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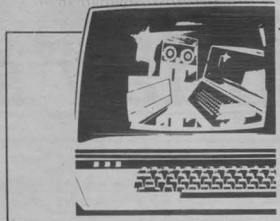


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Micro-computers seem to be cutting into the business and profits of the USU computer center

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Chips Ahoy!



USU manure spreaders just miss hitting the fans

Ag Week at USU ended Friday with a cow chip throwing contest sponsored by Alpha Gamma Rho, the agricultural fraternity. On the left, Doyle Matthews, dean of the College of Agriculture, heaves a chunk of... well, fertilizer on a section of the quad.

As in all sports, the winners were awarded trophies, shown above.

In the category of deans, Doyle Matthews won the event with a combined total (two throws) of 162 feet. Dwight Israelsen, from the economic department, won in the professor category, with a combined total of 241 feet. The overall winner, Jim Haim, tossed a chunk of fertilizer 132 feet on a single throw. President Stanford Cazier picked up a special award for the best style.

Jeff Allred photos

Monday's World

Kidnappers demand ransom for lives of two Americans

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — The Tamil separatists who kidnapped an American couple said Sunday that the two were still safe, but that they were CIA spies who would be killed Monday unless a \$2 million ransom was paid and 20 prisoners were released.

Sri Lanka's security minister, Alith Athulathmudali, told a news conference that the nation's army, navy and air force had intensified the search for Stanley and Mary Allen, who were abducted from their home in the northern city of Jaffna on Friday.

The American Embassy in Colombo said a State Department specialist on hostage situations was coming to Sri Lanka, but it did not give any details. In an apparent misunderstanding of the plan, Athulathmudali reported earlier that a U.S. government anti-terrorist squad was coming to Sri Lanka to help hunt down the kidnappers.

The kidnappers said that if their demands were not met, the couple would be killed — Allen at noon Monday, 2:30 EST, and his wife six hours later.

President Junius Jaywardene was quoted Sunday as telling the *Indian Express* newspaper that his nation would not pay any ransom. The United States also said it would not pay.

Indian officials said their forces were patrolling coastal waters to ensure that the abductors had not gotten away from Sri Lanka by boat.

The parents of the captives, and two of the imprisoned Tamils on the kidnapper's release list, pleaded for the couple's safety.

"Please release the hostages immediately, unharmed and unhurt," said a man identified as Father Singarayer, an imprisoned Roman Catholic priest, in a broadcast over the state radio.

A woman identified as a university lecturer's

wife, Mrs. Nirmala Nipphananban, said she did not want to be released if innocent people were victimized.

The radio also broadcast an appeal from the parents. "We and our children have no quarrel with you," said the parents, whose names were not given. "We only want our son and daughter to be safe. Please let them go."

An obscure Marxist group called the Eelam People's Revolutionary Army claimed to have had captured the Allens, who were employed by the Ruhlin Co. of Columbus, Ohio, on a U.S.-sponsored water project in Sri Lanka's Tamil heartland.

The kidnappers demanded that \$2 million in gold be relayed to them by way of the southern India state government of Tamil Nadu and that 20 suspected Tamil terrorists and sympathizers be released from Tamil prisons.

Soviet scientist says defense program is dangerous

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's decision to launch a \$28 billion "Star Wars" space defense program is extremely dangerous and poses "a problem of life and death" for the American and Soviet people, says a leading Soviet scientist.

Recalling the "terrible period" between 1945 and 1949 when the United States had a nuclear monopoly, and the losses suffered during the Nazis' surprise attack in June 1941, academician E.F. Velikkov

said the Soviets are determined to match the United States if it goes ahead with the program.

"How do we solve this problem, which is very difficult?" he asked late last week in an interview. "With more and more money, with more and more scientists, more and more work."

But Velikkov, vice president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, quickly added: "We do not wish to increase tensions." He said the two

governments should come to an agreement before incurring enormous expense and risk.

Authorized by Reagan last year, the long-term research program would explore the use of futuristic technology to destroy Soviet nuclear missiles before they reach their targets.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said last month that the Soviets have been working on such a system since 1967 and that it is vital

the United States undertake the effort. "If they should get it first, it would be a dangerous world," he said.

Velikkov emphasized that no anti-missile "shield" can be complete.

He said the Soviets could build hundreds of cheap, non-nuclear ballistic missiles and send them aloft to confuse U.S. defenses. "The system is extremely vulnerable," he said. "It is very simple to destroy the system and it is very simple to fool the system."

Briefly

BYU committee may set policy

PROVO (AP) — Spurred by a campus ban on imitations of pop singer Boy George, Brigham Young University President Jeffrey Holland is considering creation of a committee to set policy on what the university considers objectionable, a spokesman said.

Paul Richards, director of public communications, said such a policy is needed to explain what is and isn't considered appropriate at Brigham Young, owned and operated by the Mormon Church.

Richards said Holland likely will say next week whether to form the committee.

After a Boy George imitator was banned from performing on campus last April, records by George and his band, "Culture Club," were banned for the on-campus University Bookstore.

"The music of Boy George is melodic and good," Richards said. "In this case, it is the lifestyle of the singer that is in question."

"Two many people see what is done at BYU as a standard of the Mormon church," Richards said.

Accused spy explains actions

WASHINGTON (AP) — An accused spy says he passed military secrets to a Soviet KGB officer in Japan because he was working for the CIA as part of a plan to infiltrate Soviet intelligence, *The Washington Post* reported.

The newspaper said in a story in Sunday editions that Richard Craig Smith, a former Army counterintelligence specialist, says he was instructed by the CIA to pose as an American businessman with terminal cancer. He says he was told to pretend that he would be willing to sell

anything, including military secrets, to help put aside a financial nest egg for his family.

Smith, who is accused of disclosing the identities of six U.S. double agents to a Soviet KGB officer for \$11,000, also told the *Post* that the CIA said it would disavow any of his activities if he was discovered.

Smith, 40, of Bellevue, Wash., handled double agent operations for the Army Intelligence and Security Command during the last seven of his 13 years in the Army.

He does not dispute passing on the information to the KGB agent in Japan, but says it was part of an operation initiated in 1981 and directed by the CIA.

"Some of these double agent operations never existed," Smith told the *Post*. "Some of them did not work, but they had been terminated. There was no damage in disclosing information to the KGB agent."



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Coalition forms to book big-name concerts

By WENDY WEAVER
staff writer

Representatives from four universities met at USU Saturday to discuss a proposed intercollegiate concert coalition.

The coalition would be composed of USU, the University of Utah, Idaho State University and Boise State University. In theory, these schools would agree to support each other when booking concerts and agree to work together to get major concert acts to come to this region.

Essentially the coalition could be used to give more buying power to the four schools according to Steve Thompson, ASUSU spectrum productions vice president.

"Hopefully the coalition will give the universities more power to book major concerts and bring revenue to the schools — revenue that should be going to the schools now but isn't," said Thompson.

"This could give the universities the power to buy and choose concerts they want to play, we hope," he said. "It would allow the schools to be more selective."

The coalition could benefit USU because spinoff dates or concerts that have played somewhere else (i.e.



Steve Thompson, spectrum productions vice president, and a group of students representing four universities meet to discuss how to book better concerts for USU.

Tim Rassmussen photo

University of Utah or Boise State University) would play at USU at a "highly reduced rate," according to Thompson.

This could also come about in the form of a co-promotion with the University of Utah or another college with a bigger more diverse market, he said.

The idea for an intercollegiate agreement has essentially been on the drawing table for two years, the idea originating with

Mike Crittenden, former spectrum productions vice president, then known as entertainment vice president.

All the universities in this area have been taken advantage of in the past by middle agents, Thompson said. "I don't think the best interest of the universities has been in mind before," he said.

This agreement would give the universities more control so they won't be left without a contract. "The intent is to

put the universities in the driver's seat," Thompson said.

At the meeting, the group "agreed to think about the proposal" and will meet again at ISU on June 1-2 to make a final decision. They will then decide on a binding contract and a name, if all the universities agree to the coalition.

The coalition could also require the four schools to agree that all offers and mailgrams go directly to Jim

Baker, a consultant of Consolidated Entertainment Group.

"The four schools," according to a written proposal, "would agree to support each other, in regards to this project, acceptively (sic) engaging Jim Baker to book major concert acts from May 12, 1984 until June 15, 1985."

"What we need is an agreement that an individual school will not put individual bids in on acts," said Crittenden, adding that, "It has to work for the common good."

According to Crittenden, the coalition has to be "a give and take sort of thing."

If the separate universities, according to Crittenden, let their egos enter into a decision about a major concert the agreement will never work. "The most important part is working as a team."

The schools would be required to send a letter of intent to Consolidated Concerts that would state that Baker would handle the major attractions.

The agreement would not, however, limit the schools rights to smaller or local talent.

"This would be a very informal organization at first," Crittenden said.

Computer center low on funding

By RODNEY CHONGWE
staff writer

A below target business increase is causing an evaluation of computer services at USU's computer center, director Martell Gee said last Friday.

The director said the center was expected to start making profits last year from the estimated \$2 million invested in computer software and hardware since 1978. But an unexpected business slack made a timely realization of the forecast profits impossible.

The appraisal could result in a reduction of services. "There will be pains associated with the transition from what we used to be, to what we must become," said Gee.

The "pains" are not self-inflicted, however. The computer center was set-up to provide a

doing some of the work previously handled at the center.

"The micro-computers," Gee said, "do a better job of spread-sheet analysis and word processing, both of which are having an impact on the range of services we can continue to provide at the center."

Gee also said the financial buoyancy of the center has been affected by overhead expenses, too. He cited a 30 percent increase in paper costs, coupled with the small Logan market as contributing to a sluggish business.

Faced with these problems, the center was recently forced to double some of its service rates, depending on the time of day and day of the week. "We hope that money generated from these increases will enable payments on the IBM computer. And if usage increased, prices would drop," Gee said.

The current business slack does not spell an end to the computer center, however. Associate center director Karl Fugal said micro-computers cannot handle tape drives, long print-outs, plotters and electronic mail — all of which will continue to be provided at the center.

In fact, a recent computer gift presented to USU by IBM has helped boost not only the university's competitiveness vis-a-vis others, but also the volume of business the center can handle, according to Fugal.

The CAD-CAM (computer-aided design, computer-aided manufacturing) gift is one of 20 IBM presented to various institutions across the nation in its bid to maintain its competitive edge against Japan in the computer industry, Fugal said.

Still, the center's financial health will depend on increases in service use by students, the administration and the various academic departments.

Significantly, the strength of the purchasing power of the administration and the academic departments depends on the sums of money the State Legislature allocates to the USU budget.

'Microcomputers do a better job of spread-sheet analysis and word processing, both of which impact our services.'

wide range of services, including electronic mail, grade information, computer-managed instruction, data processing and spread-sheet analysis.

Now, however, the center provides few or no services in computer-managed instruction and spread-sheet analysis due to budget constraints and technological advances.

According to Gee, budget cutbacks have caused some USU departments to "have less money to buy data processing services with from the center. There has been less of an increase than expected."

Compounding the budget limitations are the micro-computers some departments bought that are

Foundation seeks graduate pledges

This week is pledge week for the USU Heritage Foundation. The foundation is a newly organized group at USU that was organized by the alumni department and is headed by Douglas Thompson, director of alumni relations.

The purpose of the foundation, said Thompson, is to "help Utah State University financially and to help graduating students appreciate the value of their education."

To be a member of the foundation, graduating students are asked to pledge one-half of one percent of their income over the next five years as a heritage gift to the university.

Students giving pledges may specify as to which USU department or organization they want to receive their donation. Any existing college, department, program or scholarship can be designated as the recipient of the pledge.

Currently the foundation has a number of students working for them on a volunteer basis. These students are both graduating seniors and undergraduates, and represent areas such as the Greek Council, ASUSU, and from most the colleges, said Thompson.

The university, said Thompson, is in need of the pledge money due to increasing enrollment and a tightening of government monies. He also said that in-state students are currently paying for about 15 percent of their education. Non-resident students pay about 75 percent. The other amount is provided for by the government, through grants, and by gifts similar to those to be offered to the Heritage Foundation.

The Heritage Foundation has a goal of reaching nearly half of all graduating seniors before June 1, 1984. There are nearly 2,000 graduates this year. The pledge will be worth nearly \$362,500 over the next five years.

Opinion

Prevention still cure for teen pregnancies

In light of the high incidence of teen pregnancies occurring in Illinois, the state started a program called "Parents Too Soon."

The program helps teen-age parents cope with the responsibilities of parenthood, at the same time educating other young people to avoid the mistake of having children before they are ready to accept that responsibility. And it seems to be working.

It's time Utah adopts a similar program, but with more emphasis on prevention than cure.

Though teen-age sexual activity in Utah is supposedly lower than in the rest of the nation, pregnant Utah teenagers tend to give birth more often than those in other parts of the nation, according to a recent article prepared by Brent C. Miller, of USU's department of family life and human development.

A Utah Department of Health report showed that in 1980, Utah females between the ages of 15 and 17 had a 36.5 fertility rate compared to the national average of 25.2.

Miller points out in his report "Beginning Too Young: Teen Childbearing and Parenthood" that teen pregnancy is increasing in Utah as well as in the nation.

Increasing with the rate of teen births are the harms associated with a high teen-age fertility rate — harms to the child, the parent and society as a whole.

Statistics show that children born to teenagers suffer a much higher death rate, more congenital irregularities, more difficulty in developing social and emotional behavior.

Teen-age mothers are more prone to toxemia, anemia and prolonged labor with its associated dangers. In addition, teen parents are more likely to have emotional problems later in life as they realize the parental responsibility has restricted them from realizing their potential as individuals.

Births to teenagers put strains on social resources. Teen marriages have a dramatically greater chance of dissolving than do marriages between older people, according to the Miller's report. And the social harms of divorce are numerous. Society also loses money. Each year, the public sector pays about \$8.5 billion in aid to support teen-age mothers.

Something must be done to turn the tide of increasing teen births. The most obvious solution is education, as suggested by Miller.

Families, churches and even schools need to put on their agenda an emphatic message to teenagers, explaining the dangers of engaging in sexual activity before they are of a responsible age. The virtue of sexual abstinence, which almost all experts agree is the best solution of all, needs to be taught at all levels.

Resources could be better spent in preventing unwanted, harmful teen births, rather than in helping those who have already become "parents too soon."

"Don't throw stones at your neighbors if your own windows are glass."

Benjamin Franklin

POLLARD



Letters

If dogs banned, children should be, too

To the editor:

What's all this talk about banishing canines from our campus? If such a resolution is passed, then in all fairness, ASU should ban children from the campus also. Set a minimum age of say, 16 years or so for permitting humans on campus.

My achilles' tendons are irreparably damaged from countless sneak attacks by stroller-wielding mothers in

hallways, on sidewalks and at the SC movie, of course. If children weren't allowed on campus, strollers would be left at home, also.

I've been ruthlessly and viciously molested by drooling children who suddenly decide that my leg should be their gripping post, or worse, their next meal. I must constantly sidestep, dodge, hurdle or otherwise step over hoards of wild, roaming, loose children,

very few of which are constrained at least verbally, let alone physically.

The time has come. If we must resort to condemning dogs (humankind's best friend, it is said), then we should logically and reasonably ban children from campus also, as they pose no less of a threat to my well-being than any canine.

Phil G. Lanouette

Sydney Harris

There is no way the human mind can conceive of 500 billion billion years, which is the estimated life of a single proton, if the proton has a finite life at all. Latest experiments suggest it may live forever, whatever that may mean.

Compared with astrological time, or even geological time, human time is vastly less than that of a mayfly, which may be born and die in a single day. Indeed, the whole duration of the human species up to now is no more than the flick of an eyelash in the history of the cosmos.

This problem of "duration" has perplexed thinkers down the ages, from Plato and St. Augustine to Pascal and Whitehead. It is the knotty subject of a new book by Robert Grudin, *Time and the Art of Living*, which tries to come to philosophic terms without total immersion in this strange and yet familiar dimension of existence.

Sheer materialists, of course, have no trouble with this: to them, we come and go like any other animal species, without meaning or destination. Yet, even for those not religiously inclined, there is one extraordinary difference that resists easy explanation: Man, alone of all creatures, comprehends his own mortality.

Of all the creatures ever conceived (that we know about), humankind is the only one who

knows this, who thinks about this, plans for this and is capable of exploring the working and to some extent the origins of the cosmos.

We are aware that each of us is going to die, sooner or later. We know that in a million years or less (which is only a fraction of time), if the earth persists that long, our own civilization will be as remote and fragmented as any prehistoric dig we have managed to excavate.

Given this framework of time, does it not seem that our human conception of a cosmic "creator" is too small and temporal to fit the facts? Is our idea of "God" whittled down to human scale because we simply cannot grasp eternity and infinity? Do we think of God as a "being" because we cannot imagine him as a "process"?

These are heady questions, and of course there are no firm answers. Formal religion offers consolation more than explanation in the face of so great a riddle. One is free to believe or disbelieve what he wishes, for ultimately all the philosophers, all the believers and unbelievers, are equally ignorant. Perhaps those most faithful to a creator are the ones who do not pretend, to themselves, or to others, that they have solved the riddle.

Turnstyles

Hurray for generalists!

Editor's note: Turnstyles is a weekly column in which a member of USU's faculty or staff is invited to express an opinion of his or her choice. John S. Flannery is a feature writer with USU Information Services, but more than that, he says, he is a generalist. His background includes horseshoeing, watersafety instruction, guiding, avalanche control, stock records editing, river running, measuring forest understory, a summer of professional gambling, illiterate songwriting and marksmanship. According to Flannery, he can talk to elephants, has been dumped from a canoe into the Bear River in February and bitten by coyote and caracal and malaria-carrying mosquitos.

"At USU, I am fortunate. I deal with top specialists who provide some of the generalists' needs," Flannery says. "I often get a shortcourse a day."

Let 'em specialize. Let them pursue their Ph.D.s.

They will probably make more money, be more secure, get strokes from others who specialize and hopefully a few from John Q.

They will get so-called earned degrees by narrowing their vistas, and will entertain or bore captive audiences and have the powers of professional status and of mentor, shaping or altering the goals of seekers. They will sit in judgement, and often be elevated to positions beyond training or innate ability.

Some of us seeming sloths will drop away from the narrow trail. We will wander off and smell flowers, or look at new perspectives with fresh eyes. We will dawdle over books that don't deal with rules and to-be-memorized theorems and dates and names and formulae, which we will probably call formulas. Somewhere, sometime, some of us will catch a spark which may send us in burning pursuit of meanings which become all encompassing and our numbers will dwindle further. Others will be lost to rash rhetoric, taking a stand on an issue and then being wrapped in a perhaps undeserved cloak of expertise or one marked "dedicated" or "zealot" and some of us, like Malcolm X, will die for that diversion from our goal of no-goals.

Should we succeed in our casting for bits, we shall achieve a separate success of self-satisfaction. We shall never be glib specialists, but polished probes, perennial students, questioners whose questions rise from shards of knowledge from countless fields, which betray the "truth" seen through the eyes of those with single-vision.

Should we see a near-complete form through the assemblage of fitting shards, we shall retain in some hidden pocket a small question mark which our mental fingers will occasionally touch and handle and perhaps fondle privately.

Ours will never be a role of joyous acceptance of any revelation, be it academic, political or spiritual regardless of submitted substantiation.

Yet we blithely and unquestioningly accept pragmatic products with a "who cares?" when it comes to such mundane things as why a telephone works, so long as it works.

Details are for specialists; the world, for the generalists. We are more concerned with important matters like why a particular butterfly landed on a particular elephant dropping and why we find joy in what we have just seen.



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May 17 — Service Industry of America — Any major interested in sales.

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May 18 — Uintah Basin, Roosevelt, Utah, office occupation instructor.

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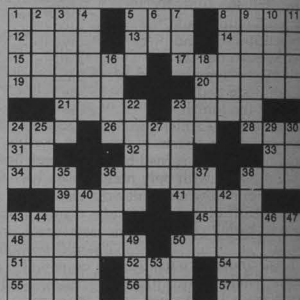
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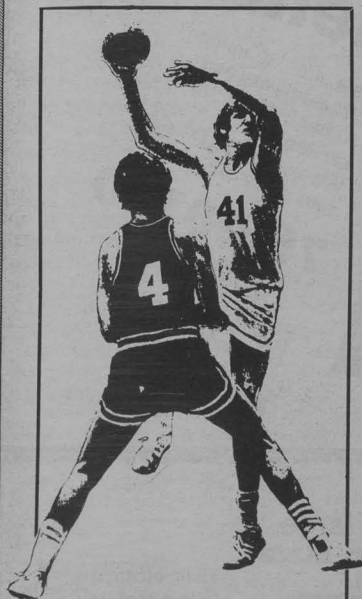
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Sports

Ag women tie for fourth at BYU

By C.E. ELLEARD
sports writer

PROVO — Saturday was a very blue day in Provo. The sky was clear and blue, the bleachers at the track stadium were blue and even the Cougar track was molded in blue. For the Utah State women's track team, however, the color turned out to be Cougar blue instead of Aggie blue as BYU won the High Country Athletic Conference track championship with a 184-point team total.

Entering the meet it seemed that numbers might determine that first spot. BYU entered 24 athletes in the competition. Second-place New Mexico had 21 and third-place Wyoming had 17.

Utah State tied Colorado State for the fourth spot. CSU entered 19 athletes in the meet. Aggie coach Vaughn Courtney earned his 56 team points with only nine athletes, one of whom had just come off of a stress fracture and hadn't competed all season.

"I had another coach tell me that while we don't have very many athletes, they are very good," Courtney said. That proved to be true in many of the events. The most dominating showing for USU proved to be the 400-meter dash, where Helena Johnson and Barbara Rainey swept the first two spots.

Into the back straight Rainey held the second spot just ahead of Johnson. In the second turn of the one-lap affair, both Ags passed Wyoming's Joyce Russell and Johnson passed Rainey for the lead.

In the final stretch, Russell put on a charge but couldn't keep up the pace set by the USU runners. Johnson beat her own personal record of 57.03 seconds with a 55.82

time. Rainey finished in 56.34 seconds.

In the 800-meter run, Denise Pidcock took second in a large field. Pidcock also set a new personal best with a 2:11.21 time. Her old best was 2:13.4.

Out of the first turn the Ag was in the second spot. She dropped to third in the back straight but regained second in the final turn. It was Pidcock's final kick which held off Wyoming's Dawn Wilger, who crossed the line 0.2 seconds behind the Ag.

Pidcock made only five more feet past the finish line before she dropped to the ground. "Coming into the race I mentally prepared myself to be up with the leaders in the first lap since I have gotten boxed in before," she explained. "I was just giving everything I could and finally couldn't move my arms and my legs wouldn't go. I was just out of it. It was hard to breathe and I was just trying to relieve myself."

Pidcock's race was only 30 minutes before the mile relay in which she was supposed to run. All of the Ags were hurting in one way or another but after Courtney explained the close point situation, they prepared to run.

USU coasted to the second spot in the relay, well off the past high mark for the team. Melody Tobert opened and held the third spot. The baton passed clearly throughout the race and Rainey, on the second leg, moved the team into second. Pidcock opened up a larger lead for insurance and Johnson finished with an easy run across the line for the second-place points behind a conference record-setting performance by New Mexico.

New Mexico also set a conference record in the

400-meter relay, qualifying for NCAA competition with a 45.59-second time. USU had a long handoff from Christina Ponton to Tobert but finished a solid third in 48.2 seconds. "It was the best time of the year," Courtney said, "and not having run for three weeks."

Tobert also competed in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles. She gained team points with a third-place finish and a new personal best 63.19 seconds. Her old mark was 64.96 seconds.

Tobert ran a solid race but obviously lost momentum over the final hurdle. "I was alright until going over that last hurdle," Tobert explained. "I took a short step and lost my rhythm. I was surprised. I knew I could better my time but I didn't know if I could take third."

On Thursday and Friday the heptathlon title was on the line. Kristina Ponton entered for Utah State and finished second with 5,009 points behind Wyoming's Kathy Romsa with 5,258. Ponton has scored 5,314.

"She had a knee operation last summer and was not able to work out on anything until January," Courtney explained. "I'm very happy. We weren't even sure if she would be able to get through a heptathlon."

Ponton won the long jump and took several second places, but wasn't even sure if she was going to compete. "I called my coach at home (in Sweden) and he told me that I shouldn't be doing one (heptathlon) until May," Ponton said. "I decided to see if I could do it, if my knee would hold up. My knee is a little sore but I feel okay."

In the javelin Pam Roberts finished sixth for the Ags. Her 104-11 throw was near her best mark. This is her first season in the javelin.

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USU places second at Las Cruces

Team awaits possible national tournament at-large invitation

The Utah State women's softball team traveled to Las Cruces, N.M., to participate in the second annual High Country Athletic Conference championships over the weekend.

Going into the tournament second in the conference behind the University of New Mexico, the Aggies finished second behind a new leader, the University of Utah.

The Aggie squad opened up play Friday morning against the University of Utah, the same team the Aggies had split a double-header with in Logan earlier in the week. This time, behind the strong pitching of Kristie Skoglund, the Ags dominated both the defensive and offensive sides of the game.

Skoglund allowed only three hits in seven innings, facing 23 batters and striking out three as the Aggies shut out Utah 6-0.

Skoglund, later named to the first-team all-conference squad, gave the Aggies the offensive sparkplug as she sent the ball over the fence for two RBIs. Kelly Smith batted perfect

in the game as she went two for two and scored two runs while adding one RBI.

The Aggies then moved on to play the University of New Mexico Friday afternoon after the Lobos had knocked off Northern Colorado.

Behind the pitching of Julia Ranheim, who gave up only four hits and two runs, and Skoglund, who went three for three, the Aggies moved up in the winners' bracket with a 6-2 win.

In the third game of the tournament, despite Skoglund pitching a three-hitter, the Utes gained revenge with a 6-1 triumph.

This created a third tournament matchup between Utah and Utah State, Utah, scoring its runs in the fourth and sixth, held off a seventh-inning Aggie rally to defeat USU 2-1.

In addition to Skoglund, Stacy Willis and Kelly Smith were named to the all-conference team. Kendra Ireton was given honorable mention.

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Afghanistan joins in

Associated Press

Afghanistan, the focal point of the United States-led Olympic boycott of 1980, became the eighth country Sunday to withdraw from the Los Angeles Summer Games, and two members of the Soviet media said they saw no reason for the Soviet Union to change its mind.

CTK, Afghanistan's state-run news agency, said it was joining the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, East Germany, Mongolia, Vietnam, Laos and Czechoslovakia because "U.S. authorities have launched a campaign which threatens the security of athletes and is at variance with the principles of the Olympic charter."

The International Olympic Committee has called an emergency meeting for Friday in Lausanne, Switzerland, to discuss the boycott with U.S. and Soviet officials. Peter Ueberroth, president of the LAOOC, said he will attend along with a large U.S. delegation, perhaps including Reagan administration officials and Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley.

Marat Gramov, the Soviet sports chief, has said he will attend the session.

The Soviet Union began the exodus from the Summer Games Tuesday. In 1980, in response to the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan — a presence which remains today — President Jimmy Carter called for a boycott of the Summer Games in Moscow, and ultimately the United States and 62 other countries stayed out of those Olympics.

Sunday, the ABC-TV program "This Week with David Brinkley," Soviet sports commentator Vsevolod Kuskuskin said via satellite from Moscow that it was the decision of his country's national Olympic committee and not

the Soviet government to pull out of the Los Angeles Games.

"At this moment, I can tell you there are no reasons for them to change their minds," and be a part of the Summer Games, he said.

Victor Louis, the Soviet reporter who first disclosed Moscow's decision to stay away from the Games, also said Sunday the Kremlin will not reverse its decision and is unlikely to organize a counter-Olympics.

In an article written in Moscow for the Paris Sunday paper *Journal de Dimanche*, Louis said the forthcoming visit to Moscow of Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, will do nothing to reverse the Soviet decision.

"There has been a lot of talk of a counter-Olympic Games which the Soviet Union may organize in the Bulgarian capital, Sofia," Louis said. "But this matter requires reflection, because the Russians know that such a decision would probably exclude them from the IOC."

Louis said the Soviet boycott was largely caused by the campaign against Soviet participation in the United States, and by the "humiliation" of American visa requirements. The U.S. government's refusal to allow an Izvestia correspondent to visit Los Angeles may have been "the last straw" leading to the final decision, he added.

Appearing on the same program with Kuskuskin, Monique Berlioux, director of the IOC, said from Geneva she felt the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee has done everything it could to satisfy the Soviets "but it also is evident private organizations can do less than a government."

Bird paces Celtics with 39

BOSTON (AP) — Larry Bird scored 28 of his career playoff high 39 points in a devastating first half as the Boston Celtics rolled Sunday to a 121-104 victory over the New York Knicks, moving them into the Eastern Conference finals in a bid for a 15th National Basketball Association championship.

Robert Parish scored 22 points and Dennis Johnson 21 as the Celtics overwhelmed the Knicks in the seventh and deciding game of their conference semifinal.

The home court advantage held up throughout the seven-game series, with the Celtics winning all four at Boston Garden and the Knicks taking the three in New York.

The Celtics never trailed in the deciding game of the series, which saw the lead change hands only twice.

Bird scored 15 points and grabbed five rebounds as Boston opened a 36-26 first-period lead. The Celtics widened the margin to 67-52 at halftime and were in command the rest of the way.

Bird finished with 12 rebounds, 10 assists and three steals in addition to his 39 points in leading the Celtics into a best-of-seven series against the Milwaukee Bucks for the Eastern Conference championship. That series will open in the Boston Garden Tuesday.

The Boston defense played a major role in getting the Celtics off to its quick start in the windup against the Knicks.

New York superstar Bernard King, who had averaged 29.5 points in six previous games, managed only two field goals and 9 points in the first half.

Outdoor Scene



Paula Huff photos



Back to nature. . .

. . . with USU American Nature Writers class. English professor Thomas Lyon lead 12 students to western Box Elder County to experience the desert atmosphere.

Students backpack into desert solitaire

By PAULA HUFF
staff writer

North of the Bovine Mountains and southeast of the Raft River Mountains the sagebrush stretches long and tedious in the desert heat. But a certain block of stone rising from the flat, open land promises to offer relief for USU professor Thomas Lyon and his American Nature Writers class.

"It's a humble little place," Lyon said about the predestined rendezvous for the English class.

The American Nature Writers course was initiated this quarter. According to Lyon, he arranged the subject matter and proposed the class be added to the English curriculum two years ago.

The purpose of the class is to acquaint students with the literary quality and ideas found in American nature writings. The class reads well-known nature writers such as Henry David Thoreau, John Muir and Edward Abbey.

But to give students a better vision of the vast space a nature writer's experiences, Lyon scheduled a three-day backpacking field trip to western Box Elder County.

Lyon picked the spot, not only because he has been going there for almost 15 years, but because it is nice, quiet, overlooked and — it's not scenic.

"This place doesn't have things usually associated with scenic beauty," Lyon said. "They (students) won't know from books that this spot is beautiful."

The idea behind a three-day backpack into open country was to let students spend time in an environment. "When we get there the ideal would be to just let the time develop," Lyon said. "There is nothing in particular to do, but suddenly there will be this free, open time."

May 11: We left Logan about 2:30 p.m. and drove southwest toward Park Valley, Utah. We parked the cars about three miles from the decided campsite, lugged on the old backpacks and proceeded to walk. Because there is no water in this area, we had to carry it in.

The landscape is flat with groupings of rocks here and there. The ground covering is sagebrush, rabbitbrush, a few

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Nature, students get acquainted on desert trek

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mountain alder leaf and juniper. Lots and lots of juniper.

We crossed vast areas while hiking with only sagebrush and low growing wild flowers. Then we came to a "forest" of juniper. After walking through the juniper for a while, we again reached open areas of sagebrush.

The soil is similar to a gravel pit. Lyon referred to the place as a field of eroding granite. You can brush your hand across a rock, if you can find one, and brush away small pieces of rock.

We finally reached camp

after walking through sagebrush, then juniper forests, back to sagebrush back and forth, back and forth again.

The camp seems to be something of an oasis in this rather desolate land. We camped by three huge clusters of rock, which looked like some giant's building blocks. They are so badly eroded that there are complete holes worn through some sections of the rock.

When we reached camp, Lyon told everyone to scatter where they wished. Everyone staked out a site and returned shortly to prepare dinner around the one fire pit we allowed ourselves. It is funny

to see the different things people bring to eat.

After dinner we sat around the camp fire talking. There are an odd assortment of people here: soil majors, math majors, American studies majors. They all seem sincerely interested in the preservation of nature.

The moon is almost full. Lyon said it will be full Monday. After dark, an owl began to hoot. Someone said they had seen coyote tracks and we all hoped to hear a coyote howl during the night. The closest thing to a coyote yelping was a train whistling far away.

In class the other day, Lyon was lecturing about the

dome over civilization. He said civilization seems to be covered with an invisible dome which excludes nature, but lets the civilized slowly venture forth to suck in more under the dome.

Even though we have brought some form of civilization into this barren land — canned food, stoves, flashlights — we have definitely penetrated the dome of civilization. There is absolutely nothing here.

May 12: We got up with the sun, did away with the housecleaning details and stood around as if waiting for someone to tell us what to do.

Finally, we got enough

courage to do some adventuring. The class members quickly realized the opportunity of filling a day up with nothing but hiking, walking, lounging and watching.

Everyone parted ways and spent the day exploring. What better way to recognize how vast this land is? I was elated by the open space. I ran for hours just to see if I could get anywhere. I failed.

There are so many birds here, one student referred to it as a jungle. What a picture in the mind, comparing this dry land to a jungle.

May 13: Another day of hiking, walking, lounging and watching.

Watercolors set for USU exhibit

When Utah State University hosts its sixteenth Watercolor West, May 22 to July 18, the public will have an opportunity to see some of the nation's top work by contemporary artists.

An opening reception for Watercolor West and the State of Utah 1983 Annual Show is May 22, 7 to 9 p.m. The public is invited and admission is free.

In his final month as director of the USU museum program, Twain Tippetts has brought together a collection of watercolor paintings guaranteed to appeal to all visitors.

Along with a one-man show of 15 watercolors by Ed Maryon, well-known artist and University of Utah art professor, Tippetts has rounded up a stable of established artists and has invited in a group of first timers. Thirty-six watercolorists will participate in the exhibition.

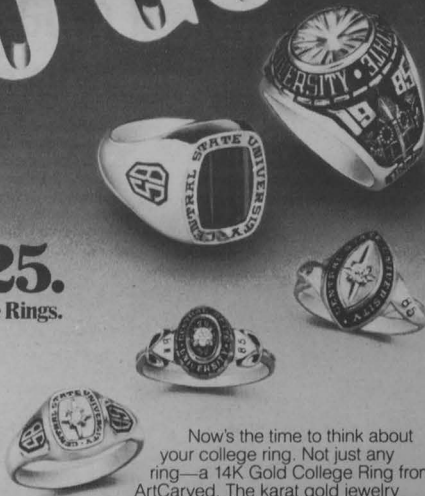
Guest artist Ed Maryon will conduct a watercolor workshop on the USU campus June 4 to 8. Among Utah standbys will be Osral Allred of Snow College, who continues to progress, this time incorporating the human figure with tumbledown Park City-like buildings, and George Dibble, University of Utah, who submitted three totally different style works, impressionistic, cubistic and pointille.

Utah State University's own faculty members Adrian Van Suchtelen, Glen Edwards, Jerry Fuhrman, Harrison Groutage and soon-to-retire Gaell Lindstrom will exhibit along with others who have received art training at USAU. Among these are Alice Hendrickson, now of New York, whose work will be in Watercolor West for the first time, and Steve Songer, Weber High School art teacher.

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AED news

Please vote for officers for 1984-85 between now and Wednesday in NRB 127. Make reservations for the Spring

Banquet at the same time with Vivian Johnson, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. in NRB 127, or phone 750-1770. The May 17 banquet is free to paid members and initiates, \$7.50 for guests, and will be at Robintino's at 7 p.m.

Fall schedule error

The following class offered fall of 1984 was not included in the fall 1984 schedule bulletin: Social Work Skills I — Index number 3582, Section 1, 3 credits, MWF, 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. in Animal Science, Room 303.

ISC applications

The International Student Council is now accepting applications for the positions of Sports and Newsletter coordinators for 1984-85. For more information, contact the ISC at 750-1752. Deadline for applications is Friday.

Judo Club to meet

The USU Judo Club will meet in the HPER wrestling room Monday at 5:30

p.m. This meeting is important for all — men and women, beginners, intermediates or advanced — who wish to participate next year. Our budget and other matters will be discussed.

Deadlines listed

All campus clubs, organizations, individuals and university departments interested in putting their newsworthy announcements on *The Back Burner* should complete a form available at TSC 315. Both calendar items and notices of activities need to follow these deadlines: Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. and Friday at 2 p.m. for publication in the next regular issue.

May time sheets due early

Payroll checks for the month of May will be available May 31 instead of June 10. In order to process this early payroll, it will be necessary for all time sheets to be in the Payroll Office on or before May 22. All time sheets turned in after that date will be processed with June's sheets and paid on July 10.

Annual ATA banquet held

The annual Agricultural Education Banquet will be held May 17 at 7 p.m. at the Juniper Inn. Purchase tickets from any ATA officer.

Psi Chi Spring Banquet

Tickets for the Psi Chi Spring Banquet (May 16) with speaker Dr. Bartell Cardon, director of the Bear River Mental Health Center, must be purchased by May 14 at 4:30 p.m. in Ed 300. The cost is: \$6.50 for members, \$7 per non-member and \$13 per couple.

Spring quarter grades mailed

If a student wishes to have spring quarter grades mailed to a summer address, bring a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Records Office in SC 225.

Calendar

May 14, 1984

- ☐ Early registration for fall quarter.
- ☐ Pick up summer quarter registration packets in the SC Juniper Lounge.
- ☐ Hill Air Force Base on campus, 10-11 a.m. in the University Inn, Room 511.
- ☐ SC Movie *The Sting* in the SC Auditorium at 7 and 9:30 p.m.
- ☐ Open forum topic: "Are Fraternities And Sororities A Productive Part Of Today's Campuses?" at 3:30 p.m. in Library 349.
- ☐ International folk dancing teaching and requests at 7 p.m. in HPER 102.
- ☐ Women's Activity Council applications due today in SC 326.
- ☐ Overeaters Anonymous meeting at 7:30 p.m. in SC 306. Call Kris at 752-9457 for more information.
- ☐ AED officer elections, membership applications and Spring Banquet (May 17) reservations in NRB 127, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m.
- ☐ Last day to purchase Psi Chi Spring Banquet tickets in Ed 300 by 4:30 p.m.

May 15, 1984

- ☐ Early registration for fall quarter.
- ☐ Summit Cyclists and Peleton Bike Clubs present bicycle time trials (individual races against the clock) at 5:30 p.m. at 10 West, 6 South.
- ☐ SC Movie *The Sting* in the SC Auditorium at 7 and 9:30 p.m.
- ☐ USU Forestry Club natural resource jobs seminar in NRB 314 at 7:37 p.m.
- ☐ AED officer elections and membership applications in NRB 127, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m.

May 16, 1984

- ☐ Early registration for fall quarter.
- ☐ Summit Cyclists Bicycle Club bike touring workshops — planning for multi-day bike tours, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center.
- ☐ SC Movie *Risky Business* at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the SC Auditorium.
- ☐ Senior guitar recital by Greg Obrey and Brad Pike in the Morgan Theatre, FAC, at 8 p.m.
- ☐ Psi Chi Spring Banquet with speaker Dr. Bartell Cardon, director of the Bear River Mental Health Center, at 6:30 p.m. at the Juniper Inn.
- ☐ Citizens Against Physical and Sexual Abuse regular in-service and public information meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Logan Library Auditorium.
- ☐ AED officer elections and membership applications in NRB 127, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m.
- ☐ Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Eccles 307.

What's Playing

Mann's Triplex — *Breaking. Moscow On The Hudson.*
Police Academy, Footloose. 752-7762.
Utah — *Sixteen Candles.* 752-3072.
Redwood — *Firestarter.* 752-5098.
Cinema — *The Natural.* 753-1900.
Capitol — *Romancing The Stone.* 752-7521.

Weather

Today's forecast

Partly cloudy with chance of evening thundershowers. High 85. Low 51.

Tomorrow's forecast

Increasing clouds and colder. High 72. Lows around 45.

Downtime

by Tim Downs