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President Noelle Cockett announces "Year of the Woman" in celebration of women's suffrage



PHOTO BY Donna Barry/USU

Utah State University President Noelle Cockett poses with Logan Mayor Holly Daines and other women in celebration of "the Year of the Woman" to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of women's suffrage in America, and the 150-year anniversary of women's suffrage in Utah.

By Joshua Wilkinson
NEWS SENIOR WRITER

On Monday Aug. 26, Utah State University President Noelle E. Cockett declared the 2019-2020 school year to be "The Year of the Woman," recognizing anniversaries of important milestones in voting and women's rights that will occur throughout the school year.

During a commemoration event at Cockett's residence, Cockett and Logan Mayor

Holly Daines joined together to announce USU's and Logan's commitment to commemorate women's suffrage throughout the year.

"We want to join the nation, the state and Cache Valley in celebrating these significant voting rights anniversaries in 2020," Cockett said. "But as part of that anniversary, Utah State declares as of today this year as 'The Year of the Woman.'"

According to a written statement, USU will recog-

nize the 150th anniversary of suffrage for Utah women (Feb. 12, 1870), the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in the United States (Aug. 26, 1920) and the 55th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act (Aug. 6, 1965) during the 2019-2020 school year.

The date of the event was intentional. According to Cockett, the committees involved in The Year of the Woman decided to "kick off the celebration" on Aug. 26

to recognize the 99th anniversary of women's suffrage in the United States.

According to Daines, the commemorations are not just about remembering past successes, but also about continuing to make progress.

"Part of what we need to do in addition to remembering the history is teaching, going forward," Daines said. "Sometimes it's easy for our young women and our girls to maybe take it for granted that they always have had



PHOTO BY Donna Barry

Pres. Noelle Cockett addresses the crowd at the commemoration event.

these rights."

According to Daines, voter turnout in Logan was 23% or 4,000 out of 18,000 voters. Daines also said the state of Utah dropped from having the highest female voter turnout in an election in 1996 to have the 46th highest turnout in 2012.

"That's part of what these celebrations are about. We need to encourage women to get involved in the political process," Daines said.

According to Cockett, similar trends can be observed on the collegiate level. During freshman year at USU, female students outnumber male students by about five percent. However, 8 to 10 years following freshman year, more males have graduated from USU than females.

"As a president, I want to turn those numbers around," Cockett said. "We want to help empower women and girls to see their leadership potential and increase their representation."

Cockett also said that USU wants to educate students of all ages about the history of the suffragette movement. Throughout the year, USU will highlight the Year of the Woman on its statewide and extension campuses through different events such as Founder's Day, Homecoming, Connections, Commencement and others.

Information on The Year of the Woman will be updated throughout the year at www.usu.edu/year-of-the-woman.

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From the beautiful game to the gridiron

How USU's Dominik Eberle went from soccer-crazed Germany to record-breaking Aggie kicker

By Dalton Renshaw
SPORTS CONTENT MANAGER

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"I knew I could kick the ball far from soccer, but kicking a football was so different at first that I wasn't used to it."

Those are the words of Utah State football senior kicker Dominik Eberle, who's become somewhat of a living legend among Aggie fans due to his superb record as the team's trusted specialist. But Eberle's journey to becoming possibly the program's best kicker ever wasn't one that started with dreams of playing football.

Eberle grew up in Nuremberg, Germany, a city in the northern end of Bavaria that

claims the 14th largest population in Germany. Bavaria, much like any other German city, is built on its love of football, just a different kind than Eberle is used to playing now. Bavaria is home to the largest, most iconic German soccer club - Bayern Munich. The Bavarian giants have won the German first division championship a record 29 times — 20 more than any other club in the region — and an additional 10 European trophies.

But that didn't appeal to Eberle. Instead, he chose to support his hometown club, FC Nürnberg.

"We have Bayern Munich about two hours away, so some of my friends are Bayern fans. But that's kind of like the biggest team, the most successful team, so people choose

to like that," Eberle said. "But just being from a smaller city just going to the games with my dad since I was about four years old, was just a different experience. And I'm never going to turn my back on them, no matter how they do."

As a child growing up in Germany, he naturally took to soccer. And, in some ways, how he played and who he idolized shaped him into the football player he is today.

"Even when I was young, Cristiano Ronaldo was one of the top guys but when I was really young I always tried playing like Thierry Henry," Eberle said. "That's really who I tried to mark my game off and the things that he did with the ball, as a defender you wouldn't always know where he'd go."

Strikers are masters with a ball at their feet. Not all strikers possess extreme pace, great passing or dribbling. But what they all have in common — the good ones at least — is the ability to hit the ball at any angle, from any body position, with extreme precision.

Kickers are expected to be able to make kicks from anywhere on the field. Left hash, right hash, center. They have to be relied upon to execute in the biggest moments. That doesn't scare Eberle.



PHOTO BY Megan Nielsen

Senior Dominik Eberle attempts a field goal during a 59-28 victory over UNLV on October 13, 2018. Eberle went 22-28 on field goal attempts and a perfect 75-75 on PATs in 2018.

"Mentally you've got to be strong; you've got to be calm in certain situations, and you've just gotta constantly envision that. Because without that, most of the time it's not going to happen," he said.

Forwards are some of the most powerful strikers of the ball in the world, and Eberle's background is partially to

thank for his ability to drive the ball at an elite level. And that's evident in some of the records he holds at Utah State. This past season, he became just the sixth kicker in NCAA history to make three field goals of 50-plus yards in a single game.

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Lt. Gov Spencer Cox pays tribute to USU



PHOTO BY Chantelle McCall

Lt. Gov and Aggie alumnus Spencer Cox helped repaint the iconic “Block A” as part of his service tour and gubernatorial campaign.

By Autumn Miskin
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Aggie Alumnus and 2020 Utah gubernatorial candidate Spencer Cox took to his alma mater Thursday to help repaint the iconic block “A.”

As part of his campaign, Cox pledged to visit every city in the state and conduct an act of service in each place. When he heard about the opportunity to re-paint the “A,” he was excited because it is such an iconic part of Logan.

“We are trying to do acts of service all over the state as we travel and visit all 248 cities and towns,” Cox said. “And when we heard this was a possibility, I thought I was being punked and that it was a joke so I’m so excited to be able to do this.”

Cox’s service campaign has helped people notice him and see the person running for governor, Ariel Defay, Cox’s Deputy Campaign Manager said.

“It is amazing, already, how him coming to these communities and connecting with the people has made them see first, for him, that he is the real deal and that he really deeply cares about Utah. But secondly, it is getting the message out there that government isn’t meant to fix people’s problems but that getting involved in community is what will help fix people’s problems,” said Defay.

Cox said the idea to conduct service on the campaign trail was inspired by a friend who served on Mitt

Romney’s 2012 presidential campaign

“We were talking about it one day and he said ‘You know we spent a billion dollars and probably millions of man hours and the other side spent a billion dollars too. What do we get for all of that?’ and he said ‘Weall, we got a president and we got the same president we would have gotten if nobody spent any money but is the country a better place because of it?’ and the answer was no,” Cox said. “This was years ago, and we just said ‘What if it was different. What if campaigns were about doing good? Still talking about issues but not tearing other people down and instead reminding people of the importance of

serving and giving back.”

Cox said the acts of service are refreshing because of the negativity associated with politics today.

“But the other piece of that is if I lose, I get to look back and say, ‘I did make the state a better place,” Cox said.

Lyle Hillyard, a Utah state senator, said Cox’s campaign is doing great because Utah is a service-oriented state.

“Service is really part of our identity, part of our DNA. So, I think highlighting that and doing service I think also teaches people that he is a common man, like everybody else,” Hillyard said.

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Aggie Creamery celebrates Scoop it Forward

By Taylor Cripe
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July is National Ice Cream Month, which was good news for patrons who visited Utah State University’s famed Aggie Creamery on Friday, July 19. For several hours in the evening, nearly 500 people received a coupon for a free scoop of ice cream.

The organization behind the event is Dairy West, a group of dairy farmers connected to USU.

“We really are just out here for awareness and thanking farmers,” said Sheri Anderson from USU’s Agricultural Science department. She added that they were “just spreading happiness through ice cream.”

During the event, Bridgerland Dairy Farm also brought out two 2-week-old calves to help bring attention to what dairy farmers do. “Animals bring awareness,”

said dairy farmer Braden Anderson. “Most people just think that milk comes from a store; they don’t realize that it comes from cows.”

In addition to playing with

cream.

“People were pleasantly surprised, and I think events like these helps spread awareness in the community,” said Olson.

such as Scoop it Forward are common for Dairy West, as it helps to promote nutrition and dairy research, including developing dairy technology with USU’s Western

Dairy Center.

“At the end of the day, this is just a fun event,” said Spence. “We do want to encourage people to do random acts of kindness and give back, but this is really about having a good time.”

Spence also said the best way to promote the message of Scoop it Forward is to buy ice cream for someone else.

According to their site, Dairy West represents dairy farm families in Utah and Idaho. Their mission is to spread awareness about the struggles that dairy farmers face, while building an appreciation for the dairy industry and their products.

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We really are just here for awareness and thanking farmers

- Sheri Anderson, spokesman for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences

the calves, a booth with games and prizes was set up for younger visitors to enjoy the event.

Several planners of the event noted attendance was smaller than the previous year; however, that gave event organizers the opportunity to “surprise people with the gift of free ice cream,” said Anderson.

Mackenzie Olson, the lead in charge of Aggie Ice Cream for the evening, said that she noticed how happy people were when they came to the counter to get their ice

G7 leaders vow to help Brazil fight fires, repair damage

ByMARCELO DE SOUZA
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IO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Leaders of the Group of Seven nations said Sunday they are preparing to help Brazil battle fires burning across the Amazon region and repair the damage as tens of thousands of soldiers got ready to join the fight against blazes that have caused global alarm.

French President Emmanuel Macron said the summit leaders were nearing an agreement on how to support Brazil and said the agreement would involve both technical and financial mechanisms “so that we can help them in the most effective way possible.”

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said her country and others will talk with Brazil about reforestation in the Amazon once fires there have been extinguished.

“Of course (this is) Brazilian territory, but we have a question here of the rainforests that is really a global question,” she said. “The lung of our whole Earth is affected, and so we must find common solutions.”

Pope Francis also added his voice to the chorus of concern over the fires in Brazil, which borders his homeland of Argentina, and urged people to pray so that “they are controlled as quickly as possible.” He told a crowd in St. Peter’s Square that “we’re all worried” about the Amazon fires. He warned that that green “lung of forest is vital for our planet.”

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro tweeted that he had talked by phone with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who said Israel would send a specialized plane to help in the firefighting operation.

On Friday, the president announced 44,000 soldiers would be sent to help battle the fires that are scattered across Brazil’s share of the vast Amazon, an overall region 10 times the size of Texas that is seen as a global bulwark against climate change. Only a few hundred troops had been sent so far.

The country’s satellite monitoring agency has recorded more than 41,000 fires in the Amazon region so far this year — with more than half of those coming this month alone. Experts say most of the fires are set by farmers or ranchers clearing existing farmland. But the same monitoring agency has reported a sharp increase in deforestation this year as well.

Brazil’s federal police agency announced Sunday it would investigate reports that farmers in the state of Para, one of those most affected by the blazes, had called for “a day of fire” to ignite fires Aug. 10.

Local news media said the group organized over WhatsApp to show support for Bolsonaro’s efforts to loosen environmental regulations.

Justice Minister Sergio Moro, who oversees the police, said on Twitter that Bolsonaro “asked for a rigorous investigation” and said “the criminal fires will be severely punished.”

People demonstrated in Rio de Janeiro and other Brazilian cities Sunday demanding Bolsonaro’s administration do more to protect the Amazon. One boy in Rio held up a poster saying “Bol\$onaro is burning our future,” while people chanted: “Bolsonaro out! Amazon stays!”

Critics have accused Bolsonaro’s pro-development policies of encouraging farmers and ranchers to increase efforts to strip away the forest, though the president has issued repeated pledges recently to protect the area, and backed that up by sending in soldiers and other federal forces.

Merkel noted that Bolsonaro is putting “significant forces” into the effort to save the rainforest.

But Bolsonaro has had a tense relationship with foreign governments — including Germany’s — and non-governmental groups that he accuses of meddling in his country’s management of the Amazon. He last week floated the idea, without evidence, that non-governmental groups were setting fires to embarrass him.

Macron’s office on Friday complained that the Brazilian leader “had lied to him” about environmental commitments.

Asked if he would speak with Macron, Bolsonaro said Saturday, “If he calls me, I will answer. I am being extremely well-mannered with him even though he called me ‘a liar.’”

Meanwhile, Bolivian President Evo Morales said Sunday he would welcome aid in fighting his own country’s wildfires, which have scorched about 3,475 square miles (900,000 hectares). Most of the damage has been in the forests of the Chiquitania region over the past two weeks, but fires also have burned in Bolivia’s Amazon region. Morales said at a news conference that he had accepted offers of assistance from the leaders of Spain, Chile and Paraguay.

Associated Press journalists Frances D’Emilio in Rome, Sylvie Corbet and Lori Hinnant in Biarritz, France, and Geir Moulson in Berlin contributed to this report.



PHOTO BY AP Photo/Andre Penne

Fire consumes a field along the BR 070 highway near Cuiaba, Mat o Grosso state, Brazil, Sunday, Aug. 25, 2019.

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STUDENT LIFE

Students and faculty share their guidance



GRAPHIC BY Savy Knapp

By Kortni Gardner
STUDENT LIFE STAFF WRITER

While starting a new school year can be full of many unknowns and anxieties, it can also be a time of new beginnings and opportunities.

A few experienced students and staff shared their advice for both incoming and advanced students alike to take as they enter into the new year.

Braunté Miner, a senior majoring in elementary education, likes to go into the school year feeling “extra prepared.” She has emphasizes in fine arts and foreign language.

“I’m a little over the top. I clean and restock my backpack so it’s super organized. I write down where my classes are at and what times, and if I don’t know the building super well, I like to go find exactly where my class is,” Miner said.

Miner has several pieces of advice she wishes she would have known at the beginning, including advice relative to textbooks and classmates.

“The first day of class, get the number of someone in that class in case you have questions or are absent and always price check your books on Amazon before you buy them.” Miner said. “Students get Amazon Prime for free, but the bookstore has been doing a great job at making the prices pretty comparable lately.”

Miner also adds that writing down all assignments on the day they are due in a planner after receiving a syllabus can be a huge help in staying organized for the semester ahead.

Anthonie Nichols, TRIo Student Support Services grant project director spends his summer making preparations to help meet the needs of the students he serves.

“I have to have a balance between planning how a day will go for both my appointments or how a meeting with a student will go when we are working through certain needs,” Nichols said. “Sometimes you’ll never know who is going to come to the door or have a need and you can’t always predict them.”

Nichols has found that he is an extroverted person and loves it when students are here.

“The thing that energizes me is interacting with people,” Nichols said. “I love it when students are here.”

Public relations major Natalie Howard loves the feeling of buying a new outfit to start off her school year on a positive note. Because she knows college life is crazy, she makes sure to do laundry and put it away so she feels more prepared.

Howard has learned through trial and error that time management is a huge balancing act in a college career.

In order to avoid the headaches of scrambling through homework at the last minute before the due date, she discovered a plan that has helped her be more efficient.

“My advice would be to section out the assignments and do a little bit each day until the due date. This way you are still doing what needs to be done but you are also having a little of a social life,” Howard said.

In the stressful and busy moments of college life, Howard also takes time for herself to decompress and unwind.

“Your personal mental health is so important,” Howard said.

Miner also finds that there is nothing a little pep talk won’t fix.

She tells herself how awesome and exciting the semester is going to be, which gives her a leg up in her studies.

Bonnie Moore, a lecturer in the English department, has been teaching for the past 6 years.

Moore has a huge passion for the subjects she teaches, and spends plenty of time outside of her classroom researching and preparing for the year ahead.

Moore increases her knowledge and awareness by talking to those in her field of study. She often attends conferences related to her teaching curriculum and is always looking for ways to better reach the students she associates with.

“I try to be engaging, excited and passionate about what I teach and study, hoping it will rub off on them,” Moore said. “I try to engage one-on-one and help students feel that they can ask questions and discuss issues openly.”

Moore encourages students to not be afraid to jump in with both feet, even in a class they might not look forward to. It may become a new favorite subject or passion.

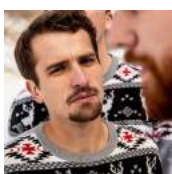
“Hopefully the reason you are at USU is to broaden your horizons and learn about exciting areas and topics you previously didn’t know about. It’s also okay to engage with the professor,” Moore said.

Here’s to a new and exciting school year full of engaging and fantastic opportunities ahead.

No matter if students are entering year one or year six, there is always something new to be learned. Welcome back Aggies.

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TWEETS of the WEEK



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I hope somebody warns these incoming freshmen that in 4 years they won’t want to leave Logan and @USUAggies but they might have to anyway and it will be the worst break-up of their life.



@Murica_95

I am in charge of BYU Law’s Instagram account for the day and in my first post I accidentally said “Go Aggies” instead of “go cougars”



@USUAggies

Welcome home, Aggies



@Paulinarivera13

Welcome back Aggie fam!! So ready for another year in this magical place!!

get involved.
do as much or as little as you want.
go to all the events.
meet new people.
check up on your friends.
learn the scotsman by heart.
smile more.
and enjoy every bit of it all.



@DarzSpittinBarz

First day of classes pro tip: carry an expo marker so that when your professor forgets to bring one you can assert dominance over the class with your overachieverness. Worked for me the last 4 years



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PHOTO BY **The Utah Statesman**
Senior forward Hailey Bassett warms up before a game last season. Bassett is one of three seniors on the women's team in 2019-20.

Three seniors poised to lead youthful USU women's hoops

By **Jason Walker**
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

When examining the Utah State women's basketball program during the tenure of head coach Jerry Finkbeiner, a highly cyclical pattern becomes apparent in the 30-year basketball veteran's struggle to keep the Aggies relevant in the Mountain West.

Every time a breakthrough appears imminent, the pieces crumble and Finkbeiner is forced to start from scratch. Again. Most coaches assume they'll bring back their top, non-graduating players and build on the previous season's success. Finkbeiner hasn't been able afford that simple assumption. Since 2014, three of the four players that led the Aggies in scoring for a season transferred away from Logan. The now ninth-year coach at USU said "it's a sign of the times" that so many players are transferring.

"The transfer is so much easier now," Finkbeiner said. "There's no teeth, there's no accountability, the commitment of staying four years. We just have to adjust to that as a staff."

This current offseason is but the latest edition of the seemingly endless string of frustrating offseasons. Utah State's last campaign was somewhat underwhelming and inconsistent with a 17-16 record, but showed significant promise. The Aggies put together an 8-2 mid-season run and claimed wins over Boise State and Wyoming — the teams that finished first and third in the Mountain West standings. USU also took the eventual second-place New Mexico down to the wire in Logan.

"We felt like, going into this next year (we were) knocking on the door," Finkbeiner said. "So you think with conventional wisdom that OK we're in the same talking point now, we've

kind of arrived and this coming year is going to be, we're in that discussion."

That ostensibly well-paved path to being a top team in the Mountain West next season didn't last through the end of spring as four players under Finkbeiner chose to take their talents elsewhere. Three of those — the would-be seniors Shannon Dufficy, Eliza West and Olivia West — were among USU's top performers of the season.

Shannon Dufficy, a 2018-19 First-Team All-MW selection, led Utah State in minutes, points, rebounds and steals while setting the single-season double-double record at USU.

Dufficy led the Aggies in points, rebounds, steals, minutes and earned First-Team All-MW. She also flirted with being the conference's Player of the Year at times, being the MW leader in rebounds, it's third-leading scorer and the only player to average a double-double.

Eliza West became the program's all-time assist leader late last season and was poised to become the assist queen of Utah State, sitting just 105 dimes behind Oscar Williams' 562 of the men's team. Olivia West, though less involved than previous years (she led the team in scoring in 2017-18) was fourth on the team in scoring overall and started 13 games.

The result of this exodus is yet another roster filled with underclassmen. Four freshmen, five sophomores, only two seniors. Just three players on the roster have ever averaged more than 10 minutes per game in a Division I basketball season.

Left to fill the void of team leadership, both on and off the court are the three remaining (or perhaps, surviving) seniors — Hailey Bassett, Lindsey Jensen-Baker and Marlene Aniam-bossou. And

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USU hires Aaron Paajanen as next men's tennis coach

By **Scott Froehlich**
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

The Utah State University athletics department recently named Aaron Paajanen head coach of the men's tennis program.

Prior to being hired on at USU, Paajanen spent four years coaching men's and women's tennis at the University of Detroit Mercy in Michigan.

During his time there, the men's squad improved every year and set a school record with 15 victories in 2018. Paajanen was also named the Horizon League Coach of the Year that season, the first such honor in Mercy's history.

In his first season with the women's team, he coached a player to a perfect 9-0 record, while also helping another earn a second-team all-Horizon League accolade.

He has previously coached as an assistant at Santa Clara for two years and at Loyola Marymount, where his Division I career began. During his time at Loyola, his team earned eight all-West Coast Conference honors. Coaching tennis began as a family affair, as

his first role was serving underneath his father on the men's team and his mother on the women's side at Paradise Valley Community College in Phoenix, Arizona.

Paajanen's time as a tennis player began at Glendale Community College (AZ), where he ascended the NJCAA rankings to as high as 33 in the singles category. From Glendale, he played for Cowley College in Kansas, where he earned All-American honors. Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California was the last stop for his collegiate playing career, as he graduated with a degree in Kinesiology.

USU's Vice President and Director of Athletics, John Hartwell, remarked on the addition of Paajanen to the tennis program. "Aaron has impressive successes in his coaching career, including conference championships and NCAA appearances. His student-athletes have excelled in both the classroom and on the court.

"We look forward to Aaron joining the Utah State family and leading our men's tennis program to continued success."

USU women's soccer picks up clean sheet in opener

By **Dalton Renshaw**
SPORTS CONTENT MANAGER

Utah State University women's soccer kicked off its season with a scoreless draw against Southern Utah University Friday afternoon in Logan, Utah. The Aggies played through two extra time periods and picked up a clean sheet, making four saves in the process. It may have been an exhibition, but nonetheless, USU soccer head coach Heather Cairns was pleased with what her team showed on the pitch.

The team will no doubt come away prideful of its play, despite the result. For the most part, Utah State controlled the game and imposed its style of play on the Thunderbirds, but the team's finishing left a little to be desired.

"Looking at the match, I thought we had some good possession. Our possession is immensely improved from last year," Cairns said. "You know, I think the one thing you look at is 23 shots, no goals, I think the finishing can get sharper. The finishing can get sharper, but the great news is we created a lot of scoring opportunities."

The Aggies certainly did.

From the opening whistle through the first 15 minutes, Utah State spent most of its time in the other team's half, constantly putting

pressure on the keeper. With 18 minutes gone, Utah State had attempted five shots while SUU was still unable to get off a shot. Southern Utah's only real chance in the half was off a corner-kick, the low cross into the box was dangerous, but the Aggies were able to clear the ball away, thus negating any chance.

Utah State thrived by being quick to put pressure on SUU as soon as one its players won the ball. For long stretches of the half, SUU was unable to get out of its half, the swarming press of Utah State proving difficult to deal with. If it remains effective, this could be something the Aggies adopt throughout the season.

"I think our press, I think we really feel good," Cairns said. "We're playing a little bit of a new formation that I don't want to go into too much about — but I was pleased with how the vets and the newcomers settled into our formation and it looked like everybody knew what their role is on both sides of the ball. So for being two weeks in, I was really pleased with that."

Utah State ended the half with eight shots over SUU's three, but the second half is where the Aggies truly asserted themselves. Within the first ten minutes, the team had already fired off four shots, the veterans



PHOTO COURTESY OF **USU Athletics**
Freshman goalkeeper Diera Walton celebrates after her penalty-kick save in the 77th minute of the Aggies 0-0 draw against SUU.

getting heavily involved in the attack. Senior midfielder Kanyan Merrill and Junior midfielder Ashley Cardozo were both instrumental in linking up progressive play with the forwards and pushing the ball out wide to the fullbacks, who were constantly getting crosses into dangerous areas in SUU's box.

"It's great, anytime we can get our outside backs touches in the attacking half, we know that we're in a good mentality, we're playing on our front foot, we're being aggressive," Cairns said.

Cardozo led the Aggies in shots on goal with four in the game, the same amount that SUU was able to get off as a team. Most notably, Cardozo's shot in the first extra time period surely would have gone in if it weren't for an outstanding kick-save by an SUU defender.

However, the Thunderbirds had possibly the most important shot on goal in the 77th minute when junior forward Danielle Meuret stepped up to the spot to take a penalty. A poorly struck ball and a great read from Aggie keeper Diera Walton killed off the chance, Walton making a strong dive to her right to pull the ball in.

Walton played all of the second half and the extra-time periods, finding a bit of a rhythm as the game progressed in the first collegiate match of her career. The moment might have been big, but Walton backed herself with full confidence.

"First I was really scared, but then I was like — this is my house, show her who's boss — and I just stepped up to the ball and clapped my hands a few times, stared her in the eyes and then I just picked a way," she said. "She kinda like looked to the right a few times so

that's why I kinda thought she might go that way, but even before I picked that way."

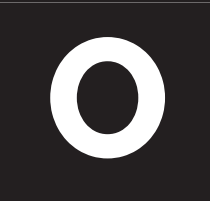
Walton, a freshman goalkeeper, was one of many Aggie newcomers that played a vital role in Friday's game. Smithfield native and freshman forward Sid Barlow looked lively at tacking down the left side and was one of the key players that put pressure on SUU in her 71 minutes on the pitch. Senior forward Alecia Robinson is working her way back from injury, but as soon as she stepped onto the pitch energy and workrate was superb and was inches away from finishing a chance as time expired.

"Oh my gosh, how fun is it to have Alecia back. We missed her so much," Cairns said. "The fact she could go forty-five minutes, plus I think she played five in the overtime, that's a significant improvement to where she was and we're so happy to have her back. Senior leadership, you see that optimism, that energy, she almost got on the end of a couple of them and she hasn't touched the ball in a very long time."

Utah State opens up its season Friday, August 30 on the road with a match against South Dakota State.

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Author's note: Utah State has played two away games in South Dakota since this article was published. The Aggies lost 1-0 to South Dakota State on Friday Aug. 23, but followed that up with a 1-0 win against South Dakota on Sunday Aug. 25. The Aggies next game will be a heated battle against rival Utah in Salt Lake City on Friday; then Utah State will plays its regular season home opener against Weber State on Wednesday, Sept. 4.



OPINION

How and Why the Political Debate in America Needs to Change Now

Three ways which we can improve political discourse

By Scott Froehlich
SPORTS SECTION EDITOR

The divide in today’s political arena is ever-widening with no solution in sight. Modern-day political discourse plays out more like a boxing match than it does a constructive discussion. Instead of contesting someone’s ideas or opinions, people have been reduced to attacking others’ beliefs and hurling

apart. What used to be a left, right and middle forum has transformed into far-right and far-left extremes. This has caused a rift which has all but shut the door on finding common ground, especially amongst those in Congress. A society cannot function properly unless its population works together and votes for people who support our beliefs as a whole. However,

The most crucial change that must happen in order for the country to get back to a working bipartisanship relationship is doing away with personal attacks and actually hearing the other side out. Name-calling and other hostile behaviors only hardens hearts, and they, in turn, make finding common ground even harder. If people engage in serious, productive debates or discussions, then

an issue can actually be addressed and the potential for a consensus becomes possible. Another important habit every voter needs to develop

to push their agenda. To combat such rhetoric, it is imperative to check sources and make an educated, informed decision before buying into what leaders are trying to sell. The final and perhaps most important tactic that voters should employ is considering the perspective of the person they are at odds with. In the current political climate this seems like a tall order, but treating another

human being as just that, a human being, will make for a healthy and productive discussion which produces more inclusive representation by local and federal leaders. Obviously, the differences in opinions and beliefs will naturally cause rifts and lead to heated dialogue, but the exchanges should be focused and shy away from personal attacks. If we as a nation want meaningful change that truly reflects our collective

views, then we need to act in a more civil manner. You can’t hear someone out when you aren’t listening.

Scott Froehlich is a junior who is studying print journalism. He moved to Logan with his wife and son from Price, Utah, where they attended school at Utah State University Eastern. His passions include hockey and politics, both of which are contact sports.

“You can’t hear someone out when you aren’t listening.”



insults. Regardless of one’s political affiliation, this childlike behavior needs to stop and be rectified, especially on Capitol Hill and in the Oval Office. Over the past few election cycles, the rhetoric has ramped up and the disparity between one mindset and the next couldn’t be further

when voters resort to ad hominem attacks and seek out politicians who are divisive, the hope for compromise fades. This dynamic has led to a back-and-forth between the parties that changes policies drastically, one way or the other, each time control changes hands. So what can be done?

is critical thinking. Too many times people take what politicians or other public figures say at face value and, as long as it sounds good, don’t think twice about the validity of the information presented. This is dangerous since these same politicians use hyperbole and half-truths



PHOTO BY Bruce Schreiner
Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders speaks to striking telecommunications workers on Sunday, Aug. 25, 2019, in Louisville, Ky. Sanders says it’s possible to be a friend of coal miners and a believer in climate change and the need for cleaner energy sources to combat it.

Two “Harmless” Crimes that Cause More Damage than We Think

Selling concessions is an important source of revenue for movie theaters, and we are stealing it from them.

By Kristian Fors
OPINION COLUMNIST

There are two forms of criminal behavior in U.S. society that have become socially accepted: online piracy and sneaking food into movie theaters. These two behaviors, considered by many to be relatively harmless, actually severely harm businesses and individuals. As such, these two illicit behaviors should be treated just like other criminal actions, with consequences and punishments.

The primary reasons we have patents, copyrights and intellectual property in this country is to create incentives for entrepreneurs and businesses to innovate. A patent grants a temporary monopoly to an innovator in order to promote progress. Without these devices, no one would bother to take risks or invent anything new because another business could steal their idea as soon as it’s been created, reducing their profits to zero. Innovation is risky, and entrepreneurs need to be compensated for that risk. Likewise, to write a book or create a movie is a time consuming undertaking which has no guarantee of success, and content creators must, too, be compensated for that risk. To pirate anything, whether it is a book, a television show or a textbook, completely undermines this incentive structure and reduces the future incentive for content producers to create anything of value.

While the high prices of movie theater concessions can leave a consumer feeling gouged, nearly all theaters actually rely on these sales to sustain their business. When a movie is released, movie theaters have to share a large portion of their ticket reve-

nues with movie production companies. According to a Stanford study, while selling food only accounts for 20 percent of a movie theater’s gross revenue, it accounts for 40 percent of overall profits. While the markup on popcorn is steep, estimated to be around a 1275 percent markup, this markup is necessary for movie theaters continued existence. Movie theaters are already on decline in the U.S., and if we want to keep this aspect of American culture, the last thing anyone should do is bring their own food into a theater.

At the end of the day, both of these offenses undermine the very processes that bring these goods to the public. We should not take them for granted. Next time you head down to a movie theater in Logan, choose to support local businesses over your wallet. Do not pirate and do not bring your own food into movie theaters.

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It may be the oldest film festival in the world but at 76, the Venice International Film Festival is more relevant, and divisive, than ever.



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Senior Dominik Eberle on the sidelines of a 42-32 win over Air Force on September 22, 2018. PHOTO BY Megan Albrechtsen

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“From anyday, I’d probably say around 60 yards. But if there’s wind at my back, I’d say 65-70. I’ve worked on the longer range kicks, that was really my focus,” he said. “I wanna be more accurate from 45-50 yards out than I have, but being smart about it, not trying to over-kick it.”

Eberle moved to California when he was 14 years old, and it wasn’t long after that he stopped playing his childhood sport. Based on a suggestion from a friend, Eberle tried out for the football team. His friend was so impressed after Eberle kicked a ball over a golf netting, he knew his talent to strike a ball could translate to another sport. But it wasn’t necessarily an immediate fit at first.

“I mean I could kick the ball 50 yards but I’d make it once out of every 15 tries or so,” Eberle said. “But once I got

into my junior year, that’s when the consistency really started showing up and not only on kick-offs, but on field goals. And that’s kind of when I had an idea that I might be able to go somewhere.”

Coming to Utah State has worked out well for Eberle. He’s facing the inevitability of breaking seven career kicking records this season. Statistically — and in the hearts of Aggie fans — he’s the most prolific, most iconic placekicker in school history. For years, Utah State struggled with its special teams, finishing an average of 97th in field goal conversion percentage in the NCAA in the four years prior to Eberle taking over the starting role. Over the past two seasons, he’s boosted the Aggies to 70th and 44th in the nation while converting 75 percent of his field goals. He’s cultivated an impressive resume to show scouts at the next level, which he says is his goal after the season, to be an

NFL kicker.

But he hasn’t done it alone. Although his route to Logan wasn’t traditional, the fact he ended up there has been vital to his success.

“From just knowing how hard one plays to the willingness to learn, the willingness to do certain things right. That’s kind of what coaches want to ingrain in you,” he said. “Not being able to criticize him, but being able to coach him on what he can do to be better, that’s kind of what I feel the coaches do really well here.”

For those that don’t know much about the German Bundesliga, the club Borussia Dortmund has a rich history of success in European football. Four-time German cup champions, eight-time league champions and the 13th ranked club in the world, according to UEFA’s coefficient. But unlike Bayern Munich who typically goes out and buys the best talent, Dortmund invests in uber talented youth who eventually

become the players every other club in the world wants to buy. The club operates in a similar way to Eberle’s hometown club FC Nürnberg; making the most of what you have through coaching and hard work, producing high-quality players and people.

And thanks to his love of both kinds of football, Eberle was able to point out the similarities between Dortmund and Utah State.

“They really focus on player development rather than just going after the highly sought out recruits,” he said. “They would always just trust their players, trust their system, and everyone’s kind of together like a brotherhood. And when they come together, that’s when they’re kind of unstoppable.”

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Aggies’ OC: No changes in offensive system for 2019



PHOTO BY Megan Nielsen
Sophomore Deven Thompkins sheds a tackle during Utah State’s Spring Game on April 13, 2019.

By Scott Froehlich
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

When football teams bring in a new coaching staff, typically the first thing on the to-do list in offseason practices and team meetings is teaching the players a new system, be it a new offense or defense. Or both.

Utah State’s new offensive coordinator Mike Sanford Jr. isn’t taking that approach. Having seen the historic success of the 2018 Aggie offense, Sanford has no plans to fix a system he doesn’t see as broken.

“I want to take what they were really good at last year and make it better,” Sanford said on a recent episode of The Statesman Sports Desk podcast.

Jordan Love parroted Sanford’s statement at USU media day last week.

“Offensively, we’re running the same thing,” the junior quarterback said. “Obviously, some plays here and there will change, just the way we read plays. For the most part it’s stayed the same.”

The reasoning behind the lack of change is simple. Aside

from the “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it” mentality, the fact Utah State is so inexperienced on the offensive side played a role in the decision for Sanford.

“When you come in and follow success offensively and you actually lose personnel, the last thing you want to do is create even more indecision, because there’s inexperience, and bring a completely new offensive system,” the new OC said.

Again, Sanford’s junior signal caller is on the exact same page, who spoke to the media of the benefits of not needing to learn a new offense.

“That’s helped a lot,” Love said. “Usually with new coaches coming in, you’ve got to learn a whole new offense, a whole new scheme, stuff like that. It’s made it easy just knowing we’re on the same page.”

Exact replication of the 2018 offensive style itself may be difficult with the talent at hand.

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for just all of them, leadership is either a new reality or a figment of days long past in high school.

“I haven’t had much practice with being the leader. I just kind of played,” Bassett said.

“The only time I’ve ever experienced being the older one was my senior year of high school.”

Despite lacking the history of being the top girl in college, the idea of Bassett ascending to the role in her final year makes complete sense on paper. Her 1,705 career minutes in Logan dwarfs the next-closest teammate, Steph Gorman (897) and are more than the combined totals of her fellow seniors.

That’s saying nothing of her totals in points, rebounds, etc.

“She’s got to have a good senior year for us because she’s probably our most talented player offensively,” Finkbeiner said of Bassett.

Bassett herself is far from ignorant of what these facts mean in terms of expectations in 2019-20, and she’s showing a willingness to move on from her laid-back manner of years past to help her team as best she can.

“I definitely am learning and that’s what I expect for myself is to learn to be louder, some-

thing I’ve always struggled with, but I’m getting better at talking, being vocal and now I realize that I’m the senior and I really want the best for this team so I’m going to do everything that I can control.”

While Bassett my very well find herself starring for the Aggies on the court, Jensen-Baker faces a different role in her farewell season. Salvaging the career of the fifth-year veteran is not a realistic expectation. Injuries and a diagnosis with Type 1 Diabetes have left Jensen-Baker with just 275 collegiate minutes to her name. One last hurrah in the form of playing a complete season will make the departure easier, but there’s a bit more to it for the 5-foot-9 guard.

“I’m a local girl. I’m not going to stop coming to games,” Jensen-Baker said. “I’ll still be in the stands, even if I’m not playing but I do want to see them do well. These are girls that I’ve grown up with, my five years in college, and I’ve really grown to have good friendships and so I obviously want the best for them.

The final name on the short list of seniors, Aniambossou, is a bit of a wild card. Finkbeiner believes in the junior college transfer, but she also struggled mightily last season to meet the

expectations her coach has for her. Should Aniambossou rise to the occasion, it could be the difference between mediocrity and challenging the top teams in the conference.

“Marlene is probably the biggest key for our season initially,” Finkbeiner said. “Marlene’s our best athlete. She’s our strongest player, our most aggressive player. She’s a player that can take a hit, give a hit better than anybody on our team.”

Rebuilding is not looked down upon in the realm of sports, but with one year left, the seniors aren’t exactly blessed with time to wait for the younger girls to grow up into mature basketball players. So in lieu of having fellow experienced roster members and highly developed talent, the Aggies are turning to the age-old remedy of a culture change to try and expedite program growth back to at least what it was last season, if not higher.

“Last year I feel like we kind of just showed up and would go through the motions,” Jensen-Baker said. “I feel like the attitude was good at the beginning but as it progressed throughout the season it was kind of just ‘OK, here’s another game.’”

Already established rosters



PHOTO BY Iain Laurence
Senior Marlene Aniambossou drives against a San Jose State defender in an 82-49 victory for Utah State on January 16, 2019. Aniambossou averaged 3.0 points and 2.3 rebounds while averaging nine minutes per game in 2018. The product of Benin factors to play a much larger role in the Aggies’ upcoming 2019-20 campaign.

aren’t exactly conducive to major offseason changes, but Utah State doesn’t have that problem. They have a veritable horde of new, young, impressionable ball players ready to do just about anything.

“I feel like the freshman this year that we have already have brought a lot of excitement to our program,” Jensen-Baker said. “They’re ready to play.”

And ready to play they must be. As much as the “ready-or-not” maxim applies to the seniors and veterans, it may apply more harshly to the under-prepared freshman and

inexperienced sophomores.

“This group of first-year players coming in were expected (prior to the transfers) to kind of learn on the job, growing up behind experienced player,” Finkbeiner said. “Now X amount of these first-year players are going to step up and statistically contribute.”

As of summer scrimmages, the returns looked good, at least in the eyes of Bassett.

“I see that they are very hard workers,” Bassett said. “And I know that they haven’t had much experience, but I’ve already seen so much improve-

ment. They listen very well, they give full effort and that’s really rare to find.”

In the end, among all the farewell tours for seniors, program-building and individual growth. There’s one underlying goal and this team is chasing it with singular purpose. Jensen-Baker put it best.

“We’re planning to win games this year.”

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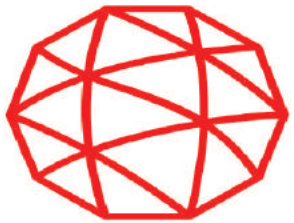
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