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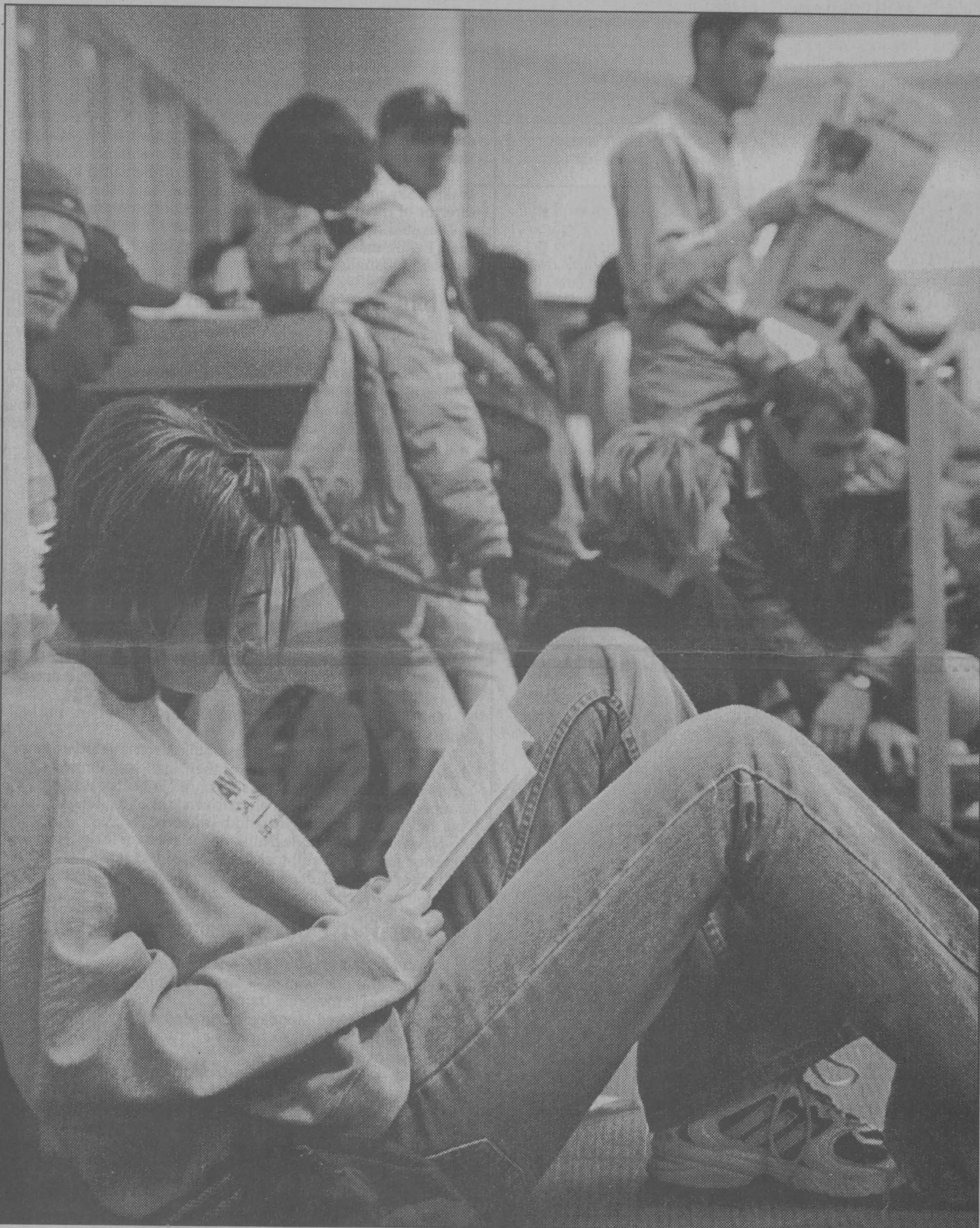
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Down again?



Freshman Heather Parker reads a book while waiting for the registration computers to come back online Tuesday. Many students spent most of the day trying to get classes. Both IBM and SCT, the makers of the registration systems, were called to help figure out what was causing the system's failure.

Computer failures cause long lines, frustration

VICKY CAMPBELL
News Editor

The word of the first week of the semester for many Utah State University students has been: AAAAAAARGH! With the USU computer system failing sporadically since Jan. 4, registration and cashier lines as well as computer labs have been full of antsy students wondering what is going on.

The answer? Nobody is quite certain, but Computer Services is working like mad to find out.

"The problem has been relat-

ed to the student information system and the mainframe," registrar David Roos said. "We were not able to handle the load of students accessing the system and it crashed."

The problem is software-related, according to Barbara White, dean and chief information officer for Information and Learning Resources and Kim Marshall, associate director of Computer Services.

The university purchased software, called CICS8, in October, Marshall said. Because it was purchased after the registration

and tuition payment rush, it was never forced to handle a full load, he said. Thus, it was never fully tested. And, the real crunch comes during the last few days of fee payment, he said. Add to the scenario the fact that the holidays resulted in more students paying their tuition toward the end of the payment window, and there is a massive amount of information to process.

However, the problem doesn't exactly lie in the amount of information or the number of transactions, but somewhere in the type of transactions being

processed, White and Marshall said.

According to them, the system is designed with a central processor called the transaction manager, which is responsible for accepting information from terminals at places such as the Registration Office and Cashier Office.

It also accepts information from the QUAD program via phones and the Internet. So, when it goes down, everything goes down.

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ASUSU discusses change in current drop policy

DOUG SMEATH
Senior News Writer

Students who drop a course late in the semester may soon face a drop fee for each unwanted class, as the current superdrop policy is under review.

The Associated Students of Utah State University Executive Council discussed a proposed change in the current superdrop policy at its meeting Tuesday night.

The policy, which currently punishes late droppers by noting excessive drops on their transcripts, is being reviewed by ASUSU President Nate Anderson said Vice President of Student Services Pat Terrell and Associate Vice President Lynn Poulsen.

The superdrop policy has been controversial, and most council members expressed approval of changing the policy.

"Frankly, I don't like the (superdrop) system myself," Anderson said.

However, many Council members fear the proposed fees are too high.

"I felt the fee was excessive," Anderson said. "I don't think those numbers are really fair."

Under the proposed policy, students dropping courses between the fifth and 15th day after classes start would be assessed a \$30 fee for each course. After that, each drop would cost \$50.

Anderson said the money would go into the ASUSU scholarship fund.

"It's not a revenue-generating mechanism for the university," he said.

He said the intention is not to raise money for the scholarship fund but to deter students from dropping too many courses too often.

Still, he said a smaller fee would serve the same purpose, only more fairly.

"It seems to me that using a

financial fee is not a good idea because it discriminates against students who can't afford the fees, ASUSU Student Advocate Matt Malouf said.

Council members who approve of changing the superdrop policy to a fee system disagree, but most say fees should be lower and more flexible.

"I think that students have a right to drop for certain reasons up to (the drop) date," ASUSU Athletics Vice President Sam Winward said. "That's why it exists."

Others worried that students with legitimate reasons for dropping, such as serious illness or incorrect advising, would be forced to pay for something that wasn't their fault.

In fact, some said dropping classes is often a good idea.

"You'd be smart to realize, 'Hey, I bit off more than I can chew,'" College of Science Senator David Duke said.

However, Academics Vice President Emily Croshaw said teachers want some kind of drop policy so they can plan group work and other aspects of curriculum without dealing with constantly changing enrollment.

Anderson said the council will continue to discuss the issue and will make a recommendation to Terrell and Poulsen. He said he hopes nothing will be done without a vote from the council.

The council only voted on one issue at Tuesday's meeting. Because two members have class until 5:45 p.m., the meeting time was officially changed to 5:48.

Anderson said he had a new year's resolution to start meetings promptly, and in order to start on time without having latecomers, the time was changed.

Despite joking and laughter from council members who felt 5:48 was too specific, the motion passed unanimously.

Faculty Senate discusses changes in university studies, parking for 2000

DOUG SMEATH
Senior News Writer

With the arrival of a new millennium, the Utah State University Faculty Senate is ready for some changes at USU.

"The new year came," USU President George H. Emert said. "We're here — somehow or another, despite the dire predictions some people made."

At its monthly meeting Monday, the Senate voted unanimously to accept and review reports from the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee and the Educational Policies Committee that included plans for changes to such things as free parking and university studies requirements.

The Senate also unanimously accepted reports from the Strategic Planning Committee, the Council on Teacher Education and the Research Council.

The Parking and Transportation Advisory committee hopes to bring an end to free parking on campus, said USU Vice President of Student Services Patricia Terrell, who also serves as the chair of the committee.

The committee is a council of student and faculty representatives who do not make parking policy but advise university administrators who make the final decisions, Terrell said.

Terrell said the proposal is to

impose a \$10 annual registration fee for any private vehicle that is parked on campus even once.

Previously, community members visiting campus to attend an art exhibit or academic lecture, for example, could park in free parking on the perimeter of campus, Parking and Transportation Services Director Lisa Leishman said.

The new registration fee would be required in these lots, doing away with any free parking.

"We're one of only a couple universities in America with any free parking," Terrell said.

In order to avoid fining one-time visitors who are unaware of the new policy, Leishman said Parking hopes to obtain handheld ticketing devices that would tell whether a vehicle had been cited before.

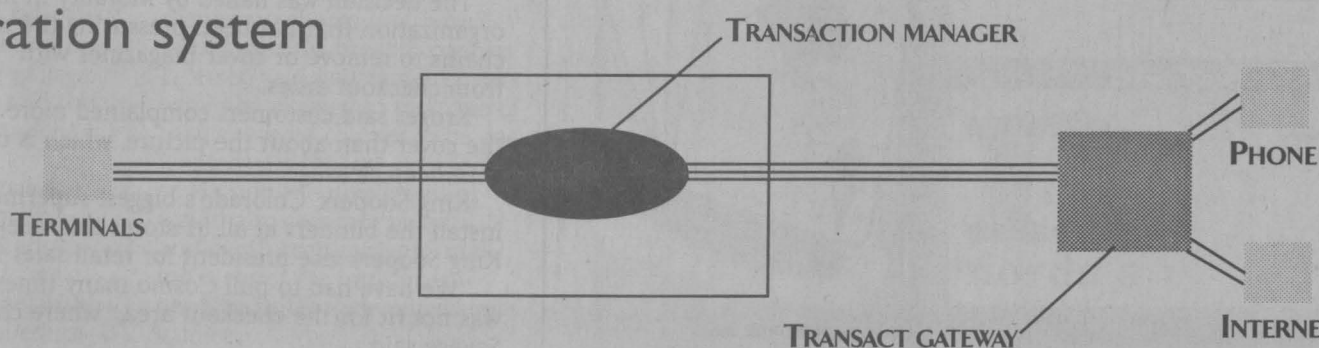
For first-time offenses, only a warning would be issued, she said.

Terrell said she hopes the future will also hold a new parking terrace for the university, probably near Old Main Hill.

The proposed changes in university studies requirements would require students to take one more breadth course, but probably won't actually result in students being required to take any more classes, Educational Policies Committee Chair Craig Petersen said.

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Registration system



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WORLD & NATION

Gore asks for \$150M to fight AIDS

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — With AIDS the No. 1 killer in sub-Saharan Africa, killing 10 times more Africans than war, Vice President Al Gore pledged Monday to put the continent's AIDS crisis on the world's security agenda and outlined a new U.S. effort to fight the epidemic.

Presiding over the first Security Council meeting to address a health issue, Gore announced that the White House has asked Congress for \$150 million for vaccine research and prevention programs in Africa and said the White House will convene a meeting of business leaders in Africa to start developing prevention programs in the workplace.

"We tend to think of a threat to security in terms of war and

peace," Gore said in the first speech by a U.S. vice president to the 15-member body. "Yet no one can doubt that the havoc wreaked and the toll exacted by HIV/AIDS do threaten our security."

AIDS is now the leading killer in sub-Saharan Africa, a region where poverty and wars have already taken a heavy toll. In 1998, 200,000 people died as a result of armed conflicts in Africa, compared to about 2.2 million from AIDS.

U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke scoffed at reporters' suggestions that Gore was using his U.N. appearance to further his campaign for the Democratic nomination for president.

"None of what he's doing here today has any direct

impact on the present phase of the primary season, which is intense and being conducted in two states which are far away from here," Holbrooke said.

He added that the Clinton administration has approached several members of Congress about the request for the extra \$150 million in the proposed budget and that "support has been quite strong."

Several African ministers of health addressed the open meeting, thanking Gore for the pledge of new money and describing in detail how desperately it was needed.

Namibia's health minister, Dr. Libertine Amathila, said AIDS was devastating his country's economy, robbing families of breadwinners and children of their parents.

"It is immoral that the worst affected continent has the lowest access to care," she said, urging wealthy countries make drugs to treat those infected with HIV available at prices Africans can afford.

She cited statistics from UNAIDS, a Geneva-based organization of epidemiologists and statisticians who study AIDS, that show only \$165 million was spent on AIDS prevention in Africa in 1996, while estimates suggest that between \$800 million and \$2.5 billion a year is needed.

"It is worth pondering how the international community successfully mobilized hundreds of billions of dollars over the last few years to minimize the

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WorldGLANCE

➤ Panel moves to eliminate the use of 'squaw' in naming geographic locations

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A committee working to rid Montana of the word "squaw" in geographic names has made its first recommendation, involving a mountain road just south of Helena. Squaw Gulch should become Wakina Sky Gulch, said the Advisory Committee on House Bill 412, adopting a proposal by a group of Indian school children. The recommendation will be sent on to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

The committee headed by Rep. Carol Juneau, D-Browning, is considering new names for 74 locations statewide that are labeled with "squaw." The word is a vulgarity for Indian women, Juneau told legislators last year when she sponsored the name-change bill.

She said Tuesday it will take a couple of years for the committee to recommend names for the 74 sites, including meadows, mountains, valleys and streams.

If the Board on Geographic Names endorses the changes proposed by the Montana committee, renamings will advance to the office of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, for final action.

Selection of Wakina Sky Gulch for the road near Helena was decided by the state panel Friday, after children in the Wakina Sky Learning Circle and Library proposed the name.

Loosely translated from the language of the Salish Indians, Wakina Sky means "beautiful red sunrise," said Marcia Dias, co-director of the organization, an after-school program.

Dias said the children suggested about a dozen names for the road. Before making their selection, they bicycled to the gulch in October, to familiarize themselves with it.

➤ Ford says electric vehicles are coming soon

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co., the company that put the world on wheels powered by gasoline, will soon sell a plastic-body car, a golf cart and bicycles — all driven by electricity.

The electric vehicles will be sold under the brand name Th!nk, which will become the company's home for vehicles powered by anything other than internal combustion engines. Th!nk will also serve as a research center for Ford.

"The idea of Th!nk is to work on vehicles and technology that's a little more out there," Ford president and CEO Jac Nasser said Monday.

Ford showed off the Th!nk line, named for a Norwegian electric car company that Ford bought a year ago, during previews for the North American International Auto Show. The show opens to the public on Saturday.

The Th!nk City is a small plastic-bodied, hatchback car that can travel 55 miles, though it is currently available only in Norway. Ford will introduce a version in about two years and could not offer an estimated cost.

The Th!nk Neighbor is a golf cart-like open vehicle for use in closed communities, with speed limited to 25 mph and an estimated price of \$6,000.

The two bicycles will have ranges of up to 30 miles, and will cost \$1,000 to \$1,200.

While several automakers have built electric vehicles, none has had much success because of their high cost, limited range and long recharge times. GM sold only 137 of its futuristic EV1 coupes last year. Ford sells electric versions of its Ranger pickups, but mostly to governments and businesses.

Nasser said that while Th!nk might not be a major source of revenue for Ford, it still makes good business sense because it will meet consumer demand for alternative products and help develop new technologies.

➤ Four Fort Eustis sergeants face sex charges

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP) — Four Army staff sergeants — three men and one woman — face court-martial in a sexual misconduct case involving trainees.

The four, charged Monday, were based at Fort Eustis, where they trained soldiers in such skills as truck driving and aviation maintenance.

Among those charged was instructor Leroy Barnwell, 26, accused of making a false statement and inappropriate advances toward female students; drill sergeant Reginald Blanding, 32, accused of obstruction and sodomy; and instructor Julio Jaramillo, 27, accused of obstruction of justice, indecent acts and sodomy.

Drill sergeant Diane Cooper, 28, was charged with making a false statement and forgery. She is accused of wrongfully having a personal relationship with a student she married two weeks after training ended and lying to investigators about it.

All four were charged with violating a regulation that governs the relationship between permanently assigned personnel and soldiers who are on base for training. Military code forbids even consensual sexual relations between trainers and trainees.

Barnwell and Ms. Cooper face a maximum sentence of a bad-conduct discharge and six months confinement.

Blanding and Jaramillo could be sentenced to 36 years and 33 years, respectively, and dishonorable discharges.

➤ Cosmo cover gets censored by Kroger

CINCINNATI (AP) — Kroger, the nation's largest grocery chain, will cover up Cosmopolitan magazine at checkout stands because of complaints about headlines like "Sex Tricks He's Never Seen Before" and "20 Earth-Quaking Moves That Will Make Him Plead for Mercy — and Beg for More."

Spokesman Gary Rhodes said Tuesday that all of the company's stores are installing racks this month that will cover up everything but the magazine's name.

Kroger operates 2,268 grocery stores and about 800 convenience stores in 31 states under the names Kroger, Fred Meyer, Ralphs, Smith's, King Soopers, Dillon, Fry's, Food 4 Less and Quality Food Centers.

The decision was hailed by Morality in Media, a New York organization that has been pressuring the nation's supermarket chains to remove or cover magazines with "lurid sexual content" from checkout aisles.

Kroger said customers complained more about the words on the cover than about the picture, which is usually of a woman with deep cleavage.

King Soopers, Colorado's biggest supermarket chain, will install the blinders at all 81 stores this week, said Dave Savage, King Soopers vice president for retail sales in Colorado.

"We have had to pull Cosmo many times because the cover was not fit for the checkout area," where children would see it, Savage said.

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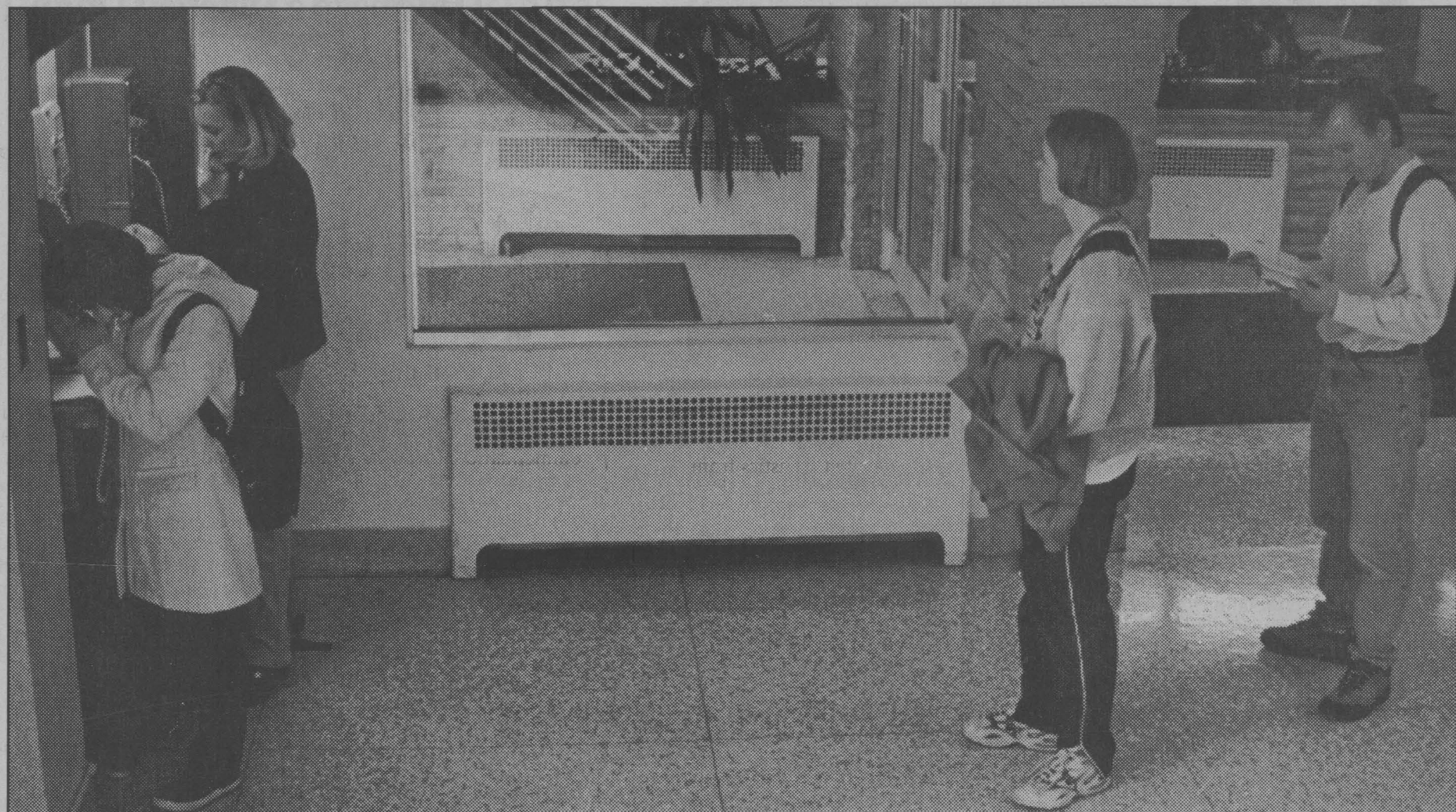
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Like many other Utah State University students, Lindsey Anderson and Jason Brown (in line) find that registration by phone and the QUAD don't go unaffected by the problems with the registration server. Lines formed anywhere there was a phone or computer that could be used to add or drop classes Tuesday.

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White and Marshall said the problems arise within this system when it receives a certain type of transaction. For example, Monday the system had problems when the registration office was attempting to update a more-than-3-year-old transcript, Marshall said.

When the system receives a transaction it doesn't like, it shuts down and has to be rebooted. This usually takes about 5 minutes, Marshall said. There is someone constantly watching for shutdowns to get the system up and running as soon as possible, Marshall said.

But, there are probably 100 different types of transactions and the only way to find out which is the problem is to sort through a "dump," or history of transactions, Marshall said.

Right now Computer Services is working with IBM and SCT, the software vendors, to do just that.

"We keep thinking we've

found the problem and it doesn't fix anything," Marshall said.

White said she realizes frustration levels are extremely high, but with technology there isn't always an easy solution.

"We can't just go in and always just switch a button to fix it," she said. "It takes a whole lot of deduction."

And, with anywhere from 10,000 to 14,000 transactions an hour (about 167 to 233 per second) going through the system during peak times, there are huge pileups when things go wrong, Marshall said.

However, because the system is failing so much, students' courses were not dropped last night as they usually are if fees haven't been paid.

So, classes that were full Tuesday are probably still full today, Marshall said. "There has been no loss of data, but dropping of classes is a big concern," Roos said. "The cashier's office has been trying to accommodate students by not purging classes overnight."

But that's not a huge consolation for students who waited in

long lines for more than an hour Tuesday.

"I get in and then it shuts down," said Lindsey Andersen, a USU student who spent all day trying to register. She said she waited in line, gave up and then tried the QUAD system, but nothing worked.

In fact, due to the nature of the system, when the computers are down there is no alternative. So, if the QUAD isn't working the terminals at both the Registration and Cashier offices are down, too.

"The students aren't the only ones frustrated. It's frustrating for those of us in the Registration Office," said David Roos, director of Enrollment Services.

Roos said several temporary employees were hired for the busy season and are now stuck doing filing work when the system goes down.

"We're trying to deal with it quickly and we realize the big impact this has had on students," Roos said. "It's frustrating for everyone and we're trying to get it resolved as quickly as possible."



David Roos, registrar for the Registration Office, hands out coupons for free bread to students who wait while the registration server was down Tuesday. Staff members at the Registration Office and students alike became frustrated with the registration system.

City of Logan to examine the definition of 'family'

LEAH L. CULLER
Assistant News Editor

A proposed redefining of terms in Logan's land development code could be bad news for many Utah State University students living in homes in Logan.

Currently, traditional families related by blood, adoption or marriage or three unrelated people and their children are allowed to live in homes in traditional neighborhoods.

The stipulations on groups living in single-family zones could soon be changed to allow only two unrelated adults and their children.

The proposed definition, derived in part from a Supreme Court ruling, describes a family in a traditional neighborhood as "living and cooking together as a single housekeeping unit."

Technically, a pair of college students wouldn't necessarily fit the definition if they don't cook together or live as a single

housekeeping unit.

Assistant City Attorney Kymber Housely said it would be difficult to enforce this, however.

Community Development Director Eric Toll said neighborhoods are concerned about how the character of the neighborhood is affected when a home changes from owner-occupied to a rental unit.

According to Toll, rentals often have more occupants than allowed by ordinance. A change in policy would significantly affect the rental market.

The city will hold a public hearing on the proposal to redefine what makes up a family Thursday.

The hearing will begin as soon as the city finishes other business, and will start no sooner than 7:30 p.m. The hearing will be held in City Hall, 225 N. Main St. in Logan. The public is invited and encouraged to attend to voice its concern about this issue.

Ogden man will plead insanity in murder case

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Jeffrey Lynn Jones' shotgun attack on two people was recorded on a 7-Eleven security video and his confession was saved on a 911 tape. Now, his attempted murder case is going to trial.

At a pretrial conference Monday, defense attorney Mike Boyle told 2nd District Judge Stanton Taylor the trial will proceed as planned on Jan. 18. It's scheduled to last four days.

Jones, 32, has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to two counts of attempted aggravated murder, a first-degree felony punishable by a term of 5 years to life in prison.

If the insanity defense succeeds, Jones would go to the state mental hospital instead of prison. Boyle said that's his goal, and the defense has conceded Jones did the

shooting.

"There's no question he committed the crime," Boyle said.

Jones is charged with the Jan. 6, 1999, shooting of Karan Rice, 33, and Dan Nebeker, 31.

Rice was hit three times and Nebeker once. According to police and audio and video tapes at the scene, Jones fired almost a dozen shots around the store.

Both victims survived. Jones is seen on the security camera video walking into the store with a shotgun held level at his waist. The shootings occur off-camera as the victims' screams mount.

The video was played at Jones' preliminary hearing March 13, as was a tape of the call Jones made from the store to a 911 dispatcher to report the shootings.

NewsBRIEFS

➤ Travel Study and BRI announce tour schedule

Utah State University's Travel Study and Bear River Institute programs have just released their 2000 program calendar in which participants can take advantage of more than 28 outdoor-educational experiences and travel study opportunities between February and October.

The Bear River Institute and Travel Utah Tours offer year-round mini-adventures ranging from one to 10 days in length, focusing on local history, ecology, folklore and the natural world. Longer travel study tours are also available.

For more information, contact USU Conference Services at (800) 538-2663 or (435) 797-0425 or stop by the USU Eccles Conference Center Room 103.

➤ A-Team applications currently being accepted

Applications for the A-Team are being accepted through Jan. 25. For an employment "pink sheet," go to the Taggart Student Center room 106. Information sessions about the A-Team will be held today and tomorrow from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in TSC Room 225.

➤ Drum and dance workshop to be held

The USU Outdoor Recreation Center and A Dancing Community will be co-sponsoring a Congolese and West African drum and dance weekend workshop Saturday, Jan. 15. The workshops, with Fred Simpson and Mabiba Baegne, will be held in HPER 215. Registration for the drum workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the workshop will run from 10 a.m. to noon. The dance workshop will run from 1 to 3 p.m. with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m. Cost for the workshops is \$15 each.

Simpson began accompanying modern dance classes on the Congo drum at U.C. Santa Cruz at the age of 21. He has performed, with his dance troupe, at almost every junior college, college and university in the San Francisco Bay area.

Baegne, born in Congo, Brazzaville, was initiated into dance by her grandparents at the age of 8. She joined the National Ballet of the Congo at age 20 and toured with them for seven years. She has taught at various schools in Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Norway, Italy and Paris.

➤ DRC volunteers needed

The Disability Resource Center is in need of volunteers to take notes and read texts on tape for students with disabilities. Note takers will take notes for students in their classes and receive a gift certificate stipend. Readers will read text books onto tape at their convenience to help students with disabilities. For information, call (435) 797-2444 or go to the Taggart Student Center Room 104.

➤ Clarification

In Monday's issue of the *Statesman* an infograph entitled "Cocaine facts" was misleading. Cocaine can, in fact, lead to physiological dependency.

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FACULTY

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Currently, university studies require a student to take one class designated as a breadth course from each of five areas. This excludes the college of a student's major.

The new requirements would mean a student must take six breadth courses, including one from his or her major college.

However, Petersen said this shouldn't increase a student's class load.

"It was frankly to make us look comparable to other schools in our general education program," he said. "It's a program similar to other Utah schools, whose general educa-

tion requirements look as if they involve more credits."

In most majors, students are already required to take at least one class for graduation that is also considered a breadth course. This course would count as a major requirement as well as a breadth credit under the new system, Petersen said.

In majors that currently require no classes that have been tagged as breadth courses, Petersen said department heads would be allowed to pick one of their required courses to be designated as a breadth course.

He said the new program would also separate breadth and depth requirements, making it easier for transfer students to fulfill their university studies.



TODAY'S BEST BET

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F E A T U R E S

Dancing to a Different Drum

Dummer Fred Simpson and dancer Mabiba Baegne bring a slice of West African culture to USU. Check it out in Friday's Statesman.

Board Utah! Ski Utah!

Fighter pilot for hire

No COMMENT / Grant Gold



I recently got a job at Beaver Mountain as a snowboard instructor and so the powers that be have requested that I write about how snowboarding is better than skiing. To be perfectly honest I don't feel right about perpetuating that old rivalry. I might as well write about how my dad can beat up your dad. Or maybe I should expound on how there exists a direct correlation between stepping on cracks and broken backs among mothers. All nonsense if you ask me. Yet I have a job to do and this is how I would do it ...

We all face choices in our lives. Will it be a steak or just hot dogs for dinner? Save up for the Porsche or get the Pinto now? Jennifer Lopez or Linda Tripp? Fifth Avenue candy bar or a Butterfinger? Trip to Hawaii or family outing to Lagoon? Snowboarding or skiing?

What is it about snowboarding that makes it so cool? Maybe it is the grass-roots movement of the sport in the late '70s and early '80s. It could be the rebellious nature because of the resistance given by the mainstream skiing industry up until the early '90s.

Let's face it, snowboarding is the way James Dean would have gotten down the mountain. The rebel without a cause would have found one in deep powder turns, fully laid out high speed carves, and large copious amounts of air. He would have landed smack dab in the middle of Eden and not just to the east of it.

The sport of snowboarding is the innovator. It is the risk taker. Ultimately, for both the resorts and the skiing industry, it is the life saver. That's right, it is not because of good will that the resorts have let snowboards in. Let's just say we should actually spell it *snowboarding*. Forty-two percent of people on the mountain between the ages of 18 and 24 are snowboarding and those figures are growing.

Those older than 24 are taking up the sport as well. More and more parents are taking up snowboarding and joining their children on the slopes. Let's not forget the contribution snowboarding has made to a declining ski industry. Yep, sales were dropping and then came along a brand new ski. It was called the shaped ski or parabolic ski. This type of ski has a radical side cut (a much deeper curve) which has revolutionized skiing by breathing new life into a dying industry. Where ever did they get that nifty idea? Snowboarding.

Skiers have even adopted the clothing of boarders. Why they would even think of abandoning those super-groovy neon colored body suits is a mystery to me but they have. In style now are the baggier pants with a better functioning, more stylish jacket. All introduced by snowboarding.

Nothing can describe the feeling of floating through the powder as it sprays up and over your entire body. The sense of freedom is amplified even more by the speeds you can reach as gravity claws at you and your board. Sure, skiers can enjoy the powder as well, however they seem to do a lot more sinking than floating. I guess you could say they are the submarines and snowboarders are the F-16's.

Now don't get me wrong, both must be very important or the

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Give me class anytime

OUR THOUGHTS / The Skiers of the Statesman staff



Q: What do a vacuum cleaner and a snowboard have in common?

A: They are both attached to dirtbags.

An example:

Picture it. You arise at the crack of dawn. The chill in the air takes your breath away when you step outside, but that doesn't stop the need to revel in the fresh foot of powder that fell while you slept peacefully in your bed.

Driving to your favorite piece of the Wasatch, excitement swells in your stomach spreading through your limbs to resonate in your toenails and the tips of your teeth.

Climbing on the lift, your spot on the mountain comes into view. Etched in the baby blue sky, there it is. It's the perfect run. The one you've been working toward your entire life. That expert black diamond, daredevils-only suicide peak that every skier cruises perfectly only in their dreams.

Nothing, you think, could spoil the first snowfall of the season. You will, you're convinced, be queen/king of the mountain once more.

You're revved up to carve the first tracks in fresh powder when some punk with a jester hat that couldn't possibly possess more projectiles with bells cuts you off, hogging the entire mountain for himself.

Let's just say there's a reason snowboarders aren't allowed on the well-groomed slopes of most high-class ski resorts. Could it be, um, they have no class?

The snowboarders who aren't pre-pubescent twits sport their three-day stubble, greasy, long dreadlocks and M.C. Hammer-wannabe pants. Who needs skill

when you can float down the mountain with two parachutes attached to your waist. At least the bells give you a slight warning before they plow you over.

Let's face it, Hollywood's biggest stars have always gone to Sun Valley, Idaho, in the winter to ski. It's the classy thing to do. You don't see Meryl Streep "hangin' 10" on a board. That's because boarders are the Dennis Rodmans of the ski hills.

Even our "class-act" president, the man who knows all too well that image is everything, took his family skiing, not boarding. And, technically, skiing is more complex than boarding. Instead of

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Utah resorts to the slopes

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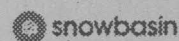
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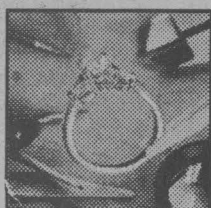
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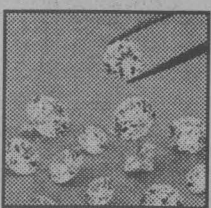
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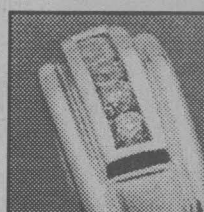
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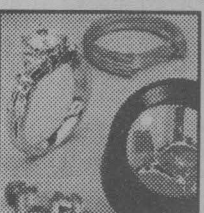
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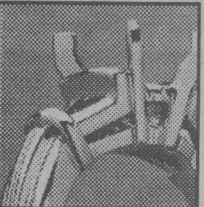
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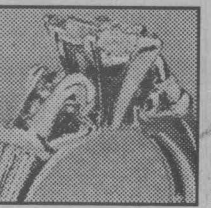
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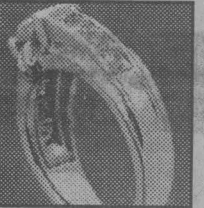
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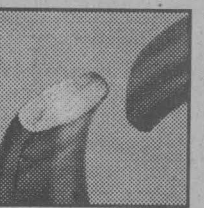
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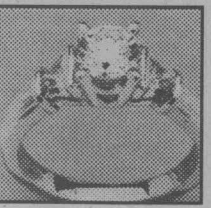
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'Skye' is no limit for Nitro Girl from WCW who wants to be an actress

MARIA BLACKBURN
The Baltimore Sun

The trashiest line of work for women in television today — barring "Jerry Springer" guest appearances, of course — almost surely is cheerleader for World Championship Wrestling, also known as a Nitro Girl.

The newest Nitro Girl, Skye, wears tube tops, fishnets and hot pants. She bumps and grinds hip thrusts in the ring between televised wrestling matches involving behemoths named The Total Package and Dr. Death.

Back home, in her real world in Rosedale, Md., you'd never recognize her.

In November, Stacy "Skye" Keibler beat out 300 competitors for a \$10,000 check and a Nitro Girl spot. Her winning performance — a 90-second high-energy dance routine during the WCW's "Monday Nitro," — was seen on television by 4.4 million viewers, according to Nielsen Media Research.

Since her TV debut, the 20-year-old Keibler has been busy, in and out of the ring. These days, Nitro Girls wrestle as well as dance. So recently, Skye "knocked out" fellow Nitro Girl Spice with a makeup case and drew on her face with lipstick, then hip-checked a 300-pound Nitro Girl wannabe who tried to muscle in on a dance routine.

Trashy, trashy, trashy! But outside the ring, Keibler isn't Skye.

She still lives with her folks in the house where she grew up, still sleeps in the same room in the same twin bed with the white porcelain crucifix and the poster of babies dressed as teddy bears hanging above the headboard. She still dates the same guy she's been going with since the summer after her freshman year at the Catholic High School of Baltimore. She wears jeans and no makeup. Trashy she's not.

"I'm not like that," Keibler says, the sting of having to defend herself audible in her sweet, girlish voice. "I'm just doing what I like to do."

What she likes to do is dance. Any kind of dance: ballet, jazz, tap. She's been dancing since age 3.

"She danced from the minute she was born," her mother, Pat, boasts. "Stacy was one of those kids you'd find dancing on top of the coffee table."

She is 5 feet 11 inches tall, she says, standing and stretching as if to make the point. "Too tall for the Rockettes," she adds, sounding slightly wistful.

Instead, she found ways to perform closer to home: modeling, earning bit parts in movies such as "Liberty Heights" and "Pecker," and becoming a cheerleader for the Baltimore Ravens.

All of this helped prepare her



ANDRE FOUNG / The Baltimore Sun

Stacy 'Skye' Keibler, 20, WCW's newest Nitro Girl hopes of becoming an actress through her opportunity to play a wrestling character.

for her stint as a Nitro Girl. That and not missing an episode of "Monday Nitro" for the past three years.

Keibler's boyfriend, Kris Cumberland, has been watching WCW for years. Stacy joined him — reluctantly, at first.

"I was like, 'You've got to be kidding me,'" she says. Then the couple attended a live WCW show together and she was swept up in the athleticism, the enthusiasm and the show biz. She was smitten. "It's a soap opera," she says.

She's right. Professional wrestling is part soap opera, part action-adventure, part cartoon, part Oprah and part love story. There are good guys — "babyfaces" in wrestling lingo — and bad guys, or "heels." Fans know the matches are scripted by the show's writers. They watch anyway.

"Monday Nitro," which airs from a different city each week, regularly sells out 20,000-seat arenas.

"It used to be the Nitro Girls would come out and dance for 30 seconds," Keibler says. "If you changed the channel, you could miss them. Now the girls are getting scripted into the action."

And already the Nitro girls are at war.

Try to keep up: The war started

when Kimberly Page, the group's founder and a former Playboy bunny, quit the Nitro Girls to avoid being stalked by a psycho wrestler. A power struggle ensued, and the babyfaces faced off against the heels. It was three against three, with two girls remaining neutral. Spice, a babyface, fought A.C. Jazz for the title of group leader and won. A.C. Jazz left the group. Tygress, a heel, plotted to usurp Spice's power.

Thrown into this chaos, Keibler's character, Skye, had to make a choice: Was she a good girl or a bad girl? Actually, the writers made the choice.

"I'm a heel," Keibler says, giggling.

So a woman who says she's never had a fight in her life is now pulling hair, shouting and fighting on national television.

"Stacy's so nice and easygoing. I just can't see her playing a bad guy," Keibler's friend and Ravens cheerleading captain Teri DiFatta agrees. "She must be a good actress."

Acting, in fact, is Keibler's ultimate goal. Being a Nitro Girl is great and all — the fans, the performing, the travel to such exotic places as Little Rock, Ark., Detroit and Indianapolis. But it isn't her dream job.

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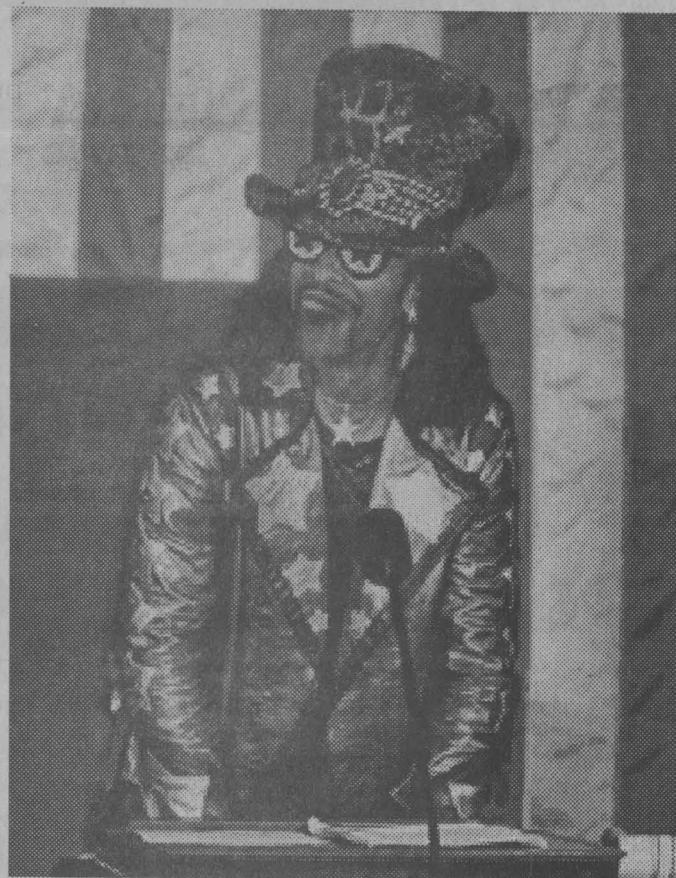
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controlling one board, you have to control two. Also, there's the issue of the poles. Thus, skiing is a whole body experience.

Skiing has been around for centuries. It has taken that many years to develop the skill and professionalism necessary for a sport to be considered reputable. How can snowboarders expect to crash the scene and consider themselves to be at the same level as skiers?

Skiing is also a gentleman's sport. After all, James Bond, the epitome of a man, only skis. Except for that one movie where he rode a cello case down the slope.

Snowboarding is just a rebellion. It's like the '60s, only without the flower power. Or the '70s without the bellbottoms. It's not for the challenge or finesse, it's merely for the rush.

Isn't it fitting, then, that a dope smoker from Canada won the gold medal in the '96 Olympics? We think so.

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Ask a stupid question and millions of people will tune in

PAUL FARHI
The Washington Post

Here's a question that recently earned big bucks for a contestant on ABC's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," the most popular TV quiz show in 40 years: What two colors make up an OreO cookie?

And here's another stumper from the same program: What is your power source if you use solar energy? Or try these dazzling "Millionaire" brain teasers: What year did Columbus discover America? The Empire State Building is located in what state?

Questions like these tempt us to pose a question of our own: Why have quiz show questions gotten so moronic?

It's worth asking, now that prime-time TV, and perhaps America, is gaga for game shows. Because imitation remains the sincerest form of television, the wildly successful

"Millionaire" was bound to be copied by another network. Actually, make it three networks. This week, Fox began new installments of its game show "Greed." CBS wades in on Saturday night with a new show called "Winning Lines." And just after ABC returns "Millionaire" to the air next week, NBC will revive "Twenty-One." The last time so many quiz shows appeared in prime time was in the late 1950s, when "Twenty-One" was revealed as a fraud.

Yes, some of the quiz shows of yesteryear were fixed, with producers feeding contestants answers in advance. But the essential difference between the old and the new is this: Back then, the questions were tougher. And people seemed to like it.

On "The \$64,000 Question" (1955-58), for example, a contestant was shown six portraits and asked to name not just the artist

and the subject, but also the teacher with whom the artist had studied. Another contestant was asked to name the Verdi opera that started Arturo Toscanini's conducting career, as well as the date of the performance and its location. In 1957, a young college professor named Charles Van Doren was asked on "Twenty-One" to name the kings of Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Jordan.

Herbert M. Stempel, the contestant who faced Van Doren and eventually exposed the rigging on "Twenty-One," was eliminated from the show when he could answer only two parts of the following three-parter: What was the name of the anti-populist Kansas newspaper editor of the 1920s? (William Allen White.) What was the name of his newspaper? (The Emporia Gazette.) What was the name of the column he wrote? ("What's the Matter With Kansas?")

No clues. No multiple choice. No "lifelines."

Today, Stempel, 73, scoffs: "There really has been a dumbing down. In the old days, we had arcane and esoteric stuff. It was designed to make the audience gape" at the contestants' grasp of difficult subjects.

Today, the producers of "Jeopardy!" award \$1,000 (the value of its most difficult questions) to the contestant who

can name the capital of Paraguay (Asuncion). "The capital of Burkina Faso or Namibia I could understand, but Paraguay? To anyone who knows trivia, this is an insult," says Stempel. Buzz. Not so fast, Herb. It's because the questions are no-brainer: gimmes that "Millionaire" has become such a hit. In all the analysis of "Millionaire's" hold on American audiences (it single-handedly carried ABC to a victory in the November ratings sweeps), many said they liked not having to be a Rhodes scholar to answer the questions.

"They've made the questions very relatable" is how CBS network chief Les Moonves put it recently.

By which he meant no-brainer gimmes.

To some observers, this is more than a Nielsen phenomenon. It's a cultural sea change.

"It demonstrates that the cultural aspirations of the bulk of the country have changed," says New York University sociology professor Todd Gitlin, the author of "Inside Prime Time," a book analyzing television. "The lion's share of the audience in the 1950s (found) pleasure in being stumped. To be stumped meant that you had further to go. It reinforced the idea that you could spend the rest of your life getting smarter."

That's the opposite of today's ethic, Gitlin says. "The dominant cultural aspiration now is to demonstrate how good one already is," he says. "There's a kind of hipness in being superi-

or. It's 'I am somebody,' not 'I will be somebody.' It's 'I am happening,' not 'I will be happening someday.'"

Gitlin says it's telling what passes now for knowledge (or at least trivia fodder) on today's games — primarily, he says, facts about television and popular culture. In fact, "Winning Lines" is a show combining knowledge of pop trivia with brute memorization skills. Big money now rides on being able to identify Britney Spears on "Jeopardy!" One "Millionaire" contestant passed at a chance to take home \$500,000 by answering this question: How many von Trapp children were there in "The Sound of Music"? (Seven).

"The information that the producers believe is universally appreciated is information about the media," Gitlin says. "Their gamble is that people would rather watch someone (familiar with) that body of information than watch someone who knows about opera, molecular biology, the royal families of recent centuries, the political history of Europe, or butterflies."

Ben Stein, host of the game show "Win Ben Stein's Money," offers a more succinct analysis: "People are dumber," he says flatly. "I was a well-educated graduate of a public high school in 1962 (also, a graduate of Columbia University). Now, compared to what people have sunk to, I am considered an incredibly well-informed person."

Unlike the pandering "Millionaire," the premise of Stein's show is that Stein is smarter (or at least better informed) than his contestants. At the end of a qualifying round, one contestant takes on Stein in a head-to-head match for a \$5,000 prize (Stein doesn't get a look at the questions in advance). He calls his show, which airs on the Comedy Central cable network, "insanely difficult."

Among recent questions: At the Battle of Trafalgar, Lord Nelson was killed aboard what ship? (The HMS Victory.) And: What particle inside the nucleus carries a positive charge? (The proton.)

To be fair, the contestants of the 1950s weren't just folks off the street. They tended to be well educated, even intellectual, and often with quasi-expert knowledge in a particular subject. Charles Van Doren was a college professor; Dr. Joyce Brothers appeared on "The \$64,000 Question" as an authority on boxing (she won \$64,000). The show also once featured Robert Strom, an 11-year-old boy genius, and Richard McCutchen, who won by describing all five courses and two wines served at a 1939 banquet given by King George VI of England.

Even so, says Stein, "in the 1950s, the questions reflected knowledge that a well-educated person with an excellent liberal arts background would have. Now ... (producers) have given up asking whether people know about the Treaty of Utrecht or what amendment to the Constitution gives former slaves the right to vote. They'd rather ask who the drummer for Motley Crue is."

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Basketball games: 'Let me in!'

First, I'd like to say how fun the basketball game was against BYU because of the atmosphere we created. All games can be that fun if the student body comes out and supports the university and its athletic teams.

Second, my main purpose is to inform all students on how to get into the basketball games minus the hassle. Similar to football, there is an entrance set aside for students: the south entrance of the Spectrum. If you haven't been to a game or don't know this policy, here is what I found out you can do to "beat the system" in getting into the games.

Get a student ticket in advance: Starting the Monday of that week's game(s), you can go to either the TSC Information Office or the Spectrum Ticket Office, and, with an ID, pick up a

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free student ticket. This way you can go to any entrance you want, show your ID and ticket, and they will let you in.

Forget to get a ticket:

If you don't have an advanced ticket and only have your ID, you must go to the south gate facing the HPER Field to get in. This is the only gate where they have the card scanners, and consequently, the only gate where students can get in without a ticket.

Why only one entrance???

They have had problems with people getting stuck on the escalator due to the long lines right before tip-off. So, it's a safety issue. Also, without a significant number of students consistently attending the games, one entrance is sufficient. That entrance is the south gate because of its proximity to the student section.

With this information in mind, I hope that the students can continue to support the university and cheer on the Aggies. See you at the game!

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Forget Einstein!

Person of the century is the guy who messed it all up

VIEWPOINTS / Gregory P. Kane

Before the new year gets too old, let's just attend to some traditional year-end business, shall we?

I don't believe in this "end of the century/end of the millennium" nonsense that was banded about through all of 1999. I would point out, as letter writer Doy Prunty of Baltimore observed, that "the new century and the new millennium will begin at the stroke of midnight on December 31, 2000." Prunty also advised those skeptics who insist on counting quantities — years, in this case — by starting with zero instead of one that he would give them 99 cents for every buck they gave him.

But let's just consider the century and millennium over as of right now. Do we really want to go through choosing the athlete of the century, the entertainer of the century and the person of the century all over again?

I would doubt it, especially since all the selections were wrong. The ESPN network — noting the findings of 48 "experts" — chose Michael Jordan over Babe Ruth as

athlete of the century. It's still debatable if Jordan is even the greatest basketball player of the century. Picking him over the clear choice — the Babe — is excusable when you consider that ESPN never said what, exactly, was the area of expertise of those 48 cognitively challenged dimwits.

TV Guide magazine chose Elvis Presley as the "entertainer of the century." Those of us who figured the entertainer of the century was one Francis Albert Sinatra are very perplexed indeed. Sinatra's music and film record should have made him the obvious choice over Elvis. Methinks the folks at TV Guide are in the group that believes Elvis and God are synonymous. Someone should break the truth to them gently.

Time magazine chose physicist Albert Einstein as the "person of the century." At first glance, that would

appear a reasonable choice. The guy revolutionized his science and discovered the equation that allowed man to split the atom and unleash the power of nuclear energy. But the person of the century would have to be the one who, for good or ill, had the most impact on the century.

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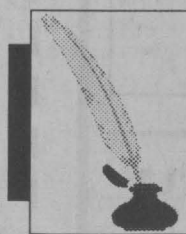
we really want to go through choosing the athlete of the century, the entertainer of the century and the person of the century all over again?'

Austria, heir-presumptive of the Austro-Hungarian empire, and his wife, Sophie, are riding along a

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Go ahead and do it, tell your parents you love them

COLLEGE VIEWS / Claire Zulkey



I have this little problem that involves my parents. It has nothing to do with love or respect, money or emotional support — all of

which they give me in abundance. The problem doesn't even lie with them. It's with me, in my conscience. One day, I struggle in class but feel all right about it because, hey, I tried my best. But the next day, I feel as if my effort in class really wasn't enough and that I wasted the hard-earned money my parents spent on tuition.

The bottom line is that at the cool, reckless age of 21, I still care what my parents think about me. In fact, I care a lot.

Allow me to preface my thoughts by saying that my parents are perfectly normal, busy people who manage to lead fulfilling lives of their own — but when I took off for an out-of-state school four years ago, it was still painful. I didn't like seeing my parents cry over me leaving. I mean, I was the same person who wouldn't pick up her clothes and who could stretch the definition of "curfew," so why were they so sorry to see me leave? Strange, perhaps, but I felt guilty about leaving them.

Sophomore year, I called my parents up every other week because I couldn't understand why I was such a failure in my Italian class. Mom and Dad didn't mind, as long as I worked hard, but I felt as if I'd really let them down.

Last year was the big one, however. My younger brother left the nest for his first year of college — another out-of-state institution, and I departed to study abroad in

Florence. Am I excited for my brother? Sort of. Am I thrilled about this opportunity of mine? Kind of. Do I feel as if I'm leaving my parents alone and lonely? Oh God, yes.

College is a time of growing up and changing. It comes as a big shock, however, when one realizes that "changing" doesn't just mean becoming more of an adult in the university environment, but rather becoming more of an adult in the realm of family. Whether that means finally departing from the kiddie table at family gatherings, or having "real" conversations with Mom and Pop, it's a big change.

It's scary to come home and realize that your folks aren't the all-knowing autocrats they were five years ago. It's also easier to see their weaknesses and fears, sore points and basic mortality. It starts to sink in that as you're growing older, so are your parents. It's very scary.

I was talking to a friend about this phenomenon and the emotional toll it can take, worrying about being a good person and a good kid to your parents. We came to a conclusion that makes sense, and makes us feel a little bit better. This sort of paranoia of your parental and familial world changing around you shows an appreciation for what has brought you up and made you the person you are. Believe it or not, your parents may just have been doing a good job the whole time.

So thank them, and tell them you love them. It makes them feel better. And it'll make you feel better, too.

Zulkey is a campus correspondent from Georgetown University.

Random nature of death clear at friend's funeral

COLLEGE VIEWS / Erica Levi



In January of my sophomore year of college, I sat in a room of 500 people and listened to a girl speak about her sister. I traveled

long hours in the middle of the night to make it to that talk on time and had not brought pen or paper to take notes. In fact, I had left my backpack and textbooks behind.

Hundreds of miles from the lecture halls I know well, I sat uncomfortably in a sanctuary — a usual place of warmth and understanding, but now a massive room of dissolution and lost faith.

I could barely hear the child's small voice uttering poetry above the echoing, hollow sounds of those coughing and blowing their noses around me.

The faces that surrounded me were not faces of college classmates; the bodies to the left and right of me were not doodling in notebooks or scribbling notes. Instead, they were two broad-shouldered companions from high school, holding my hands at my friend Celia's funeral.

In back of me were the teachers who had taught Celia and me our favorite courses: English, yearbook, newspaper. The same teachers who scolded us for giggling in the back of the classroom, now sat with me and dabbed their eyes. We listened as a 10-year-old child, barely tall enough to reach the microphone, spoke eloquently about her love for her sister Celia, my petite, angelic-faced friend who slipped out of this world on Jan. 18, 1999.

Celia had just returned to University of Michigan for the second semester of her freshman year. She and three friends went skiing for the weekend, and on the trip home, the car she was traveling in hit a patch of ice and

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careened into a truck. My friend died instantly.

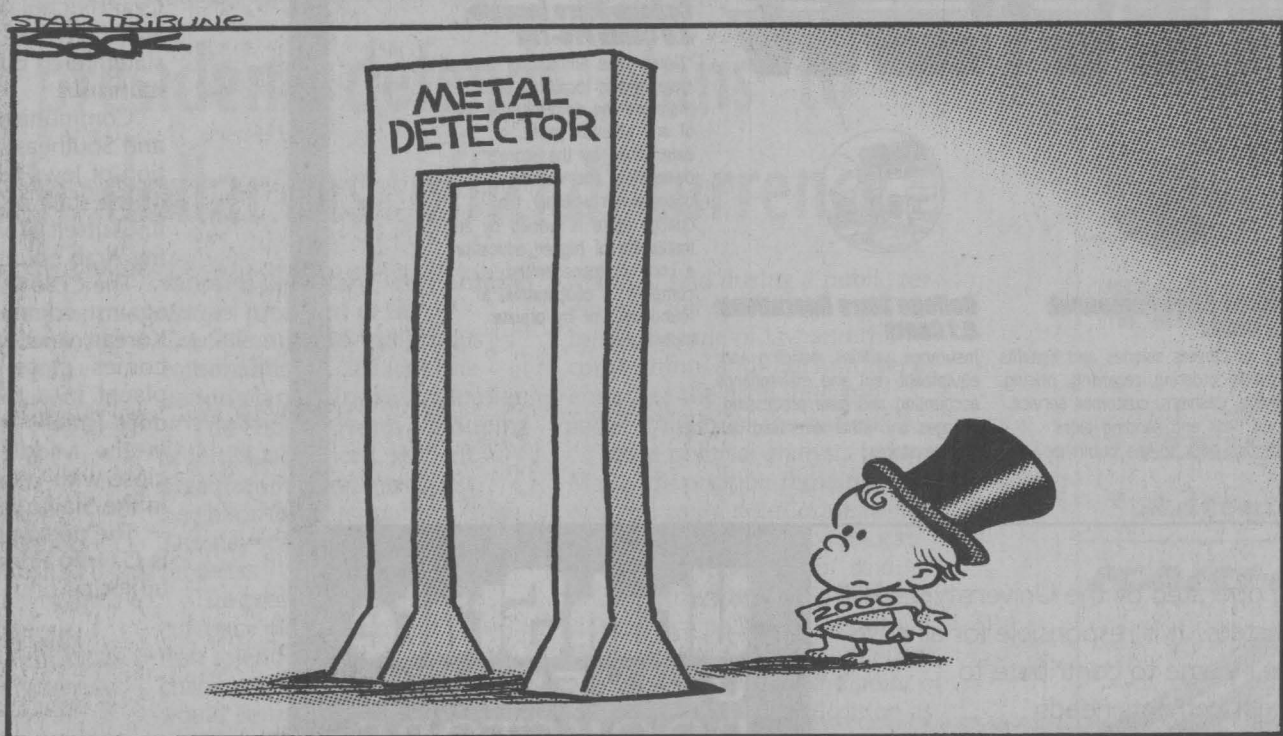
In January, at almost 20 years of age, I still managed to think that death only hunted the elderly, the sick and the bad guys. I knew death in very few forms. In fifth grade I dressed in black and dug a hole in my backyard for a box containing a treasured fish. In sixth grade I crept back into the room where my lifeless dog lay after he had been put to sleep. In twelfth grade I stood at a podium in front of family and family friends and eulogized my loving grandfather. Fish and dogs and grandparents get old; I learned that early on.

But I was caught off-guard that night I answered the phone while watching television in my apartment. I was not prepared to hear another friend whisper that my 5-foot-tall, adorable, big-mouthed, platform-wearing, vivacious, intelligent friend, the one who promised in my yearbook to love me always and forever, had died.

It took me nearly that whole week prior to her funeral to figure out how to get home. My mother didn't want me driving considering the circumstances.

I couldn't miss too many class-

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es my first week back. I was miserable and in pain and felt cheated and guilty. For a long time I had fallen out of touch with Celia, and had only been talking to her again since November 1998. We e-mailed and chatted over the computer — discussing what we would do when we saw each other over winter break. I never saw her.

We talked numerous times over the vacation, but she always called and wanted me to come over as I was climbing into bed, and when I called, her father would tell me she was out shopping or out with friends or cousins.

Celia had so many people in her life who cared for her. She was so giving. She was small but she was strong. She had even lost her own brother when she was younger. Now her parents had to bury a second child.

That is all I thought of as I threw a single rose onto her coffin and shoveled dirt into the void where she rested.

Her parents had a "sharing session" at their house the night of the funeral, and friends sat around and told funny sto-

ries about her. Her parents made inquiries into the stories they only knew portions of — we spilled the truths about all the situations that girl managed to get into. The feeling was warm, the emotion was strong, and the mood was uplifting. I guess as a psychiatrist, Celia's father realized that this storytelling time would provide her friends with a sense of closure and a catalyst for healing.

But still I think of her, and want to know why that little daredevil was kidnapped by death from her family and friends. I want to call her and hear her laugh. I want to put our hair up in pigtails again and take pictures of us acting childish. I want to sit beside her again in our high school yearbook and newspaper classes and learn about layout and feature writing.

We already thought we knew so much about newspaper then, but until I got to college, I didn't know that the obituary page was the most widely read page of the newspaper. No classroom prepared me, though, for the day I would have to see my own friend's face on it.

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parade route when a Serbian nationalist named Vaso Cubrilovic tosses a bomb at their car. It bounces off the archduke's hand and explodes in the street near another car in the procession, injuring a passenger.

Now at this point, you would figure that either the archduke or the people responsible for his security would have hustled him out of Sarajevo to safer environs, wouldn't you? That's because you can think, an area in which the archduke was apparently not adept. The idiot continues to Sarajevo's town hall, makes a speech and then resumes his little joy-ride through the streets.

Another potential assassin, that Gavrilo Princip guy, is still hanging around, itching to literally get his shot at the archduke. Princip jumps on the running board of the archduke's car and pumps two slugs into him and a couple into Sophie. He kills them both. Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia. Germany comes to the aid of Austria-Hungary. Russia, England and France come to the aid of Serbia. The four-year tragedy known as World War I is on.

Thousands die. The map of Europe is redrawn. The Treaty of Versailles makes the defeated Germany a bitter nation. All this, courtesy of Mr. Princip.

But that's not all. Out of the smoke and ashes of World War I rises a corporal in the German army who uses his country's defeat to whip up the nationalism that leads to the rise of the Nazis, the Third Reich and the extermination of 6 million Jews, 400,000 Gypsies and hundreds of thousands of others. Russia's involvement in World War I is one of the factors that leads to the fall of Czar Nicholas II (another idiot) and the rise of Josef Stalin — who slaughtered millions — and communism.

Communism spreads to China and Southeast Asia. The persecution of Jews leads to the creation of the state of Israel, which soon finds itself at war with surrounding Arab countries.

The Cold War pitting the West against communism leads to the Korean and Vietnam wars and comes close to engulfing the planet in a third world war. So does Israel's struggle for survival in the Middle East. The 1990s close with yet another ethnic war in the Slavic regions.

The person of the 20th century is Gavrilo Princip, who messed it up for all of us.

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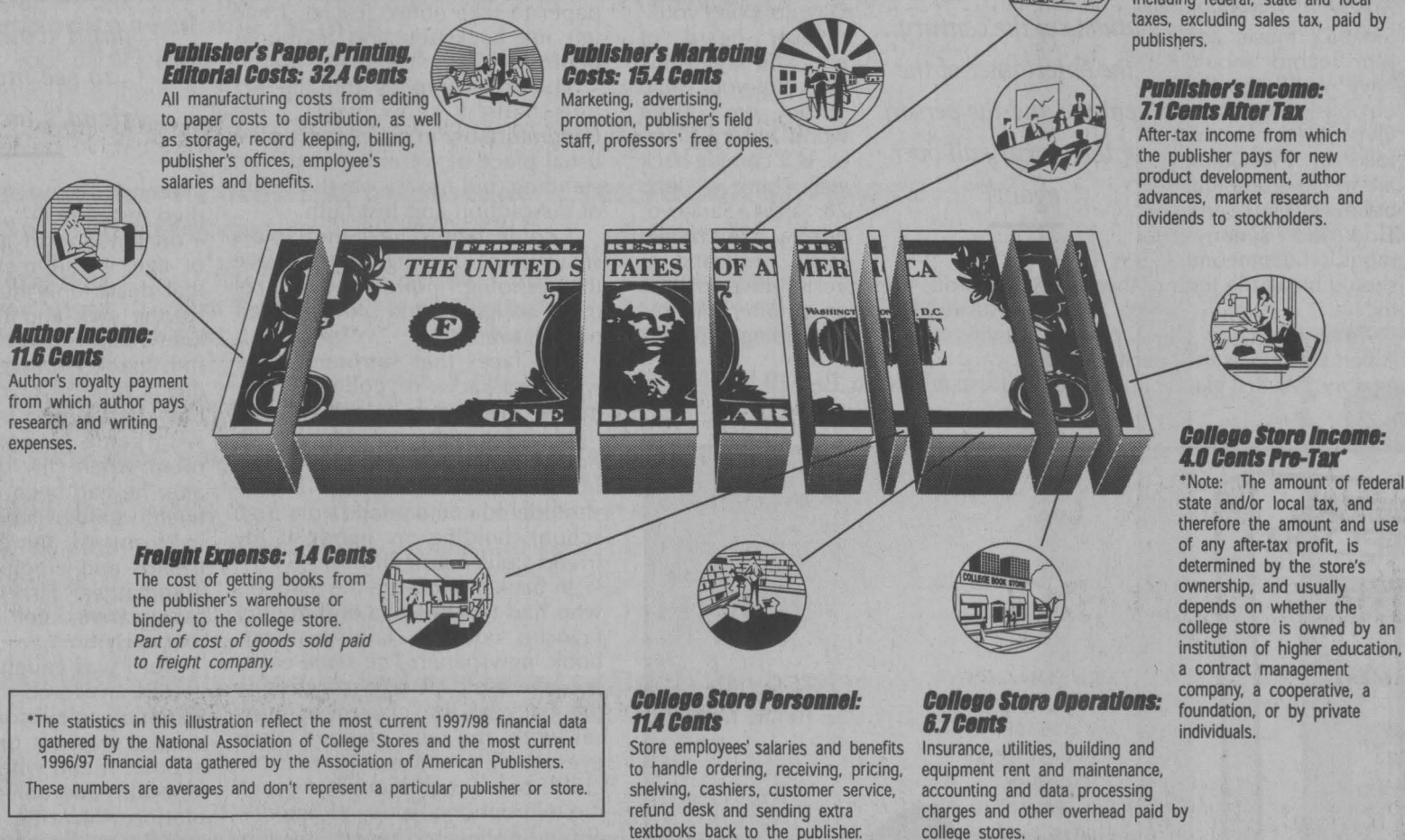
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Human rights violations have China squirming

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration undertook a campaign Tuesday to censure China in the U.N. Human Rights Commission for what officials described as a steadily deteriorating Chinese human rights record.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said in addition to intensifying a crackdown on political dissent in China, Beijing is vigorously suppressing the Buddhist Falun Gong meditation movement and tightening controls on the media and the Internet.

Beyond that, China strengthened controls on unregistered churches and on the political and religious expression of ethnic minorities, especially Tibetans, he said.

"These actions taken as a whole are contrary to the direction that China has been urged to take by the world," Rubin said.

"They are specifically contrary to internationally recognized human rights standards, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which China has signed."

Asked about Rubin's comments, Chinese Embassy spokesman Yu Shuning said his government "firmly opposes the U.S. practice of interfering in China's internal affairs under the pretext of human rights."

Rubin's announcement came a day after President Clinton urged Congress to vote "at the earliest possible time" to approve a trade deal negotiated with China in the fall.

The timing of Rubin's announcement appeared aimed at showing Congress the administration is prepared to get tough on China's rights record even as it pushes for closer trade ties. At issue before Congress this year is a trade agreement that will allow China to join the World Trade Organization, which sets rules for international commerce.

Clinton's campaign for congressional approval faces stiff resistance from organized labor, environmental groups and their Democratic allies, who believe low wages and lax pollution standards in China will undercut American workers. Religious groups also are expected to raise objections about China's human rights problems.

The advocacy group Human Rights Watch

praised the U.S. initiative, urged the president and vice president to involve themselves personally in it and asked the European Union to join the Americans in sponsorship.

"China must be held to the same basic human rights standards as any other government," said Mike Jendrzeczyk, Washington director of Human Rights Watch's Asia division. "While China has been negotiating WTO agreements, it has simultaneously cracked down on dissidents, unofficial religious groups, labor organizers and others."

'The goal here is to shine an international spotlight directly on China's human rights practices.'

• JAMES P. RUBIN •
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Rubin said China was informed at a high level Tuesday of U.S. intentions in the U.N. Human Rights Commission, which meets in March. He described the Geneva-based group as the world's "pre-eminent body" on rights issues.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has instructed ambassadors around the world to push for support for the prospective resolution denouncing China, Rubin said.

"The goal here, through this international action, is to shine an international spotlight directly on China's human rights practices," Rubin said.

Yu, the Chinese Embassy spokesman, predicted failure for the U.S. plan. "They have already tried eight times before in Geneva, and they failed eight times," Yu said. "If they try this year, they will fail again."

A U.S. initiative in 1999 failed because American officials were unable to muster majority support to include the question on the commission's agenda. Many European allies opposed the initiative.

The administration did not submit a China resolution 1998 because it perceived that the rights situation had been improving.

Of particular concern to the administration in recent months has been the crackdown on the Falun Gong. Since its founding in 1992, millions have joined the spiritual movement. China has branded it as an "evil cult" and recently sentenced four top leaders to prison terms of up to 18 years. The sentences exceeded those given in recent years to political dissidents.

Immigrant smuggling leaves three Chinese men dead

SEATTLE (AP) — Three Chinese stowaways were found dead this week in a cargo container that arrived aboard a ship from Hong Kong — the first known deaths in what has suddenly become one of the busiest methods of smuggling immigrants into the United States.

Crammed into 40-foot, canvas-topped corrugated-metal boxes, the stowaways try to survive on bottled water and little food for the two-week voyage across the Pacific from China.

Immigration officers have stepped up efforts to catch the immigrants and the smugglers they pay up to \$50,000 to make the trip, but the boxes keep coming.

"Until now, the prices migrants have paid for illegal passage to the United States have been high in terms of dollars," said Bob Coleman, acting director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Seattle, "but in a situation like this, where lives are lost, the cost is unfathomable."

On Monday, federal officials boarded the Cape May, a Japanese-owned freighter that left Hong Kong for Seattle on Dec. 27, and found three dead Chinese and 15 others in threadbare clothes and bare feet. All of them required medical care, and seven remained hospitalized Tuesday in satisfactory condition. The cause of the deaths was not released.

On Tuesday morning, 19

more immigrants, all in relatively good health, were found in a container from a ship that likewise docked in Hong Kong before arriving here.

INS spokeswoman Irene Mortensen said conditions inside the container from the Cape May were deplorable. People barely had enough room to lie down, and had only the bedding and survival gear they brought with them.

Food consisted of slowly rotting vegetables and crackers. The only toilet was a bucket; the only ventilation came from holes cut in the canvas roof.

For anywhere from three to seven days, the 15 survivors lay next to the bodies of the dead.

Last month, authorities in Long Beach, Calif., arrested 30 illegal immigrants from China after they crossed the Pacific in cargo containers.

Their travel conditions were better than those of the group caught in Seattle. The containers had food, water, battery-powered lights, portable potties, cell phones and ladders for climbing out.

For years, Chinese smugglers called "snakeheads" have been bringing illegal immigrants to this country aboard ships to both coasts and through Canada. The use of the sealed containers is a relatively new twist, and Monday's deaths were the first known to have occurred through that method.

In the past year, authorities caught 203 people smuggled

via container to West Coast ports in the United States and Canada. How many more make it through isn't known.

Most West Coast ports handle freight almost exclusively in containers. The ports move tens of thousands of containers each year and there is no telling from the outside which of the boxes might hold people.

"There's certainly a growing sophistication on the part of smugglers," said David Bachman, chairman of the University of Washington's China studies program. "I would expect that for each container caught, there must be some multiple that are getting through."

Hong Kong officials have vowed to crack down on human smuggling. Some speculate that rival smuggling gangs have been anonymously tipping off authorities, trying to drive each other out of business.

Despite the arrests and recent deaths, human smuggling is expected to continue as Chinese lured by dreams of financial or political freedom try to get to the United States. The INS estimates as many as 27,000 illegal Chinese were in the United States in 1996.

"These are people who are glad and happy to go through something like this in order to reach America," said Dan Danilov, an immigration attorney representing three of the latest illegal immigrants to arrive in Seattle. "This means a new life for them."

Clinton to add \$2.2 billion for missile defense in 2001 budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton intends to ask Congress in his 2001 budget for a \$2.2 billion increase in spending for a national missile defense, mainly for an expanded arsenal of interceptor rockets to be based in Alaska or North Dakota, defense officials said Tuesday.

Just a year ago the Clinton administration added \$6.6 billion to the Pentagon's missile defense budget, and officials now estimate deployment of such a system will cost \$12.7 billion in the next five years.

Clinton's request to pour more money into missile defense is likely to meet with favor in Congress, where Republicans have pushed the administration for years to move more quickly to deploy such a system. A much more ambitious missile defense project initiated by President Reagan in 1983, called the Strategic Defense Initiative but informally known as "Star Wars" for its futuristic weaponry, withered after Reagan left office. The idea died early in Clinton's first term.

In the past year, the Pentagon has argued that the nation faces a growing threat from missile attack. Several countries hostile to the United States, including North Korea, Iran and Iraq, are said to be seeking a capability to launch intercontinental ballistic missiles. U.S. satellites can detect missile launchings anywhere on the globe, but the United States has no means of shooting down

long-range missiles in flight.

"The threat is real, and it will, in all likelihood, intensify in the coming years as countries continue to acquire chemical, biological and nuclear capabilities," Defense Secretary William Cohen said last month.

Clinton is to decide as early as July whether to go ahead with deployment.

Critics say the system is unlikely to provide a reliable defense against ballistic missiles and that it will require the United States to withdraw from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty, which many consider the bedrock of arms control.

Cohen has recommended spending another \$1.9 billion to pay for an arsenal of 100 interceptors, according to officials who discussed the matter on condition they not be identified. The current budget pays only for 20 interceptors, which would not be enough to quash an attack of more than a few long-range missiles.

Clinton is to submit his budget to Congress on Feb. 7. Kenneth Bacon, spokesman for Cohen, said Tuesday he could not discuss details of the budget in advance, but he mentioned that the Pentagon's overall weapons procurement account would increase to "within a whisker" of \$60 billion, from \$56 billion in the budget year ending Sept. 30.

Cohen also recommended adding \$300 million for more

missile defense testing, more spare parts and construction of a second missile launcher for interceptor tests from the Kwajalein Missile Range in the Marshall Islands. Those steps were among numerous recommendations by a missile defense review panel headed by retired Air Force Gen. Larry Welch, which said the program was on a "highly demanding" schedule.

The Welch report, published last November, said Clinton would be in position to determine by July the feasibility of a national missile defense but not whether the technology and equipment are ready to be deployed. The final version of the interceptor is not scheduled to be tested in flight until 2003.

A prototype interceptor is to be launched from Kwajalein next Tuesday. The test is designed to demonstrate the Raytheon Corp.-built interceptor's ability to receive in-flight targeting data from military satellites and radars, then steer itself into the path of a mock warhead arching through space and destroy it.

The first test of the prototype interceptor, last October, hit the target, but the critical data links in that test were pre-programmed before the rocket was launched. In next week's test, the interceptor is to receive data from a new radar stationed on the Kwajalein range shortly before it separates from the rocket booster, about 1,400 miles from its target in space.

Ecuador president defends plans to adopt U.S. dollar as official currency

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Ecuador's embattled president on Tuesday defended his plan to replace the country's currency with the U.S. dollar, as large Indian and labor groups renewed demands for Jamil Mahuad's resignation.

The Indian organizations, which have protested frequently in the past, said they planned demonstrations Saturday to force Mahuad's ouster and to shut down Congress and the courts as part of their drive for a government that will work on behalf of the poor.

"A government of national sal-

vation is necessary," said Antonio Vargas, president of the Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador, the nation's largest Indian federation.

The Popular Front, a grouping of leftist-led unions, student organizations and grassroots neighborhood associations, said Tuesday it would resume street protests.

The president defended his currency plan as the only solution to end Ecuador's economic chaos and said all necessary force would be used to maintain order.

"They have the right to ask, to aspire and to put forth ideas,"

Mahuad said during a public ceremony. "But there is no right to break the rule of law and the constitution, and much worse, to endanger the economic and social stability of the nation."

Some political analysts believe Mahuad's position remains tenuous and could deteriorate rapidly if his plan runs into roadblocks.

"It's a desperate step," said political scientist Simon Pachano. "It's more a political measure than an economic measure. Last week Mahuad was at the point of falling and made this decision as the only way to save his government."

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Aggies begin conference play

TIP OFF:
The men's basketball team begins the conference season Thursday evening. See Page 15.

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Big West tourney on the move

Irvine, CA. — The Big West Conference Council elected to move the men and women's basketball tournament to the Anaheim Convention Center for three years beginning in 2001.

The action is a preliminary move that will be finalized once the Big West Conference and Anaheim Convention Center meet to determine the final details of the contract.

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The Anaheim Convention Center seats 7,500 for basketball and is close to numerous hotels. The Big West is in the final year of a five-year commitment to the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitor's Authority and the Lawlor Events Center on the University of Nevada campus.

New Mexico, North Texas to leave Big West

Irvine, CA. — The Big West Council granted New Mexico State University and the University of North Texas the right to leave the conference for every sport except football beginning with the 2000-01 season.

The two schools were originally slated to leave to the Sun Belt Conference in 2001, but New Mexico State President Dr. William Conroy and North Texas President Dr. Alfred Hurley asked for early withdrawal from the conference. The motion still needs to be further ratified by the Board of Directors, who will meet in a couple of weeks.

Both institutions will be classified as associate members for the upcoming football season.

USU announces 2000 football season

The Utah State University athletic department announced its schedule for the 2000 season on Jan. 5.

The schedule is comprised of four teams that advanced to bowl games in 1999, as well as eight teams with winning regular season records.

USU will play three games against in-state opponents, and face off against the University of Wyoming and

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Trading places

Dennehy's arrival at Utah State is part of a growing trend in today's sports world

CASEY HOBSON
Sports Editor

One might have expected Utah State University football coach Mick Dennehy's office to be in disarray, cluttered with boxes of three-ring binders and videotapes — things common to any coach's office.

After all, just four days had passed since Utah State named him its new head football coach on Dec. 3.

But it wasn't. In the four days following his arrival in Logan, Dennehy didn't have much time to breathe, let alone unpack. Yet, his office was clean and well organized. His books were filed on the shelves, and he had disposed of any boxes used during the move. His white office walls were still bare.

Getting organized may have been on the top of Dennehy's priority list, but interior decorating was not — those things could come later. There were still recruits to sign, players to meet and assistants to hire.

So much for an off-season of relaxation. Dennehy said Utah State has some catching up to do, and as far as he's concerned, the time is now.

"Any time you start a new job there's always a certain amount of feeling your way around," he said. "And yet, things in this business move so fast, even though you're kind of feeling your way around, you've still got to do it at light speed."

Why did Dennehy, like so many other coaches nowadays, leave a cozy, successful program like the one he developed at the University of Montana? Why would anyone leave success for uncertainty? It's a growing trend in sports today, Dennehy isn't a pioneer, and he certainly won't be the last to do it.

"It was not an easy decision to leave, and yet I think that I'd been there long enough," he said. "I took over a successful program, and my objective there was not to screw it up."

Dennehy, who graduated from Montana, left a successful program where he was 39-12 as head coach and led the Grizzlies to three Big West championships. Montana reached the Division I-AA playoffs in each of Dennehy's four years as head coach. But all of that is behind him. Now he's starting over at USU, inheriting a team that finished 4-7 overall and 3-3 in the Big West Conference — a team that, despite its efforts, hasn't sniffed success in two years.

When Dennehy left Montana and signed with Utah State, he may have jumped on a sinking ship. There is little certainty surrounding the future of the football program at USU. In fact, the only certain thing about the program is the team won't be part of the Big West Conference after the 2000 season, the last year of football in the Big West. What lured Dennehy from a university where his job was secure to a university that has employed five coaches in the last 10 years? Even he didn't have a perfect answer.

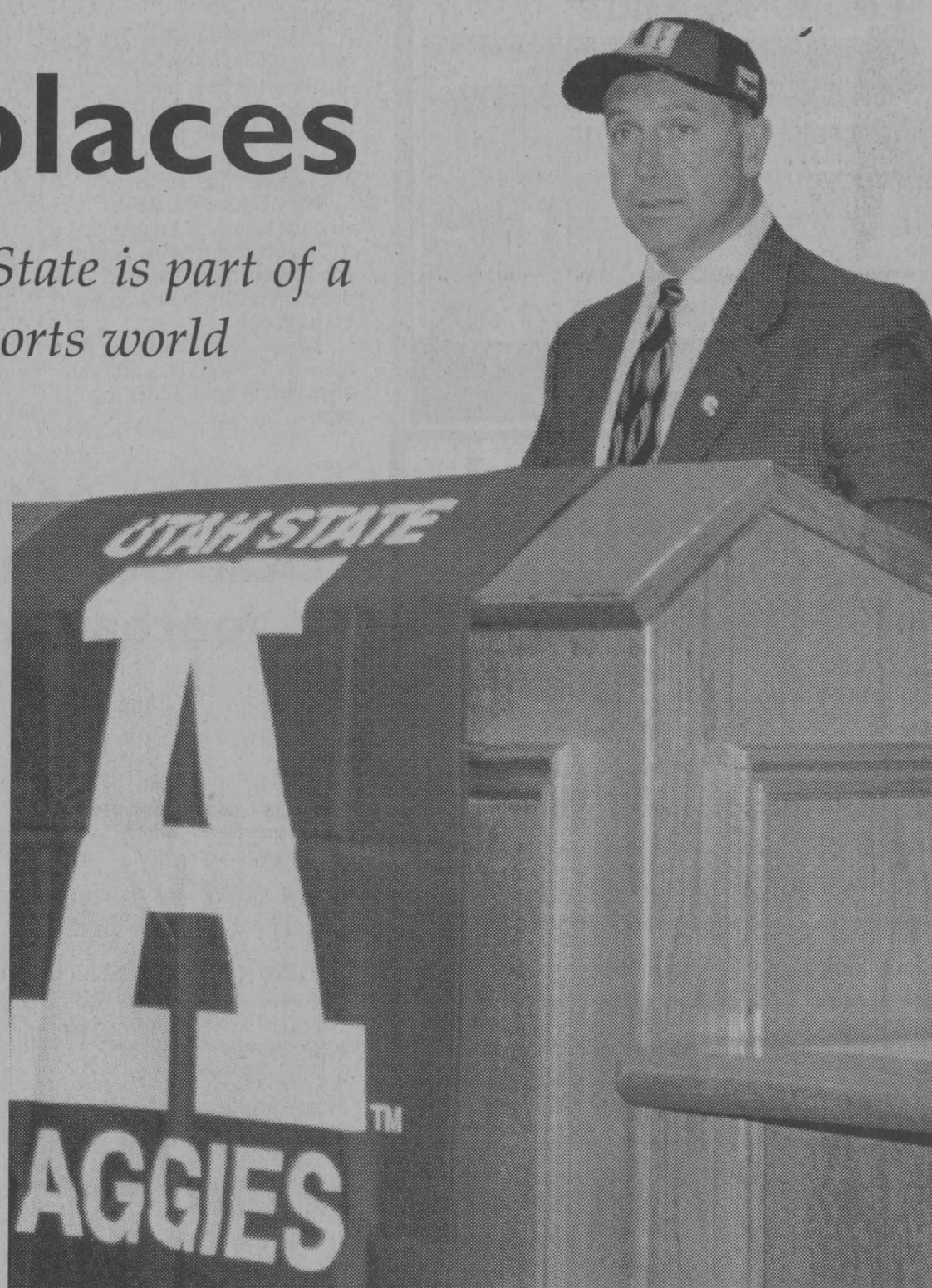
"This felt right," Dennehy said. "It was kind of a neat thing to have the opportunity to coach at your alma mater, and yet it just felt like the right thing to do. We coached hard. We left the program in good shape. We put a lot of energy into it, and yet this is a wonderful opportunity."

"There's a lot of unknowns. I think it's a wonderful opportunity to teach some young men that I think are very hungry, at a school I think has a great reputation, in an area that's always going to be a great place to live. And it's going to be an area that's easier than some people think it might be to recruit to. Those are all good things."

Dennehy said he believes Utah State is on the verge of success and has the right things going for it. These opportunities for success at a higher level are seemingly what lured him to Logan. Perhaps it's these same

'It was not an easy decision to leave, and yet I think that I'd been there long enough.'

• **MICK DENNEHY**
USU FOOTBALL COACH ON HIS DECISION TO LEAVE MONTANA



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USU football coach Mick Dennehy addresses reporters at a press conference announcing his hiring on Dec. 3.

opportunities that have lured coaches from one job to another for years.

After eight years with the University of Kentucky, Rick Pitino left the Wildcats for a job as head coach of the Boston Celtics. During his tenure at Kentucky, Pitino took a program fresh off a two-year NCAA probation and turned it into a national contender. He reached the NCAA tournament in the spring of 1992, just three years after accepting the job at UK, where the Wildcats lost to Duke University in the East Regional Final — a game many people consider to be one of the greatest college games ever played. It was the beginning of what became a highly successful program under Pitino's careful guidance. In all, Kentucky made five trips to the Elite Eight, three to the Final Four and won one NCAA championship dur-

ing the Pitino era.

Yet, all the success he experienced at Kentucky wasn't enough to keep him there. When the Celtics offered him a job as head coach in May of 1997, Pitino accepted.

Pitino has seen limited success in Boston, compiling a 69-96 record with The Celtics. However, 31 of his 96 losses came last year in the lockout-shortened, 50-game schedule. The season's vigorous pace played havoc with several teams, and the Celtics may have been one of them.

Nevertheless, Pitino was on dry, secure land at Kentucky and chose to jump on a sinking ship in the Boston Harbor. He's not alone.

Atlanta Braves hitting coach Don Baylor signed with the Chicago Cubs on Nov. 4, replacing Jim Riggleman as manager of the troubled franchise. Baylor

made it to the World Series this year with the Atlanta Braves — a team that has become a virtual lock on the post season. Yet, he traded in his yearly post season ticket with the Braves for an uncertain future with the Cubs, a club that made the playoffs a year ago, but finished last in the NL Central in 99 with a 67-95 record, despite a \$60 million payroll. In fact, the Cubs had just three more victories than their right fielder Sammy Sosa had home runs (64).

"It's going to be a challenge," Baylor told the Associated Press. "There are so many Cubs fans all over the world. Just think if we ever won. I want to be part of that."

Dennehy said staying at one place and protecting your job has become difficult over the years, due to the increasing pressure to win instantly. "It's become business-like," he said. "It has become very cut-throat in a lot of ways."

Maybe it's that business-like pressure that moves coaches from one job to another. Whatever the reasons, once might say Pitino and Baylor's decisions are somewhat understandable. Both coaches moved up to the next level so to speak. However, for Seattle Seahawks head coach Mike Holmgren, moving up the ladder was not an option, for he was at the top. If anything, Holmgren's decision had to initially be considered as a step down the ladder, or sideways at least.

Holmgren signed with the Seahawks prior to the 1999 season after one of the more successful stints as head coach in league history. He was 75-37 in

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Climbing THE LADDER

MICK DENNEHY
USU AGGIES

Acquired: Hired on Dec. 3 to replace Dave Arslanian, who was fired.

Career Highlights:

- Compiled a 39-12 record at Montana.
- Captured three Big Sky championships in four years as the Grizzlies' head coach.
- Led Montana to the Division I-AA playoffs each year.



RICK PITINO
BOSTON CELTICS

Acquired: Lured from Kentucky in May 1997 in hopes he could revive program.

Career Highlights:

- Led Kentucky to five NCAA tournament appearances where the Wildcats finished in the Elite Eight five times, made it to the final four three times and won one NCAA championship during his eight-year tenure.

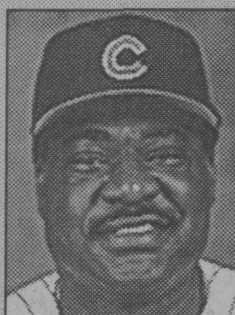


DON BAYLOR
CHICAGO CUBS

Acquired: Hired on Nov. 4, 1999 to replace Jim Riggleman, who was fired.

Career Highlights:

- Served as hitting coach for the Atlanta Braves in 1999, where he turned switch-hitting NL MVP Chipper Jones into a threat from both sides of the plate.
- Was first manager of Colorado Rockies and led them to playoffs in 1995 where they lost to the Atlanta Braves.



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Arizona State University in addition to five Big West Conference games.

Utah State will open the season at Wyoming on Sept. 2, marking the 58th meeting between the neighboring state schools. USU will then host Southern Utah in the first meeting between the two teams.

The Aggies will travel to Arizona State and Brigham Young University while hosting the University of Utah and Idaho State University in non-conference action.

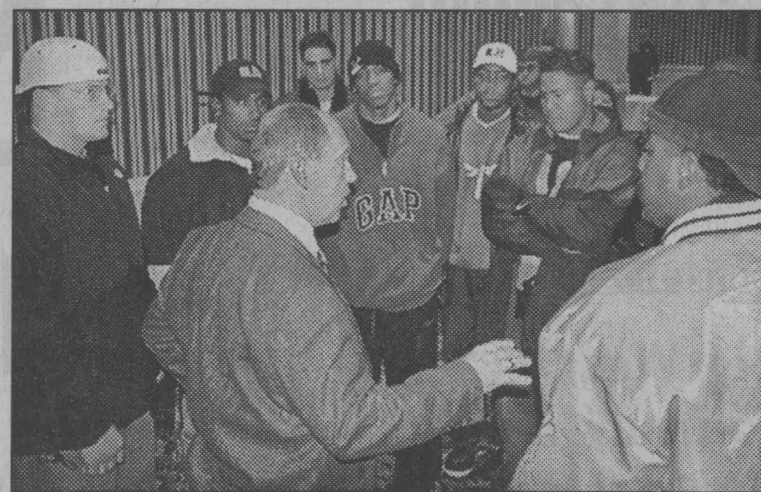
Arizona State University, Boise State University, BYU and Utah all played in bowl games this year.

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the regular season as coach of the Green Bay Packers from 1992-98 and 9-5 in the post season with two Super Bowl appearances, including a 35-21 victory over the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XXXI. Yet, for whatever reasons, he gave it all up and left for Seattle, becoming the team's fourth coach in the '90s.

But Holmgren's move hasn't come without results. He unified the Seahawks and turned them into contenders. Seattle finished the regular season 9-7 and tied with the Kansas City Chiefs for first place in the AFC West before losing in the first round of the playoffs to the Miami Dolphins.



USU football coach Mick Dennehy talks with players after a press conference.

Were Holmgren's motives the same as Dennehy's? Had he just been in Green Bay for too long? Was it time for a new challenge? And in both cases, wasn't it hard to leave?

"Everything that I looked at just kept pointing in this direction except one thing, and that's the emotional, deep-rooted feelings that you have on the human level for the guys that go out and lay it on the line for you," Dennehy said. "That was the thing I think I struggled with the most."

Dennehy said he visited Utah State 75 percent convinced there was no way he would leave the University of Montana. However, once he spoke with President George Emert and Athletic Director Rance Pugmire and saw their commitment to the football program, he began to think the job was for him.

"All of the non-human, less important factors were all very favorable here at Utah State," he said. "When I left here, I knew it was going to be a difficult decision. There were so many things that are good here at Utah State. My brain kept telling me that it was a no-brainer, and my heart kept telling me that it was going to be tough."

Dennehy said his wife played a major part in the decision, helping him overcome the emotional battle.

"Basically she said, 'Hey, we've been here a long time, and you've done a great job. But it's

time to go.' Which shocked me," he said. "I thought I was going to have to do some selling."

He said while simply having a new challenge was appealing to him, it was not the only reason for taking the job at Utah State.

"Each season, each new team, each new group of kids that you bring in presents new challenges and things like that, but you kind of settle in sometimes to a comfort zone," he said. "I think coaches are like players. I think they're very competitive. I think they welcome those challenges, and this is a different kind of challenge. There always comes a time when you start thinking about new directions in your life, and this was a great opportunity."

And while some people worry that programs such as Utah State's might slip at times like these, Dennehy said he's confident the players can overcome such changes. He said he knows the players will adjust and thinks they are eager to learn.

"The thing that saves us all is the game," he said. "I think kids like to play football I think they like to work hard. I think they like to be disciplined, and I think (because of) their love for the game ... they kind of understand that maybe nothing is sacred. Maybe (no job) is safe, yet they're still going to have the opportunity to play the game and to do something they love to do."

And so will Dennehy, regardless of the reasons.

2000 Utah State University football schedule

Date	Opponent	Series
Sept. 2	at Wyoming	34-20-4
Sept. 9	SOUTHERN UTAH	First Meeting
Sept. 16	Off Week	N/A
Sept. 23	at Arizona State	2-9-0
Sept. 30	UTAH	28-67-4
Oct. 6	at Brigham Young	33-37-3
Oct. 14	at North Texas•	3-1-0
Oct. 21	IDAHO•	13-13-2
Oct. 28	ARKANSAS STATE•	1-1-0
Nov. 4	at New Mexico State•	21-4-0
Nov. 11	at Boise State•	4-5-0
Nov. 18	IDAHO STATE	9-1-0

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Notes: USU lost to Brigham Young in 1999 at Romney Stadium by a field goal in overtime. ... The all-time series against the University of Idaho is tied, and a small rival has developed over the last couple of years. ... Boise State University was the Big West Champion in 1999 and could present a tough match-up late in the season.

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USU tips off conference games with Cal State

WADE DENNISTON
Senior Sports Writer

After the longest preseason in the history of Utah State University basketball, during which the team went 9-5 and tied the 1997-98 squad for the most non-conference wins in school history, the Aggies are ready to open Big West Conference play on a high note.

"Nine wins is something that I didn't anticipate we could do with the schedule we had," said USU head coach Stew Morrill. "We had some non-(Division-I) games, but other than that, we had as tough a schedule as Utah State's had recently in preseason."

The Aggies open conference play at home Thursday night at 7:05 p.m. against California State University at Fullerton.

Even with the nine preseason victories, three of USU's losses were to in-state opponents.

However, Weber State University, the University of Utah and Brigham Young University are a combined 34-8 so far this season.

The Aggies did beat some quality teams, though.

"We beat the WAC favorite Fresno State, we beat a PAC-10 team, which isn't overly common, I guess," Morrill said. "We did some good things, too. There's nobody in our league (that) has more than nine wins going into conference play, so that's a positive."

New Mexico State University also has nine wins, while Long Beach State University has the second-most at eight.

In spite of the loss to BYU, which snapped USU's 13-game home court winning streak, the Aggies are ready to begin Big West play.

"The most important thing right now is to get ready for league and have some energy, and some excitement and emotion for conference," Morrill said. "That's what we're trying to get done."

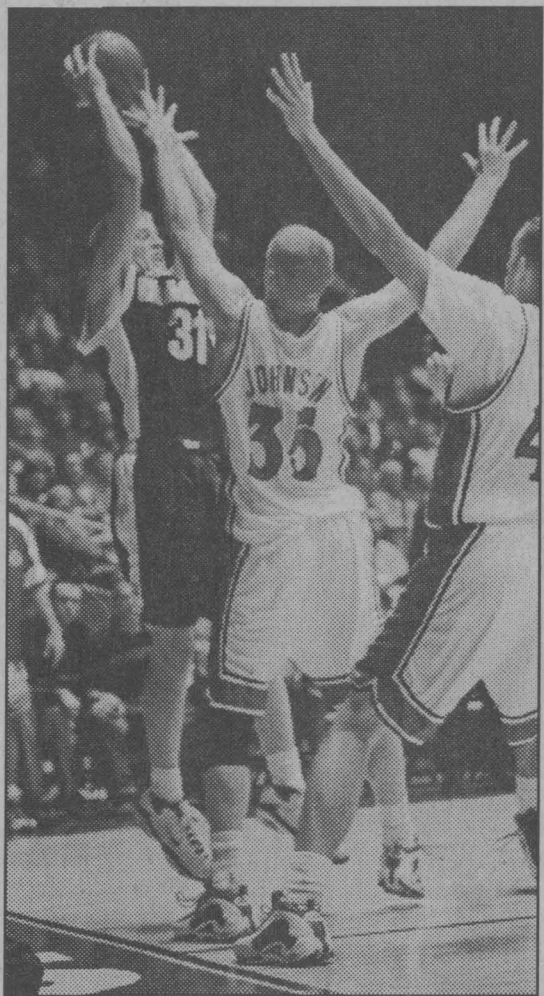
Utah State will start the second season against the 5-6 Titans.

Despite CS Fullerton's record, Morrill knows that anything can happen on any given night in the Big West this year.

"The good thing about our league is anybody can beat anybody," he said. "It's just wild."

CSU is coming off a loss at San Diego University, 78-72 — a team Utah State beat in the Gossner Foods Classic championship game in overtime, 68-65. Before that loss, the Titans had won four in a row.

The Titans and Toreros played two games this year with San Diego winning both (81-77). Fullerton State also played another USU oppo-



USU's Tony Brown gets trapped in a game against Utah.

nent, Simon Fraser University, losing 80-77.

One player the Aggies will have to key on is 6-foot-7 senior forward Ike Harmon, who is averaging a team-high 16.9 points per game, as well as leading the team in blocks with 12.

So, what kind of player is Harmon?

"Athletic, active, flies around, takes you off the dribble, posts you up, jumps above you — totally ridiculous match-up," Morrill said. "You can't put a smaller guy on him because he'll post him up."

"Match-up is a real problem with Harmon because he's an inside-outside guy that's too quick for your big guy to guard outside, too big for your small guy to guard inside."

"It'll be a little bit of a nightmare with him, trying to figure out what to do."

But it's not just the inside game of Harmon that concerns the Aggies.

"He can get rolling from three, then you've got real problems," Morrill said.

So far this season, Harmon has only hit 9-of-30 three-point attempts (30 percent), but has

hit an overall 70-of-160 of his shots from the field (43.8 percent).

"Obviously, this guy's pretty dang good," Morrill said.

Besides Harmon, two other Titans are averaging in double figures as junior center Matt Caldwell is posting 12.7 points a game and senior Mark Murphy is putting up 11.5.

The last time USU and CSF met was on Feb. 4, 1999, ending in an 88-78 Titan win in Fullerton, Calif. Prior to that contest, the Aggies had won 10 in a row dating back to the 1992-93 season.

Senior forward Troy Rolle led all Utah State scorers in last year's game as he put up 18 points. Sophomore guard Tony Brown came off the bench to score 15.

The Aggies lead the all-time series, 27-15, and haven't allowed the Titans a victory in Logan since Feb. 6, 1982 (72-68), a streak of 15 straight games.

Still, USU knows Cal State Fullerton will most likely give it a game.

"They're playing real hard," Morrill said. "They're going small at times, they're athletic, and they're mixing defenses a little bit. They've got experience. I think experience counts in so many ways in terms of what you're trying to get done."

"They're doing a good job defensively."

USU has done extremely well at home in conference games over the past couple of seasons, racking up a 25-1 record, with its only blemish coming last season to the University of California at Santa Barbara, a 66-65 overtime loss.

Since joining the Big West before the start of the 1988-89 season, USU has won four straight conference openers (4-1) at home, with its only loss coming to Fresno State University, 76-72, during the 1988-89 campaign.

The Aggies have had nearly the same success on the road in Big West openers, going 4-2.

Over the past six seasons in league action, the Aggies have had a winning record, posting a 68-34 conference record in that span.

USU head coach Stew Morrill is 2-1 all-time vs. Cal State Fullerton, with his only loss coming last year.

Notes: The Aggies are 8-0 when leading at half-time, 7-2 when they score 70 plus points, and 7-0 when they give up fewer than 60 points. ... Morrill is 20-3 at the Spectrum since becoming Utah State's coach. ... Sophomore guard Tony Brown is a perfect 23-of-23 from the charity stripe. As a freshman last year, he started the season 21-for-21. ... USU is 4-0 this year vs. the state of California.

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Gymnastics team ready to start season

LYNNETTE HOFFMAN
Sports Writer

Their goals haven't changed much over the years: winning the Big West Championships, qualifying for regionals and, of course, competing in nationals. But their ability to achieve them has.

The nationally ranked Utah State University gymnastics team has 13 meets and some tough competition, including the University of Utah, the University of Denver, the University of Nebraska, the University of West Virginia, and Brigham Young University, all of them ranked in the top 25.

But with added difficulty, all new routines, experienced returners and talented freshman, the team is prepared to meet the challenge.

Freshmen comprise almost half the team and will be an important asset, head coach Ray Corn said. Tina Ellis and Kristen Bloom are expected to contribute in the all-around, and tumbling powerhouse Erin Maguire will add to the line up.

"Hopefully, the fans will be delighted in the new faces that they will see, and the incredible amount of talent that exists within the entire team, and particularly within the new people," Corn said.

Jessenia Abrego, one of the top returning vault, bar and floor performers, will be out for the season with a torn ACL. Nicole Kilpatrick, a freshman elite who has been nationally ranked, has a torn Achilles. Another freshman, Allison Rosenthal, is also recovering from a knee injury.

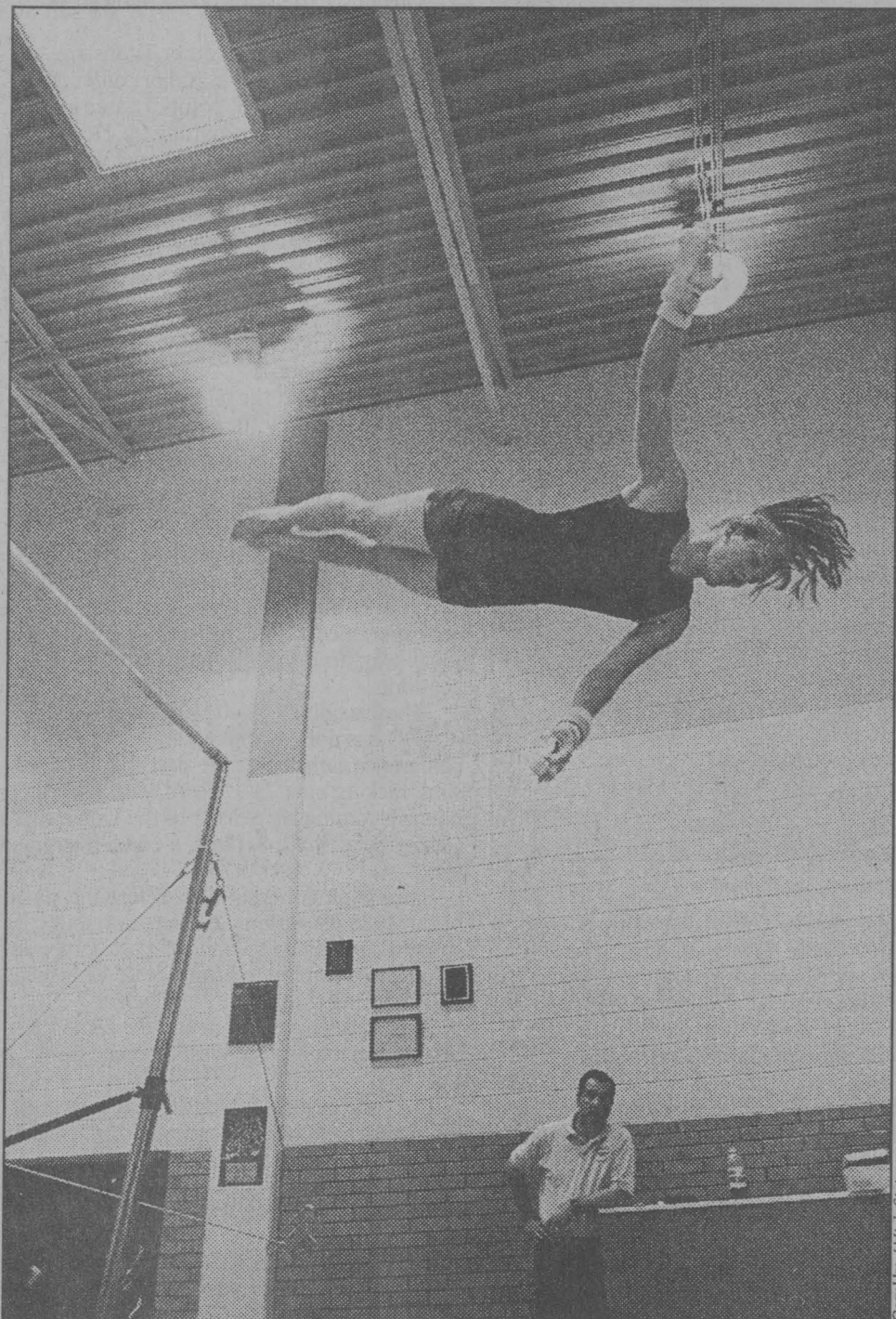
Yet Corn is confident that, despite the injuries, the team has enough depth to achieve their goals. Many of the freshmen, sophomores and juniors will play a bigger role this year, he said.

After breaking her forearm in practice earlier this year, senior Christy Denson won the team's intersquad meet with a score of 38.5 last week. The returning Big West champion owns Utah State records on bars, floor and all-around, and is ready to compete.

Seniors Trina Ewert, Jessica Porter and Marla Lowes will also add experience to the team. Sophomores Kirra Degener, who scored consistently on beam and bars last year, and Stephanie Huff, a strong vault and floor competitor, are two more to watch.

It might not be easy, but the team of tough competitors is prepared.

"Every time we walk out on the floor it's going to be a challenge," Corn said. "Our biggest challenge is developing, maturing and becoming more confident in each and every meet."



Junior Amanda Jenkins dismounts from the uneven bars in the HPER Tuesday as head coach Ray Corn watches. The USU gymnastics team opens the season at Utah on Thursday evening at 7.

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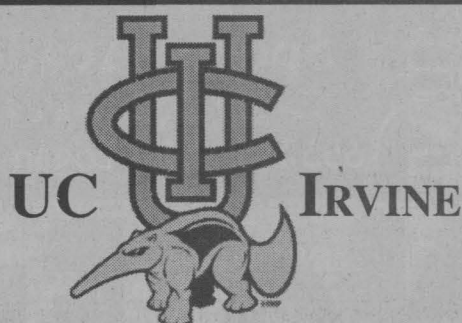
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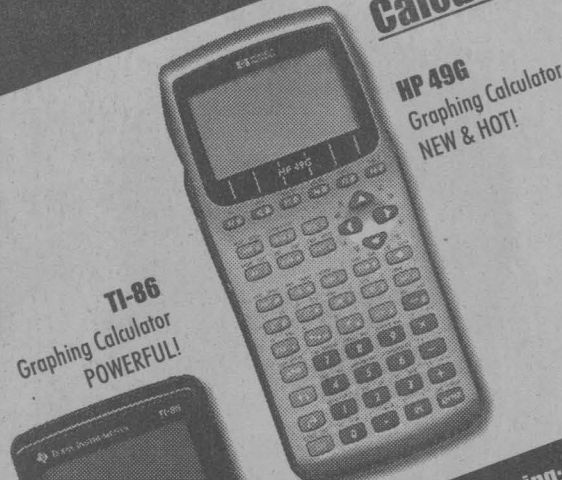
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Women's club winning, but too late

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New coach, new attitude, new record.

The Utah State University women's basketball club has gone 2-2 since its coaching change in December.

Ernie Rivers, the assistant coach, took over as interim coach for the club and seems to have had a considerable impact. But he gives all of the credit to the players.

"They are playing more relaxed and they are having more fun," Rivers said. "That's what a club is all about, anyway."

Along with being more relaxed and having fun, the reason for the team's success is in executing the fundamentals of the game, Rivers said. The Aggies have cut down on turnovers from 25 a game to nearly 15.

Rivers said USU is causing more turnovers because they are more aggressive on the defensive end — yet another reason for the turnaround. Rivers said his team is more aggressive on the offensive end, as more players are scoring.

In their most recent game on Jan. 5, Utah State surprised Westminster College in Salt Lake City with a 71-61 victory.

In an earlier meeting between the two schools, Westminster upset the Aggies with a last minute rally. But not this time.

On Jan. 4, the Aggies battled Colorado Northwestern Community College and came out on top 79-74.

Rivers said everyone on the team is getting some playing time and each player is doing well.

However, since the semester started, the club has lost five players, reducing the roster size to 10 with one game remaining. Ben Wolford was added to the coaching team and is spoken of highly by Rivers.

"He's been a god send. He's very positive and works well with the team," Rivers said.

USU ends its season on Jan. 17. Rivers said he is sad to see the season end, especially since the team is improving.

International space station delayed again

Mir space station may get a new lease on life to compensate for Russian delays

MOSCOW (AP) — The long-delayed International Space Station has been postponed once again due to flaws in a booster rocket, while Russia's Mir space station may live on, space officials said Tuesday.

The launch of the crucial crew compartment for the multibillion-dollar, 16-nation space station has been long behind schedule because of the Russian government's failure to provide funds for its manufacture.

Then, when the module was almost ready, two crashes of Proton booster rockets pushed officials to postpone the launch date again Tuesday. The Zvezda (Star) module is to be carried into space by a Proton.

Sergei Gromov, spokesman for the Energia company that built the module, said the crashes were caused by a manufacturing flaw in the rockets'

second-stage engines. The Voronezh Mechanical Works, which built the engines, promised to replace them by the end of June, he told The Associated Press.

"Once the booster is ready, it takes about 45 days to prepare the module for launch, so the earliest launch time is the end of August," he said. He said the actual launch date would be pushed back even further because space officials first want to launch refurbished Protons with less-precious cargos.

Gromov's statement means that the entire project likely will be thrown more than two years behind schedule.

The station's first components were launched into space in November and December 1998, but the first permanent crew may only begin its stint on the station after the crew module is put into orbit.

NASA spokesman Duane Brown said that if there is a significant change, the U.S. agency will look at having a Space Shuttle mission go up to the space station to do some house-keeping.

"We, as an agency, certainly applaud the Russians and we are awaiting a meeting, sometime in February, when they will give an official launch date for the service module," he said.

The Russians would brief NASA on Wednesday about their investigation and the direction they will take, he added.

Two Proton rockets crashed shortly after launch July 5 and Oct. 27.

The official investigation released by the Interfax news agency Tuesday said the engines caught fire because they were contaminated by metal and mineral particles.

While the new international station faced new delays, Russia's own Mir space station may remain in orbit for longer than earlier planned, officials

said.

The government decided last year to discard the aging station if private investors fail to come up with funds to keep it aloft.

The station has been orbiting the Earth unmanned after its last crew left in August, and it was expected that one final crew would go to the Mir to send it down around March.

No major funds have been found, but Gromov said Tuesday that a two-man crew is now set to blast off for the station March 30. Their mission would last for at least 45 days.

Gromov said the state-controlled Energia, which built the Mir and has been running it since its launch in February 1986, is looking to a U.S. company named Golden Apple to save Mir. He declined to provide more details.

If the U.S. firm backs off, Energia still hopes the government will change its mind and pour more resources into Mir, the last remaining symbol of once-glorious Soviet space program.

Anti-tobacco groups target Brown & Williamson

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anti-tobacco advocates on Tuesday accused Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. of violating an agreement to stop advertising to children even as the company announced a series of public forums to promote "open dialogue" about tobacco.

At a news conference, advocates complained the company has placed ads in magazines like Sports Illustrated, Rolling Stone, Spin, Vibe and Sport — all of which have a significant readership within the age range of 12 to 17.

Data from Simmons Market Research Bureau show youth readership levels of 22.5 percent for Sports Illustrated, 28 percent for Rolling Stone, 32 percent for Spin, 42 percent for Vibe and 33 percent for Sport, according to

the advocates.

The groups, which include the American Cancer Society and American Heart Association, also detailed their concerns in a paid advertisement in The Washington Post Tuesday.

"If Brown & Williamson is serious about acting responsibly, it needs to move forward with these concrete actions to reduce youth smoking," the groups wrote. "If you fail to act, your statements of concern about youth smoking can only be seen as a hollow public relations gesture rather than meaningful corporate change."

Matthew L. Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, said the groups have similar concerns about other tobacco companies but chose Brown & Williamson to highlight

the issues because the company's chief executive officer, Nick Brookes, was speaking before the National Press Club Tuesday.

Brookes, in his remarks, defended the company, saying the forums were not a "gimmick" and were intended to address critics.

The first forum is scheduled for this spring and will deal with producing a safer cigarette, he said. A second forum will target youth smoking and the third will discuss the growing risk of black market cigarettes.

"They are genuinely intended for us to have constructive engagement with our critics," he said.

Brookes said the company has a policy not to advertise with a magazine with more than 15 percent youth readership. All of

the magazines have certified to the company they fall within the guidelines, he said. He said ads were being halted in Sport magazine, which recently notified the company that its youth numbers had increased.

"We do treat this as a very serious policy," he said.

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Philip Morris plans tests on paper to reduce fire risk

NEW YORK (AP) — Philip Morris, the nation's largest cigarette company, plans consumer tests of a slower-burning paper that may reduce the risk that a dropped or discarded cigarette will start a fire.

The maker of the top-selling Marlboro brand announced Tuesday that it expects to start the tests of the paper with its Merit cigarettes within six months. It has yet to select the test markets.

"Our goal is to manufacture and market cigarettes that are less likely to cause fires when carelessly handled and that are acceptable to consumers," John Nelson, senior vice president of operations for Philip Morris USA, said in a statement.

Federal officials say cigarettes account for more fatal home fires than any other single consumer product. About 900 people, including 140 children, were killed in home fires in 1997, the most recent year for which the Consumer Product Safety Commission had figures.

The announcement from Philip Morris was welcomed as long-overdue by safety groups. Critics said experts concluded years ago that it was technically feasible to make such cigarettes.

"It is tragic that it has taken so long," said Andrew McGuire, executive director of the Trauma Foundation, a San Francisco-based group that has pushed for development of cigarettes less likely to start fires.

Philip Morris officials said it has been hard to find a solution that can work on the fast-moving machinery used in making billions of cigarettes.

The company has come up with a system in which two slim bands of paper are attached to the inner surface of the regular paper that wraps a cigarette. Spokeswoman Mary Carnovale said the bands slow the rate at which the cigarette burns. Under test conditions, she said, that has made it less likely that the cigarette would ignite certain types of fabrics.

She said smokers usually can't see the bands and find no difference in the taste or effort required to inhale. She said the bands and slower burn rate don't add to the health risks of smoking for smokers or those near them.

She said the bands may cause cigarettes to go out if left unattended in an ashtray, and the consumer tests are needed to determine whether smokers object to that.

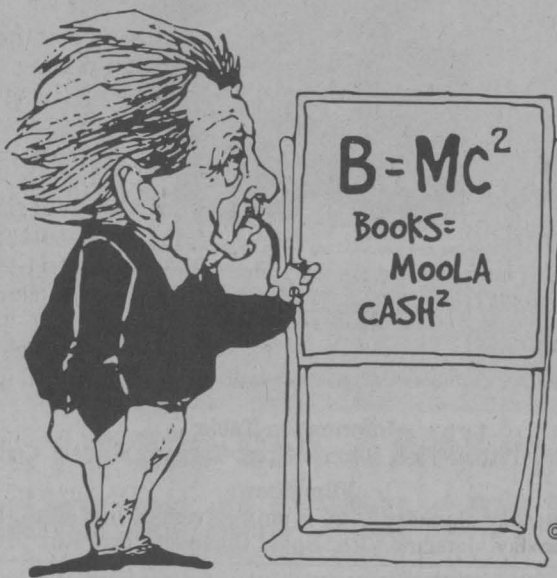
She said Philip Morris wants to know whether smokers might be even more careless with a cigarette they know is less likely to set the couch on fire. "It can't change behavior. It is still a lit cigarette and people should not smoke in bed," she said.

Philip Morris' two main rivals will be watching the test closely.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., the nation's second-biggest, has been unable to come up with a cigarette that is both less likely to start a fire and is acceptable to consumers, spokesman Seth Moskowitz said.

Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., which ranks third, is working on it as well, said spokesman Steve Kottak. "It is very difficult to make a smokable fire-safe cigarette," he said.

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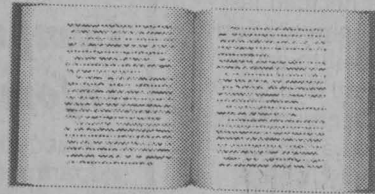
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Senior Bosnian Serbs plead innocent to war crime charges

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Two Bosnian Serbs who allegedly led an onslaught that killed hundreds of Muslims and Croats, and sent tens of thousands fleeing for their lives, pleaded innocent Tuesday to 12 counts of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The case of Gen. Momir Talic and Radoslav Brdjanin comes as the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal reaps a harvest of increasingly senior Serb military commanders detained for trial. Prosecutors are aiming high for the first genocide conviction in the seven years since the international court was established.

Talic, the current Bosnian Serb military chief, and Brdjanin, a former deputy prime minister, appeared at a pretrial hearing on their joint indictment.

Australian Judge David Hunt read out each of the charges, which include extermination, torture and destruction of cities, towns and religious insti-

tutions.

Talic launched into a vigorous repudiation of the tribunal's jurisdiction. "I personally feel that justice and law would be satisfied only if I were to be tried by a military court of law," he said.

Talic's attorney, Michel Pitron, played down the remarks, saying his client "reacted quite personally."

The hearing was convened because prosecutors said they had evidence to warrant adding 11 new counts to the original crimes against humanity charge posted last summer when the men were arrested. A trial date has not been set.

Talic, who was detained by Austrian police while attending a conference in Vienna, is one of three senior Bosnian Serb commanders facing trial for some of the bloodiest "ethnic cleansing" campaigns of the 1992-95 war.

Last month, NATO peacekeepers captured Gen. Stanislav Galic, allegedly responsible for

the siege of Sarajevo. Gen. Radislav Krstic, accused of presiding over the massacres in the U.N. "safe haven" of Srebrenica, was detained a year earlier by NATO troops.

In total, 34 suspects, including Serbs, Croats and Muslims, are in custody at the tribunal's detention center.

Talic, Galic and Krstic are considered three of the key Bosnian Serb military figures responsible for wartime strategy. Prosecutors say they reported directly to former Bosnian leader Radovan Karadzic and his military chief, Ratko Mladic, who remain at large.

According to the indictment, Talic and Brdjanin planned and ordered a terror offensive early in the war that killed hundreds of Muslims and Croats and forced tens of thousands to flee the Prijedor and Sanski Most regions in northwest Bosnia.

If found guilty, Talic and Brdjanin face life terms in a European prison. The tribunal has no death penalty.

Forbes airing anti-abortion ad

WASHINGTON (AP) — Appealing to Iowa conservatives, Steve Forbes is airing a new ad on abortion one day after he criticized front-runner George W. Bush on the issue.

The ad, which was airing Tuesday in Iowa, features three women, one of whom talks about what she felt when she saw her fetus on ultrasound.

"I mean, there was my tiny child's heart beating, arms waving," she says.

Forbes ends the ad, his first on abortion, by saying: "I want to protect the rights of all Americans, including the unborn, but I need your support to make this happen."

When he ran in 1996, Forbes' campaign views on abortion were considerably more moderate.

This year, as he has sought votes from religious conservatives and tried to broaden his message beyond the flat tax, he has adopted a hard-line anti-abortion stand.

In a Republican debate Monday, Forbes challenged Bush to promise that if he is the GOP nominee he will pick an anti-abortion running mate, appoint only anti-abortion judges and preserve the anti-abortion plank in the Republican platform.

Bush declined all on three fronts.

"I'm going to pick a vice pres-

ident who can be the president. I'll pick judges who strictly interpret the Constitution and not use the bench ... to legislate. And I will ... work to keep the Republican Party pro-life," Bush said.

Forbes called that response "a typical hedge" and said, "We need something specific."

Bush, looking ahead to the general election, doesn't want to alienate the moderate voters he will need if he's the GOP nominee.

Forbes, trying to break through, is courting conservatives.

The new ad does not mention Bush, or any other candidate, by name.

"It demonstrates Forbes' commitment to the pro-life cause," said Keith Appell, a Forbes spokesman. "He will use the bully pulpit to advance this issue forward."

AIDS

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impact of that 'other virus' — Y2K," the executive director of UNAIDS, Dr. Peter Piot, told the council.

An estimated 23.3 million Africans south of the Sahara currently have HIV or AIDS, U.N. statistics show.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan said high AIDS death rates among Africa's elite, including public servants, threatened the ability of some countries to govern effectively. High infection rates among police and armed forces also have left African countries ill-equipped to face security threats, he said.

"In already unstable societies, this cocktail of disasters is a sure recipe for more conflict," Annan said. "And conflict in turn provides fertile ground for further infections."

Last month, Annan invited dozens of representatives from Africa, U.N. agencies, donor governments, voluntary organizations and businesses to draw up a plan to reduce infection rates in Africans between the ages of 15 and 24 by 25 percent before 2005.

On Monday, he invited the Security Council to join the effort. World Bank President James Wolfensohn said such a partnership was the only way to combat the epidemic effectively.

"In a number of countries, we're losing teachers faster than we can replace them. We're losing judges, lawyers, government officials, persons in the military," he said. "And unless we act, this will continue and there will surely be continued instability in the continent."

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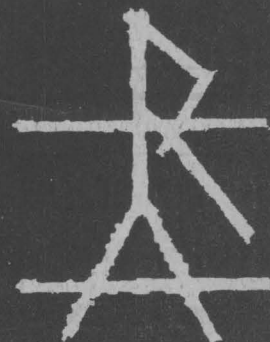
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