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Gallons of Tradition

Exploring the history of Aggie Ice Cream



Aggie Creamery Manager Dave Irish shows some of the equipment used to create Aggie Ice Cream.

PHOTO BY Samuel Woubshet

By Alek Nelson
MANAGING EDITOR

Utah State University is a school built on traditions.

From True Aggie Night to the annual Day on the Quad or from sledding down Old Main to singing "The Scotsman," today's USU students benefit from the Aggie Family that came before them.

No tradition is more delicious than a stop at the Aggie Creamery for a cup of famous Aggie Ice Cream. With 52,000 gallons of ice cream produced and sold every year, Aggie Ice Cream has become one of the most iconic symbols of USU.

History

When the Utah Agricultural College, or UAC, was established in 1888, emphasis was

put on crops and other forms of agriculture because there weren't fridges to keep dairy products cold. As technology advanced, however, the potential for the dairy industry increased.

Aggie Ice Cream became a staple of the Logan campus in 1921, when the dairy department of the UAC hired Gustav Wilster, an Australian professor. When Wilster arrived on campus, he envisioned making famous ice cream in Utah and teaching students how to make it, too.

While there had been a creamery in the basement of Old Main prior to Wilster's arrival, it had not been used for ice cream and had not been a focus of the college with the onset of World War I. After

the war, the college invested in new equipment to allow for a greater focus on dairy production.

Wilster soon began to teach classes on ice cream production and experiment with different flavors and recipes. In the summer of 1922, the ice cream, milk and cheese produced by Wilster and his students were fed to about 2,500 people who camped out on campus for an annual Farmer's Encampment. Flavors of ice cream included chocolate, vanilla and raspberry.

Wilster's influence grew from there. Many of the students who graduated from USU's dairy program started successful creameries throughout the state, including Casper's Ice Cream and Farr's Ice Cream.

The Creamery Today

After Aggie Ice Cream was sold in the Animal Science Building on the Quad for many years, the Aggie Creamery and retail location were moved in 1975 to the newly built Nutrition and Food Sciences Building, where the creamery remains today.

Dave Irish began working as the creamery manager in March 2017. He obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees from USU and had been working as a research scientist prior to his current position. As manager, he sees the effect the Aggie Creamery has had on the state.

"Everybody who makes ice cream in the state of Utah

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USU loses OC to Minnesota

Sanford gone after one year



STATESMAN FILE PHOTO
Mike Sanford, former USU OC

By Jason Walker
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

In an early 2020 surprise, Utah State's offensive coordinator, Mike Sanford Jr., has been hired by the University of

Minnesota's football program to fill that same capacity in Minneapolis. The report first came via Yahoo Sports college football reporter Pete Thamel and corroborated minutes later by Brett McMurphy of Stadium who made the same report.

Sanford Jr. only coached one season in Logan, being brought in alongside head coach Gary Andersen and defensive coordinator Justin Ena. Before Utah State, Sanford Jr. spent two seasons as head coach at the University of Western Kentucky. The former headed an offense that finished third in the Mountain West, averaging 434.2 yards per game. This af-

ter Utah State's record-breaking 2018 season under former head coach Matt Wells and then-OC David Yost that averaged 498.6 yards per game. Yost's offense also contributed to setting a new Mountain West record for points in a season, 618, an average of 47.5 per game.

Though the 2019 Aggies faced a considerably tougher set of opponents than the 2018 team, along with the loss of several key offensive contributors and most of the O-line, regression among the offense was a theme all season. Jordan Love, who recently declared for the NFL Draft, attempted

a USU single-season record 473 passes but threw far fewer touchdowns than his previous year (32 in 2018, only 20 in 2019) and nearly tripled his 2018 interception total. Love's completion percentage also dropped, falling from 64.0 to 61.9.

With Sanford Jr. out, Utah State's more veteran offensive players will have seen a third offensive coordinator in three seasons. Henry Colombi, the man with the inside track to be Love's replacement at quarterback, will be one of said players as a redshirt junior in 2020.

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Emissions reduction plan released



PHOTO BY Associated Press

In this July 1, 2013, file photo, gas emissions rises from a coal-burning power plant in Colstrip, Mont. One of the largest coal-fired power plants in the western U.S. will close two of its four units by Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020, as the Montana facility edges toward an eventual total shutdown. (AP Photo/Matthew Brown, File)

By Karcin Harris
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Two Utah State University professors have explained the reason behind the recent Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Draft Plan and their hopes regarding feedback.

Patrick Belmont, an associate professor from the watershed sciences department, has served on the Steering Committee for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Committee for nine months. He, along with 24 other faculty members, drafted the plan.

Belmont said there were daunting reasons behind creating the plan.

"In Oct. 2018, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change put out a daunting report that summarized the many, many problems that ensue if we allow global warming to exceed 1.5 degrees Celsius," Belmont explained. "Many faculty and students were concerned and recognized that USU really needed to accelerate our own efforts. Academic institutions have been leaders in understanding the causes, implications and solutions to climate change. We know how bad it could get — and it could get really bad. So we have an obligation to lead by example. That's why we drafted the faculty senate resolution and have worked so hard on the report."

Belmont said the IPCC report was the "catalyzing factor," but "since that time an even more daunting report has come out from the US Army War College."

Belmont said he and his cohorts are asking for feedback "to raise awareness, help the campus community understand the complexity of reducing our emissions and their role in those efforts, and see if there are other ideas that we have not yet considered."

"We're open to all kinds of feedback," he said. "I expect that the vast majority of faculty, staff and students will

be supportive of what we are proposing. But we will consider any concerns or opposing views based on their merit."

Belmont has great hopes for the plan.

"If implemented, I think this will be a huge benefit to USU," he said. "The costs are actually very small and we believe it will be a huge step for USU towards a cleaner, healthier future. Beyond the environmental benefits of reducing our emissions, USU will begin to emerge as more of a leader in sustainability and that really matters to students. So I expect this will help us in recruiting and retaining students and fundraising for future efforts. And in the long run, many of the recommendations save the University money. Once we have demonstrated that we have our own carbon pollution under control, USU can be a stronger voice advocating for accelerating emissions reductions at the national and global scale, and also improving air quality right here in Cache Valley."

Robert Davies, an associate professor in the physics department, has been working on curriculum around climate change for many years and was able to contribute to the draft plan effort.

Davies stated the direness behind the plan.

"It's essentially impossible to overstate the extreme risk we now face, and the precarious position we're in as a society," he said. "We are in a state of planetary emergency and our most powerful and impactful institutions are nowhere close to behaving like it. We're out of time for dithering. We know what to do, we must do it right now and this plan is the bare minimum we should be doing."

Davies said the plan was ambitious, but not complete without the support of others.

"The draft plan is a good-faith response, on the part of the faculty and staff who

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Do you ever feel like a plastic bag?

Logan City Council doesn't, bans single-use plastic bags

By Naomi Ward
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ten months after turning down a plastic bag ban in February, Logan City Council revisited and passed councilmember Herm Olsen's proposed ban in a 3-2 vote, to be implemented in April.

Olsen proposed a ban last February that would prohibit businesses from providing single use plastic bags, intended to reduce plastic pollution in Logan.

"This plastic doesn't disappear," he said. "It breaks down into microbeads of plastic that finds its way into our water system, our food chain, and it's simply unnecessary when we have better alternatives."

Under the ordinance, businesses refusing to comply would face a \$250 fine and increasing fines for multiple violations. The council decided to table the vote for six weeks and revisit the ban in March.

In March, the Logan Environmental Department and Solid Waste Advisory Board proposed a county-wide plastic waste reduction program designed to educate the public about the impacts of single use plastic and initiate discussions with retailers. The program also included a plan in which businesses may choose to either charge consumers 10 cents per bag or pay a surcharge of \$17.50 per ton of waste they generate.

The council decided then to wait another six months for a progress update on the waste reduction plan from the SWAB before taking further action. But in September, the board suggested extending by another six months.

Tuesday, being the last meeting of the year and Olsen's last meeting as a councilmember after 12 years on council, the council brought both the original ordinance and a resolution supporting the reduction plan to the table.

Resolution 19-63, which states support for a plan to continue education in the county regarding plastic and encourage businesses to charge for bags, passed unanimously.

Olsen then proposed passing Ordinance 19-24, the original plastic bag ban, as well as the previous resolution. The idea was that, as the ordinance would not go into effect until April 22 in 2020 – Earth Day – passing the ban may encourage the SWAB to make more progress on the plan by March. If the plan is successful and doing well by March, council could consider rescinding the ban.

City attorney Kymber Housley advised against the idea of adopting an ordinance with the plan to possibly rescind it later on.

Olsen said passing the ban now would be a more symbolic act, to send a message to the SWAB and Logan Environmental Department that the council wants to see results.

"The nature of this particular problem is real. It's serious enough that I think it's a good statement to the Solid Waste Advisory



A group of Utah State University students showed their support for Logan City Council's plastic bag ban.

PHOTO BY Megan Nielsen

Board and the county that we're serious," Olsen said.

Councilmember and chair Jeannie Simmonds agreed.

"There are certain times when I think the incentive is the appropriate way to get things, from one step to another," she said.

Councilmember Jess Bradfield, who called in to the meeting, did not support passing the ban, deeming it unnecessary with the plastic reduction plan already in place.

"We had discussed that we wanted to wait for the county to give them this opportunity and the county has actually taken it and moved forward with it and things appear to be going swimmingly," Bradfield said. "I don't think they need a stick at this point."

Replied Olsen: "This is a statement that says we care. Logan City cares. We hope the county will care. But sometimes it requires a leader.

"Perhaps it's symbolic, but symbols are important."

Councilmember Tom Jensen voted no, suggesting the council revisit a vote in spring rather than voting now.

Councilmember Amy Anderson, after a deliberating pause, voted yes.

Bradfield said, "I feel like that is sending the wrong message to the county and to our local businesses," and voted no.

Olsen voted yes.

Simmonds, the last to vote, voted yes, carrying the motion 3-2.

Audience members began to applaud and Simmonds motioned for them to stop. Olsen smiled, raising a fist in subtle celebration.

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US braces for Iranian response: a 'tit for tat' assault?

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials on Monday braced for Iran to respond to the killing of its most powerful general, noting heightened military readiness in the country and preparing for a possible "tit-for-tat" attempt on the life of an American military commander.

President Donald Trump ordered the Jan. 2 strike against Gen. Qassem Soleimani, the head of Iran's elite Quds Force, after the death of an American contractor in Iraq. Now, as the massive demonstrations of Iran's public mourning period for Soleimani come to a close, officials believe the next steps by America' long-time foe will determine the ultimate course of the latest crisis.

While officials say American intelligence isn't clear on whether Iran's latest military moves are designed to bolster Tehran's defenses or prepare for an offensive strike, the U.S. is continuing to reinforce its own positions in the region, including repositioning some forces. One official said the U.S. anticipated a "major" attack of some type within the next day or two.

On Monday, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said no decision had been made about withdrawing troops from Iraq. Pro-Iranian factions in the Iraqi Parliament have pushed to oust American troops following Soleimani's killing on Iraqi soil. Esper spoke to reporters after a letter from a U.S. Marine general circulated that seemed to suggest a withdrawal had been ordered in response to a vote by the Iraqi Parliament over the weekend. "There's been no decision whatsoever to leave Iraq," Esper said.

Soleimani's death, which has sparked major protests, further nuclear development and new threats of violence, has raised the prospect of a wide and unpredictable conflict in the Middle East and escalated tensions between Iran and the U.S.

The two nations have careened from one flare-up to another since Trump began his "maximum pressure" campaign against Iran shortly after taking office. He abrogated the 2015 nuclear deal and reimposed crushing economic sanctions, both steps aimed at preventing Iran from getting a *see "Iran" PAGE 3*



PHOTO BY Associated Press/ Jose Luis Magana
Members of the Iranian American community of Washington, D.C., who support the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq, or the MeK, an Iranian exile group that seeks to overthrow Iran's government, rally outside the State Department in Washington, Monday, Jan. 6, 2020. Participants at the rally celebrated the death of Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani, who was killed by a U.S. airstrike in Iraq.

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Blood, sweat and music

Aggie Marching Band finishes another dedicated season



PHOTO BY Jacey Crabtree

The Aggie Marching Band spends hours each week preparing for their performances at USU football games.

By Jacey Crabtree
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Utah State University Aggie Marching Band, or AMB, has had another successful year as the marching and football seasons come to a close. The energy and excitement, brought to thousands of fans in new ways this season, will be remembered for years to come.

“They put a lot of passion, a lot of heart and a lot of soul into what they do,” said Lane Weaver, director of athletic bands at Utah State University. Weaver, an Aggie alumnus, has been the director for three years now.

Football games at any university would not be the same without the bands. Even without noticing it, the energy in the stadium often comes from the band.

“We are a part of the college football experience. The games would not be the same without the Aggie Marching Band playing ‘The Scotsman’ and the fight song,” said Anthony Mills, a first year marcher this season.

“The Scotsman” is a staple at every Utah State sporting event, and Aggie students are famous for the simple choreographed performance while it is being played. But for the AMB members, this event is far greater.

“My favorite part of being in the Aggie Marching Band is actually on game day when we’re doing the pregame, and we turn around and do the Scotsman, and you see everybody just put their hands up and do the first move,” Braden Smart, a marcher said. “I’ve been up here for six years, and I don’t think I’ve ever not had chills watching the students do the Scotsman with us and sing while we’re playing.”

During this 2019 season, the weather did not always cooperate. But no matter if there’s snow, rain, wind or freezing temperatures, the band will always stick with the football team until the very

end of the game.

“To do it in outside circumstances that aren’t always ideal, that takes a lot of character,” Weaver said.

This year, the rain poured down during the homecoming parade and game, but the band continued to play. The last two games brought freezing temperatures. Instruments do not cooperate well in extreme temperatures, but the band played on. Marching band is not all glory, it is not only the halftime shows and bringing pep to the Hurd and the stadiums.

“Marching band is hard work,” Weaver said.

Every day, each member of the AMB work to memorize a new show, to learn their charts, to rely on the band members around them and to work together with their section and the band as a whole.

“The Aggie Marching Band is a family and we really do care about each other,” Mills said.

Marching band is hard work, but enjoying what they do and enjoying each other’s company helps the process seem easier. Band can change a person’s life. It gives each student a place to belong, according to Mills.

The preparation for the season’s halftime shows begins months in advance. Weaver writes the field charting and music himself because it’s easier to write to the abilities of the band and create shows the band will excel with. Before school begins in August, the band meets together for a week of 12-hour days, also known as band camp. After school is in session, the band does not have much practice time, which is even more impressive when they are learning a new halftime show every week.

When learning a new show, the band will march each field position without music, often singing their individual parts instead. Once the field positions have been completed, the instruments join the musicians.

“It’s basically just repetition, we do it over and over again. ... We find something we’re doing wrong or we’re not doing as well and we make it better,” Mills said.

Being a part of the AMB provides the students with many experiences. They are able to travel to different states and universities for games, giving them a chance to explore the world. “I feel like it’s a good experience to ... march and play it all,” said Jules Colmbel, a freshman marcher.

The AMB has had phenomenal growth over the past three years alone. In 2016 there were 90 members, and now in 2019, there are 170 marchers.

“We get people that come from a really strong musical background,” Weaver said. “We get people who have had music lessons all their life. We get people who maybe came from a really small band program someplace in a rural area and never marched before and never been in a full-sized group before.”

The AMB is a combination of many students of different majors, backgrounds, and skill levels. Together, the band works hard to bring energy and entertainment to the games.

This season’s 2019 halftime shows included titles from Cascada, Toto, Green Day, Muse, the Killers, Queen and many more well-known artists. When the fans and students recognize which song the band is performing, the fan interaction level rises.

This year, the band played Africa by Toto during one halftime, during which they formed the outline of the continent of Africa. The fans erupted when the band put the song and charting together.

“It’s one of the best decisions I made up here, deciding to join the AMB,” Mills said.

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nuclear weapon and deterring the sort of regional aggression spearheaded by Soleimani.

Two U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss internal discussions, said targeting Soleimani was not representative of a wholesale shift in American policy toward Iran, despite Secretary of State Mike Pompeo’s comments on Sunday that the U.S. was targeting Iran’s “actual decision-makers” rather than its network of proxy allies. Trump has repeatedly contended that he is not seeking “regime change” in Iran, as has been pushed by some of his more hawkish advisers.

Still, Trump’s strike against Soleimani, a revered figure in Iran whose death sparked large displays of anger and grief, was a risky decision his Republican and Democratic predecessors opted not to take out of concern it would draw the U.S. and Iran closer to conflict.

U.S. officials are also aware that Iran could try to strike a high-level American leader in a “tit-for-tat” move, potentially a military commander.

One official said some Iranian ships have spread out, and while the intent isn’t immediately clear, they could move rapidly to attack.

The U.S. military has increased protection of its forces, particularly in Iraq. Officials said a number of the recently deployed soldiers from the 1st Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division had moved into Iraq from Kuwait in order to increase security for Americans there. The U.S. military has stopped all training of Iraqi forces to focus on force protection, officials said.

As of Monday, officials said, there had not been a broadly distributed order or recommendation to increase security at military installations worldwide. Instead, decisions were being left up to the commanders.

The U.S. military’s concern about its vulnerability to Iranian attack in the Persian Gulf region

has been at a heightened state since about May, when the administration reported it was getting intelligence indications that Iran was planning attacks on U.S. interests in Iraq and elsewhere in the region. The Pentagon sent additional forces to the Gulf at that point, and in July it worked out an arrangement with the government of Saudi Arabia to send U.S. forces to a large base deep in the Saudi desert, in less obvious range of Iranian missiles.

The main hub for American military air operations throughout the Middle East is located at al-Udeid air base in Qatar – within easy range of Iranian missiles. American forces also are stationed in the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait. The Navy’s 5th Fleet, which operates throughout the region, is based at Bahrain.

Meanwhile on Capitol Hil in the U.S., Democrats prepared largely symbolic resolutions under the War Powers Act to limit the president’s military actions regarding Iran. In a letter to

House Democrats, Speaker Nancy Pelosi called the airstrike on Soleimani “provocative and disproportionate” and said it had “endangered our servicemembers, diplomats and others by risking a serious escalation of tensions with Iran.”

Congress, which has the sole power to declare war, has complained that Trump did not provide advance notice of his airstrike in Baghdad. Trump did meet the 48-hour deadline required by the War Powers Act to notify Congress after the deadly drone strike. The document was classified, and no public version was released.

Senators will receive a briefing Wednesday on the situation, according to a person familiar with the meeting. Pompeo, Esper, CIA Director Gina Haspel and Army Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, are expected to speak. The House is also expected to be briefed this week.

LaDell Andersen: A look into a legendary career

By Joseph Crook
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Former Utah State Aggie coaching legend and athletic director LaDell Andersen passed away on Monday, Dec. 29 in Saint George at the age of 90. Andersen made great contributions to both collegiate and professional basketball throughout the state of Utah in his career. He lettered for the Aggies Basketball team as a walk-on from the years 1949 to 1952, after which he would serve as an assistant coach for the University of Utah, head coach for both Utah State and Brigham Young University, as well as for the short-lived Utah Stars of the American Basketball Association. He also served as Utah State's athletic director and as a scout and consultant for the Utah Jazz. Of all the teams he contributed to, Andersen spent the most time with Utah State.

Four years after LaDell Andersen ended his playing career, he found another way to be involved with the sport he loved, coaching. In 1956, Andersen was hired as an assistant at the University of Utah under head coach Jack Gardner, and he would stay with the program until 1961. In his time at Utah, the team had a record of 109-33.

His work as an assistant impressed Utah State, and so, when the Aggies and former head coach Cecil Baker parted ways, it brought in Andersen as the new head coach for the 1961-62 season. The season prior to Andersen being hired, the Aggies had a losing record of 12-14; however, in his first season as head coach, Andersen turned the team around, and the Aggies posted a record of 22-7, going 12-2 in the Mountain States Athletic Conference. The team also made the postseason tournament for the first time since the 1938-39 season, where the Aggies reached the regional final. Utah State would see similar success throughout Ander-

sen's tenure; in his ten seasons with the Aggies, he had just one losing record and the team finished with an overall record of 173-96.

After the 1970-71 season, coach Andersen had caught the eye of professional basketball, and he was hired as the Utah Stars' new head coach when the team moved to Utah. While the financial situation of the Stars was tenuous, Andersen was still able to put together two solid seasons. The team posted a record of 115-53 and won the Western Division in two consecutive seasons. Despite the success, Andersen did not return to the team after his second season and would return to Utah State as the school's athletic director in 1973.

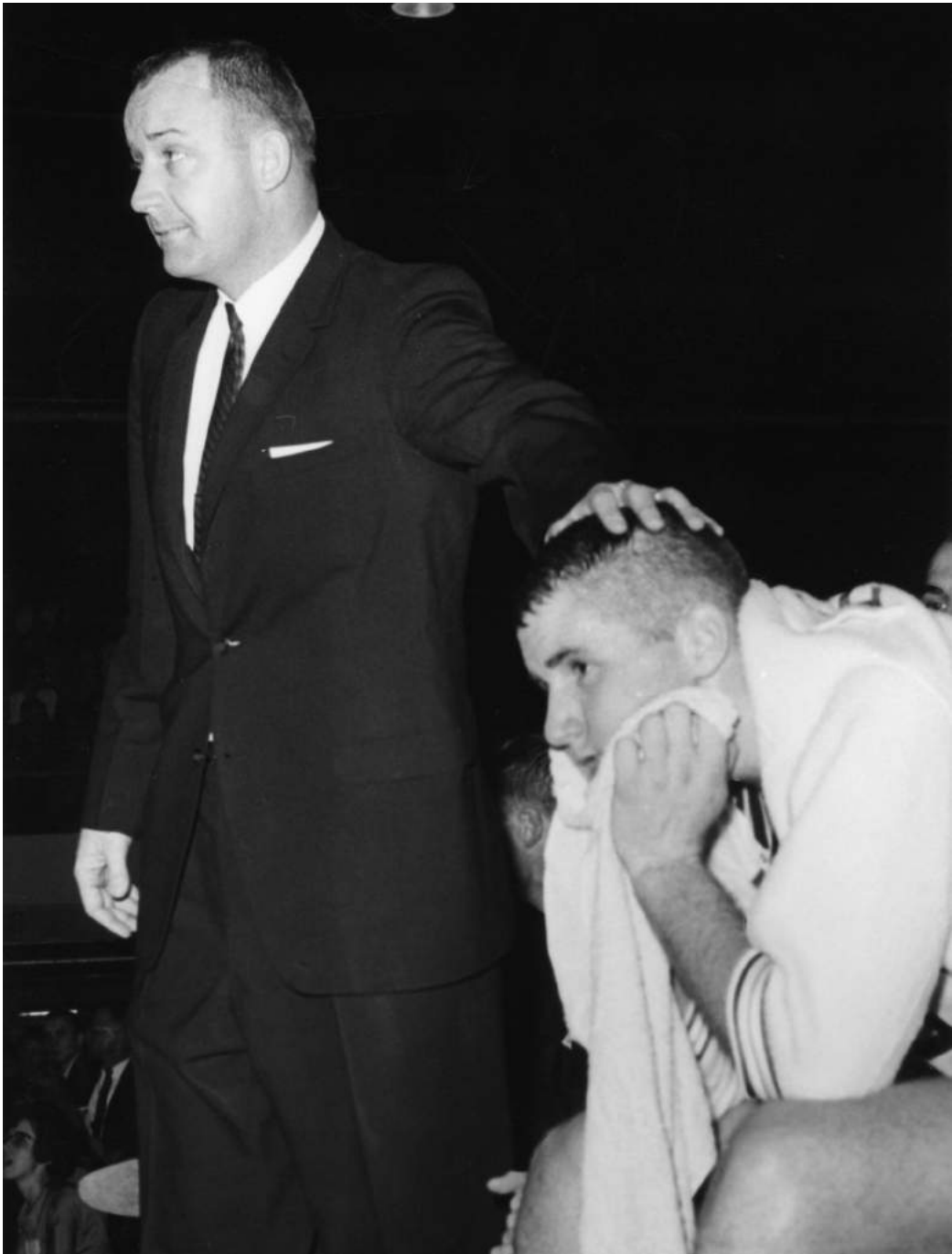
In his time as athletic director, Andersen pushed for the Aggies to enter into a new conference, the Pacific Coast Athletic Association; the move allowed the Aggies to face a higher level of competition and raised the profile of the school in the nation's eyes. He also oversaw two national championships for the school in both volleyball and softball.

Andersen then felt drawn back to coaching and was hired by the Brigham Young University Cougars for the 1983-84 season. He would enjoy a great amount of success in his six seasons in Provo, winning a Western Athletic Conference championship.

He retired from coaching in 1989 and was hired by the Utah Jazz as both a consultant and scout.

LaDell Andersen's storied career took him all over the state of Utah, and his hard work and dedication were rewarded in 2019 with a spot in the Utah Sports Hall of Fame. He will undoubtedly be remembered as a great coach and a great man.

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LaDell Andersen spent the majority of his career working for Utah State Athletics in multiple capacities, including 10 years spent as head coach between 1961-1971.

Back-to-back: Aggie men lose to No. 13 Aztecs

By Jason Walker
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

For the first time in the Craig Smith era, the Utah State men's basketball team has lost back-to-back games following a 77-68 home defeat at the hands of No. 13 San Diego State.

"This one stings, certainly," USU head coach Craig Smith said.

"We didn't play our best," Aggies' senior guard Sam Merrill said. "I thought our energy and mindset was much better from what happened on Wednesday, but we still didn't play our best."

Shooting woes reared their ugly head for seemingly the umpteenth time. The most detrimental shooting stretch on Saturday came

smack dab in the middle of the first half. After freshman guard Sean Bairstow hit a 3-point shot to tie the game 11-11 at the 12:16 mark, it would be another 5:21 before another Aggie made a field goal. By the time sophomore guard Brock Miller mercifully ended the 0 for 7 cold spell, the Aztecs had gone up 21-12. After that run, Utah State never closed the gap closer than five points.

"We just couldn't score," Smith said. "The better teams that you play, you just can't afford to go in those kind of ruts."

Late in the game, USU did make a heroic surge in the form of a 12-3 run which started with 12:51 left in the game. The Aztecs had built up to their largest lead of the game, 16, but

the Utah State put forward its best response of the game. Senior guard Diogo Brito and Merrill drained back-to-back triples and Merrill added two more free throws for an 8-0 run. Queta capped the run with an emphatic two-handed dunk, drawing a timeout from SDSU.

Had Utah State held on to that momentum, the game could have been different. Unfortunately, the Aztecs came out of the time out and immediately went on a 7-1 run to retake a 13-point double-digit lead. USU went on another run, this time 6-0, but to no avail. The thirteenth-best team in the country simply wouldn't be stopped.

"We played good, San Diego State just played better," USU sophomore center Neemias Que-

ta said. "Hats off to them. They hit big shots whenever they needed to."

On the night, Utah State shot 42.6 percent and just 26.1 from deep. Merrill, often a paragon of efficiency, had a second off night in a row. The reigning MW Player of the Year only made 8 of his 21 attempts and was 3 for 12 on triples. Though throughout all that he was the Aggies' leading scorer with 26 points.

Poor percentages on the box score have been wearing on Smith and sticking in the minds of his players.

"We've been inconsistent, there's no doubt," Smith said.

Since the start of the new year, Utah State's shooting percentages are more akin to bricklayers than a team which began the year in the AP Top 25. In two games, both Mountain West contests, the Aggies have made 40 of 106 (37.7) field goal attempts. Their 3-pointers, of which they are 8 of 42 in the same span, have produced more iron than a smelting plant.

To put it frankly, it's a trend that's getting old. "Trust me, I wish I had an answer (to the shooting problems)," Smith said. "I've been trying to figure that out for three months."

Time and time again though, several of the athletes have expressed optimism in the face of detrimental shooting droughts. Queta, who personally went 5 of 8 on Saturday for 15 points, became the latest.

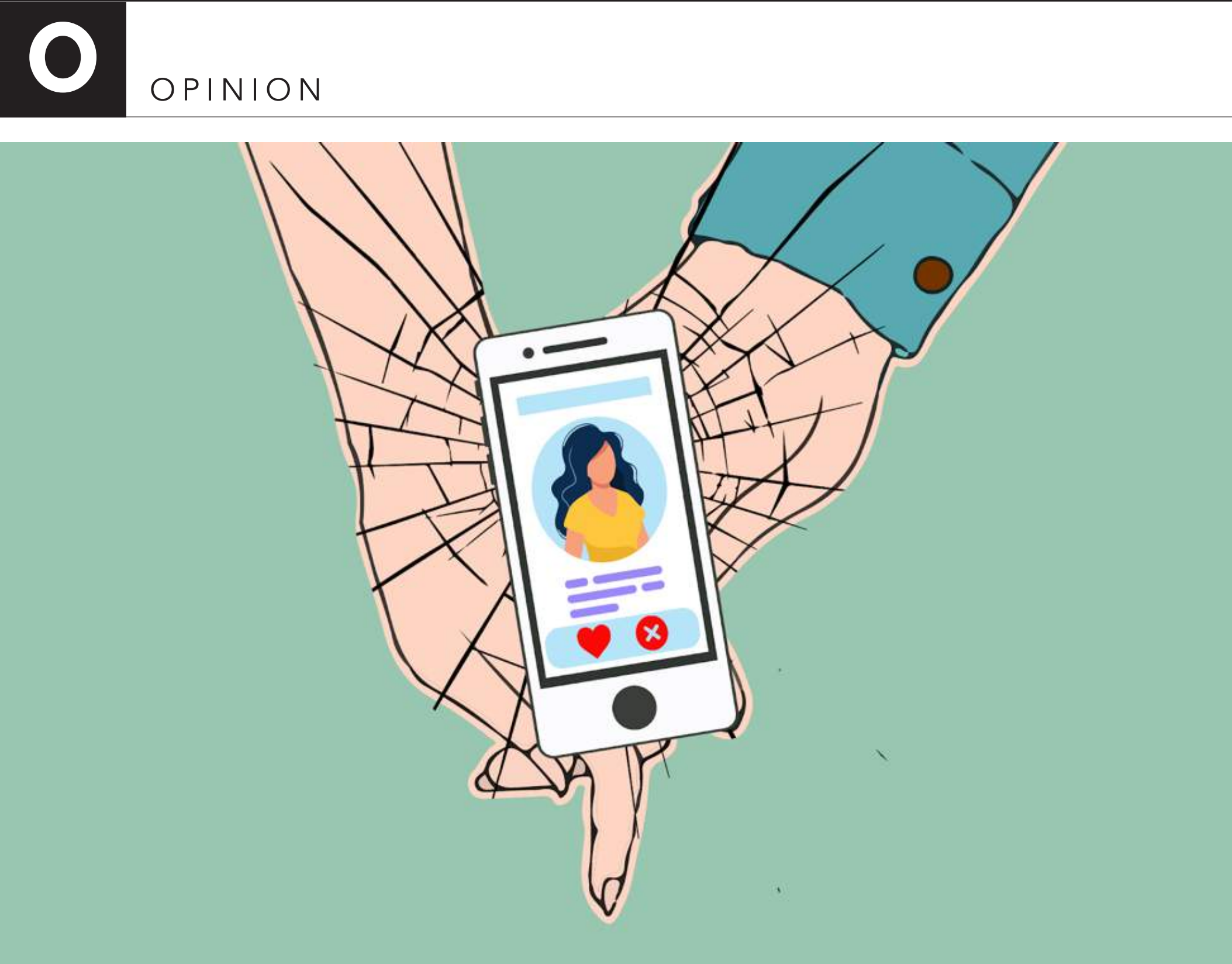
"I think we're doing all the right things," Queta said. "We're just not hitting shots. That's the problem. We'll snap out of it really quick."

Utah State will have the chance to prove Queta's optimism right on Tuesday. They'll face Air Force in Colorado Springs; Smith said that game will show what the Aggies are made of.

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Utah State head coach Craig Smith gestures toward his team during its game with San Diego State on Saturday, Jan. 4. The Aggies lost to the Aztecs, the highest ranked team in the Mountain West, making it the first home loss for the program since Jan. 9, 2019 against Fresno State.



GRAPHIC BY Makalee Richardson

Hookup culture and its sociological consequences

By Kristian Fors
OPINION COLUMNIST

Hookup culture has become more and more common in modern culture, and is especially prevalent in American colleges. Many individuals have little interest in real long-term, committed relationships and are interested primarily in short-term sexual encounters. Due to cultural and religious reasons, hookup culture is not as prevalent in Utah as in other states. Undoubtedly, some students at Utah State University are involved although exact numbers are not available. Hookup culture may seem harmless, but it disregards sociological practices that are necessary for a healthy society while harming the individuals who participate in it. When monoamory, or relationships between only two people, is encouraged and “enforced” by the societal norms of a group, there is one partner for every member of a population. The old

adage that “there’s someone out there for everyone” holds true statistically. This is not the case when monoamory deteriorates. The pareto distribution, also known as the 80-20 rule, is a “power-law probability distribution” that demonstrates how 20% of people in an economy typically accumulate 80% of the overall income. This 80-20 rule occurs across numerous domains and is widely speculated to exist in the sexual selection domain as well, as demonstrated by Tinder studies. In a completely sexually liberated society, 20% of men would hypothetically get 80% of female attention. While not that extreme, hookup culture creates a similar climate where a small portion of men get a lot of female attention, leaving a significant portion of men that receive no attention. In a culture where commitment is not the expectation, incentives to commit are weak. Why would someone in the top 20% of men commit,

given that they have numerous options? In that situation, if someone is acting in their own self interest and acting rationally, his commitment would be a form of self limitation, and the rational thing to do would be to engage in continuous casual sex. This creates a subculture of resentful men who are unable to find partners, referred to in online discourse as incels, or involuntary celibates. The consequences of these incels can often be catastrophic. A prime motivator of many school shooters, including the University of California Santa Barbara shooter in 2014, is that they feel sexually disenfranchised. That particular shooter wrote a 141 page manifesto to convey his motivations, and his primary grievance was rejection from women. While obviously not every disenfranchised male ends up turning to this type of behavior, this example serves as an illustration of the extreme end of this type of resentment.

Robert Guest, in an article for the Economist titled “Big love and big war: exploring the link between polygamy and violence” notes how polygamous societies are among the most violent on earth. He goes on to discuss that men in polygamous cultures who end up with no wives usually end up being “frustrated and humiliated... (and) often take desperate measures to become rich or powerful enough to reproduce. Such as taking up arms and looting the village next door.” When some men feel deprived of their life’s purpose, they may resort to drastic action in order to restore their sense of self-worth. Not only is hookup culture detrimental on a societal level, but it can harm individuals as well. A study titled “Histone deacetylase inhibitors facilitate partner preference formation in female prairie voles” examines the neurochemicals involved when prairie voles “fall in love” and

pairbond. The study is speculated by many, including prominent neuroscience professor Tiffany Love from the University of Michigan, to be applicable to humans. In the study, female love could be measured by the amount of oxytocin produced. Oxytocin is known as the trust or love hormone, an essential neurochemical for social bonding and establishing amorous relationships. For males, love was measured by the amount of vasopressin produced. Vasopressin is a molecule very similar to oxytocin and effectively serves the same function for males that oxytocin does for females. For females, oxytocin would peak at orgasm. For males, vasopressin would decrease after orgasm, and would only increase after monogamous commitment had been established. It follows that females indicate amorous interest through their willingness to engage in sexual activity, while men show love by their willingness to engage

in monogamy. With regards to hookups, if this study is applicable to humans as speculated, the females who participate in hookups are potentially far more emotionally invested than the males who participate. This type of unbalanced interaction is unhealthy and leads to individuals getting hurt unnecessarily. While the idea of sex without commitment may seem fun and alluring, the consequences of such behavior are harmful to both individuals and society, and individuals should think twice about the implications of such behavior. Hookup culture has real psychological consequences and undermines the very mechanisms necessary for a peaceful and stable society.

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Letter to the editor: Resources for reporting sexual misconduct

By Hilary Renshaw
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At USU, we care about your safety. As you return to campus after the break and start the spring semester, I want to make sure you have the information you need in case you or a friend experience sexual misconduct. USU does not tolerate sexual misconduct in any form, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, gender-based discrimination, stalking, and domestic or dating violence.

You have several resources to turn to at USU if you experience this kind of behavior, including confidential resources both on and off campus, as well as reporting options through USU Police, the Office of Equity, or local law enforcement (if the incident occurred off campus). In the Office of Equity, we know that individuals may feel vulnerable if they decide to meet with us about sexual misconduct. We work as a team to create a process that empowers those who report sexual mis-

conduct to understand their options and receive the help they need to continue their education while navigating the Title IX process. When a student first reports sexual misconduct to the university, we meet with them to talk about the Title IX investigation process, disciplinary procedures, possible supportive measures that may help them in regards to academics and safety, how to access both on- and off-campus resources, and how to file a report with

police. While some students may choose to pursue a formal investigation, others may only want supportive measures (assistance with academic accommodations, a no-contact order, help preserving eligibility for financial aid, etc.) to continue their education. We respect that every individual’s journey is their own and provide appropriate supportive measures to those who come to us, regardless of the path they choose, as long as our risk

assessment does not reveal a larger threat to campus safety. You can learn more about your options and the resources available to you at sexualassault.usu.edu or you can report sexual misconduct online at equity.usu.edu. Ultimately, our goal is to create a learning and living environment in which all community members feel respected, and those who experience sexual misconduct are supported by their Aggie family. Every person in our campus commu-

nity can help us achieve that goal by being an Upstander: calling out behavior and comments that are harassing or sexist, intervening when there is potential harm to another, and referring those who experience sexual misconduct to resources so they can heal and succeed at USU. Hilary Renshaw, Title IX Coordinator
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learned it from us,” Irish said. The operation has grown over the years, but its goals remain the same: to make famous ice cream and to provide a research facility for the students and faculty of USU. The creamery operates within the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, or CAAS, and works with the college to provide deeper learning to its students.

“The creamery provides our students with invaluable opportunities for hands-on experience in dairy processing that gives them a significant advantage over other students when competing for jobs following graduation,” Ken White, dean of CAAS, said in an email. Among the creamery’s 23 regular flavors, Aggie Blue Mint is the customer favorite. “It is by far the most popular flavor. It is 20% of everything we make,” Irish said. Other popular flavors include Cookie Dough, Cookies and Cream, Vanilla, True Aggie Night, Salted Caramel, and Aggie Bull Tracks. Flavors like Peppermint Bark, Centennial, and Aggie Birthday Cake are

also rotated through the selection as the seasons change. With the parlor recently renovated, students continue to serve Aggie Ice Cream to crowds of people every year. Sidney Downs, a history major, has been working at the creamery since April. Her favorite flavors are Salted Caramel or Pumpkin Spice. She didn’t think she’d end up scooping ice cream for work, but she needed another job and found it through Aggie Handshake. “I love working here. I love our waffle cones. They’re so good, and obviously, the ice cream is delicious,” she said. For many Aggies, ice cream has become a family tradition. Aubrynn Sloat, a senior majoring in history, has been visiting the creamery since she was a child. “I would go on dates with my dad and we would always get chocolate chip cookie dough milkshakes, so that’s always been my favorite flavor,” Sloat said. While Aggie Ice Cream can be found at retail locations as far away as Payson, Utah; Park City, Utah; or Island Park, Idaho, the creamery also

ships online orders around the world. According to Irish, they recently sent a shipment of ice cream over 5,000 miles away to Switzerland. **How It’s Made** All of the milk used to create Aggie Ice Cream comes from the Caine Dairy Teaching and Research Center in Wellsville, Utah, in the south end of Cache Valley. As one of the leading dairy research centers in the country, the farm hosts a herd of 120 cattle for students and faculty to use for research. According to Irish, each cow creates about 8 gallons of milk per day, so the Caine Dairy produces roughly 900-950 gallons of milk every day. Because of the close relationship between the creamery and the dairy, the creamery can make requests for how much milk they need every week, and the milk is delivered via truck. The milk is then transferred to a holding tank inside the creamery, where it waits until workers need it for things like ice cream, cheese or chocolate milk. When the time comes to make ice cream, the milk passes through a network of



The Aggie Creamery carries 23 regular flavors, as well as some seasonal ones.

metal pipes to a processing tank. In this tank, milk, sugar, cream and other ingredients are combined to create an ice cream mix. The concoction is then sent through another maze of pipes to be homogenized, pasteurized and aged. After the aging process is complete, the magic happens: flavors like vanilla or cheesecake are added to the mix. As the ice cream begins to freeze, workers add inclusions like nuts or cookie dough bits. Because ice cream doesn’t freeze until it’s under 23 degrees Fahrenheit, it’s kept in a freezer that stays around 17 degrees below zero, which Irish compared to a Logan winter. When it’s almost time for the ice cream to be served,

it’s moved into another freezer that is around 5 degrees Fahrenheit, which, according to Irish, is the perfect serving temperature for ice cream. The dairy and creamery also produce and distribute the milk available at on-campus dining locations like The Junction and The Marketplace. Another product the Aggie Creamery makes is cheese. While the 5,000-6,000 pounds of cheese produced every year pales when compared to the amount of ice cream produced, having the equipment to make cheese allows professors, students and companies to perform research with cheese and make test batches. **What’s in the Future** 2021 will be the centennial year for Aggie Ice Cream. Irish is working with the uni-

versity to host a celebration of 100 years of ice cream in Utah. Irish hopes to include companies like Casper’s Ice Cream for the event to show the reach of Wilster’s dream of making famous ice cream and teaching others to do it. Irish also plans to revive some flavors from the past for the centennial. “We’ll do some older ones like Rum Raisin and Cherry Vanilla, which was popular in the ’50s and ’60s,” Irish said. With its long history, Aggie Ice Cream continues to be an essential part of the USU experience, serving students, researchers and happy customers along the way.

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drafted it, to the President’s call to formulate such a plan,” he said. “To me, it means there are a significant number of people here at USU who take this very seriously so much so, as to commit significant time and energy above and beyond their jobs. That said, it is just a plan. It is reasonably ambitious, but still not commensurate with the scale of the risks we’re facing. So it’s a step. A good, important step. But there will need to be others.” Davies said he was not sure what the future holds regarding

the plan. “Often, politicians and administrators will ask for study and plans and then endlessly debate them as a means to delay taking genuine actions they know may be difficult, or difficult to sell,” he said. “I sincerely hope this has not been a delaying tactic on the part of our administrators. We will soon find out. If USU leadership choose to move forward swiftly and aggressively, this plan could mean a great deal to the university and the state. As one of Utah’s premier public institutions, and the state’s Land Grant University, I think implementing this plan immediately could be an enormously influential move.”

“One of the great problems we have right now is USU’s students are confused,” he continued. “Many sense that climate change is an enormous problem; however, they do not yet see their professors and their university behaving like it. Implementing this plan could go a long way to changing that.” Davies said the feedback he is hoping for from students and faculty will be “enthusiastic support and swift implementation.”

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10 things to know about Title IX

- 1 Utah State University **DOES NOT TOLERATE SEXUAL MISCONDUCT.** USU’s Title IX Coordinator responds to sexual misconduct – sexual harassment, dating or domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, or gender discrimination – allegations and ensures compliance with federal Title IX regulations.
- 2 If you **WISH TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY** or request that no investigation into a particular incident be conducted or disciplinary action taken, the Title IX Coordinator will evaluate that request in the context of the university’s responsibility to provide a safe, non-discriminatory environment. Learn more about confidential resources at sexualassault.usu.edu.
- 3 The Title IX office is **NOT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.** If you wish to pursue a criminal justice case, you should report the crime to the police department. USU has a limited ability to protect students off campus.
- 4 You are encouraged to **REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** after an incident in order to ensure preservation of evidence and to access supportive measures.
- 5 USU **PROHIBITS RETALIATION** in response to a sexual misconduct report or participation in an investigation. Retaliation could include intimidation or harassment.
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- 10 If you report sexual misconduct, you are encouraged to work with a **VICTIM ADVOCATE.** An advocate can help you navigate your reporting options and provide support through both a Title IX investigation or a criminal investigation. They are not required to be impartial like the staff involved in Title IX investigations. Learn more at sexualassault.usu.edu.

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