studied movie attendance in comparison to consumer sentiment, stock prices and other economic indicators.

“While you might think that movie demand would go down during bad economic times, we found the opposite happens,” Xiao wrote in his study. “When people are feeling stressed or miserable, the desire to escape and immerse themselves in a movie increases.”

When the polar bears are dying, there are riots in the street and many go to bed hungry every night, why do Americans curl up and watch Netflix?

The answer is simple. We want to escape our problems. If Xiao’s research is accurate then Americans are increasingly more stressed.

In an age where Hulu, Netflix, and Amazon are all producing staggering amounts of original content and licensed content, there is almost an unlimited amount of entertainment at the touch of a button.

In 2009, 521 movies were released in North America with the Motion Picture Association of America’s stamp of approval. Every year that number has risen with 740 films released in 2017, 871 films released in 2018, and more than 900 films slated to be released in 2019. The film industry is growing largely in part of the Streaming Wars between big tech companies. Yet, the United States is only the third-largest market for film, behind China and India.

It doesn’t need to be a two hour blockbuster to be considered escapism.

Television and film used to be totally different entities, but a limited series on Netflix is just a long-format version of a movie. If a television series is eight 30-minute episodes, then the viewer is essentially binging a four-hour movie.

Even Shane Dawson’s latest conspiracy videos on YouTube have essentially become film-length productions.

Americans are consuming more entertainment through a wide variety of mediums. Facebook is creating television shows. Apple is launching a streaming service that will provide free content straight to the owners watch and cell phone. I personally spend upwards of 60-70 hours a week consuming content.

We’re all looking for a break from reality.

FEEL GOOD MOVIES ARE BACK

Like I said before, this weekend I saw a movie.

“Isn’t It Romantic,” the Rebel Wilson-starring romantic comedy about a businesswoman falling into a cliché rom-com world, opened in theatres Valentine’s weekend.

When I go to movies, I try to avoid people. I don’t want it to be crowded and I don’t want people to be noisy. Not thinking straight, I saw “Isn’t It Romantic” on V-day in a crowded theatre. The person next to me was eating an entire sub sandwich, the couple in front of me was making out, and the person behind me kept kicking my seat.

I was grumpy through the first third of the film. However, somewhere in between the



An Oscar statue is pictured at the press preview for the 91st Academy Awards Governors Ball, Friday, Feb. 15, 2019, in Los Angeles. The 91st Academy Awards will be held on Sunday, Feb. 24, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

laughs and the musical numbers and the charm of this Nancy Meyers-stylized world where Liam Hemsworth played a saxophone shirtless, I fell in love.

I loved life. I loved the movie. I loved the possibility of being happy in a world that makes me feel grey and maybe I even forgot about the sandwich girl who checked her phone three times with full brightness on sitting next to me.

I was elated.

This is why most people consume entertainment: to avoid unpleasant, boring, scary, or banal aspects of daily life. In 2019, there’s a

announced a controversial national emergency to fund the border wall, Payless ShoeSource is closing its 2,300 stores, and five people were killed in another mass-shooting in Aurora, Illinois.

Those are all real things that affect real people in meaningful ways. So why does it matter when we will see the next “Star Wars” trailer, or what happens in the post-credit scene of the newest Marvel movie, or Lady Gaga’s performance of “Shallow” at the Grammy Awards?

Should entertainment still matter when white-nationalists are taking to the streets and children aren’t being vaccinated?

up. Suddenly any female or person of color in a movie can be considered “destroying a person’s childhood.”

We live in a complicated world but films aren’t complicated.

CAN WE ESCAPE REAL LIFE?

Can we just spend our lives in the theater then and forget about reality? The simple answer is no.

No matter how much entertainment we enjoy, the real world will always be right outside our door.

In Aldous Huxley’s “Brave New World” the characters consume a new type of entertainment-technology called “the feelies.” In the book “the feelies” are a way to engage with intense emotions that are basically prohibited in the real world.

While escaping the real world can be temporarily fun, life is still happening right now. It is important that our beliefs, experiences and emotions are coming from places in the real world.

It is okay to want a break from politics and the news. It is okay to be upset about the newest “Star Wars” film. It is okay to love to tweet at celebrities and watch cat videos. However, enacting change in the real world, experiencing the things that matter in life and growing to understand people with different views than your own requires stepping out of one’s comfort level.

Entertainment can provide new perspectives and facilitate social change. But real change won’t happen without real people living in the real world.

Watching the films you like will not change or enhance your view of the world. Avoiding political issues because they do not affect you will not help you grow. Turning down the chance to meet someone new because “life isn’t like a rom-com” just means that is one less connection made in the real world and one more person living virtually somewhere else.

Don’t make a habit of escaping to the movies. Be the part of your entertainment that crosses over into the real world. Live it, change it, experience it and when the real world comes knocking, leave the escapism behind for a while and go have a real adventure.

Erick L. Graham Wood is a senior in the JCOM department and is an entertainment junkie. He has the same number of tattoos as “Titanic” has Oscar nominations.

“Our need for entertainment and escapism has always been important to our society.”

lot going on and consequently a lot of reasons to want to get away from it all.

That may be why “dark and gritty” films are a thing of the past. Now, we want hope.

The last year has seen the return of romantic comedies. For almost two decades, rom-coms have been considered dead and unable to hold their own at the box office. Last year, “Crazy Rich Asians” and “To All The Boys I Loved Before” made splashes in social media culture, quickly becoming fan-favorites.

Films like “The Dark Knight” and “The Machinist” are a 2000’s trend that isn’t seen as much anymore. This is one reason why films like “The Nun” and “Annihilation” haven’t done well in recent years. While they each have big-budgets and intense action scenes, general audiences don’t want to go to the movies for an intense experience. Even films like “Avengers: Infinity War” where half the universe is destroyed, audiences were willing to overlook the gloominess because it is obvious those actions will be reversed.

THE LAST TIME CINEMA BECAME AN ESCAPE

Just this past weekend alone, the President

American filmmaking has always been steeped in political and economic upheaval. Even during World War II, going to the movies was a source of escapism for most Americans. In the middle of the Great Depression, “Gone with the Wind” became the highest-grossing movie ever made. Sci-fi serials gave way during this time for films like “Star Wars” to rise up and become a blockbuster a few decades later.

Our need for entertainment and escapism has always been important to our society and the social construct.

Films like “Harry Potter” and “Lord of the Rings” were massive successes in part due to a need for an emotional outlet following the 9/11 attacks and the subsequent war on terror.

Many studies have theorized that today’s nostalgia and emotional attachment to films stems from a generation of children who were traumatized by 9/11. Advancements in technology have made it harder to disconnect and has increased nostalgia. Combined, this generation has become overly-attached to films in an unhealthy way.

Campaigns fighting Social Justice Warrior propaganda and identity politics have popped

B

BACKBURNER

Medium

						1	
	1				9	4	6
6	2		3	4			
		7	2		5		1
		4				2	
1			4		7	9	
			6		8		7 4
4	5		1			8	
	7						

TO PLAY: Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. There is no guessing or math involved, just use logic to solve.

数独

Create and solve your Sudoku puzzles for FREE.
Play Sudoku and win prizes at:
PRIZESUDOKU.COM
The Sudoku Source of "The Utah Statesman".

SOLUTION FOR 02/12/19:

Easy	5	4	7	9	2	3	8	6	1
	6	8	9	4	1	7	2	3	5
	3	2	1	5	8	6	4	9	7
	8	5	3	2	4	9	1	7	6
	2	9	4	7	6	1	5	8	3
	1	7	6	3	5	8	9	2	4
	7	1	8	6	9	4	3	5	2
	9	6	5	1	3	2	7	4	8
	4	3	2	8	7	5	6	1	9

CLASSIFIED ADS

Automotive
DONATE YOUR CAR FOR BREAST CANCER! Help United Breast Foundation education, prevention, & support programs. FAST FREE PICKUP - 24 HR RESPONSE - TAX DEDUCTION 1-855-507-2691

DONATE YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR BOAT TO HERITAGE FOR THE BLIND. Free 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care Of. CALL 1-855-408-2196

Building Materials
METAL ROOF/WALL Panels, Pre-engineered Metal Buildings. Mill prices for sheeting coil are at a 4 year low. You get the savings. 17 Colors prime material, cut to your exact length. CO Building Systems 1-800-COBLDGS

Financial
Have \$10K In Debt? Credit Cards. Medical Bills. Personal Loans. Be Debt Free in 24-48 Months. Call NATIONAL DEBT RELIEF! Know Your Options. Get a FREE debt relief quote: Call 1-844-335-2648

Health & Nutrition
Portable Oxygen Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 877-691-4639

Sleep Apnea Patients - If you have Medicare coverage, call Verus Healthcare to qualify for CPAP supplies for little or no cost in minutes. Home Delivery, Healthy Sleep Guide and More - FREE! Our customer care agents await your call. 1-866-824-0046

Miscellaneous
DISH Network \$69.99 For 190 Channels. Add High Speed Internet for ONLY \$14.95/month. Best Technology. Best Value. Smart HD DVR Included. FREE

Installation. Some restrictions apply. Call 1-866-360-6959

AT&T Internet. Get More For Your High-Speed Internet Thing. Starting at \$40/month w/12-mo agmt. Includes 1 TB of data per month. Ask us how to bundle and SAVE! Geo & svc restrictions apply. Call us today 1-866-484-4976

DIRECTV & AT&T. 155 Channels & 1000s of Shows/Movies On Demand (w/SELECT Package.) AT&T Internet 99 Percent Reliability. Unlimited Texts to 120 Countries w/AT&T Wireless. Call 4 FREE Quote- 1-833-599-6474

Frontier Communications Internet Bundles. Serious Speed! Serious Value! Broadband Max - \$19.99/mo or Broadband Ultra - \$67.97/mo. Both Include FREE Wi Fi Router. CALL For Details! - 1-866-307-4705

DIRECTV NOW. No Satellite Needed. \$40/month. 65 Channels. Stream Breaking News, Live Events, Sports & On Demand Titles. No Annual Contract. No Commitment. CALL 1-844-476-6911

HughesNet Satellite Internet - 25mbps starting at \$49.99/mo! Get More Data FREE Off-Peak Data. FAST download speeds. WiFi built in! FREE Standard Installation for lease customers! Limited Time, Call 1-844-294-9882

MobileHelp, America's Premier Mobile Medical Alert System. Whether You're Home or Away. For Safety and Peace of Mind. No Long Term Contracts! Free Brochure! Call Today! 1-855-878-5924

Craftmatic Adjustable Beds for less! Up to 50 Off Leading Competitors. #1 Rated Adjustable Bed. Trusted Over 40 Years. All

Mattress Types Available. Shop by Phone and SAVE! CALL 1-877-659-5970

Become a Published Author. We want to Read Your Book! Dorrance Publishing-Trusted by Authors Since 1920 Book manuscript submissions currently being reviewed. Comprehensive Services: Consultation, Production, Promotion and Distribution Call for Your Free Author's Guide 1-877-590-6025 or visit http://dorranceinfo.com/Utah

INVENTORS - FREE INFORMATION PACKAGE Have your product idea developed affordably by the Research & Development pros and presented to manufacturers. Call 1-877-

GOVERNMENT OWNED
REAL ESTATE AUCTION


Keeping Utah Moving



www.UDOTauctions.Utah.gov • 801-508-2881
SVN Auction Services in cooperation with SVN Alta Commercial

150 OF THE FINEST CLASSIC AND COLLECTOR CARS

★ 4TH ANNUAL SALT LAKE CITY ★

CLASSIC CAR AUCTION

MOUNTAIN AMERICA EXPO CENTER

★ MARCH 30 ★

2019


AUCTION GROUP



CONSIGN YOUR CLASSIC CAR TODAY!

CLASSICCARAUCTION.US ★ 406-698-7930

CONTACT: ADVERTISE WITH US AND GET YOUR BUSINESS IN FRONT OF THE EYES OF MORE THAN 27,000 STUDENTS! ADVERTISING@USUSTATESMAN.COM 435.797.1775

649-5574 for a Free Idea Starter Guide. Submit your idea for a free consultation.


Personals
Meet singles right now! No paid operators, just real people like you. Browse greetings, exchange messages and connect live. Try it free. Call now: 844-400-8738

HELP WANTED
Resident Manager
Pine View West Apartments is seeking a married couple to fill a resident manager position. Qualified applicants should email a cover letter and resume (for each applicant) to support@pineviewwest.com by February 15, 2019. Applicants must be avail-

able to move in by May 11, 2019. Compensation includes: Free rent of a two-bedroom apartment including most utilities, monthly salary , hourly and bonus pay. One member of the couple must be home and available during the day and on Saturdays, as needed. Ideal applicants must live and work in a clean, uncluttered and organized work environment. Applicants must have good communication skills and be detail-oriented.
Email support@pineviewwest.com

UTAH COLLEGE OF DENTAL HYGIENE
Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH)

Accredited College ACCSC, 20 Month Program!
Accepting 60 students each class
USU Prerequisites Accepted*
High Graduation Rate
Financial aid and loans are available to those who qualify
801-426-8234
www.ucdh.edu
Located in Orem, Utah



*call for details

SERIOUS ILLNESS?

You May Qualify for a **Living Benefit Loan**

Have you been diagnosed with cancer or another serious medical condition? Do you have at least \$75,000 of life insurance? Through our program you can borrow money from your life insurance and receive up to 50% of your policy's death benefit today.



Call today to see if you qualify.
1-833-867-3015

AW18-1023



Dental Insurance
Call for dental coverage today **to help save money on big dental bills.**

This is real dental insurance from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company that helps pay for over 350 procedures – cleanings, fillings, crowns, even dentures.

- **No annual maximum**, no deductible
- See any dentist you want – including your own
- Over 50? Coverage as low as \$1 per day

Call now to get this **FREE** Information Kit
1-888-919-4729
dental50plus.com/utah


Here's the information you requested on Dental

*Individual Plan. Coverage not available in all states. Acceptance guaranteed for one insurance policy/ certificate of this type. Contact us for complete details about this insurance solicitation. This specific offer is not available in CO, NY, call 1-800-969-4781 or respond for similar offer. Certificate C250A (02, C250E, PA, C250Q); Insurance Policy P150 (GA, P150GA; NY, P150NY; OK, P150OK; TN, P150TN) 6197
AW19-1034


THE UTAH STATESMAN
since 1902

UtahStateUniversity
STUDENT MEDIA
Student-run newspaper for Utah State University since 1902. Reporting online 24/7. Printed each Tuesday of the school year.

THE BOARD

Matthew Halton
managing editor
editor@usustatesman.com
435-797-1742

Alison Berg
news manager
news@usustatesman.com

Jaden Johnson
sports manager
sports@usustatesman.com

Shelby Smith
student life manager
life@usustatesman.com


Thomas Sorenson
opinion manager
opinion@usustatesman.com

Savannah Nyre
design manager
design@usustatesman.com

Chantelle McCall
photo manager
photo@usustatesman.com


Klaus VanZanten
video manager
video@usustatesman.com

HAVE A STORY TIP OR IDEA? CONTACT OUR NEWSROOM: 435-797-1775 OR EMAIL: EDITOR@USUSTATESMAN.COM


Celebrating 10 Years

NANO Engineers
Powers of 10 Elizabeth Vargis
Nick Roberts
Free Admission
www.usu.edu/science/unwrapped

Join us **Friday, Feb. 22,** at 7 p.m. **ESLC Auditorium**



<div>C</div> <div>CALENDAR</div> <div>FEBRUARY 19 - 25</div>					
TUESDAY 2/19	WEDNESDAY 2/20	THURSDAY 2/21	FRIDAY 2/22	SATURDAY 2/23	MONDAY 2/25
<div>2019 Northern Utah Soil health Work-shop: Logan 8:00am Cache County Event Center Exhibit Hall</div> <div>Jazz at Caffe Ibis 1:00pm Caffe Ibis 52 Federal Ave Logan, UT</div> <div>Danish String Quartet 7:30pm Caine College of the Arts</div>	<div>Dementia Dialogues Educational Sessions 3:30pm Sunshine Terrace Foundation 248 W 300 North Logan, UT</div> <div>Men's Basketball vs. New Mexico 9:00pm The Spectrum</div>	<div>Q & A with Sam & Kacie Malouf 11:30am Logan Golf and Country Club 710 North 1500 East Logan, UT</div> <div>Women Supporting Women: Suffrage in the 21st Century 6:00pm Eccles Conference Center</div>	<div>Capsa Trivia Night 6:00pm Logan Country Club</div> <div>Kangeiko Aikido Seminar 6:00pm HPER Physical Ed. Complex 850 East 700 North</div> <div>USU Gymnastics vs Alaska Anchorage 7:00pm Dee Glen Smith Spectrum</div> <div>Science Unwrapped: Nano 7:00pm Eccles Science Learning Center Room 130</div>	<div>Harold Seeholzer Memorial Cup Race 8:45am Beaver Mountain 40000 E Highway 89 Garden, UT</div> <div>Capsa Trivia Night 6:00pm Logan Country Club Logan, UT</div> <div>Kangeiko Aikido Seminar 6:00pm HPER Physical Ed. Complex 850 East 700 North Logan, UT</div> <div>Utah State vs. Boise State 2:00pm The Spectrum</div>	<div>Public Night 5:00pm Beaver Mountain Garden, UT</div> <div>CacheARTS Presents Doktor Kaboom! It's Just Rocket Science 7:30pm Cache Valley Center For the Arts Logan, UT</div>

ADD YOUR EVENT AT [USUSTATESMAN.COM/EVENTS](https://usustatesman.com/events)
Deadline for calendar submissions is Sunday at midnight.

TRUTH IN TUITION

MARCH
6TH | 12:30 PM
TSC AUDITORIUM

Join President Noelle Cockett and USUSA President Jaren Hunsaker for a discussion about proposed tuition changes