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Welcome to Aggie Football!

Sept. 7, 2012.

Do you remember where you were?

Sure, a select bulk of you were in the beginning stages of your junior year of high school, fresh off of accruing a driver's license and opposing genders garnering interest in you because they had never realized that, like them, you were totally into Fall Out Boy (or, ya know, whatever was popular in your day. We're old.). A few of you were tied up in ecclesiastic endeavors in what was most likely Brazil, Argentina or Des Moines, Iowa. A small chunk reading this may have been on study abroads, European backpacking excursions or waiting in line to get tickets for the upcoming episode of "The Price is Right" because, as you were once told by a wise socially-sound peer, "only ballers play Plinko."

The rest of us? We were right here. Romney Stadium. What we were doing? Watching the completion of what just may have been the largest turnaround in our institution's sporting history.

It mostly took a blocked punt, a sophomore quarterback with a rocket arm and the most stalwart of hearts, a never-say-die mentality in a hot mess of a fourth quarter, a miracle 23-yard scramble in overtime, a Kerwynn Williams touchdown in which he may still be running across the south endzone as far as we know and, who could forget, a skillful arm of one Will Davis that put away the PAC 12-dwelling University of Utah. This wasn't so much a victory as it was a confirmation that the days of Aggies being pushed around and snuggled into schedules as doormat games to test out new offensive formations was over. Win, lose or draw, Utah State is here to play football and we're here to do it well.

Here's the thing though, that isn't all it took. It would be stupid to considering talking down the monumental efforts of a football squad accomplishing something much bigger than themselves on a cool September night, but if you ask us at the Bangarang it would be equally moronic to forget the other titanic members of the team. The ones in the stands. The ones with voices heard (see what we did there?) from here to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, with a spirit that just may levitate that stadium from its cement foundation, with a sea of blue so synergistic and driven that a cannon ball wouldn't phase them. The ones who believed, from kickoff to field rush, that they would win.

Magical? No other word describes it.

Stand inside Romney Stadium today and the buzz is still there. The buzz of not only doing something you never thought possible, but expecting it could be done. The buzz of deep breaths and in-the-moment kisses and hugging strangers and reaching as far as you can to feel a players jersey because it meant you had in residue on your hand a piece of your proudest at this university, and so much more. It's all there. It never left. All it needs is a pulse. All it needs is a belief. All it needs is more noise.

All it needs is you.

So perhaps you don't remember where you were on Sept. 7, 2012. But in 2014, believe us, you'll never forget where you were Sept. 6, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 11, Nov. 21, and even Dec. 6 because you know as much as we do the Mountain West title is coming to Cache Valley.

Because our history is still happening.

Welcome, our friends and comrades, to Aggie Football.

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Gameday Activities:

***NEW* Merlin's Mass:** This is the kickoff to all things Gameday. Happening before tailgating and the Stampede. Every week we have a home game we will be meeting as a "mass" of people at the Merlin Olsen statue on the south side of Romney Stadium. What to expect? Speeches, cheers and a few songs as well, including one celebrating the wizard of the gridiron himself. Check our Twitter and Facebook for meeting times.

Stampede: This is for all of you close to campus. Whether you live on campus or not, this is a blast. Starting at the LLC by the TSC and ending up coming down the hill from Aggie Village into the stadium concourse! There will be poster making, face painting and more!

Tailgating: This is a given. You should be tailgating every week. Get some friends, family, heck invite that cutie from across the hall to come join you for some grilled deliciousness. We don't care what food you make, just make it in a parking spot. Tailgating should be HUGE because you don't have to wait in line on Gameday anymore to get a good seat. Our food suggestions: bratwursts, pulled pork, ribs, chicken, steak, burgers, chips, drinks and maybe a little potato salad and baked beans. Chili is a must for the games later in the year.

***NEW* Light the "A" Blue:** One of the long-standing traditions at USU is lighting the "A" atop Old Main a gorgeous blue after an Aggie victory. We're taking it one step further starting this year. After we win there will be a short ceremony on the field or court where an individual or team will push a button to light the "A" blue. A live feed of Old Main will be streamed onto the jumbotron so we all can watch it!

Quick Hits: Because you deserve it.

- Nintendo recently approached our very own linebackers Zach and Nick in an effort to create a video game starring these two. Move over Shaq-Fu, the Super Vigil Bros. game is about to become the next greatest non-sports game to feature, well, sports people.

- Kennedy "Magnitude" Williams is due for a few kick return touchdowns this year. The 'Community' star will be getting touches for the rest of the season, and we don't think anything can make it better than a good "Pop Pop" from all you Human Beings out there.

- You may not be entirely familiar with junior linebacker LT Filiaga just yet, but trust us when we say you'll see a lot of him this year. And what's more you'll get to hear all about his incredible military ranking of a name. Every time he lays out a big time tackle, join us in giving him the ceremonial "Lieutenant Filiaga Salute." It's just a basic salute, a la every John Cena entrance ever, but it'll still be fantastically awesome if you join us.

- Another big hitter on your radar is junior nose guard Travis Seefeldt. A phenomenal defenseman who just so happens to be, well, the largest human being in known existence (stand back, Andre the Giant) and his soul-crushing hits make it known. Whenever he lays a man out join us in repeatedly quipping "YOU FELDT THAT!" until you're positive said offensive player's recurring Seefeldt nightmares will never reach an end.

- For you Matilda fans out there, JoJo Natson's real name is Bruce. Just remember that if he's back for punt returns. ...Or if anyone brings a giant chocolate cake onto the field and it needs to be eaten before anyone can go home.

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SIMPLY BECAUSE WE HAVE MORE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU.

HOW TO BE A GREAT FOOTBALL FAN:

Cheering at MOFARS (Merlin Olsen Field At Romney Stadium)

Cheering is the core of what we do as crowds here at USU. "The louder the better" we like to say. That being said, there are a couple things that every Utah State fan needs to know about cheering in Romney Stadium. Things work a little different here than in the Spectrum and we're here to walk you through all you need to know!

U) While the Spectrum is great for up and close heckling, this is a little harder to do at Romney, especially for a student section on the home bench. (Exception: If you happen to be one of our loyal Aggies in the chairbacks behind the opposing bench, feel free to make enemies on that team early and often!) You're not going to see as many coordinated chants, simply because the size and space is harder to work in.

S) Loud on Defense, Quiet on Offense: The biggest tool we have is volume, and it's a killer. Being loud at the right times can wreck havoc on an opposing team. But we have to be smart about it. The time to yell is when the other team is on offense. That is when they have to communicate, make changes to calls, etc, and we need to stop that from happening. So anytime you see the visitors with the ball, yell yourself hoarse. On the other side, we gotta give our boys every chance to succeed out there. So when our team has the ball, you cut your noise till post snap. When good things happen, get loud and cheer our guys on! Just be ready to quiet down again so they can get the next play called and ran.

U) 3rd Downs: Now, we know that you've already been yelling as loud as you can on defense, but just in case you've been holding out on us, 3rd down on defense is essential. It is usually when we get the ball back which means we all get another chance to watch Chuckie do things. And we know we speak for everyone when we say we ALL love seeing Chuckie do stuff. Look, there's been a lot of controversy over the years about what to do on 3rd down: holding 3 fingers up, clapping, whatever. As of this year, "it don't matter no more." Just make noise. You wanna hold your fingers up? Yell while you're doing it. You wanna clap and scream. Do that. You wanna clap three fingers against each other over your head? Yup. That too. 3rd down chaos should be our mantra.

SPECIFIC CHANTS

NOW, WHILE THERE AREN'T AS MANY ORGANIZED CHANTS, THERE ARE A FEW BATTLE CRIES YOU'RE GOING TO WANT TO KNOW:

I Believe That We Will Win: WE DON'T CARE IF TEAM USA MADE IT MAINSTREAM, WE MADE IT AWESOME AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO STOP. DOING THIS CHEER CAN BE A HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR COLLEGE CAREER, SO MAKE THE MOST OF IT. THE TEAMS LOVE IT, THE FANS LOVE IT, WE LOVE IT. WE NEVER WANT TO LOOK BACK AND SAY "EH, WE WERE INTO 'I BELIEVE' BEFORE IT WAS COOL BUT NOW THAT EVERYONE LIKES IT, WHATEVER." WATCH THE FRONT OF THE STUDENT SECTION FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

You Will Miss It: LISTEN, YOU KNOW IT AS MUCH AS WE DO. "BLOCK THAT KICK" IS AMONG THE LAMEST CHANTS IN ALL SPORTS. ALL ANYTHING REALLY. WE'D PUT 'GREGORIAN' ABOVE IT ON THE HYPE SCALE. FOR OUR OWN SPICED UP, SEXY, FANCY VERSION, START CHANTING "YOU WILL MISS IT" ON FIELD GOALS AND EXTRA POINTS WITH THE REST OF THE CROWD.

Winning Team-Losing team: WITH AN AGGIE VICTORY, GET READY FOR A PARTY OF "YOU LOST AND WE'RE GOING TO POINT IT OUT A LOT!" ONCE AGAIN, WATCH THE FRONT ROW OF THE HURD. YOUR JOB IS TO ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS. MOST IMPORTANT PART IS THE END, WHERE YOU'LL POINT OUT THE WINNING TEAM (USU) AND THE LOSING TEAM (NOT US) OVER AND OVER. IF YOU'VE NEVER DONE IT, YOU'LL CATCH ON QUICK. KEEP YELLING THIS UNTIL IT SEEMS NO ONE ELSE IS, AND THEN LET THE CHEER GO LIKE A WINGED AGGIE BULL FLYING TO FREEDOM AND GLORY.

SHIPPING UP TO LOGAN!

HERE IS THE DEAL, WE HAVE A SONG THAT AS AGGIE FANS, SENDS CHILLS DOWN OUR SPINES. "SHIPPING UP TO BOSTON" BY DROPKICK MURPHYS REALLY PULLS TOGETHER EVERY EMOTION THAT WE EXPERIENCE THROUGHOUT A FOOTBALL SEASON. WE'VE CHANGED THE LYRICS A BIT TO FIT UTAH STATE SO LET'S SING IT LOUD AND PROUD WHEN IT IS PLAYED OVER THE LOUDSPEAKERS!

I'M AN AGGIE TRUE
AND I LOVE MY BLUE!
SHOUT IT FROM THE MOUNTAINS,
"I LOVE MY BLUE!"

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WARNING: DO NOT THROW THIS PAPER ON THE FIELD FOR ANY REASON IN ANY FORM. Don't be that guy/girl who messes up a good thing for everyone else. We want to be back in Romney Stadium with this newsletter. In order to make that possible, we need you to keep this in the stands. If you see anyone make a paper airplane out of this and throw it toward the field. Immediately dropkick that person in the chest and chant "Stupid! Stupid! Stupid!" at them. Not really... but you get the idea.

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You: Thank every single one of you who has taken the time to read this to become a better fan. We're glad to have you in the #AggieFamily. Thanks and Go Aggies!