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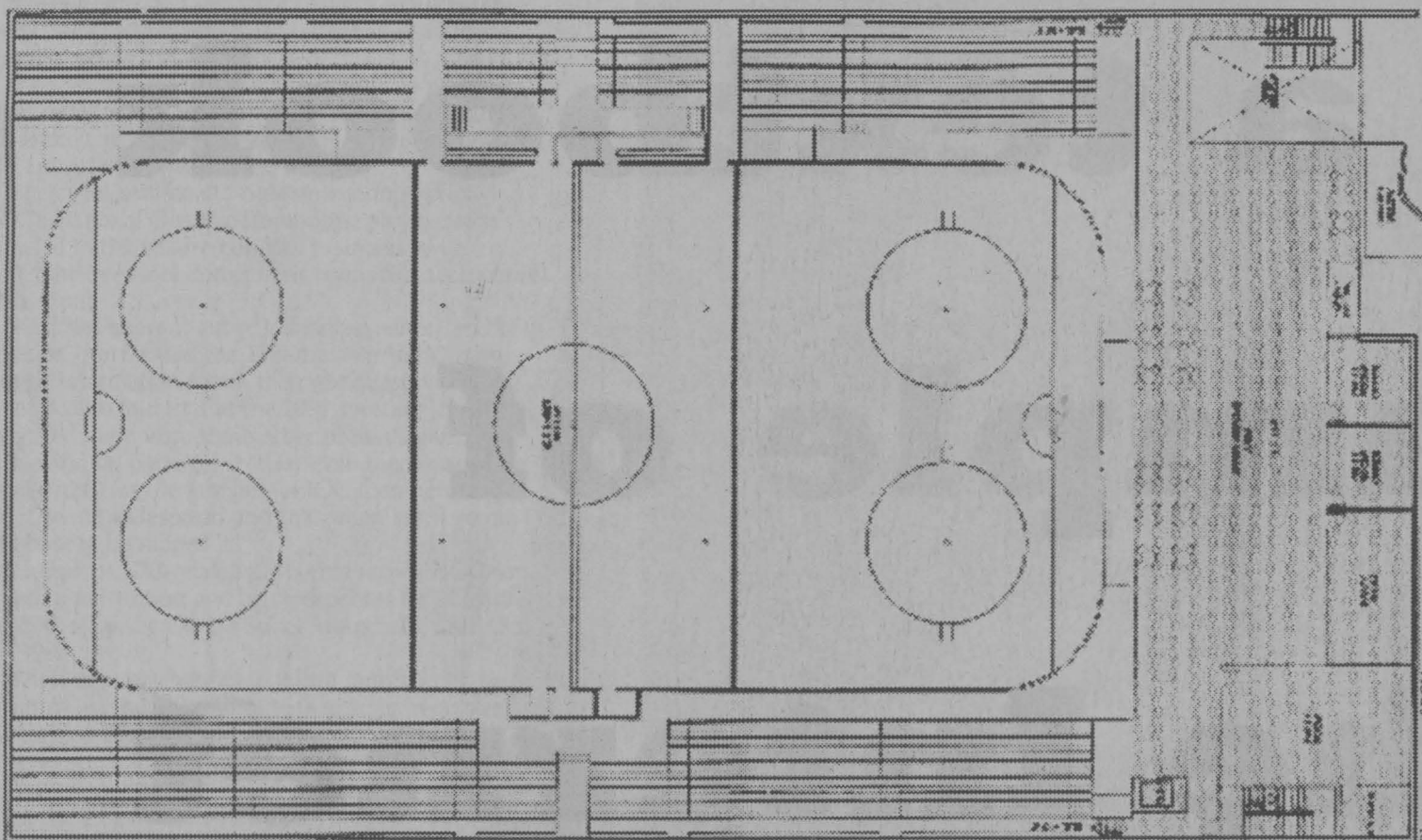
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It's affirmative



The amount of money raised will determine how nice the Bridgerland Ice Arena is able to be. However, the arena will be built, according to the BCIA.

Bridgerland community prepares for a long-awaited ice arena

REUBEN WADSWORTH
 Staff Writer

Even if the last \$250,000 cannot be raised by the Mar. 31 deadline, the Bridgerland Community Ice Arena (BCIA) will still go up, according to BCIA Executive Director Janet Borg. "We're going to build it," she said. "We just have to see how nice it's going to be."

The project has had vision from the beginning, Borg said. In February of 1995, after Merlin Olsen Park melted, a few Cache Valley skating enthusiasts who were traveling to Ogden in order to skate started thinking it would be a good idea to build a rink right here in Logan, she said.

However, it was obvious from the beginning there wasn't the population base to support such an arena with taxpayer money. Borg said in order for taxpayer dollars to be utilized, 250,000 inhabitants had to live in the area in addition to a large demand by hockey leagues. Borg said the group decided the only way they would be able to construct the arena would be from grants and the financial support of the community.

Many applications for grants have been sent and the committee is waiting for responses. Adding up all potential donations and grants the BCIA could receive, the project is currently \$250,000 short, Borg said.

Four hundred eighty families in the valley have already donated, but there is a need for more. Borg said the Cache Valley population needs to be encouraged to contribute as much as possible.

If the board cannot come up with the money, the rink will not become what was originally planned.

Locker room space, seating, or other areas could take a cut if sufficient funds are not available. In 1999 it became clear that the board of trustees had enough money to build "the bare bones," she said.

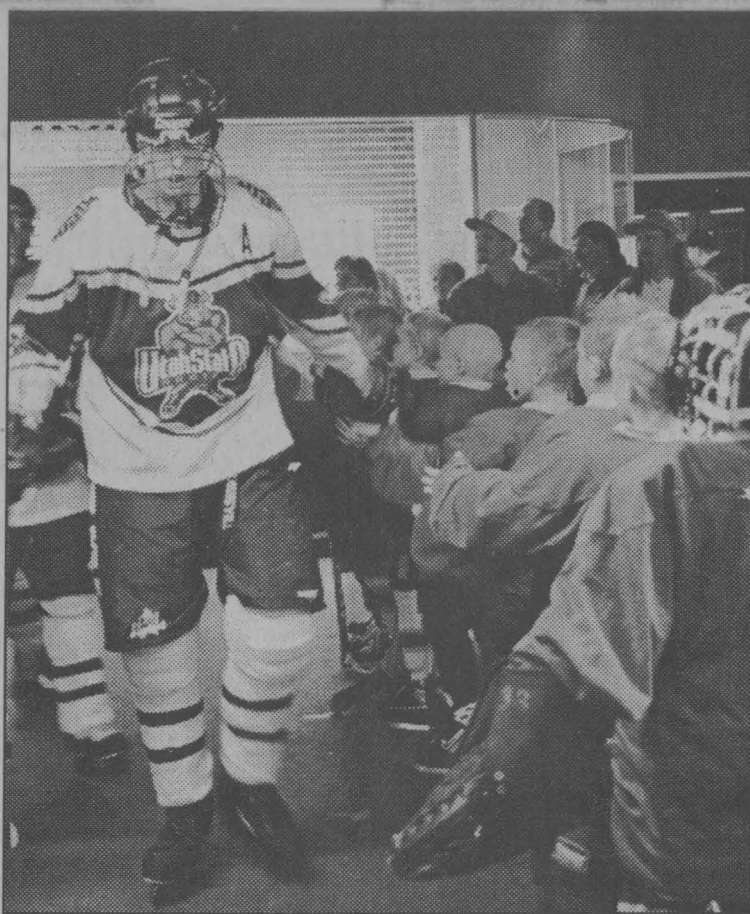
Fund-raising programs such as "Drink for the Rink" and "Slice for the Ice," have been initiated by local restaurants to help finance the new arena.

Money for advertising in the rink will also help raise the funds necessary for construction. Local merchants need to realize advertising in the new arena is a good chance for exposure, Borg said.

The Utah State University hockey team, which will play its games in the new arena, has not been a force in the fundraising effort so far because it is busy raising its own money in order to keep afloat, Borg said.

However, the hockey team donated \$1 from every ticket sold in a recent game against Weber State University to the BCIA fund, USU hockey general manager Len Bauman said.

USU hockey assistant captain



Nate Anderson, USU hockey team captain, slaps hands with pee wee hockey players after their performance during a period break Saturday. The hockey club currently makes the trek to Ogden for games and practices.

Nate Anderson said a few players have been starting to meet with potential donors. Those donors will be attending the teams' Jan. 29 and Feb. 12 home games, he said.

"We need USU hockey to help us survive," Borg said. Aggie hockey will also help develop a good

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Former SLOC finance director may have been bullied into compliance

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Gordon Crabtree, former finance director for the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, may have been bullied into overlooking Olympic managers' lavish expenses, the Deseret News reported.

In a copyright story published Sunday, the paper said Crabtree was worried that two trespassing-related arrests would become public.

He is now under scrutiny for endorsing scholarship checks to the children of IOC members and for signing SLOC tax returns that indicated no such grants were awarded.

Crabtree's lawyer denied the allegations, but at least two sources who wished to remain anonymous said Crabtree told

them SLOC officials threatened to sully his reputation with the arrest information if he did not keep silent about some SLOC dealings.

A third said that Crabtree seriously contemplated leaving the committee as a result.

"Gordon told me he would never admit (the veiled threats), and that he was willing to go to jail to keep the arrests from becoming public," one friend and confidant told the newspaper. In September 1997, Crabtree resigned from SLOC but soon rejoined the organizing committee as managing director of finance, a position he holds today.

His attorney, Mary Spearing, said Crabtree has not indicated he was ever pressured.

"That information is absolutely not true. He was not threatened, he was not blackmailed," she said.

Yet one SLOC official told the Deseret News that Crabtree repeatedly questioned SLOC's spending, scholarships to family members of International Olympic Committee members and the fact that top SLOC members presented misleading financial information to the board of trustees.

"If Gordon would raise the concern and say 'no,' the next thing you know (SLOC president Tom Welch and vice president Dave Johnson) would take Gordon behind closed doors, and Gordon would walk out a few minutes later and immediately back down," said a SLOC

official. "We knew something was happening, we just didn't know what."

It is unclear who in state government and at SLOC knew about Crabtree's arrests. One employee at the state Division of Finance, which Crabtree directed before coming to SLOC, said Crabtree's 1995 arrest was widely discussed within the office.

Police reports from the 1995 recent arrest said Crabtree was caught peering into the window of an apartment building he owned. A couple was undressed in bed with the lights on at the time.

Crabtree told officers he was checking the sprinkler system.

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New heating facility priority on state agenda

DOUG SMEATH
 Senior News Writer

Utah State University's outdated heating plant will soon be coughing out coal exhaust no more, if the State Building Board has anything to say about it.

Plans to build a new heating plant are the number one priority on the board's list of needed building improvements. The list includes building plans for all Utah institutions of higher learning, as well as the buildings of other state agencies, said USU Assistant Vice President of Facilities Management Darrell Hart.

Both the building and the method of heating are in need of changes, Hart said. The primary concerns about the plant are the ecologically harmful use of coal and the unreliability of the old equipment, Hart said.

"The equipment is just past its useful life," Hart said of the old plant, which runs mostly on coal but also uses fuel oil and natural gas.

The State Building Board will present its proposal for funding to the Utah Legislature during this legislative session. The proposed budget for the heating plant is \$31 million, which would come from state funding, Hart said.

The old plant, which heats

most of USU's main buildings, is currently located at the bottom of the north end of Old Main Hill, below the Mormon Church's Institute of Religion, Hart said.

He said steam generated at the plant travels through underground pipes to the buildings it heats.

The new plant's location is currently undecided, but Hart said it will probably be farther north than the current plant, perhaps near the Spectrum.

If the Legislature approves the new plant, it will probably run primarily on natural gas, Hart said.

"(Natural gas is) certainly more environmentally friendly," he said. "It's more efficient. It's a little more costly."

In the end, natural gas is probably cheaper than coal because natural gas is less pollutant than coal, so the cost of controlling emissions is dramatically cut, Hart said.

Hart said if the building proposal is approved, designing plans for the new plant will probably begin in the summer. The design process will likely take a year or so, he said.

Construction would probably start soon after that and should take one to one-and-one-half years to complete, Hart estimated.

Customer Service Office yields improved ticket sales, organization

JESSICA WARREN
 Staff Writer

The combination of the Information Desk and the Utah State University Card Office has improved organization and ticket sales, according to personnel.

The ticket and information desk, formerly located on the second level of the Taggart Student Center near the International Lounge, was moved into the USU Card Office just down the hall a few months ago to make room for a Student Involvement Center as well as to refine customer service.

Erica Thomas, an employee in the newly combined offices, said she likes the new location.

"It's nice because we don't need as many people; we all work together," Thomas said.

The personnel of the Customer Service Office are being trained to assist students with anything they need.

Thomas said there is more organization, which means things can get done faster.

However, the fact that the Customer Service Office is more secluded is one thing Thomas said she feels could be a potential drawback. At its former location, the Information Desk was out in the open and more accessible to people, she said.

Clark Livsey, assistant ticket manager, said moving the office has helped improve ticket sales.

He said because everything is in one place students will have the opportunity for one-stop shopping — tickets, student identification cards, food plans and general information.

Another improvement that was made is the addition of another computer.

"We don't have as long of lines," Thomas said.

Thomas said the new resources of equipment and personnel have benefited the quality of the office.

Poll shows many Utah residents favor cutting food tax above others

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — While many Utah residents would prefer that the state spend their taxes on programs instead of giving a tax break, a recent newspaper poll shows many would favor cutting the sales tax on food.

Thirty-two percent of 611 Utah residents polled by Dan Jones and Associates said they strongly oppose a tax cut and 23 percent said they were somewhat opposed, the Deseret News reported in a copyright story Sunday.

At the same time, 40 percent polled said if there were to be a tax cut, they would prefer that it be the sales tax on food. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus four percentage points.

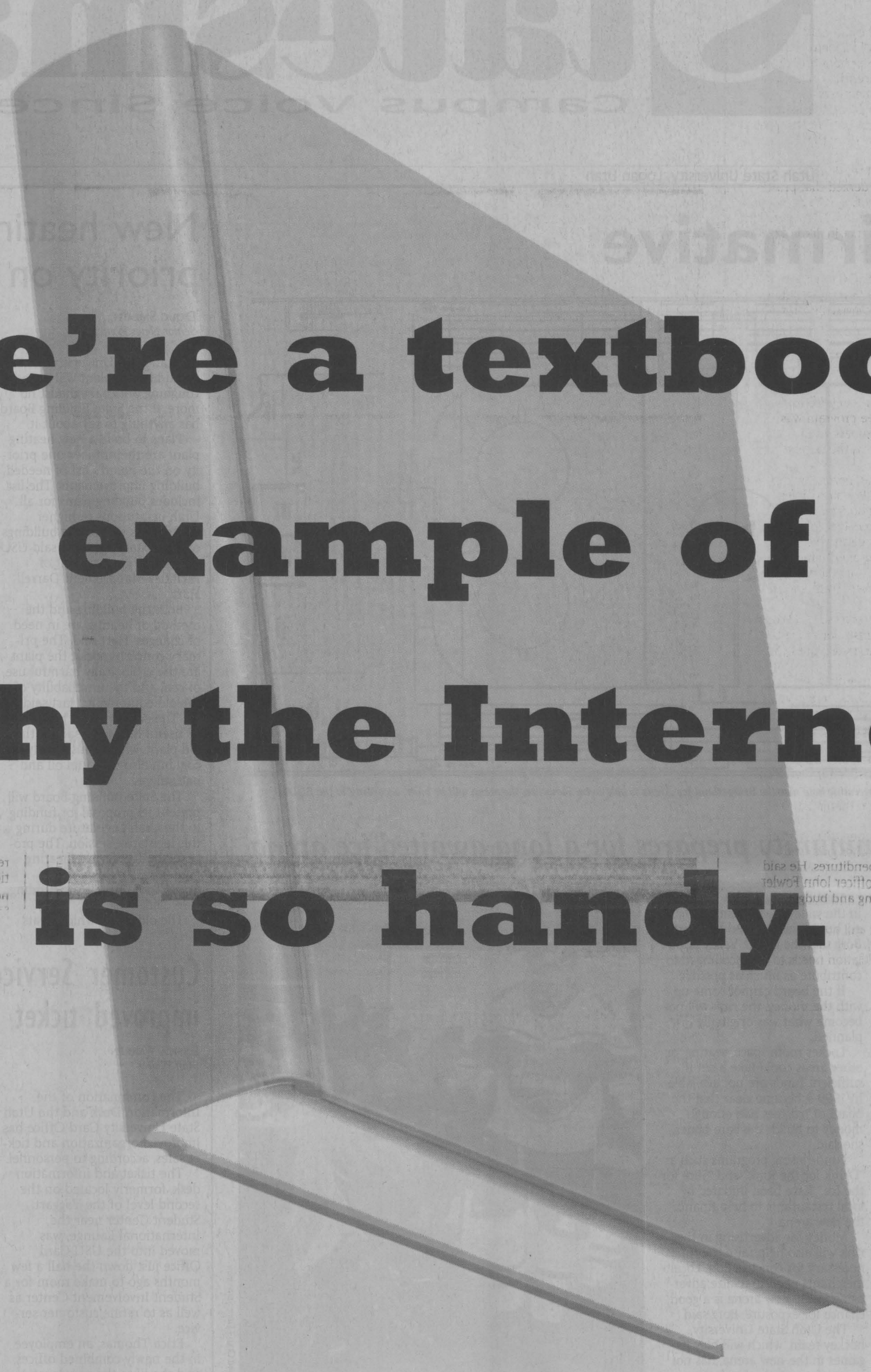
Sen. Michael Waddoups, R-Taylorsville, is preparing a bill that would eliminate the sales

tax on unprepared food. To make up for the estimated \$160 million the tax brings to state coffers, he has suggested that the sales tax rate on nonfood items be raised accordingly.

In Salt Lake County, the sales tax rate city, county and state is 6.35 percent. Waddoups said that rate would have to go up to 6.99 percent on nonfood items to make up for not taxing food.

While lawmakers and Gov. Mike Leavitt have said for several years the food tax should be eliminated, no plan has received enough votes to pass in the Legislature.

Leavitt suggested in his State of the State address that as more and more sales-tax revenue comes into the state via Internet sales, those funds should go to reduce the sales tax on food.



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Utah legislators knew about scholarships for IOC families

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Some leaders in the Utah Legislature may have known more than year before the Olympic bribery scandal broke that Salt Lake bidders used scholarships to help win the 2002 Winter Games.

In the fall of 1997, members of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee reportedly told Senate President Lane Beattie, Rep. Marty Stephens and then-House Speaker Mel Brown of the incentives given to International Olympic Committee members.

"Of their own volition, they brought up the issue of the scholarships. They laid everything out," Beattie told The Salt Lake Tribune in a copyright story that appeared Sunday.

Beattie said that at the meeting, then-SLOC President Frank Joklik emphatically denied that prostitutes had been hired to entertain visiting IOC members or that stacks of cash were taken to IOC meetings.

But Beattie also told the Tribune that Joklik indicated some scholarships had gone to the families of IOC members.

Beattie said Dave Johnson, then SLOC's vice president; Nolan Karras, Gov. Mike Leavitt's representative on the SLOC board; and SLOC attorney Kelly Flint were also present at ere discussed.

The idea that Karras and Republican lawmakers might have known about the bid committee's tactics before they became public raises questions about when Gov. Leavitt was aware of the scandal.

But Karras said he did not know money from SLOC's National Olympic Committee program was funneled to the children of IOC members, even though he questioned in generic terms the necessity of the account.

"I did not know about scholarships, period, end of sentence," Karras told the Tribune. "We didn't have enough information to ask the right questions."

Yet Beattie said that at the 1997 meeting Joklik "indicated there were some other presents given to people and ski packages. ... They even mentioned (the scholarships) for the families (of IOC members). They said it wasn't widespread and that when Frank found out about it, he nipped it."

A ledger of IOC-related payments shows SLOC continued to pay tuition and living expenses for at least one IOC offspring, Libya's Suhel Attarabulsi, until Oct. 21, 1998.

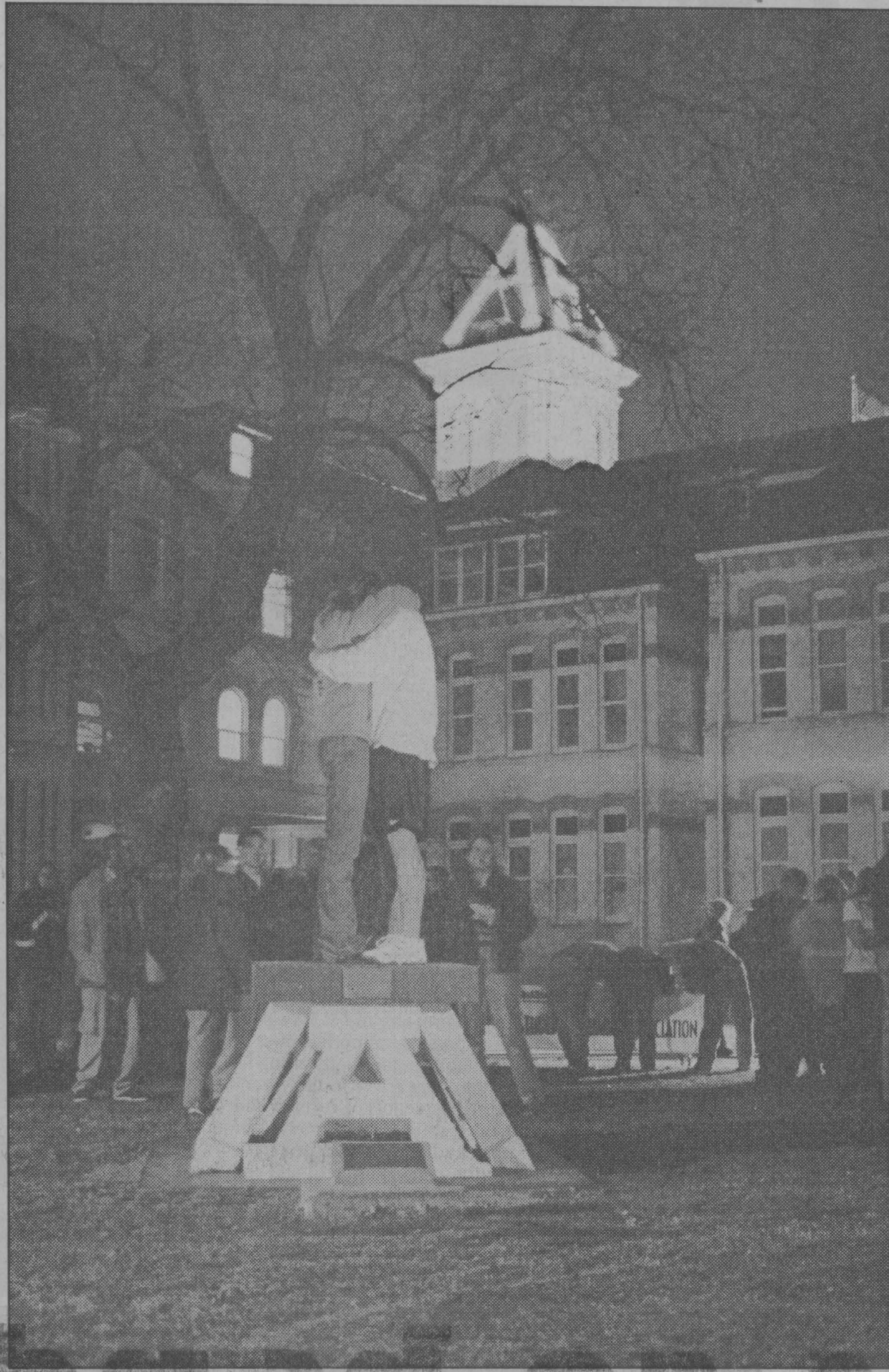
When the story became public a month later, Leavitt called the bid committee's actions "repulsive" and insisted they were not reflective of the "values, moral expectations or standards of behavior of this community and state."

Yet the governor, along with former Salt Lake City Mayor Deedee Corradini, was responsible for reviewing and approving Olympic budgets after the bid was won in 1995. Those budgets included more than \$250,000 in IOC educational grants.

Gov. Leavitt said the budget documents he saw contained no details of scholarships or other gifts, and that no one ever alerted him to such expenditures. He said he relied on Karras, state Olympics officer John Fowler and Lynne Ward of the state planning and budget office to flag any fiscal irregularities.

Fowler said he had heard rumors and raised the subject of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act — which outlaws bribery abroad — with outside auditors and SLOC attorney Flint.

PUCKER UP



Hubba, hubba

A Utah State University couple takes advantage of the True Aggie tradition under a lunar eclipse Thursday just after midnight. This has become a favorite activity of students and is regulated by ASUSU.

NewsBRIEFS

➤ Snow College to build dorms on Richfield campus

RICHFIELD, Utah (AP) — Snow College plans to build its first student housing on its campus in Richfield.

The school plans to construct rooms for 150 students, but may expand the project to accommodate 350 students.

School officials are asking for bids on the project.

Snow College already provides on-campus housing at its home base in Ephraim.

➤ Stokes Nature Center to hold its annual meeting

The Allen and Alice Stokes Nature Center, honoring the late USU professor and his widow, will hold its annual meeting in Old Main, Room 338 Thursday at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited.

According to Board of Trustees Chair Tim Henney, a majority of SNC volunteers, staff and board members are USU students, graduate students or faculty and administration.

"These are the people who have launched the Nature Center, who have made this marvelous enterprise happen financially and through their volunteered talents and time. We invite them to join us on the 27th and let us thank them," Henney said.

Monthly board meetings are normally held at the Center's refurbished log lodge on the Logan River trail. Unpredictable late January weather inspired the move to Old Main for this special meeting. Henney serves on the Dean's Advancement Council for HASS and asked Dean Stan Albrecht if the SNC could use the Dean's conference rooms. Albrecht was delighted, a gesture representative of the cooperation between the university and the Stokes Nature Center that has characterized operations since the SNC's inception in 1996, Henney said.

The non-profit Nature Center has provided programs in the natural sciences to some 3,000 children, teachers, parents and the general public. At a recent fund-raising dinner and auction attended by 240 people, the SNC netted nearly \$20,000 for programs, salaries and operating expenses. The Center has a staff of four and hundreds of volunteers.

➤ Farmers getting older

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Deloris Stokes said he won't stop farming until he is laid in the earth he plows.

At 80 years old, he's not sure how much longer that will be. But, farming has been his life since he was 15 years old. He raised his family on a farm as he raised turkeys, then grain.

"Everything I've got is invested in the land. I haven't got savings or a 401K," Stokes said.

With the price of land increasing, it is more difficult for a son to buy his father's farm. And with the prices of crops dropping, sons can't even afford to work alongside dad on the farm, Stokes said.

As a result, the American farmer is getting older. The average age of the Utah farmer has increased to 58, from 55 in 1987. With no one to replace the aging farmer, the farming landscape will change in the future.

➤ USU libraries to host wagon train photo exhibit

The Utah State University Libraries announces the opening of "A Landmark Journey: Photographs of the Sesquicentennial Wagon Train of the Pioneer Trail" by Gary B. Peterson. The exhibition can be seen Jan. 31 through March 10 on the first floor of the Milton R. Merrill Library at USU. The exhibit is part of the libraries' exhibition program and was organized by the artist.

The exhibit features 90 original photographs taken by Peterson during the sesquicentennial reenactment of the Mormon pioneers' journey west to what is now Utah. Peterson, who resides in Mapleton, is best known for his photographic documentation of past landscapes of Mormon settlement and mining in the American West.

In addition to a sampling of photographs that interpret the sesquicentennial journey, the exhibition features a selection of artifacts on loan from the Museum of Church History and Art in Salt Lake City.

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City of Murray plans cleanup for polluted land

MURRAY, Utah (AP) — Underground gas tanks opposite City Hall could be leaking and posing a threat to nearby Little Cottonwood Creek, city officials have found.

Members of the Murray City Council were told this week that they need to study how to clean up the potential leak, which could cost \$100,000.

"We have a piece of property we now find out, years after the fact, has serious environmental problems," Councilman John Rush said.

Council members were puzzled that the city would free Quality Oil Co., the former owner of the site, from any responsibility for pollution when the city bought the land more than a decade ago. The property cost \$800,000, Rush said.

The property is also near land Intermountain Health Care hopes to use to build a medical-research and patient-care campus. Any pollution must be cleaned up before the land might be sold to IHC, Rush said.

The new center will be on the north end of the old American Smelter and Refining Co. site. Developers also plan to build a retail and entertainment center on 43 acres on the southern end of the site.

Duaine Rasmussen, spokesman for Johansen-Thackeray, said about \$8 million is needed to cover the cost of demolition of the entire site, including two large smokestacks.

"We've uncovered tons of buried concrete, metal and barrels," he said.

Negotiations have dragged on for two years, so the council gave city staff and developers 30 days to work it out. If no decisions are made by Feb. 22, the deal is off, Rush said.

But Rush said he's "cautiously optimistic it will be approved."

The project has "tremendous value to Murray," he added. "It's the economic engine that drives the city."

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but a witness said Crabtree repeatedly looked in the window, then walked back into the shadows.

In that case, Crabtree pleaded guilty to misdemeanor trespassing on his own property.

But the detective involved confronted him about a similar encounter 21 years earlier, in which Crabtree received a summons for privacy violation after someone reported a Peeping Tom. Crabtree said he was only jogging through the area.

SLOC trustee Nolan Karras, who at the time was on the organizing committee's executive board and a friend of Crabtree, said Crabtree told him about the arrests in the late summer of 1997.

Crabtree said someone at SLOC had acquired the arrest reports, and he was going to quit.

"Gordon was under so much pressure he just said 'I've had it, I'm out of here,'" Karras told *The Deseret News*.

PoliceBLOTTER

Information detailed in this section is a Statesman staff report obtained from USU Police incident reports.



Friday, Jan. 14

- USU Police assisted Logan City Police on a traffic accident.



- An individual reported the theft of his guitar from the parking lot of Mountain View Tower. The guitar and case it was in are valued at \$1,300.



Saturday, Jan. 15

- While on patrol in the Parking Terrace, an officer came upon approximately 150 loaves of bread and some other bakery items on the top level.



- An individual reported her roommate was missing. She called the next day and reported she had returned.



- An individual reported that

when she returned from Bolivia after the Christmas break, her vehicle was missing. It was found that her vehicle had been impounded for improper parking.

Sunday, Jan. 16

- Police responded to an individual in Aggie Village who was sick and in pain. He was told to contact the police if he needed further assistance.

- A deer was found dead after it tried to jump a fence at the Western Surgery Center and got stuck on top of it. The Division of Wildlife Resources was contacted to come and pick the animal up.

Monday, Jan. 17

- USU Police were dispatched on

a report of a strong odor in the Science and Engineering Research Building.

Tuesday, Jan. 18

- Police responded on a report of a student who had passed out. The individual was transported to the Student Health Center for further treatment.

- An individual reported the theft of money from a room in the Jones Education Building.

- A calculator was reported stolen by an individual in the Veterinary Science Building. It is valued at \$100.

- An individual reported she had lost her diamond wedding ring. The ring is valued at \$1,500.

Wednesday, Jan. 19

- A loose rabbit was caught and transported to the Police department.

- An individual reported the theft of a laptop computer from his office. The computer and case are valued at \$3,050

Thursday, Jan. 20

- Police were notified of a distraught individual.

In addition, there were 10 citations and 3 traffic accidents occurred, causing \$1,200 in damages.

If you have any information about these or any other crimes, contact the USU Police at 797-1939 or to remain anonymous, call 797-5000.



Helping Students

Need help? Student services wants to lend you a hand. On Wednesday, check out our guide.

Low bridges make for a sore head

MIXED NUTS / Justin Berry



So here I am, sitting in little old Logan longing for the lights and the glamour and the excitement of a big city, and I do mean an honest-to-God BIG city.

And if you have not noticed, Logan ain't no New York City. Sorry to shatter your hopes and dreams.

I guess the whole thing comes from the fact that I have lived in London, England and I have been to New York, Los Angeles and Las Vegas — and I love them all very much.

Who can pass up the lights, the glitz, the noise, the confusion and the absolute thrill of being surrounded by life and excitement?

I have often looked back at my childhood and tried to figure out when my love for the big city came about and I can't really place my finger on it. I think I came out of the womb with a thirst for adventure and eccentric living.

Let's look at what the big city has to offer us, and just what we have here that could be compared to it.

To start, the whole subway/underground system is by far my favorite-thing in the whole world. In London, I could find my way around the city better underground than I could when I was up above and trying to navigate the maze of back streets that fill the city.

I would run from train to train and jump in just as the doors were about to close. Once inside I was able to become very intimate with several people who I have failed to see again. I LOVED IT!

So here I sit, trying to think of something to compare it to in Logan and, well, I have no idea. The closest thing I can come up with is an incident from my childhood that involved my bike and a bridge.

The bridge was a very wide one that was really a big metal tube with a road on top of it. I would get down in the dry ditch bed and fly toward the bridge with the glee of boyhood filling my veins. I would duck down and fly under the road in my own personal subway system.

It was all good and happy until one fated day when I made my approach and raced into the tube, and then it happened. Well, I am not completely sure I remember what happened.

I do however remember looking up and realizing that I was laying on my back with those sharp moss covered rocks poking me in the back. It was then I realized the Paradise (my hometown) Transit System would not be a big hit.

So I went back to the city. There I found street vendors and open markets. I love the little street cafes and the corner shops. So what do we have here that even comes close? I just don't think it is possible to find an open air market here.

I guess I could be wrong, but for some reason I just don't think so. And I don't think Taco Bell can be considered an open air cafe. Talking dogs and a run for the corner fail to make me feel like I am sitting in the middle of pure culture drinking in life.

But I can't say I really don't like the small town that I am indeed a product of. I sat on top of my house in London one night looking at a gray sky trying to make out one star. Failing that I would close my eyes and try to beam myself back home to Utah. It never worked, but at least it sounded like a good idea.

During the day, I would stand in the street and I would look for mountains and I would strive to find north, but I could never do it. I was lost, lost, lost. Tower flats and skyscrapers just don't replace the need for the mountains when you have no idea what-so-ever where the heck you are and you need to be headed in a certain direction.

So what can I derive from all of this? Logan is not a big city — it never tried to be one.

It is always interesting to me that people want to make Logan something it is not. Don't get me wrong, there could be a few more things to do around here, but it is just a fact that Logan will never be Los Angeles or any other big city.

As for me, I still look forward to the day I can move to a city and run through the streets singing (sort of like a Sound of Music meets the ghetto moment.)

Justin Berry, assistant features editor for the Statesman, has traveled all over the world (well, part of it anyway) and will be in London again this summer. He is a senior majoring in journalism. If you have any thoughts on this matter send comments to Justinsb26@yahoo.com

Car shows driven by crossover vehicles

JOHN O'DELL
Los Angeles Times

DETROIT — It is the year of the crossover, a new style of vehicle that industry mavens tell us will marry the best of the sedan and the sport-utility vehicle in an eye-catching package we'll be proud to park in our driveways.

Most of the vehicles in this category, which started with the Subaru Legacy Outback and Lexus RX 300, are still generally listed in the "things to come" column: concept vehicles that represent designers' ideas of what should be.

Much time and money have been invested in developing and designing these vehicles, which aim to give consumers the utility and up-above-it-all seating that have made pickups, minivans and SUVs so popular, along with the softer ride and creature comforts that keep half of the auto-buying public coming back for traditional passenger cars.

"We're going to be seeing lots of them," says Jeffrey W. Schuster, chief auto-industry forecaster for J.D. Power & Associates, a market-research firm. "The individualistic approach is coming on strong." It will take a few years, but soon the crossover will be a third major segment of the auto market, predicts William Chergosky, a designer at DaimlerChrysler Pacifica, the German-American automaker's advanced styling studio in Carlsbad, Calif., near San Diego.

Chergosky was lead designer on the Jeep Varsity, one of nearly a dozen crossover concepts unveiled at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, which started last Saturday and will continue through Sunday.

Like many other crossovers, the three-door hatchback, a car with lines that are unmistakably Jeep, is aimed at the upwardly mobile family "that doesn't want an SUV or a minivan but still doesn't want to give up a no-strings-attached lifestyle," Chergosky says.

Analysts such as Schuster and industry executives such as General Motors Corp. President G. Richard Wagoner Jr. predict that crossovers could soon account for as much as one-third of a market that is now almost equally divided between conventional cars and light trucks.

Schuster's boss, automotive marketing guru J. David Power, said in an interview that he is warning automakers to slow the rush to produce more SUVs — there are about 40 models on the market today, with more than 20 new models due out by 2005.

"... By the time all those new models are up and running, the market will turn," Power says. Buyers, especially of the top-end luxury sport-utilities, will be turning their interest to the new crossovers "and to entry-level luxury cars," Power says.

There are plenty of sedans and coupes — sport, luxury and even



Subaru's clever ST/X crossover concept was on display at the Los Angeles car show.

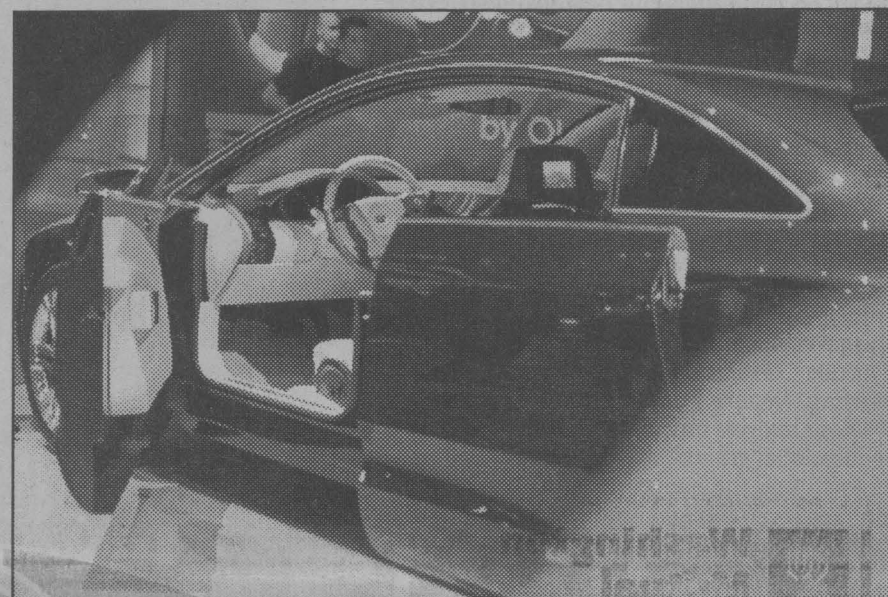
economy — at the Detroit show, just as there were at the Greater Los Angeles Auto Show, which started Jan. 8 and ended last Sunday. Models from the light-truck triumvirate of pickups, minivans and SUVs also had a major presence at both shows.

Common themes — meaning features that may arrive in showrooms soon — include lots of covered and concealed storage space; power points in front and rear for plugging in accessories, entertainment and communication devices; bed extenders and molded-in picnic tabletops on anything with a tailgate; and the elimination of the central, or "B," pillar separating front and rear doors.

The pillar-less concept vehicles, ranging from Buick's swoopy LaCrosse sports-sedan-cum-pickup (in the same vein as the car-styled Chevy El Caminos and Ford Rancheros of the '60s and '70s) to a sporty pickup concept by Volkswagen called the AAC (for Advanced Activity Concept), use double doors that either pop out of their frames and slide apart or are hinged to open from the center, like double doors in a home.

The Asian and European car companies aren't ignoring the .S. market either. Toyota is showing its Sequoia full-size SUV in Detroit, and Ford-controlled Mazda used Los Angeles to unveil a production model of its forthcoming Tribute SUV, which is based on the Mazda 626 sedan platform to be shared with the Ford Escape SUV displayed in Detroit.

Two of the luxury importers — Volkswagen's Audi unit and Honda's Acura — showed crossover sport-utility-type vehicles. Isuzu, Mitsubishi, Suzuki, Hyundai and Mercedes-Benz all showed concepts in either Los Angeles or Detroit.



Oldsmobile Profile concept car draws a crowd at the Los Angeles car show.

Honda, often criticized for stylistic stodginess, showed that it does know what design is all about with the unveiling in Los Angeles of a wildly styled crossover sport convertible-pickup called the Spocket. Honda also displayed its FCX fuel-cell car concept, a small sedan that a company insider said also serves as a styling cue for future Honda sedans. It takes Chrysler's cab-forward design to the limit, nearly eliminating the hood and putting the driver almost directly behind the front wheels.

And Subaru scored a hit with its ST/X concept, a sporty all-wheel-drive extended-cab short-bed pickup with a patented disappearing rear bulkhead that allows the bed to extend into the rear-seat area.

Insiders say it is likely to be a production model for the United States in a year or two, and GM, which owns a 20 percent share of Subaru parent Fuji Heavy Industries, says it wants to

produce a version of the ST/X for the South American market.

GM's Chevrolet division nounced the arrival in 2001 of the Avalanche, a full-size blend of pickup and SUV with a rear bulkhead that folds away — a system similar to but not as nifty as Subaru's — to eliminate the back-seat area and create a full 8-foot cargo bed.

For its part, Ford Motor Co. waltzed into Detroit and woke everyone up by taking a byte from a different slice of the pie.

After a showing in Los Angeles notable principally for several variations of its best-selling SUVs, Ford in Detroit offered up a trio of like-em or hate-em boxes on wheels whose primary purpose is to provide an envelope for an interactive, interconnected, automotive Internet environment.

Henry Ford put the world on

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On ramps for the information superhighway make getting connected easy

GREG MILLER
Los Angeles Times

Colleges across the country have spent hundreds of millions of dollars in recent years wiring dormitories for high-speed Internet access. The projects have been undertaken in the name of ushering the academic world into the Information Age.

But in reality, colleges have done far more: They have created a cohort of consumers utterly addicted to the kinds of services and data delivery speeds that more and more companies have bet their future on providing.

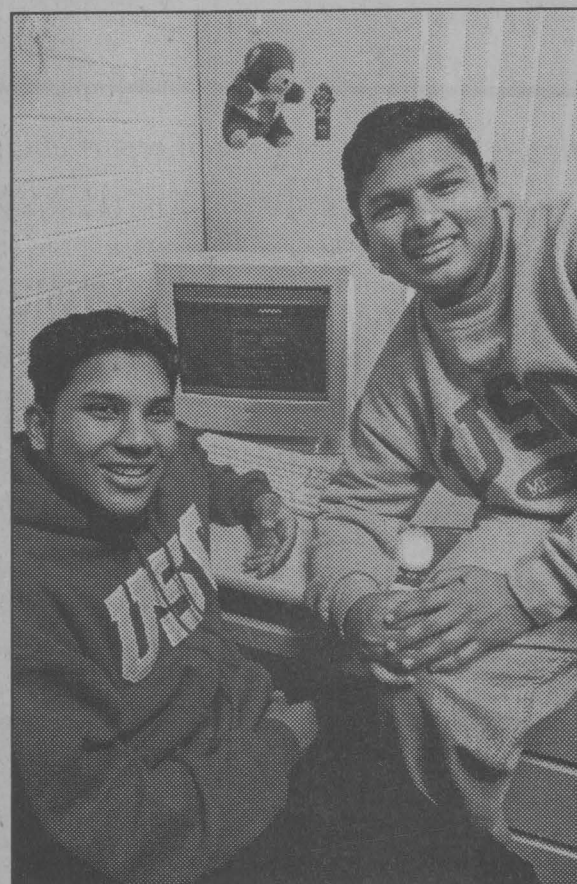
To call today's students high-speed Internet users "is like saying 'breathers of oxygen,'" said Scott Sander, whose online movie company, Sightsound.com, caters almost exclusively to college students. "We have this one generation where the parents have no clue and the kids know nothing else. It's the biggest technological generation gap in history."

Indeed, today's students scoff at the ordinary Internet access most Americans know. They crave speed to such an extent that they base their housing decisions on it, restructure their meager student budgets to afford it, and refuse to attend any college that doesn't offer it.

Consider the suffering they endure when they go home for break and have to plug their PCs into plain old phone lines that are hundreds of times slower.

"You go through ethernet withdrawal," said George Lerdswanrut, a University of California, Los Angeles junior, referring to the campus network. "Your computer sits there and you don't want to use it. You eventually find other things to do."

"I can't stand it," said Thivantha Kurera, a sophomore at the University of Southern California. "I



Thivantha Kurera, left in his University of Southern California dorm room with brother Devinda. Students "live (their) lives over the internet," Thivantha said.

just wait until I go back to school."

The experience is so miserable, said Jerry Lin, a senior at Stanford University, "that I've been kind

of scared about the prospect of leaving my ethernet connection when I graduate."

College administrators acknowledge that academic pursuits account for just a fraction of the activity on their campus networks. The bulk of the traffic is made up of millions of packets of data containing music files, instant messages, toll-free phone calls, e-commerce orders, online games, bootleg movies and just about anything that can be broken down into bits.

"When I came to college e-mail was still fairly new for students," he said. "I don't do any Internet shopping. I wouldn't even conceive of downloading MP3 (music files)."

Spending time around his brother, he said, "I'm almost grateful I didn't have ethernet access, because I wouldn't be able to go back to a modem. It seems like once you go ethernet you can't go back."

Ivy League schools were among the first to wire up dorms in the early 1990s. But the trend has spread to almost every four-year campus in the country in recent years. UCLA began offering high-speed access to all 6,500 on-campus residents in 1995.

Jupiter Communications estimates that there are 2 million households with high-speed Internet connections now, but 7 million college students who have high-speed access either in the dorms or elsewhere on campus.

Colleges that don't offer high-speed Internet access feel increasing pressure to catch up. Ohio State University, for instance, embarked on a crash course to install 10,000 high-speed Internet connections throughout its 49 dorm buildings last summer, largely because it feared losing students to bet-

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Mixing culture and food a good recipe

DEBBIE LAMB
Staff Writer

In college, a few of the most important words in a students vocabulary are friends, food and free. The ideal scenario would be to find a way to bring those three words together at one time.

The International Student Association (ISA) holds tea parties every Friday afternoon at 3:30 in the lounge just outside of the Associated Students of Utah State University office on the third floor of the Taggart Student Center.

The party is a way to make new friends and help renew old friendships.

"It's kind of like a main point to get all those international students together," said Kon-Fon Hen, a member of the ISA. "If we don't have this gathering it is hard to get someone from Malaysia to hang out with someone from India or something like that."

The students learn about other cultures by talking to people and tasting new foods from the culture. Remember, three of the best words in college life are

friends, food and free.

"The tradition for the tea party is we need to have volunteer from different country to cook some food and make some dishes," Hen said.

The object of the parties is to get students together, talking about themselves and about issues of their cultures.

Hen said it is a way for the different students to come together and learn about each other and the different backgrounds they come from.

The party is usually only publicized once or twice a semester in the Back Burner of the *Statesman*. After that, it is usually shared by word of mouth.

"We do send out e-mail to all of the international students and it says who is cooking," Hen said.

If American students would like to be put on the mailing list for the party they can e-mail the international student office at kate@admissions.usu.edu, said Silke Pierson, president of the ISA.

Anyone is welcome to come to the tea party, although when it first started the tea party was

only for international students, Hen said.

But now American students can come and meet the international students.

"Sometimes Americans cook for us," Hen said. "Last week my friend made us cookies."

A lot of Americans return to the party because they know how fun it is and they can understand other cultures, Hen said.

Americans might have a chance to understand someone else's culture even though they have never been to a foreign country before, she said.

The people at the tea party vary every week, Hen said. Sometimes someone will tell their friends where the party is going to be and then their friends come too.

When they realize how much they like the party, those newcomers may even return when the original friend does not, Hen said.

Whether you go to the International Tea Party for the friends, food or fun, remember you might come away making new friends, trying new food and wanting to go back again.

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ter-equipped rivals.

"When admissions people go out and talk to students these days, the students always ask, 'Do you have a (high-speed) network?'" said Valerie Shafer, director of information systems and services at Ohio State.

The changes have transformed academic life and made off-campus housing much less attractive.

Today's students register for classes, get their homework assignments, research papers and attend professors' "virtual office hours" online.

Stanford University and some others even post course lectures on the Net, so that students can review them any time they wish.

Of course, much of this can be accomplished with an ordinary modem, but tasks take far longer and simply connecting to the campus modem bank from outside can require a 45-minute wait.

Although students in dorms often keep their Internet connection on 24 hours a day, students who dial in from off-campus are often restricted.

At the University of California, Irvine, for instance, students who dial in from off-campus are allotted just seven hours a week during "prime-time hours" that include week-day evenings.

Demand for dorm rooms has surged. At USC, for instance, 800 more students applied to stay on-campus this year than last year. UCLA, Boston College and dozens of other schools report similar statistics.

At Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, 75 percent of undergraduates live on campus. The university performs annual surveys asking dorm residents why they stay.

"The No. 1 reason," said Tim Michael, director of housing services, "is their Internet connection."

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wheels nearly a century ago, and the aim of today's Ford, said Chief Executive Jac Nasser, is to "put the Internet on wheels."

Within three years, all the company's vehicles worldwide will come equipped — at no extra cost to the consumer — with a "telematics" package that will make it easy to connect such high-tech products and services as voice-controlled entertainment systems and cellular phones; satellite-linked navigation systems; and safety packages that automatically pinpoint a vehicle's location and

relay it to an emergency service center in the event of a breakdown or accident.

The entire package was shown in three concept vehicles that Ford calls the 24.7 line. Exterior styling appears to have been borrowed from the children's building-block school of design.

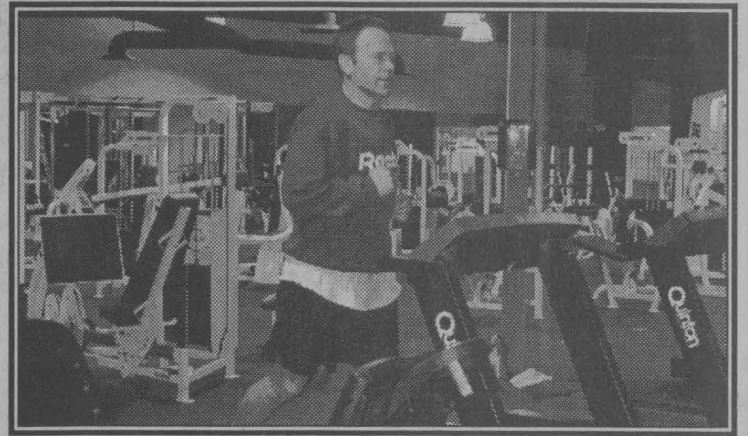
However, Ford says the purpose of the concepts is to show what can be done with electronics in the car, not to promote eye appeal.

The "wired" vehicles, whether packaged as conventional cars and trucks or as Ford's futuristic and Cubist 24.7 models, "represent the future of personal transportation," says Ford design chief J Mays.

"It is no longer true that the auto is the icon for the age. The icon now probably is the computer," he says. "The technology that sets (the 24.7 concept) apart has nothing to do with transportation" and everything to do with making the personal vehicle an interactive part of life instead of an isolation chamber.

Despite Mays' voyage into the future, Ford's combined brand displays on the main showroom floors in Los Angeles and Detroit also were crammed with horsepower, from the company's high-end Aston Martins to its forest-green "Bullitt" edition Mustang concept that pays homage to the 1968 Mustang 2+2 driven by Steve McQueen in the 1968 movie.

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Alan Rickman steals the scene again

STEPHEN HUNTER
The Washington Post

It's late. You're bushed. Maybe you had a little in the recreational beverage department. You turn on the tube. You're just looking for some white noise to chill you toward sleep. Nothing, however, is white enough or noisy enough. Finally, pay dirt! *Die Hard*, the white-noisiest movie ever made!

Someone steps out of that movie so big he smacks you in the mouth.

It's never the star. The star is uninteresting and always will be uninteresting, especially the Bruce-star. But someone is interesting.

Ladies and gentlemen, I give you: Alan Rickman.

Has he ever been in a movie he hasn't a) been better than? and b) stolen handily?

I think of others: James Woods was the great American exemplar, always better than the movies he was in, always the most interesting thing in them. Then he became a star and couldn't hold our attention, with his ripply mannerisms and constant chatter.

Of course, Rickman's niche is slightly different: His lineage is British, not American, and he connects with another line in character artistry, namely the key of superciliousness. He seems to hark back to the greatest cad of them all, George Sanders.

I thought of this as I grooved on Rickman's exquisite turn as terrorist-turned-armed-robber Hans Gruber in *Die Hard*—what a toot! His suavity and self-possession and ironic contempt for the pathetic mortals who oppose him truly hijacks the movie from the stewardship of Bruce Willis, who thunders through it with the unidimensionality of an airline pilot on the vector to Toledo, Ohio.

He did the same to poor Kevin Costner in *Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves*, though one must acknowledge a sense of regret for Kevin, who was in way over his head. Talk about overmatched: He was flanked on the left by

Rickman and on the right by his own ostensible sidekick, Morgan Freeman, who stole what little of the movie Rickman hadn't already purloined.

Rickman's Sheriff of Nottingham was grand opera to Costner's amateur theater. It was like man and boy. He did the same to the still more awkward Tom Selleck in *Quigley Down Under*. And it seemed that his career could have been a cash cow to end all cash cows: making millions playing extravagant stage-English villains to wooden American stars.

But the actor seems to have resisted that temptation. He is a socialist who lives with his long-time lover in a London apartment; she is a social activist and college professor of some sort. So Rickman has for the past half-dozen years fought the temptation to do the big commercial thing.

He's appeared in art films and as a team player. (He also directed an art film, the bleak *Winter Guest*, and brother, do I hope he's got that out of his system!) He's resisted the big Tinseltown bucks. He has integrity. (I hate that in a man! Memo to Alan Rickman: Sell out.)

Well, here's the good news. It looks as though he has. He's playing, at long last, the kind of role that made him almost famous. He's a kind of mock-Spock in *Galaxy Quest*, a delightful spoof of the tackiness of the *Star Trek* phenomenon that then morphs into its own delightful sci-fi movie.

Rickman is fabulous in a role conceived to play off the long-suspected Nimoy-Shatner tension that formed an undercurrent—delicious to nonbelievers—in the *Star Trek* phenomenon.

As *Galaxy Quest* has it, Rickman's Alexander Dane is a failed Shakespearean ("I played Hamlet at 23") who became reluctantly famous as a wise alien on a cheesy TV series called, of

course, "Galaxy Quest." To make his humiliation even more loathsome, his character, Dr. Lazarus, must wear a crown of makeup about his head, a kind of rubbery, neo-reptilian brain mutation that turns him ridiculous. As the story progresses, the prosthesis grows tattier and tattier until it is all but disintegrating. It looks like a woman's bathing cap with a bad case of gangrene.

How wonderful! There is Dane in the full blossom of self-love, his Royal Academy dignity at highest, snootiest pitch, and all about his head is a rotting crown of rubbery plastic that is slipping and cracking and peeling all at once. His big, fluid, saggy face is animated with self-loathing and contempt for American film culture. His signal line, "Never give up!" makes him ill. He hates the sad little strip malls of the Valley, the *Galaxy Quest* conventions where people

without lives line up and pay a buck for an autograph. To think that this is what an heir to Laughton, Gielgud, Richardson and Olivier could have come to! But he's also a trouper who loves the theater and will keep on slogging no matter what crushing blows it delivers him. His hatred of what his life has become has turned him bitter and dark (and excruciatingly funny). This darkness is further enraged by the shallow narcissism of Tim Allen in the role of the Shatner clone Jason Nesmith.

I wish the film had freed Rickman to really do his big Rickman thing. I'm a hopeless addict. I don't want story, I don't want pretty, I don't want love—I want attitude. I want Rickman fulminating at full blister at the clowns and retards that peep about his feet. Is that so much to ask?

Alan, the only thing you have to lose is your soul.

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Time Warner merges again

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NEW YORK (AP) — Time Warner, which only two weeks ago announced a stunning \$145 billion merger with America Online, plans to shake up the music industry through a \$20 billion merger with EMI Records, home of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, a source familiar with the deal said Sunday.

The two companies will formally announce the deal in London on Monday, the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press.

London-based EMI confirmed Sunday that it is in the final stages of negotiations and said an announcement is forthcoming. Time Warner in New York also acknowledged the talks, but spokesman Edward Adler said, "No deal has been signed."

The deal, if it is approved by regulators and shareholders, would unite Time Warner's music division with EMI's music divi-

sion. It would likely be a boost for music sales over the Internet. Both Warner and EMI have been testing ways to let customers digitally download music via their computers. The new company would have a very captive audience with America Online's 20 million subscribers.

The merged company, to be called Warner EMI Music, would be the second-largest music company with more than \$8 billion in annual sales. Only Seagram's Universal Music would be bigger.

EMI brings to the deal the Virgin, Priority and Capitol record labels — including names like the Spice Girls, Van Morrison and Frank Sinatra. Time Warner contributes its Atlantic, Elektra and Warner Brothers labels that include Cher, Eric Clapton, Phil Collins, Madonna, Metallica and REM.

According to the source, the negotiations between Warner and EMI started before power-

brokers discussed Time Warner's deal with America Online. Roger Ames, chairman of Warner Music Group, approached his longtime friend Ken Berry, head of EMI's music division, in the fall.

The two structured a deal in which Warner will pay EMI shareholders about \$1 billion, or about \$1.65 a share, in exchange for 50 percent ownership in the combined company, the source said.

Warner also will have six seats on the new board of directors, and EMI will have five.

The merger is expected to close in about a year.

This "represents an opportunity to establish the world's premier music group and to create very considerable value for shareholders of both companies," EMI said in a statement.

Ames will be the chief executive officer and Berry will be chief operating officer. Time Warner President Richard Parsons and

EMI Group's Chairman Eric Nicoli, will be co-chairman.

The announcement could draw fire from critics who worry that lack of competition will diminish diversity and put too much control in the hands of the four industry titans: Universal Music, EMI-Warner, Sony and Bertelsmann.

Nevertheless, the merger comes at a crucial time for Warner and EMI.

Warner Music's earnings fell from \$288 million in the first nine months of 1998 to \$279 million for the same period in 1999. EMI has been recovering from difficulties of its own, but in the six months ending in September last year, profits were up by 61 percent to \$108 million compared to the same period the year before.

By linking their operations, Warner EMI will shave \$400 million in costs over three years, the source said.

Seton increases public relations after dorm fire

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Within hours of last week's dormitory fire that killed three students and injured 62, Seton Hall's public relations team was holding strategy meetings to discuss preserving the university's reputation, according to a published report.

At least one public relations firm was contacted within 24 hours of the fire to prepare a plan to deflect charges that the university had been negligent in its fire safety training, the Star-Ledger of Newark reported Sunday.

Seton Hall officials said in a news release that they hired a marketing communications firm one day after the fire to poll colleges and universities about dorm sprinkler systems. The poll, which surveyed 37 colleges in seven states at random, showed 45 percent of campus dormitories were not equipped with sprinklers.

Despite the public relations firm's hiring, Seton Hall spokeswoman Lisa E. Grider told the newspaper it's too soon to worry about the school's image when five students remain hospitalized.

Candidates prepare for Iowa caucus

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — On the eve of Iowa's caucuses, Republican and Democratic presidential candidates canvassed churches and national talk shows Sunday, scouring this snow-custed state for last-minute support even as they began looking ahead to contests in New Hampshire and beyond.

"This is the first step in several steps of the journey," Bill Bradley, the former New Jersey senator who trails Vice President Al Gore in Democratic polls, said on CBS.

Entering the first election contest of Campaign 2000, Republican George W. Bush and Gore held wide leads in polls of voters who planned to visit schools, civic clubs, fire stations and other sites Monday to support one of eight major contestants.

The underdog candidates, all resigned to losing, were shooting for face-saving finishes and Iowa's true reward: Momentum for New Hampshire's Feb. 1 primary.

"This is a marathon, not a sprint," said Republican Steve Forbes on NBC's "Meet the

Press."

The footrace in Iowa, a test of political organization, favors the national front-runners. A Des Moines Sunday Register poll of 1,200 likely caucusgoers showed Gore leading Bradley among Democrats 56 percent to 28 percent. Bush led Forbes 43 percent to 20 percent in the Jan. 16-21 survey, which had an error margin of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Bradley is in danger of finishing worse than expected in a contest that traditionally punishes candidates who fail to meet expectations.

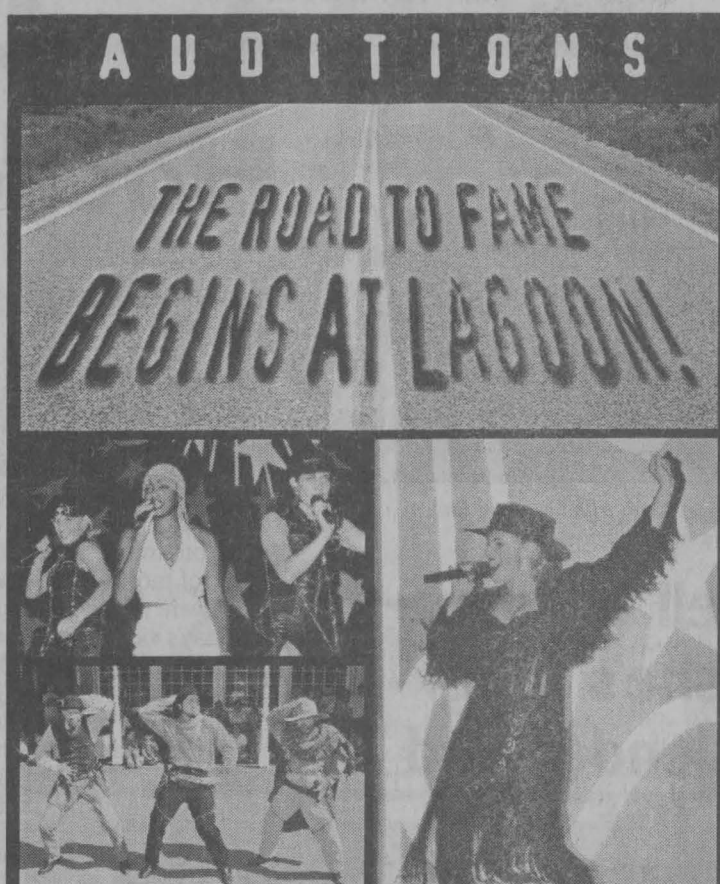
His latest poll rating was beneath the intentionally-low threshold his advisers set as a measure of accomplishment: The 31 percent showing by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., in a second-place finish behind then-President Jimmy Carter in the 1980 caucuses.

With the rest of the GOP field in single digits, Forbes has long said he is the conservative alternative to Bush. The argument would carry greater weight if, after pouring millions of dollars into Iowa since

his failed 1996 bid, Forbes fares better than the new poll suggests — 23 points behind Bush.

The polls show that about one in 10 voters are undecided, giving the candidates incentive to campaign hard Sunday.

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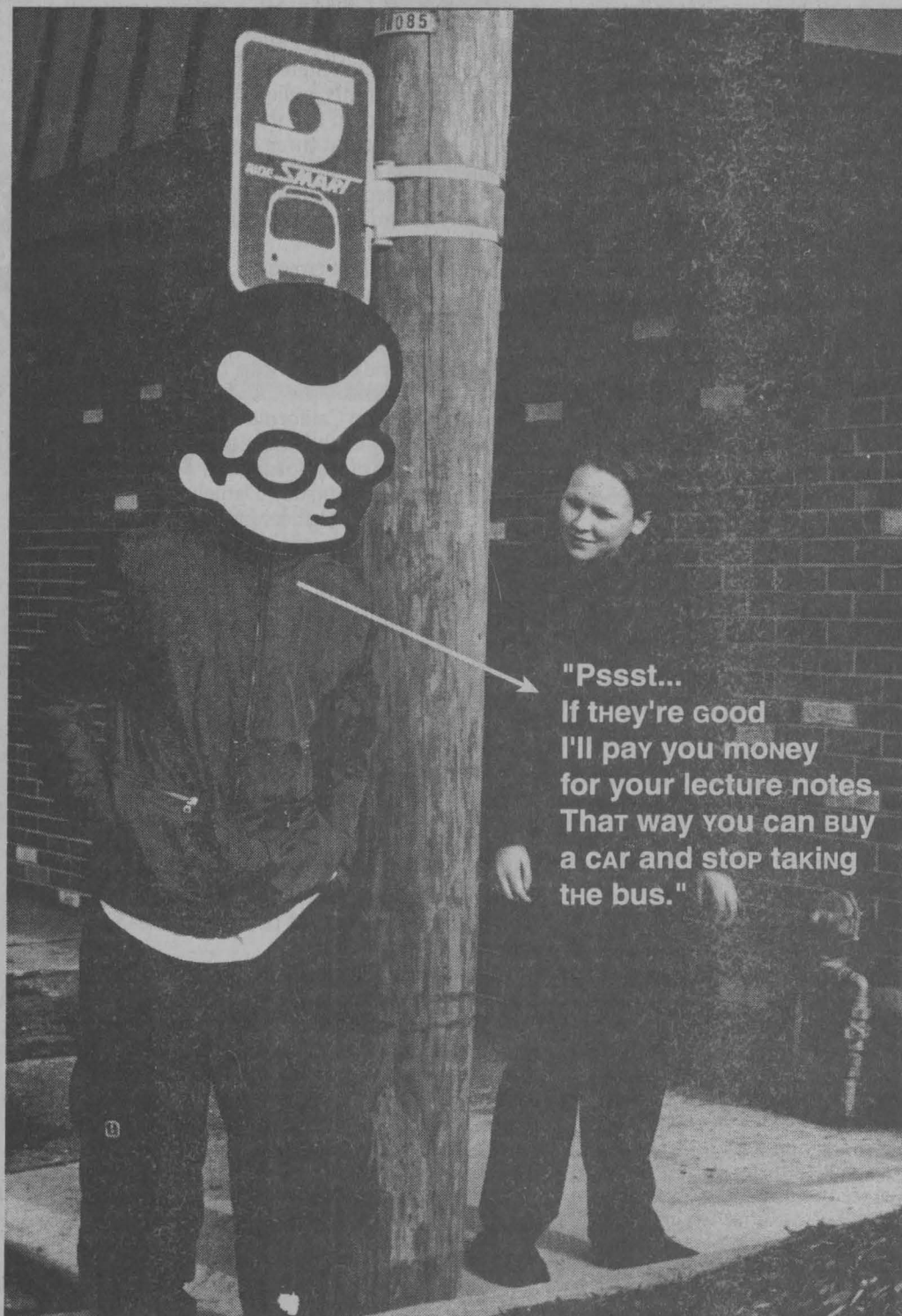
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Ranger Reub with his friend Enden Nelson in Hollywood Calif.

I fell in love — she's long, slender and flat as a board

THE ADVENTURES OF RANGER REUB
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I fell in love last Saturday — not with a woman, but with a sport.

Imagine it is 65 degrees. It is not too hot and not too cold. There is a tinge of

fishy smell in the air and the roar of crashing waves can be constantly heard. It is a perfect day for a beginning surfer in Venice Beach, Calif. And to make matters even better, it is the month of January.

In these pristine winter surfing conditions, I learned to surf and took to it like I thought I never could to any sport. After my first ride I was hooked. My surfing ex-roommate said he felt the same way after his first time.

Anything my roommates and I were planning for Spring Break was quickly canceled. Our decision was made. We are now going to spend that week on the beach riding the waves all day long — with a break for lunch of course.

My instant love for surfing reminded me of how one of my best high school friends was immediately infatuated with skiing after I took him on his first run when we were both 15 years old. I almost regret inviting him on that first ski trip. Since then, he has made a career of it, working at Deer Valley Resort in Park City for four seasons. He is currently foreman of a lift crew there.

Speaking of skiing, I hope my surfing abilities don't mirror what my skiing skills have been, what they are now and what they will always be. If my skiing improvement were viewed in terms of a line graph it would be straight, very straight and nothing but straight. I don't excel at skiing, but I still go back for more.

I'm going back for more surfing because of one thing: it's a lot cheaper than skiing. The only equipment you need is an initial investment of a board and you're set for life. New boards can range from \$300 to \$500, but I've heard through the grapevine that if you play your cards right, you can obtain a good used one for around \$100. Hopefully this won't be a problem for me, considering I purchased my whole skiing package (boots, bindings and all) for less than \$60. My skis are a little worn, (they're 1983 Rossignols), but they do the job. Another financial advantage of surfing: There is no lift ticket to pay. All you need is to find some waves somewhere, but that doesn't come easy living in Utah, considering the closest waves are about 800 miles away. I'm not going to let that discourage me.

I learned from my recent surfing experience that skiing and surfing are similar in at least one way: they are both harder than they look. Little did I know that in order to surf well you have to be a good swimmer. You have to lay on your board and actually paddle to catch a wave. The waves don't just reach out and grab you. It takes some effort on your part in order to be privileged enough to have the waves decide to push you along. This only happened to me three times on my inaugural surfing voyage, but it was all worth it.

Despite my newfound love for the sport, I already have a few critics. My roommate's sister told me I didn't look like the surfing type. Most people look at me and think I should be able to play basketball.

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Sports Writer

There was no lopsided victory for the Utah State University hockey team on Saturday night at the Ogden Ice Sheet.

The USU squad slipped by second-ranked Colorado State Saturday by a score of 2-1 to keep their undefeated 18-0-1 record intact. The win was uncharacteristic of most of USU's wins this year, which were mostly blowouts.

Friday's victory over the Provo Icecats on Friday night was just that, a 12-2 blowout victory. It was Aggies' third straight victory over the Provo squad.

"There's nothing better than a 2-1 hockey game," USU assistant coach George Moldenhauer said of the CSU encounter. "I'd like to play two games like this every weekend."

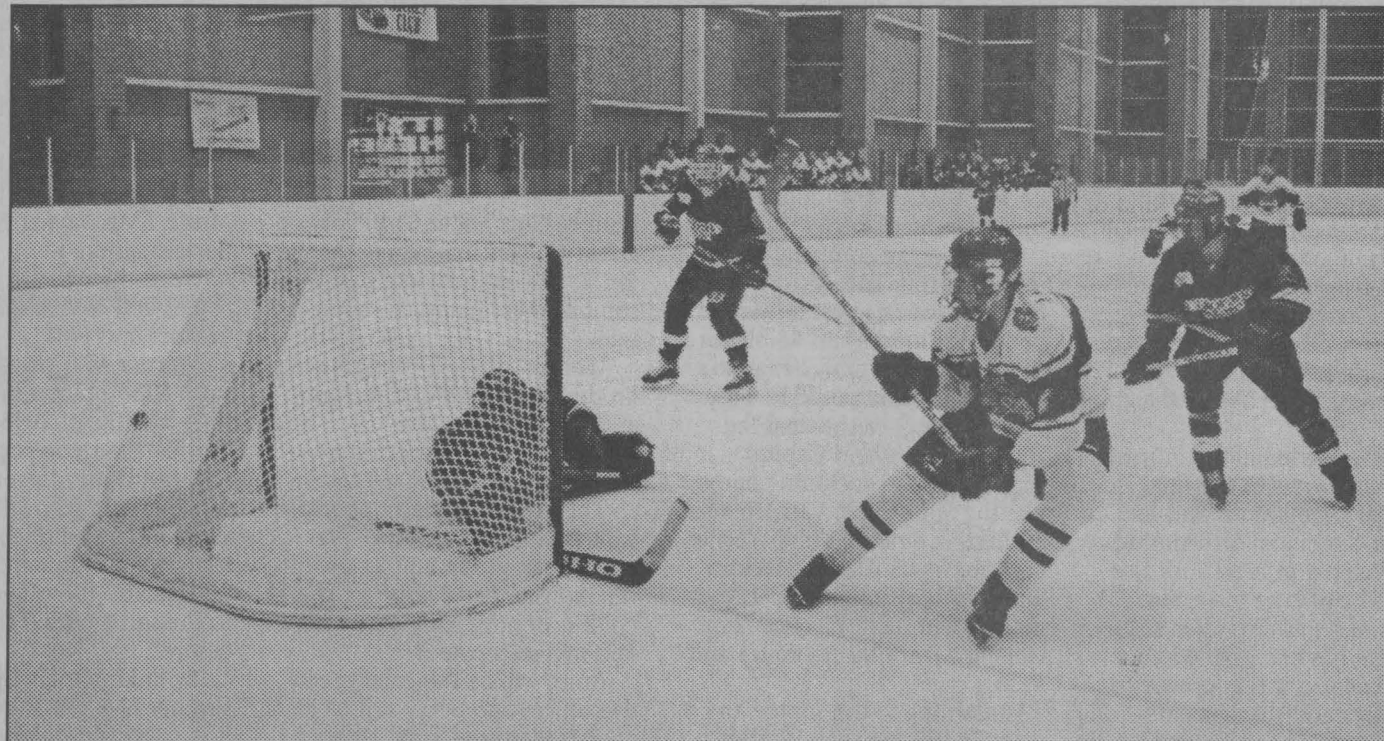
Many of his players agreed, saying they were growing weary of blowout victories.

Moldenhauer said the 2-1 victory kept the players honest and gave the fans their money's worth. The whole team could take responsibility for the victory, he said.

USU's two scores came in the second period; one an unassisted goal by assistant captain Nate Anderson off a steal with 13:48 to go. The other came from fellow assistant captain Alan Babicky from the left side right next to the goal on a pass from Aaron Burrell.

Anderson said his goal came because of a communication breakdown by two CSU defenseman. He said he attacked them, they flinched and he was able to come up with the puck and skate down for a one-on-one contest against the CSU goaltender that he won. Anderson said older hockey players live for opportunities such as that.

The final one-goal margin might have been two had another Anderson goal with 41.4 seconds left in the second not



USU's assistant captain Nate Anderson ties the game with this unassisted goal with 13:48 remaining in the second period. Alan Babicky put the Aggies on top nearly 11 minutes later with his goal. Utah State defeated Colorado State 2-1 at The Ice Sheet, in Ogden on Saturday night.

have been called off by the officials. Anderson said he thought it was in, but the officials didn't see it.

CSU drew first blood just a minute and a half into the contest, but after letting that first goal find the net, USU goaltender Eric Moldenhauer said he wasn't going to let another one past him the rest of the game.

He was true to his word, coming up with a number of big saves in the last two periods, having to do the splits to stop one of them and then took another speeding puck right in the chest.

USU looked sluggish in the first period, attempting no shots on goal while the Rams tried 18.

Aggie assistant captain Nate Anderson said the reason for the team's

poor showing in the first period was butterflies in their stomach because they didn't know what to expect as they hadn't played CSU in four years, and it was their first big game against a quality team in a while.

Anderson said his team was trying to work the puck in deep to get quality shots in the inaugural period, but didn't find any. He said CSU's lone goal in the period was the only decent shot they had. Many of the Rams attempts were from near the neutral zone in the first period, he said.

The team regrouped after the first period and changed their offensive scheme for the second, then came out and executed well, Anderson said.

Anderson said the best thing about

the game was the team played championship-caliber hockey. Anderson said he thinks USU is in prime position to secure the No. 1 spot in the West for the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Hockey Association.

Anderson enjoyed playing CSU, saying they are a first-class hockey team.

First class is exactly what coach Moldenhauer said CSU thought of the USU fans. The Rams were impressed with the fans' participation.

Moldenhauer, like his goaltending son, thinks USU has the greatest fans in the nation.

USU defenseman Danny Wilson said he would like to thank the fans for coming to watch the game even with the bad weather on Saturday night.

USU beats Cal Poly 74-62 for second straight road victory

WADE DENNISTON
Senior Sports Writer

Maybe Shawn Daniels should play in front of family and friends more often.

After all, the Utah State University junior forward scored 16 points, pulled down a game-high 17 rebounds, blocked five shots, recorded four steals and handed out three assists, leading USU to a 74-62 victory over California Polytechnic State University Saturday night in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Among the sellout crowd of 3,032 at Mott Gymnasium, Daniels, who hails from Bakersfield, Calif., dazzled former coaches and teammates, as well as family and friends, with his spectacular play.

In the two-game California swing, which included a Utah State victory at the University of California at Santa Barbara on Thursday, Daniels connected on 14-of-23 shots from the floor for 30 points, snagged 30 rebounds, handed out four assists, swatted nine shots and recorded five steals, all in 73 minutes of playing time.

"He's getting better all the time," Aggie head coach Stew Morrill told KVNU radio. "He just has a great feel for the game."

And with junior center Dimitri Jorssen and sophomore forward Brennan Ray hampered by foul trouble vs. the Mustangs, Daniels was a huge factor in holding Cal Poly's Big West Conference leading scorer, junior center Chris Bjorklund, to a meager 12 points on 4-for-20 shooting from the field.

Coming into the game, Bjorklund was averaging 21 points per contest.

"I know Bjorklund was looking around all the time trying to find him," Morrill told KVNU. "Bjorklund's a very good player. He (went) 4-for-20 tonight — a large part of that was Shawn's presence out there. This was his best two-game swing of his career. I think his best basketball is still ahead of him."

But it wasn't just Daniels who stepped up big

against Cal Poly. Behind a 50 percent night from the field (6-of-12, 5-of-10 from 3-point land), sophomore guard Tony Brown poured in a career-high 19 points.

"Tony was spectacular tonight in terms of calming our team down and hitting big shots," Morrill told KVNU.

Brown got the Aggies (13-5 overall, 4-0 Big West) right off the bat when he nailed his first shot of the game, a 3-pointer from the right corner.

After letting Cal Poly (6-10, 1-3) tie the game at 3 on a 3-pointer from senior guard Mike Wozniak, USU regained the lead for good on a 5-foot hook shot from Jorssen.

Jorssen tallied just nine points in the game on 4-of-6 shots due to his foul trouble. However, the 6-foot-11, 242-pounder was able to knock down his first 3-pointer of his Aggie career to beat the shot clock late in the second half.

Morrill hopes Jorssen's first 3-pointer will be his last.

"He needs to quit right now," Morrill told KVNU. "(It's) just good fortune there."

The Aggies were able to open up a 12-point lead in the first half, but allowed the Mustangs to close the gap to within two on several occasions.

Despite starting the game 4-for-20 from the field, Cal Poly was able to stay close as Utah State committed nine early turnovers.

After letting the Mustangs close the gap to 3, the Aggies were able to go into halftime up eight, 33-25, after five-straight points from Brown, including a 3-pointer that beat the buzzer.

USU started the second half with a 6-3 run, but Cal Poly put the defensive clamps on and scored nine straight points to pull within two, 39-37.

However, the Aggies had an answer in the form of Brown, who hit back-to-back 3-pointers that keyed an 18-6 Utah State run.

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USU 74
CAL 62
Game MVP:

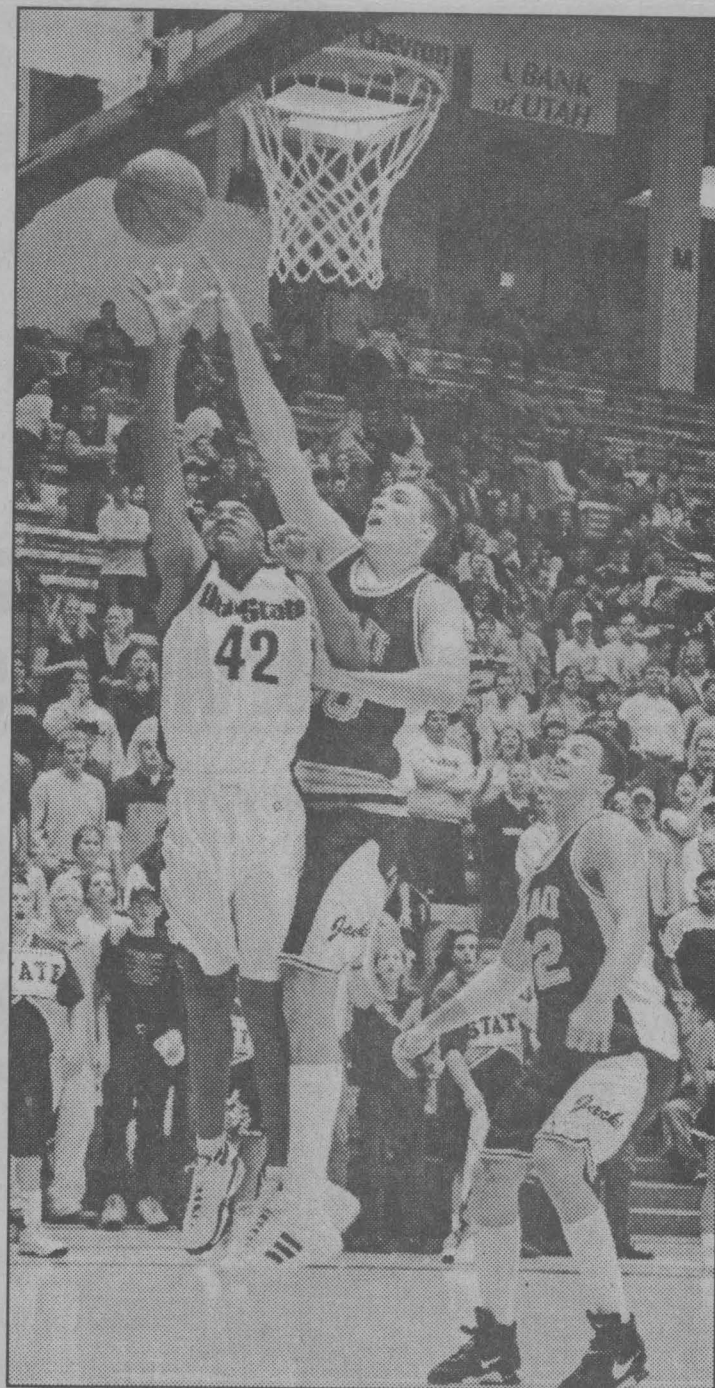
Shawn Daniels, who scored 16 points, grabbed a game-high 17 rebounds, blocked five shots and had four steals

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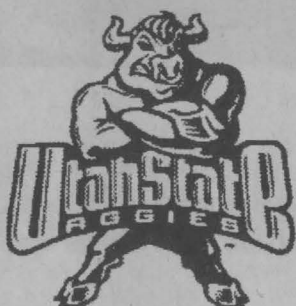
USU went on 15-5 run to end the game.

Turning point:

Tony Brown hit back-to-back 3-pointers midway through the second half, sparking a 18-6 run.



USU's Andre Mahorn (42) lays the ball up against NAU on Dec. 9 in the Spectrum. The Aggies won their second straight road game on Saturday.



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DANIELS

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But after finding itself down 14, 57-43, Cal Poly refused to go away as it used a 14-2 run to draw within two points one more time, 59-57, with about six minutes to go.

The Aggies had one more answer left in them as junior forward Curtis Bobb nailed a jump-shot from the top of the key, triggering a 15-5 USU spurt to end the game.

"Every time they made a run, it seemed like we came back, hit a couple of big shots and went on a little bit of a run ourselves," Brown told KVVU. "It kind of got them disrupted. They couldn't quite find their rhythm and offense."

The Aggies were able to shoot 57 percent in the game, while limiting the Mustangs to only 33 percent. Utah State also out-rebounded Cal Poly 40 to 32.

Joining Daniels and Brown in double figures for the Aggies were junior guard Bernard Rock (10) and senior forward Troy Rolle (11).

The Mustangs were led by junior forward Jeremiah Mayes' game-high 20 points on 5-of-12 shots from the field, and 10-of-11 from the charity stripe.

NOTES: The two-game Golden State sweep was the first time USU has won two in a row on the road in league action since the 1997-98 season, also against Cal Poly and UCSB. Junior forward Andre Mahorn did not accompany the team on the trip due to a stress fracture in his foot.

BASKETBALL SUMMARY

USU	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	TP
Daniels	37	8/12	0/0	17	3	16
Brown	33	6/12	2/2	3	1	19
Jorssen	16	4/6	0/0	2	0	9
Rock	34	4/5	2/4	4	6	10
Rolle	28	4/11	3/5	6	1	11
Stewart	9	0/2	0/0	0	1	0
Wilden	6	0/0	0/0	2	0	0
Thomas	16	0/0	0/0	0	1	0
Ray	12	2/2	1/2	3	0	5
Bailey	12	1/1	0/0	0	0	2
Bobb	7	1/2	0/0	2	0	2
TOTALS	200	30/53	11/22	40	13	74

Cal Poly	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	TP
Henry	30	2/5	0/0	6	1	5
Mayes	37	5/12	10/11	8	2	20
Bjorklund	35	4/20	3/7	5	5	12
Campbell	13	0/1	0/0	0	3	0
Wozniak	30	5/15	0/0	3	0	13
Grace	11	1/2	0/0	3	1	2
King	30	2/4	2/2	0	1	8
Favors	7	1/2	0/0	2	0	2
Hoffart	7	0/0	0/0	3	0	0
TOTALS	200	20/61	15/20	33	13	62

3pt FG: USU 6/16 (Brown 5/10, Jorssen 1/1). Cal Poly 7/21 (Wozniak 3/9, King 2/4).
Steals: USU 6 (Daniels 4). Cal Poly 9 (Wozniak 4, Mayes 2).
Blocks: USU 6 (Daniels 5, Jorssen). Cal Poly 1 (Bjorklund).
Attendance: 3,032

RANGER REUB

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When asked if I play basketball (which usually happens about twice daily), I usually respond by saying I'm not bulky enough and do not possess the coordination needed. My former roommate (who just so happens to be my personal surfing instructor) told me I should respond to those interrogations by asking a question of my own, such as "Do you play miniature golf?" Better yet I should ask, "Do you bowl?"

Bowling is a sport I feel I'm remotely good at. I pounded my friends last time we hit the lanes with an astounding score of 168.

Bowling, like so many other sports, such as golf, skiing and even surfing, is mental. If you have the right attitude, you are able to compete with the best, but if you don't, you're in for a world of disappointment.

I'm going to start my surfing career with the right attitude. The sport has truly inspired me. It has given me the will to actually think about setting some goals.

I'm going to go to the HPER and swim for the first time in my two years at Utah State University.



Ranger Reub (right) poses with his personal surfing instructor Chris Isom right before catching his first wave.

Heck, you might even see me in the weight room a couple of times struggling to bench press 90 pounds. I'm going to put my whole heart and soul into surfing. I'm going to excel at it like no other sport I've tried — all 6-foot-7, 165 pounds of me!

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McNair dances all the way to Super Bowl

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — They call Steve McNair a lot of things.

Sometimes it's "Air McNair" for the 4,000-yard seasons he had in college.

And sometimes it's "Dare McNair," because he's had to prove to his NFL doubters that he could duplicate those big numbers he put up at Division I-AA Alcorn State.

Now the doubters can call him a Super Bowl-bound quarterback.

Sore toe and all, McNair ran around the field Sunday like a kid heading for a candy store. And

with Eddie George accompanying him, the Tennessee Titans are on their way to the Super Bowl after defeating Jacksonville 33-14.

McNair clearly enjoyed the moment, even when he was asked what "Dare McNair" means.

"I don't know," the quarterback said. "You tell me."

Easy.

It means the Super Bowl is usually reserved for big name guys with big school pedigrees. McNair defies those rules. Teams figure if you challenge him, he won't respond.

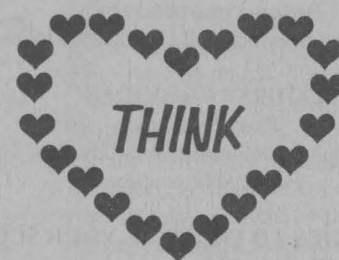
Figure differently.

"It was a mental adjustment," he said. "After 4,000-plus yards every year in college, now I'm in a balanced attack throwing for 100 or 200 yards every game. I had to get Eddie the ball."

McNair had one of those 100-yard games Sunday, a humble 112 on 14 of 23 completions.

But he also ran for 91 and scored two touchdowns, jitterbugging his way all around the Jaguars in the AFC Championship game, punctuating it with a 51-yard dash in the fourth quarter that set up the wrapup touchdown.

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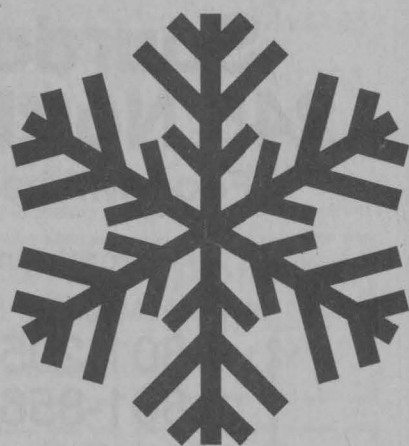
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Women's season not a loss, despite record

JAN ELIASON
Sports Writer

All's well that ends well. At least that's what the Utah State University women's basketball club believes after the closing of their up-and-down 1999-2000 season.

On Jan. 17, the Aggies ended their season with a loss to the Spartans of Colorado Northwestern Community College, 97-82. Despite going out with a loss, the Aggies consider the last five games of the season their best. Interim head coach Ernie Rivers said he felt the players improved dramatically near the end of the season.

"At the end of the year, a transformation took place," Rivers said. "Their self-confidence went up and they started playing as a team."

Their ball-handling skills improved and their shooting percentage shot up, Rivers said.

The Aggies labored through the season — one scarred by a dismissed coach and three victories.

"The key word is perseverance," Rivers said. "With all of the conflict that went on, I'm surprised all of the girls stayed on the team."

The coaching change seemed to be the

turning point for the Aggie squad. After head coach Ryan Walsh was voted out by the team in December, the Aggies went 2-3. Some of the players agreed a new coach can make all of the difference.

"After the coaches got shuffled around, everybody started to play up to their potential," said freshman guard Chantelle Hiatt.

Carolee Curtis, a sophomore guard out of South Jordan, was complimentary toward Rivers, who took over for the last five games of the season.

"Ernie brought out the best in us," Curtis said. "He builds our confidence and is an all-around awesome guy."

Many previously unused players got the opportunity to play after Rivers took over.

"Everybody has something to offer," Rivers said. "We didn't keep [the players] just to keep them."

Rivers and the players agreed their most memorable game was the home battle against CNCC earlier this month. The Aggies beat the Spartans in a physical match at home, 79-74. It was their first home win in two years. Hiatt said she was satisfied with her team's performance against the Colorado team.

"The whole team played (well) and we

learned how to finish," Hiatt said.

Curtis felt the same way about their home performance.

"We finally won a home game," she said. "It was a good team effort."

Rivers said the team's toughest challenges may have come out of Idaho, citing Ricks College and Albertsons College as the team's chief nemesis. Both teams impressed the interim coach, he said. On average, the Aggies lost to both teams by 30 points.

Coach Rivers had plenty of leaders on his team for the 1999-2000 season. Chalyce Stevens was the offensive leader averaging double digits each game.

There were three rebound leaders: Stevens, Vicki Hyde, and Erica Lowery. Rivers said Holly Graumann was the team's best defender and tied Heather Henderson for the "Charlie Hustle" award.

What's up next for the USU women's basketball club? They are holding open gym a few nights a week for anyone who is interested in playing a little ball. They will be doing team fundraisers in the upcoming months as well.

The team said it expects to have a new coach next season, one who should bring more experience and credibility to the club.

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

St. Louis edges Tampa Bay in defensive thriller

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Midwest Express offense came alive just in time.

Kurt Warner threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Ricky Proehl with 4:44 to go Sunday, lifting the mistake-prone St. Louis Rams to an 11-6 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the NFC Championship.

The Rams, who struggled all day on offense, rode their unheralded defense and Warner's late heroics to the Super Bowl.

They will play Tennessee, which won the AFC crown in Jacksonville 33-14. The Titans beat the Rams in Nashville during the regular season, 24-21, but St. Louis opens as an 8-point favorite for next Sunday's game.

Tampa's gallant defensive effort wasn't enough against the Rams because backup cornerback Brian Kelly couldn't stay with Proehl down the left sideline on the long third-down pass.

Proehl, the Rams' No. 4 wide receiver, leaped to haul in his first touchdown of the season. He finished with six catches for 100 yards.

"If you are every going to bet on someone coming up with a big play, bet on Ricky Proehl," Rams coach Dick Vermeil said.

The winning score was set up when Bucs rookie quarterback Shaun King was picked off by another rookie, cornerback Dre' Bly, at midfield.

Bly brought the ball to the

Tampa Bay 47 and the league's highest-scoring offense (526 points during the season, 49 in last week's playoff victory over Minnesota) finally got into the end zone.

But the Rams had to survive a last-ditch march on which they got two of their five sacks on King, who still managed to lead the Bucs to the St. Louis 22.

A video review that overturned an 11-yard reception by Bert Emanuel to offset a sack hurt Tampa Bay with 47 seconds remaining. King then threw two incompletions, and the sellout crowd reached supersonic noise levels in the Trans World Dome.

"We knew we had to patient. They have a tendency to force you

to do things you don't normally do," said running back Marshall Faulk, the NFL Offensive Player of the Year. "They have a great pass rush and play their safeties deep. We had to go underneath and grind it out against them."

It helped that Tampa Bay was more inept on offense than the usually quick-striking Rams. The Bucs only gained 203 yards; the Rams had 309, 91 below their regular-season average.

That brought the battle into the trenches, with the Rams holding the Bucs to Martin Grammatica's two field goals, while they got one field goal, a safety off a poor snap, and Warner's dramatic strike to Proehl.

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A young hockey fan gives USU's Ryan Froerer a high five as the players file off the ice. The BCIA is expected to help unify the USU hockey club with the Logan community.

ARENA

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youth hockey program in a relatively short amount of time — about a year, Borg said. According to Borg, it usually takes about five years to establish a good program after a new arena is built.

Anderson said it is highly likely approximately \$1 million in funding will come from a bill the state Legislature may approve that will send tax dollars from local cities originally earmarked for the Olympics into the BCIA.

The new ice sheet would lead to Mountain Crest, Sky View, Preston and Logan High Schools all starting up teams, Borg said. Sky View already has a skating club. Borg said she thinks spectators at the USU hockey games are the ones who will create a hockey legacy in Cache Valley.

After the initial ice sheet with bleachers for hockey fans, the rink will expand to two ice sheets in order to house public skating and hockey games simultaneously. If it weren't for USU hockey, only 300 seats would be built, Borg said. With USU hockey intact, 2,000 seats are projected.

The BCIA is in a unique position because they already have an established hockey team with no ice in the area, Borg said.

Aggie hockey player Kelly Froerer said after a recent trip to the Seven Peaks Ice Arena in Provo he realized how much his team needs a rink.

With its own arena, Bauman said the team would be able to land sponsors. Right now the team relies mostly on ticket revenue to run the program. According to Bauman, players wouldn't have to be

charged fees when the arena is built like they are now. Other benefits for the team with the new rink would be more practice time and the ability to help with youth hockey leagues, Bauman said.

Bauman dispelled any rumors about the hockey team being moved up to division I-A once the arena is completed, saying it would still be too expensive and traveling costs would be outrageous. In addition,

NCAA regulations say a division I-A hockey program must have seating for 10,000 to 12,000 spectators.

Many people look at the arena as solely a site to host USU hockey, Borg said. It will be much more than that.

Borg said it will serve the whole community by housing hockey leagues, figure skating, speed skating, short track, curling and skating classes. The rink, which will be located at 150 E. 3100 North, has enormous potential in Borg's mind. The short-term benefits of the facility are the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. The venue will not house any Olympic events, but

will be used as a practice facility. Borg said she feels this will give Cache Valley residents the unique opportunity to watch the athletes practice and then be able to see them compete for the gold.

The long-term benefits are that the site will also have the potential to become a recreation complex complete with baseball diamonds, soccer fields and tennis courts, she said.

"It is an anchor for future development," Borg said.

The Olympics bring a flame that will burn for a short time — but will leave a legacy, she said. Local winter sports fans will be able to see the athletes' dedication and it will be a chance for them to see the com-

petitors as normal people working hard, she said.

The popularity of skating is on the rise, Borg said. There are many figure skaters from the valley, according to Borg, who have to drive all the way to Ogden and Bountiful in order to skate.

"A 5-year-old here has never skated because they've never had ice," Borg said.

She said she thinks forcing skating enthusiasts and the USU hockey club to use ice arenas outside of the Logan area is detrimental to the valley's economy due to lost revenue. She said restaurants, as well as hotels, etc., will benefit from after-hockey-game business as well as out-of-town collegiate hockey teams' business.

"We're building a state-of-the-art arena," Borg said.

Her committee has completed research in order to cut down on utility costs on the new facility, she said — something other ice arenas around the nation lack.

The community will benefit greatly from the new rink, Borg said. She said she thinks such a venue will draw together many different types of people.

"This will become a real destination," she said, explaining the location is good because it's not "shoehorned" into a residential area.

A well-planned campaign has been used in order to raise funds, Borg said. The venue will also receive money from the naming process, which hasn't been completed yet.

It is clear that families in the valley want the arena. Now it is time to pull together, she said.

There are three ways for Cache Valley residents to help, Borg said. People can make donations, give some time or make suggestions, she said.

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AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Tennessee victories, though improbable, still rolling in

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans found another improbable way to win.

This time it's taking them to their first Super Bowl in the franchise's 40 seasons — 37 of them as the Houston Oilers.

The Titans upset Jacksonville 33-14 on Sunday to win the AFC title, beating the Jaguars for the third time this season with a burst of 16 points in about 4 minutes in the third quarter.

Steve McNair led the way, running for 91 yards on nine carries and scoring on two 1-yard quarterback sneaks, despite limping all week with a boot to protect an injured toe.

Tennessee won as it has all sea-

son: a little offense, a lot of defense, and a big contribution from special teams. The defense forced six turnovers.

The Titans trailed 14-10 at the half — but then came their third-quarter scoring binge.

It began with a 76-yard drive on six plays for the go-ahead touchdown on a sneak by McNair.

Forty-three of the yards came on penalties — 15 on a roughing the passer call when McNair somehow ducked out of a 10-yard sack by Kevin Hardy, rolled left and completed a 15-yard pass to Eddie George.

On the next sequence, Jacksonville's Kyle Brady fumbled and Jason Fisk recovered at the

Jaguars 35. Frank Wycheck returned the favor with a fumble, but it was at the 1-yard line.

Two plays later, Fisk and Josh Evans sacked Mark Brunell in the end zone for a safety, and it was 19-14. It was the sixth safety this season for Tennessee and second in the playoffs, an NFL record.

It also set up seven more points: On the ensuing free kick, Derrick Mason, who earlier set up a score with a 44-yard kickoff return, went 80 yards for a TD to make it 26-14.

Tennessee's trip to the Super Bowl follows three straight 8-8 seasons, one in Houston, one in Memphis and the third and Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville.

This year, in their new home at Adelphia Coliseum, they went 13-3 and qualified as a wild card, a game behind Jacksonville in the AFC Central even though they beat the Jaguars twice.

The Titans' success is especially remarkable considering how close they came to losing in the wild-card game against Buffalo two weeks ago. They returned a lateral on a kickoff for the winning score with three seconds left.

In the AFC championship, Tennessee won despite losing two key players: wide receiver Yancey Thigpen and free safety Marcus Robertson, who both went out in the second quarter.

The defeat was a huge disap-

pointment for Jacksonville, who finished the regular season with the league's best record at 14-2 — with both losses to Tennessee.

While the Jaguars have made the playoffs in four straight years — they missed them only as an expansion team in 1995 — they now have lost twice in the AFC title game.

Jacksonville, which beat Miami 62-7 last week, started strong again, going 62 yards in five plays to score on a 7-yard pass from Brunell to Kyle Brady. But the Titans answered right back, going 51 yards in nine plays after Mason's 44-yard kickoff return to tie it on 9-yard pass to Thigpen.

Both teams threw interceptions

in scoring position — Fernando Bryant picked off a McNair pass on his 23 early in the second quarter.

The Jaguars then drove all the way to the Tennessee 6, but Marcus Robertson dived in front of Jackie Harris to pick off a Brunell pass to end the threat.

Jacksonville scored on its next possession, another quick drive that emphasized the 1-2 ground punch. One play after Taylor gained 9 yards to set up a second-and-1, Stewart raced 33 yards to the end zone.

Al Del Greco capped the first half scoring with a 34-yard field goal after Reggie Barlow fumbled a punt and the Titans recovered it.

Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas injured in one-vehicle accident

LIBERTY, Mo. (AP) — Derrick Thomas, a nine-time Pro Bowl linebacker for the Kansas City Chiefs, was seriously injured in a one-car accident on an icy road Sunday afternoon that killed one of his close friends.

Television reports said the 33-year-old Thomas, one of the NFL's most dominant defensive players, sustained a broken back. But a team spokesman and a spokeswoman at Liberty Hospital declined to confirm that.

Thomas and his companions were en route to Kansas City International Airport to fly to St. Louis for the Buccaneers-Rams NFC championship

game when their car rolled over several times on a snowy highway about 1:30 p.m. CST.

Both Thomas and the man who died were thrown from the vehicle, the Missouri State Highway Patrol said.

The dead man was identified as Michael Tellis, 49, of Kansas City, Kan., the patrol said. A close friend of Thomas, Tellis helped him set up projects such as a charity golf tournament which had become an annual event in Kansas City.

An icy snow began falling in the Kansas City metropolitan area around noon. The weather was also being

blamed for a pile-up on Interstate 29 northwest of Kansas City in which eight deaths had been confirmed by Sunday night.

Chiefs spokesman Bob Moore said team officials and doctors were en route to Liberty Hospital north of Kansas City, but were having trouble traveling on the slick highways. Chiefs president Carl Peterson was on his way back to Kansas City from St. Louis, where he had been watching the NFC title game.

Thomas, who became an immediate star after being taken in the first round of the 1989 draft, has spent all 11 years of his NFL career with the Chiefs and

was an All-Pro in his first nine seasons after an All-American career at Alabama. In just his second season, he set the NFL single-game record with seven sacks against Seattle.

Coaches designed their entire defense around the quick-hitting, 6-foot-3, 255-pound Thomas and he was a mainstay in a consistently tough defense which helped the Chiefs become one of just three NFL teams to win 100 games in the decade of the '90s.

Thomas made headlines in 1998 when he lost his temper during a Monday night game against Denver and committed three personal foul penalties

in the Broncos' final touchdown drive. He was fined and suspended for one game and issued an apology to the Broncos and to his fans.

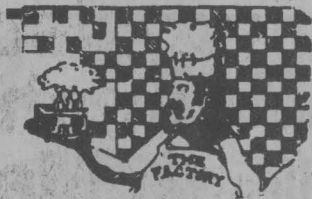
With one of the quickest first moves of any defender in the league, Thomas became known for his "sack and strip" move, where he closed fast on a quarterback's blind side and hacked at his arm to knock the ball out of his hand.

Head coach Gunther Cunningham, the Chiefs' defensive coordinator from 1995-98, said Thomas was primarily responsible for the Chiefs' leading the league with a plus-130 turnover ratio in the 1990s.

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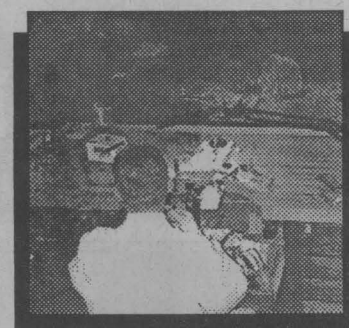
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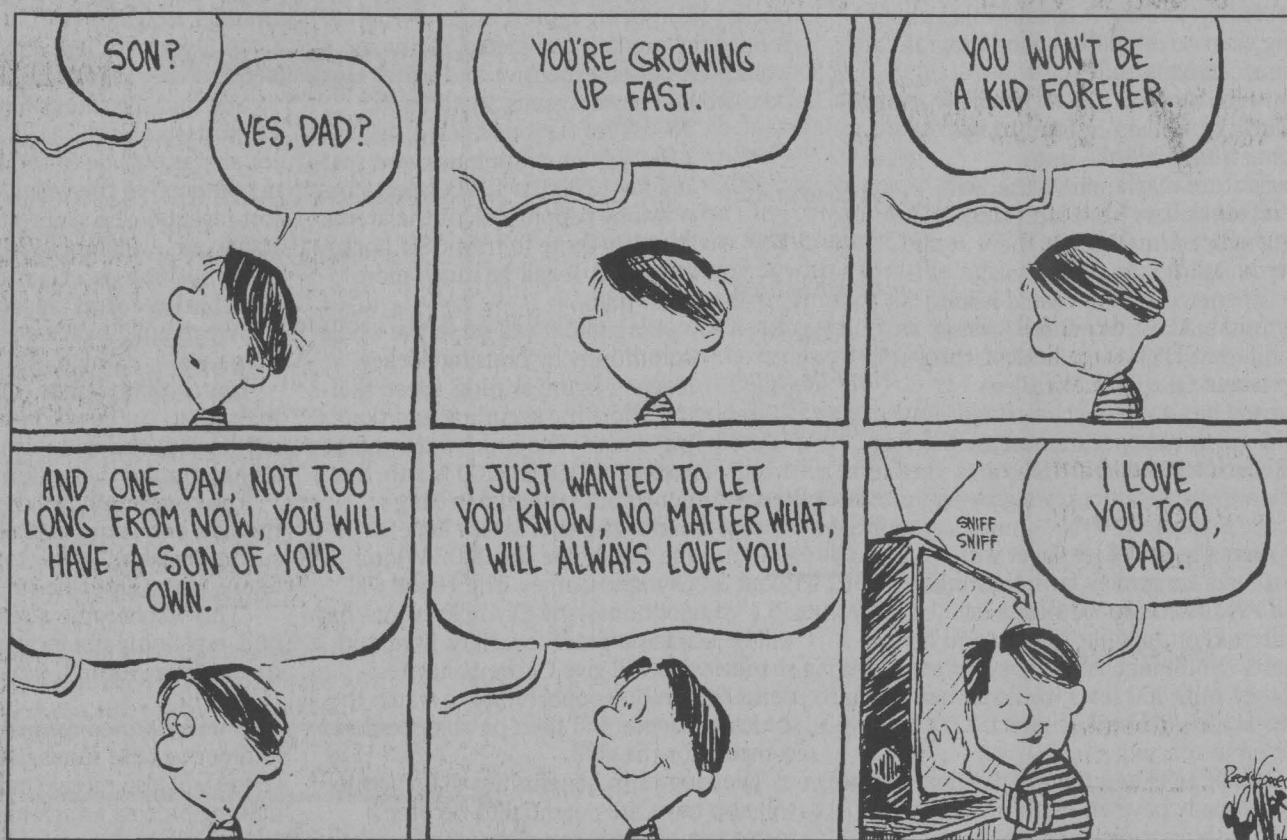
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In our
OPINION

In the aftermath of a tragedy, family and friends are mourning the deaths and injuries of the victims of the Seton Hall University fire. And it was an immense tragedy. Three students were killed, more than 60 others were injured. But perhaps the saddest element of the fire is what it has unveiled about our society. Our society today, more than ever, is entirely image driven.

Administrators at the university contacted a public relations firm to deal with the university's image within 24 hours of the fire. They are currently working on

public relations strategies to ensure students will continue to feel safe at the

school. It is unfortunate that the university where this disaster occurred has to worry so much about its image that it is hiring someone to ensure the university's public image is not permanently damaged by this incident.

Instead, administrators should be able to focus financial and individual efforts on supporting the victims and their families as they face the emotional battles that lie in the days ahead.

Listen up, it's a great week

SOCIAL CALENDARING WITH ANN / Ann Blumlein



Yes, I know you all missed me last week and possibly missed some opportunities to go places, but this week is way better for social calendaring events than last week.

It is getting colder and snowier and you know what that means. Time to find a snuggle partner. For all you out there STILL searching (don't worry, you are in good company) for a winter events partner, do not despair. There are many events this week.

Go to one. Go with a roommate, friend, someone who looked lonely at church. Or go by yourself. Someone once told me that if you're alone, it is easier for other single people to talk to you. Well, try it out and see if it works.

Monday — Winter classes with the Alliance for Varied Arts 2000 are starting soon. Now, this might cost money, but you get to learn ceramics, dance, drama, photography, etc. Call 753-2970 for details.

Or try tubing at Beaver Mountain, which is close by, for family night or just plain winter fun. It costs \$6 for two hours and includes the tube rental and tow rope. Hours through Friday are 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Tuesday — Go give blood (and get free food) at the Institute. Or watch for the signs about the USU blood drive, free food there too. Be nice, share your blood.

Go learn to snow-shoe. Details in today's Statesman! It's an afternoon event.

Wednesday — Free theater day! Yeah, I love theater. The "Festival of New Plays" runs today through Saturday at the Lyric Theater. Tickets are FREE with ID. Show starts at 8 p.m.

Also there is free food on the Quad at noon as part of Snow Week at USU. Sure wish we really had some snow.

Thursday — Is a new hobby on your New Year's list? Try fencing. The fencing club is starting beginning classes soon. E-mail Nate at slpwq for details (hint here girls — hot men generally fence and they look so cute in those masks!)

Friday — Plan all week and find someone who wants to go to Salt Lake City this night. Have dinner at a "fine" restaurant like Olive Garden (which has yet to grace the streets of Logan). Read the Salt Lake Tribune (sltrib.com) or Deseret News (desnews.com) and find something cool and unusual to go to. Be adventurous.

Or just rent a movie. Find some popcorn and utilize your new snuggle bunny.

Saturday — If you are really adventurous, drive up to Park City and watch people (NOT the movies because that is definitely not free). Heck, drive back to Salt Lake (not that Logan isn't a hot-bed of excitement) and sneak in at intermission to the Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young concert at the Delta Center.

Ann Blumlein is making slow progress on her thesis thanks to her wonderful major professor James Derry. Thank him if you get a chance or e-mail Ann further encouragement at slzk7@cc.usu.edu

Gun control:
Let the responsible
watch our backs

SLIGHTLY OFF CENTER / Dennis Hinkamp



I can't improve on the P.J. O'Rourke quote that "giving politicians money is like giving teenagers car keys and liquor." In the end there are no parties, just politics.

I feel the same way about the Utah Democrats as the Canadians must feel about professional ice hockey in Florida. The name is the same, but there is just something missing.

This year the party is going after a real tough one. "Let's keep guns out of schools and churches." Wow, that's liberal. And let's for sure keep guns out of public showers and swimming pools, too.

I would think that everyone who has evolved to the point of opposable thumbs would agree that we ought to keep wackos with guns out of schools and churches. And, for that matter, out of traffic jams, supermarkets and athletic events with close scores.

What the Demo's want though, is to not allow people with legal gun permits in schools and churches.

Huh? So you don't want people who are certified relatively sane to be in churches and schools with weapons?

Are churches and schools known to turn these people into instant assassins? I don't own a gun because I don't want to go through the humiliation of answering the "are you of sound mind" question. However, I actually want some responsible citizens with guns around me just in case

some recently-divorced guy with a sudden vision that today is the day we all need to be sent to glory starts brandishing an Uzi. I want somebody there in school who can stop the disgruntled computer nerd with a loose mother board from blowing up the gymnasium just because he got turned down for the prom.

I don't know how to insure it, but I want responsible people to have guns. I want the guy behind me at the Post Office to be able to watch my back when the postal employee snaps like a dry chicken bone and tries to stab me with a letter opener just because I forgot the zip code.

And, I think all of us right-thinking people can agree that sermons have been kept to a more reasonable length since preachers became aware that some of the parishioners are "packing" more than the sword of righteousness.

I wouldn't be surprised if grade inflation in our schools isn't positively correlated to the realization that parent-teacher meetings could end up looking like the opening 10 minutes of *Saving Private Ryan* if Johnny fails just one more math class.

Besides, we all know that guns don't kill people, it's the bullets. Well, it's not actually the bullets, it's the holes the bullets leave. Well, not so much the holes, but the icky stuff that comes out of the holes that can't be put back in. Put that on your bumper sticker and smoke it.

Dennis Hinkamp's column appears every Monday in The Utah Statesman.

A ruling to howl about

COURT CRITIQUE / The Los Angeles Times

The following editorial appeared in Saturday's Los Angeles Times:

Western ranchers cried wolf, but to no avail. The reintroduction of the gray wolf in Yellowstone National Park and neighboring Idaho has been a tremendous public and natural success. Now the program has won a legal battle with livestock growers who claimed the wolves would ravage their herds and hurt their livelihood. In a 3-0 decision, a federal appeals court in Denver has ruled that the program meets the legal requirements of the Endangered Species Act and the wolves may stay.

The opinion upholding the actions of the Department of the Interior was so emphatic that a lawyer for Defenders of Wildlife called it "a slam dunk — something that's rare in our business." The American Farm Bureau Federation, which brought the suit, should pursue it no longer. A successful appeal is not likely.

The decision should also convince the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that it's time to develop a long-range plan for restoration of the wolf to more of its traditional roaming grounds in various regions of the country. There are

now about 3,000 wolves in the United States outside of Alaska, most of them in northern Minnesota.

Fourteen wolves were transplanted from Canada to Yellowstone in 1995, more than 70 years after the last Yellowstone wolves were killed by federal hunters and trappers. An additional 17 were released in the park the next year, along with 35 in Idaho. Now, more than 300 wolves roam the region. In a concession to ranchers and Western senators, the program was designated experimental, a status that allows wolves to be shot if caught attacking sheep or cattle on range land outside the park. Wolves do like to roam. The Defenders of Wildlife promised to compensate ranchers for any stock losses. Lost during the first three years were only 84 sheep — 63 attributed to a single wolf — and seven cattle, far fewer than predicted. The Defenders paid more than \$21,000 to the ranchers.

Still, the ranchers battled the wolves on the legal front. They prevailed in federal district court in Wyoming, where a reluctant judge said the wolves would have to be removed — shot, in all likelihood. The order was stayed pending appeal.

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Clinton to seek funds to enforce equal pay laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the support of a women's soccer star, President Clinton plans to ask Congress on Monday for \$27 million to bolster federal laws requiring that employers pay men and women equal wages for equal work.

"We want to make sure that the employers and employees all understand their rights and responsibilities on equal pay," White House Domestic Policy Adviser Bruce Reed said Sunday. Officials also want to beef up enforcement of equal pay laws.

Women earn an average of 75 cents for every dollar men are paid, a disparity Clinton has pointed to in the past as evidence of social injustice.

"When a woman is denied equal pay, it doesn't just hurt her," he said in a radio address last January. "It hurts her family, and that hurts America."

Clinton was being joined at a White House event by Michelle Akers, who with her teammates has been boycotting training in a compensation dispute that erupted after the U.S. women's World Cup championship last season.

"Millions of women who are working for less than men don't have the whole country pulling for them the way the World Cup team does," Reed said. "But they should."

As part of his \$27 million initiative to close the wage gap, Clinton will seek \$10 million for the Equal Employment

Opportunity Commission. Those funds would train as many as 3,000 employers about equal pay laws and 1,000 EEOC staff inspectors.

A similar, \$14 million initiative failed in Congress last year.

It would represent the first time since the EEOC took responsibility for enforcement of equal pay laws in 1998 that the agency had funding to train inspectors in the area. The EEOC also would produce public service announcements on the subject.

The Labor Department would receive \$17 million to help train women for jobs where they have been underrepresented, particularly in the high-technology sector, through the career centers the department supports and through apprenticeships.

A portion of the Labor funding would be used to help employers improve their pay policies and strengthen public-private partnerships.

Additionally, Clinton was calling on Congress to pass the so-called Paycheck Fairness Act, sponsored by Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle and Rep. Rosa

DeLauro, D-Conn., which would strengthen laws prohibiting wage discrimination.

The Daschle-DeLauro legislation, which failed in the last legislative session, would direct federal agencies to collect data about wage disparities and increase penalties for violating equal pay statutes.

Labor Secretary Alexis Herman and Ida Castro, head of the EEOC, are joining Clinton and Akers for the announcement.

Akers and her teammates want raises from \$3,150 per month to \$5,000 plus bonuses of \$2,000 game. Despite their championship, the women say, they are paid less than men who play soccer for the United States. A bargaining session is scheduled for

Monday in Los Angeles. Hank Steinbrecher, executive director of the U.S. Soccer Federation, has said that because most of the men play with professional clubs, they are paid by the USSF only for short periods before games and tournaments.

The U.S. women do not have pro clubs or team contracts and are together longer, costing the USSF more to house, feed and travel.

'When a woman is denied equal pay, it doesn't just hurt her. It hurts her family, and that hurts America.'

• BILL CLINTON •
U.S. PRESIDENT

Reagan's condition worsening

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Reagan's daughter Maureen says her father cannot speak coherently and, because his motor skills are failing, no longer can join her in working simple jigsaw puzzles.

Maureen Reagan said friends sometimes ask the condition of her father, who has Alzheimer's disease.

"My response is, 'Not so good.' But it is hard to say that, because he makes it so easy for us," she wrote in an essay in Newsweek magazine. "In other words, it's still him. But his motor skills are going."

Ms. Reagan she and her father began doing the puzzles — first 300-piece projects, then 100 pieces — shortly after the diagnosis more than five years ago that he had incurable brain disease.

The puzzles mainly were of animal scenes.

"Unfortunately, he can't do that anymore," Ms. Reagan wrote. "It was great fun, and he had a tremendous sense of accomplishment" in completing them.

It was the same with an art book. He looked at it, enjoyed the pictures and read the words out loud.

"He could recognize the words even after aphasia had robbed him of his ability to put his thoughts into words," she wrote. Aphasia is the loss of the ability to use or understand words.

Ms. Reagan recounted an incident she described as her "click of awareness" about her father's illness. It came six months before he complained to his doctor of feeling disoriented in unfamiliar surroundings and a year before he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

It was late 1993, and Ms. Reagan was talking with the former president about a movie he made in the 1950s, "Prisoner of War." They had talked about it often.

"Finally he looked at me and said, 'Mermie, I have no recollection of making that movie.' That was my 'click of awareness,'" which she said relatives of every Alzheimer's patient experiences at that first realization.

She wrote that Nancy Reagan, the president's second wife and Maureen Reagan's stepmother, gives her father "wonderful care."

Last month, Mrs. Reagan said in a television interview that Reagan no longer is capable of having a conversation that makes sense.

She said friends were no longer invited to the Reagans' California home because he does not recognize them. He also no longer swims or takes walks, she said.

Denial of Nanking massacre leads to emotional protest

OSAKA, Japan (AP) — Emotional protests were held throughout Asia on Sunday against a conference calling a wartime massacre of Chinese civilians by Japanese troops "The Biggest Lie of the 20th Century."

The Chinese Foreign Ministry had urged Japan earlier in the week to stop the conference, and ministry spokesman Zhu Bangzao read a statement Sunday on national television news saying the event had "harmed the feelings of the Chinese people and interfered with the normal development of China-Japan relations."

But inside the conference, some 300 people packed an auditorium to hear former soldiers and a historian deny the so-called Rape of Nanking, where some historians say the Japanese military killed hundreds of thousands of Chinese civilians.

Another 200 who could not get into the controversial conference, titled "The Verification of the Rape of Nanking: The Biggest Lie of the 20th Century," stood outside.

Roughly 100 protesters, mostly Chinese and Japanese, assembled nearby. Some of them waved banners with slogans such as, "Nanking is an undeniable fact."

Supporters of the speakers heckled protesters, but there was no violence.

Some historians say Japanese

imperial soldiers killed as many as 300,000 people during Tokyo's 1937-38 occupation of the Chinese city of Nanking, now called Nanjing. A postwar tribunal in Tokyo said more than 140,000 were killed.

But like many right-wing groups and revisionist academics in Japan, Sunday's keynote speaker said there is no evidence that Japanese soldiers widely killed civilians.

"There was no massacre of civilians at Nanjing," said Shudo Higashinakano, a professor of history at Tokyo's Asia University.

Japan's Foreign Ministry "has said the atrocity is an indisputable fact. I say, that's not the case at all," he said.

Sakae Yoshimoto and Takeharu Ishiwata, two former soldiers stationed in China during the occupation, drew applause when they said other soldiers had lied when describing systematic murder of civilians. Neither man was ever stationed in Nanjing.

In Nanjing, survivors, some of them in tears, gathered to denounce the Osaka meeting, state television reported.

"They say I'm lying. I say I best represent the massacre victims because I still have wounds on my body, wounds on my face, wounds on my legs. Can you deny that?" said Liu Xiuying.

The news broadcast showed people holding lit white candles

walking past a stone memorial marked "VICTIMS 300,000." It also showed a museum display of partially unearthed skeletons of massacre victims.

Several dozen veterans and experts also gathered Sunday in the northeastern Chinese city of Shenyang to express their anger over the conference, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported.

And in Hong Kong, about six activists staged a sit-in outside the Japanese consulate to condemn the event. They tore up a Japanese flag and displayed photos of wartime atrocities.

"I think a lot of Japanese will listen to the right-wing group," said protester Leung Kwok-hung. "They want to cover up the war crimes."

At least 40 dead after fighting in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Violence across Indonesia claimed at least 40 lives over the past few days, authorities and news reports said Sunday, as bloodshed continues to plague this sprawling Southeast Asian nation.

Clashes between Muslims and Christians broke out in eastern Indonesia, leaving dozens dead and destroying hundreds of homes. Associated Press Television News footage from the island of Haruku, 1,600 miles east of Jakarta, showed at least 24 bodies lying on the ground.

Several ships could be seen arriving bringing in Christian fighters. No soldiers or police were present, and hundreds of houses and several churches in Haruku and Sameth, the island's two main towns, were on fire. It was impossible to get a precise number of how many people died in the violence.

Local military chief Brig. Gen. Max Tamaela said the fighting started after a Muslim

mob attacked and burned a church on Sunday morning.

About 2,000 people have been killed in a year of religious violence in the Maluku and North Maluku provinces, collectively known as the Spice Islands, or Moluccas, during Dutch colonial rule.

On Halmahera island in North Maluku, clashes on Friday and Saturday are reported to have left at least eight dead and 18 injured.

Muslim and Christian gangs also clashed on nearby Seram island Sunday, the official Antara news agency said. There were no reports of casualties.

Vice President Megawati Sukarnoputri is scheduled to visit the regional capital of Ambon on Monday to try to bring peace to the region.

Few expect the bloodshed to stop. After Sukarnoputri and President Abdurrahman Wahid visited the area last month, fighting resumed within two days.

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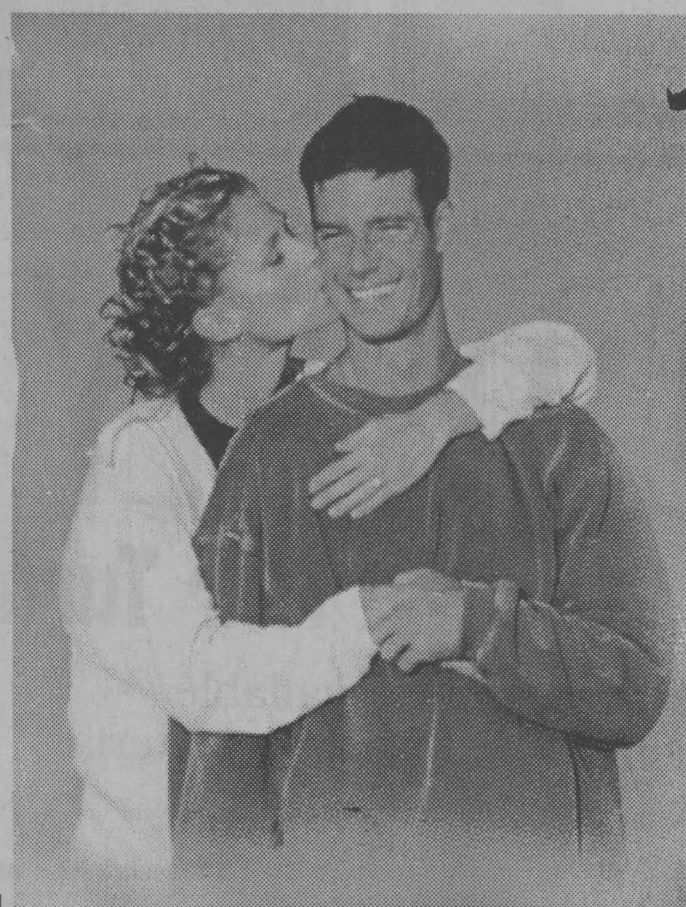
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WASHINGTON (AP) — College freshmen say they often were bored as high school seniors, coming late to classes or missing them entirely, evidence of what university researchers call "academic disengagement."

These students also worried about how to pay for college and one-quarter indicated there was "some" or a "very good" chance they would have to work full time while in school.

The 34th annual American Freshman survey questioned first-time, full-time college freshmen last year about their habits and attitudes during their final year of high school.

More than 260,000 students at 462 two- and four-year schools participated in the research by the University of California, Los Angeles' Higher Education Research Institute, primarily during summer orientation or in the first few weeks of college.

A record 40 percent of the students said they were "frequently bored" in high school classes, compared with the one-quarter who answered yes when the questions first was asked in 1985. More students also reported they were late to classes or skipped them.

College and universities "need to make sure if the students are already feeling disengaged in high school that they are going to get the support, mentoring, tutoring and other services they need to make it through college," said Jennifer Lin of the United States Student Association, a Washington-based group serving 3.5 million students.

Linda Sax, a researcher who directed the survey, said the rapid advances in today's high-tech world may make it harder to hold students' attention.

"This is a reflection of an increasingly fast-paced society,

made more so by computers and other media," Sax said. "Students tell us anecdotally that they love it when teachers use more interactive tools. But not all teachers do it."

Also, 30 percent of respondents said they often felt "overwhelmed by all I have to do" — the highest percentage since the question was first asked in 1985, when 16 percent felt that way.

Students increasingly are worried about the cost of higher education. A record 25 percent of students said there was "some" or a "very good" chance they would work full time while in college. Just 16 percent answered that way in 1982, the first year that question appeared.

More college-bound students rate themselves as above average academically, 59 percent, compared with others their own age, and 34 percent reported earning an A average, more than in previ-

ous years. About half expect to earn at least a B average in college.

"The expectations of students are very much at odds with the reality that the faculty feel they are facing with students," Sax said.

Among the other findings in the 1999 college freshman survey:

- Students are a bit older and are taking longer to finish high school.

- More aspire to be teachers and performers.

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My wife thinks the only fair system would be if, every time the woman had a contraction, she got to hit her husband on the body part of her choice with a ball-peen hammer. Of course she is kidding. But only because her contractions have not yet started.

We've been going to Childbirth Classes, which involve sitting in a classroom filled with expectant couples and a mounting sense of dread. The teacher usually starts with a scientific discussion of childbirth, in which she shows us various diagrams and models to give us an idea of what will be happening when the Big Moment arrives. In my opinion, the most informative way to do this would be to hold up a bowling ball and a drinking straw, and say: "Basically, THIS has to go through THIS. Ha ha!"

But our teacher keeps it fairly technical. After a while, we're starting to feel confident about this childbirth thing. We're thinking, "OK, all that has to happen is the cervix has to dilate to 10 centimeters! How hard can that be? I wonder what a cervix is? Also, a centimeter."

So we're pondering these abstract questions and maybe thinking about what we're going to have for dinner later, when suddenly, with no warning, the teacher turns out the lights and shows a horror movie.

Oh, it starts out innocently enough: There's a nice couple consisting of a woman who is pregnant and a man who is supportive-looking and generally has a beard. They seem happy, but you just know she's going to go into labor. You want to stop her. It's exactly like those scary movies where the heroine goes down into the basement,

and you want to shout, "DON'T GO DOWN INTO THE BASEMENT!", except in the childbirth class you want to shout, "DON'T GO INTO LABOR!"

But she always does go into labor. It seems to last a LOT longer than necessary. Hours turn into days, and still she is in labor. Outside her window, the seasons change. Her doctor grows old and gray and is eventually replaced by a new doctor, and STILL this poor woman is in labor. Her husband keeps telling her she's doing great, but you can tell from her expression that he's very lucky she doesn't have a ball-peen hammer. Eventually she becomes so deranged that she apparently does not even notice that there is a cameraperson shooting extreme closeup footage of ... OK, let's just say that it is not her most flattering angle.

When the woman gets to approximately her 15th year of labor, she begins making noises that you rarely hear outside of nature documentaries, and her husband edges back a little bit in case she gets her hands on a scalpel. The movie now becomes very explicit, causing the entire childbirth class to go into a mass cringe, all of us hunched up and involuntarily protecting as many of our body parts as possible. I use this time to practice my squinting, which is the most important thing the husband learns in childbirth class. I use a special Lamaze squinting technique that enables me to prevent virtually all rays of light from penetrating my eyeballs.

When the woman in the movie makes a noise identical to what you'd hear if a live yak went through a garlic press, I unsquint just enough to see it happen, the Blessed Event, the timeless miracle that makes the whole thing worthwhile: An alien bursting out of the woman's chest cavity.

No, seriously, what happens is that the woman has a baby, via a process that makes what happened in "Alien" look like an episode of "Teletubbies." Then our childbirth-class teacher turns the lights on, and the pregnant women all turn to face their husbands, and they all have the same facial expression, which says: "This is NOT fair." We husbands respond by smiling supportively and patting their arms in a reassuring manner. Because we're sure they're going to do great.

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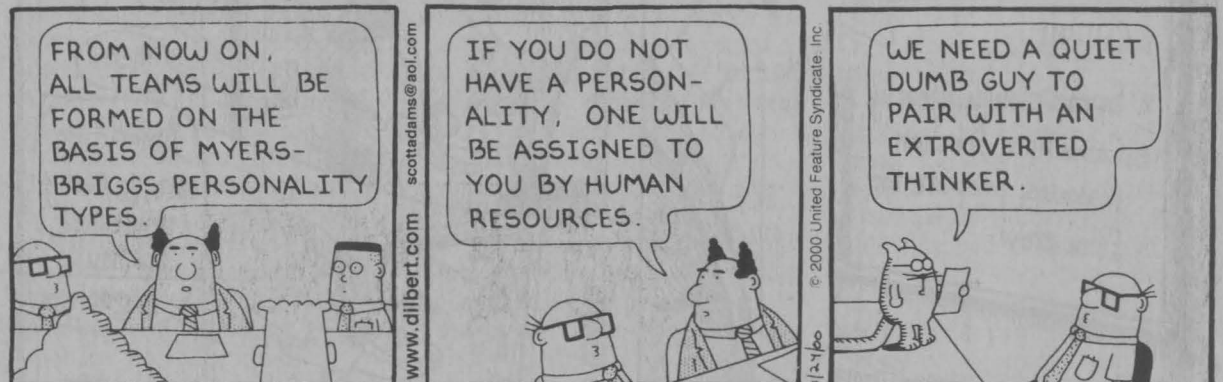
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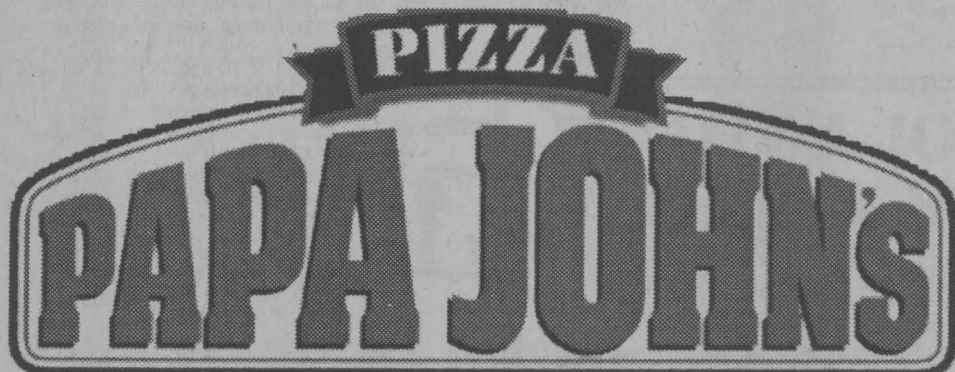
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