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Ballroom team dances into limelight.

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USU wins fourth straight on road, sixth straight overall.

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Widtsoe construction nearing completion

KATHRYN SUMMERS
Staff Writer

If things continue as planned, chemistry students can expect to be having classes in the new Widtsoe building beginning in March, said Stanley Kane, assistant director of design and construction for Utah State University.

According to Kane, the first phase of building is almost complete. The building needs some cleaning and there are still a few unfinished projects and "tweaking," but it is almost ready for use.

"We have a great building here," Kane said.

The nearly-finished building will house all the chemistry teaching and research labs and a small auditorium. The other half, once completed, will have a large auditorium with about 500 seats, and a complex for the dean of science. There will also be a computer lab with about 50 computers, but not until 2001 when phase two of the building is done, Kane said.

There are many safety features and special things about the new building, he said.

"It's a very well designed, safe building for faculty and students," Kane said.

To keep people from slipping on the outside stairs to the main entrances, they are heated to keep snow off in winter months.

"The ventilation is state of the art," Kane said. "Now that's a cliché, but it is really top notch."

Fresh air is sucked in from outside at ground level and blown out the top of the building. Since the exhaust goes out the top, the chance of bad air being sucked back into the building is minimized, Kane said. Also, the exhaust system is made of stainless steel so it won't corrode.

In the research labs, the cabinets are



The auditorium in the soon-to-be-completed Widtsoe building was designed for lecturing, with slanted walls for reduced echoes. The entire Widtsoe project will be complete by June 2001.

made of wood because chemicals corrode metal. The sinks and counters are made of acid resistant material that should last at least 30 years, Kane said.

All sinks from the labs drain to the south end of the building. The water goes into a tank filled with limestone chips which will react with acid in the water and neutralize it. The water then

goes into the Logan City sewer system. Logan can sample the water coming from the chemistry lab at any time to make sure the acid content is at an acceptable level, Kane said.

There are no ceiling tiles in the corridors and research areas. In teaching areas there are ceiling tiles for good acoustics, but in the research areas, the

utilities above often need to be reached and ceiling tiles would just get in the way, Kane said.

Almost every room in the new Widtsoe Hall is built to contain a fire. The rooms have sprinklers which are tested by the USU fire marshal twice a year. Each lab has a fire-rated door with special smoke gasketing around the

edge, and each lab has a gas shut-off valve outside the lab.

The corridors all have smoke detectors, which will be installed right before the State Fire Marshal comes to test the building on Feb. 14, Kane said.

The small auditorium was specially

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All Utah State University students to have an Aggie Express account

KEVIN PEELE
Staff Writer

Students can now put money on their Aggie Express Account over the Internet. At www.usu.edu/~usucard/index.html, students can increase their card balances with proper password ID, such as a social security number, and a credit card number.

The Utah State University Card Office, located in the Taggart Student Center Room 212, is still accepting money during normal business hours. The online site, however, is available 24 hours a day and is accessible from a home computer.

Transactions done from campus will be processed immediately. Modem transfers (those done off-campus) will be processed during one of the next modem updates following the transaction. There are three of these updates a day: 7:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 5:15 p.m.

The Express Account site can also be

reached from the USU Web site by clicking on Index, USU Card and then Transaction Request.

The system has also been changed for new students opening an account. Freshmen and transfer students will now pay an extra dollar (\$6 instead of \$5) for Student Orientation And Registration packets.

The dollar will be put into the student's Aggie Express account, which will be activated automatically without paperwork. Since the cards are activated by the first dollar, no minimum amount of money will be needed for the first use of an Aggie Express account — the previous minimum was \$5.

Associated Students of USU Academic Vice President Emily Croshaw and the Academic Council began looking last semester for ways to make it easier to add funds to student cards, Croshaw said.

"When the [free computer lab] copies went from 100 to 35, a lot more

students were putting more money into their card accounts," she said.

Croshaw looked into how other schools, like Utah Valley State College and Brigham Young University, handled student accounts. The council then discussed the feasibility of different improvements with Vice President for Student Services Gary Chambers, who had authority to make the changes. Croshaw said the online service didn't cost the school any additional money to implement.

Aggie Express Accounts are used not only for student printouts, but also for purchases at the Bookstore, campus eateries, copy centers, the Bull Pen and other campus services.

Jana Gittins, the business manager at the Customer Service Center, emphasizes that the changes weren't meant to keep students away from the card office.

"We still want to get to know as many of you as we can," she said. "It keeps us young."

Online services offer credit card alternatives

JESSICA WARREN
Staff Writer

With tuition, books, rent and an occasional trip to the grocery store, it's no wonder credit cards are a seemingly good solution.

Jennifer Holman, assistant account manager of United College Marketing Services has another solution.

UCMS is a company dedicated to getting college students out of debt and eliminating credit card vendors from college campuses, Holman said.

The problem is students are receiving more credit cards, but less credit, she said.

"Our job is to credit educate," Holman said.

According to Holman, UCMS goes to campuses across the nation presenting

seminars to sororities and fraternities, business clubs and other organizations on credit education.

The topics include money management, getting rid of credit cards and promoting their newest Web site, www.campusbackbone.com, Holman said.

Campusbackbone.com offers a variety of services focused on helping students get back on track with their credit for free, Holman said.

Each member of campusbackbone.com receives a free debt counseling page.

This summarizes debts owed, estimated date of pay-off, and low-cost loan alternatives. It can also help track bill dates, financial histories and other financial issues.

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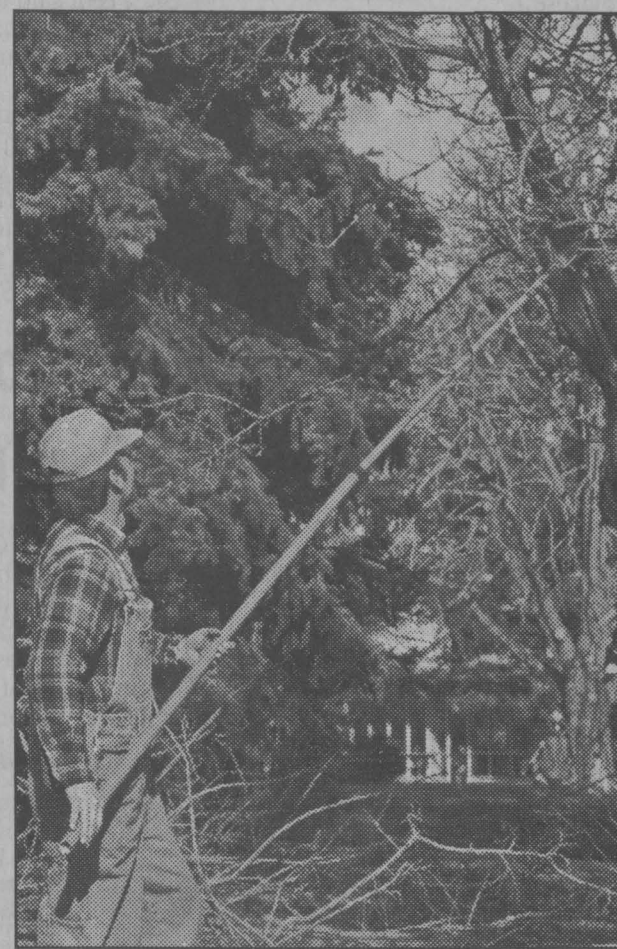
• LARRY CHIANG •
FOUNDER OF UCMS

month are great, good credit is best of all," said Larry Chiang, founder of UCMS, in a press release.

The goal of UCMS, Holman said, is to help students with their credit and

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TREE TRIMMING



Pruning Season?

Eric Hale and other Physical Plant employees have been out in force with the unseasonably warm weather trying to prune the now blossoming trees on campus, a job that usually doesn't take place until spring. The warm weather has caused many plants to start growing early, many of which will not make it if the temperatures drop down to normal seasonal temperatures.

High court directs Orem to show incentives were legal

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The City of Orem must return to court to prove financial incentives it offered the University Mall and ZCMI Department Store followed state law.

The Utah Supreme Court ruled on the matter Friday.

JP Realty, which owns the rival Provo Towne Centre mall, sued Orem after the city agreed in spring 1998 to use sales-tax revenue to fund incentives benefiting University Mall and ZCMI.

The incentives were designed to keep ZCMI from moving to the Provo Towne Center and to help University Mall lure Nordstrom Inc. as an anchor tenant and

undertake promotional activities.

JP Realty contended Orem violated the Utah Neighborhood Development Act by using sales-tax revenue for the incentives, up to \$6.5 million to ZCMI and up to \$18 million to the mall, spread out over 20 years.

A lower court denied its assertions.

The Supreme Court ruled Orem can use sales-tax revenue as incentives, but it must show the city will receive fair compensation in each year of the deal and not just over the lifetime of the agreement.

Orem City Attorney Paul Johnson welcomed the ruling.

Issues matter most in N.H. primary

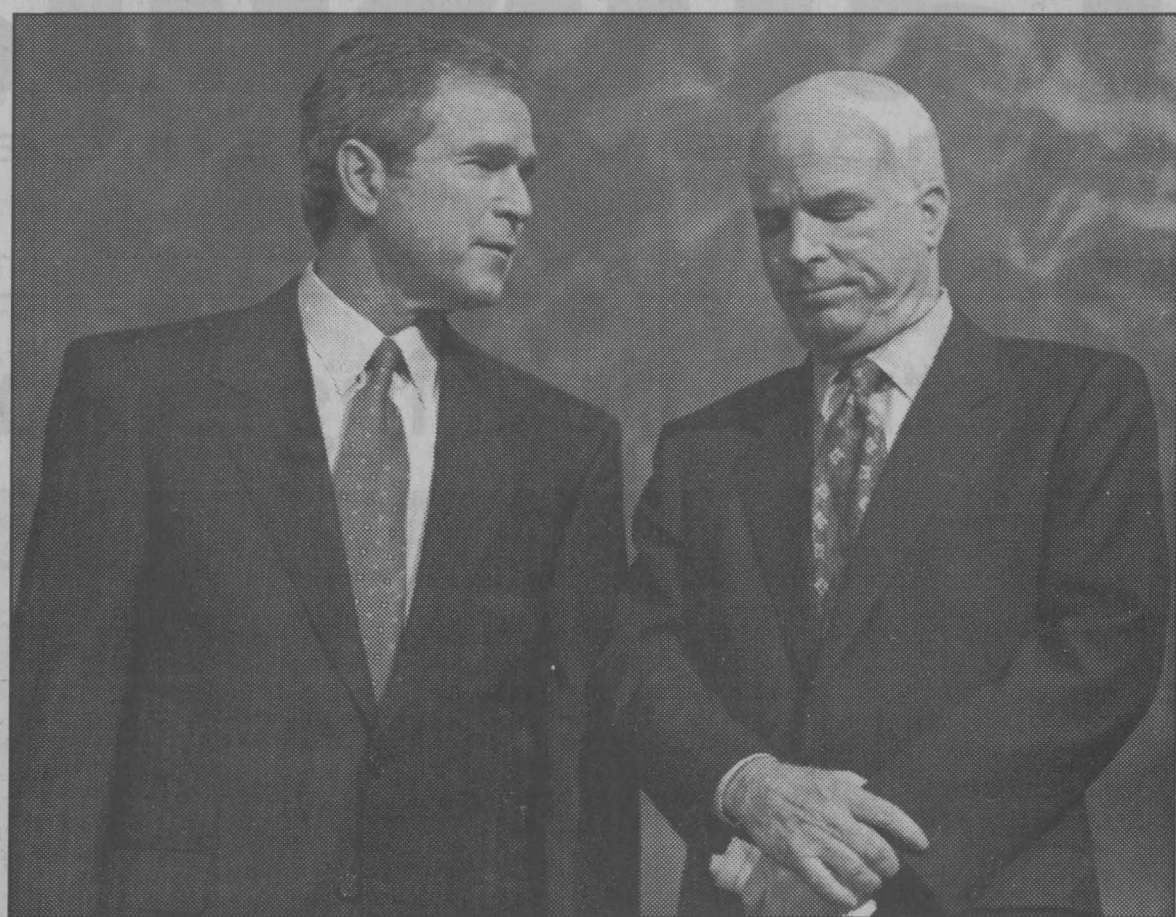
WASHINGTON (AP) — About half of the likely New Hampshire primary voters cite a candidate's position on issues as the most important factor in deciding who should be president, although no one issue dominated, a new poll says.

And, three days before the first presidential primary Tuesday, at least a third of all likely voters said they had yet to make a firm decision, the poll suggests.

The Republican race has tightened to a dead heat in many polls between Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain, as Bush wins increased backing from previously undecided Republicans, pollsters say. On the Democratic side, Vice President Al Gore has built a lead by pulling even with Bill Bradley among two groups of voters — independents and men — where Bradley had been the strongest, though that lead has narrowed in the last couple of days and one tracking poll, by CNN-USA Today-Gallup, had the two tied.

REPUBLICANS
Bush and McCain, the Arizona senator, are tied in several of the latest pre-primary polls, while McCain holds a slim lead in a couple of others.

When asked in a Boston Herald-WCVB poll which issue is the most important in their decision, 15 percent chose the economy, 13 percent chose taxes and 12 percent picked education.



George W. Bush and John McCain are neck and neck in the polls with only two days left until the first primaries.

Social Security-Medicare and moral issues each were chosen by 11 percent of respondents, followed by 9 percent who said abortion.

The quality selected most often by likely Republican voters is a candidate who stands up for what he believes, followed by a

strong and decisive leader, in a University of New Hampshire-WMUR-Fox News tracking poll. Only 4 percent said having the best chance of winning in November is most important, something Bush supporters have used as an argument to support their candidate.

Among conservatives, neither Steve Forbes nor Alan Keyes has made much progress in New Hampshire after strong showings in Iowa, with Forbes in the teens in the polls and Keyes still in single digits. Gary Bauer was at

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World GLANCE

➤ Kenya Airways jet crashes after takeoff

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — A Kenya Airways jet carrying 169 passengers and 10 crew members crashed Sunday night into the sea, shortly after taking off from Abidjan, airport officials said.

It was not clear if there were any survivors. The plane, an Airbus 310, took off at 9:08 p.m. and crashed just one minute later, according to George Dapre Yao, the head of air traffic at Abidjan's Felix Houphouet-Boigny Airport.

The plane, which was en route to Lagos, Nigeria, carried 167 adult passengers and two children, Yao said.

Albert Aho, a travel agency employee who greets incoming passengers at the often hectic airport, said the streets outside the airport were jammed with police officers, firefighters and onlookers, many yelling in panic.

The Abidjan airport is just a few hundred yards from the Atlantic Ocean beach. Aho said boats could be seen already searching the water off the beach.

An official at the airport's control tower, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that wreckage of the plane could not be seen, but the area where the plane had crashed was visible from the tower.

French military firefighters, who are stationed at a French military base next to the airport, had also been dispatched to the scene, the official said.

The officials had no further information.

➤ Taiwan says it will not declare sovereignty

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — The presidential candidate for Taiwan's pro-independence opposition party promised Sunday that the island would not declare independence unless mainland China tried to retake it by force.

Also Sunday, China warned Taiwanese leaders not to try to write the island's claim to separate status into law.

In Taiwan, presidential candidate Chen Shui-bian's statement against independence marked a major shift of the Democratic Progressive Party's stance ahead of the Mar. 18 election.

"We will not declare independence unless China wants to use force against us and our people cannot tolerate or accept it," Chen told a news conference. If elected, Chen said, he would like to visit China to meet its leader before taking office.

Most recent polls have placed Chen in a tie with independent candidate James Soong. The ruling Nationalist party's candidate, Vice President Lien Chan, is in third place.

Chen has tried to soften his party's stance on independence to win voters worried that tension with China could rise if he is elected. Chen has said he will leave it up to Taiwan's people to decide in a referendum whether the island breaks completely or reunifies with China.

China and Taiwan split amid civil war in 1949. China considers the island a renegade province and has insisted on reunification, by force if necessary.

Chen has said that if elected, he will not alter the constitution to formalize current President Lee Teng-hui's claim that the two sides should treat each other as equal states, a stance that has enraged Beijing. He also has said he will not change the island's official name, the Republic of China. Some party members have suggested renaming it the Republic of Taiwan.

On Sunday, Beijing warned Taiwanese leaders that trying to write the island's claim to separate status into law would be "playing with fire."

The warning was carried in a front-page editorial in the People's Daily, a newspaper published by the ruling Communist Party. It came two days after a top Chinese leader renewed threats that China would wage war if Taiwan declared independence.

➤ Turkish police find more victims of militia

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Police found the remains of six more bodies Sunday in their grisly 2-week-old search for suspected victims of a radical Islamic group, Turkey's Anatolia news agency reported.

The four bodies and the sets of human bones apparently belonging to two people were discovered in the southeastern city of Diyarbakir, bringing the number of presumed Hezbollah victims found to 48.

Authorities have launched a nationwide crackdown and arrested hundreds of suspected members of Hezbollah, an armed group that wants to create an Islamic state in Turkey's largely Kurdish southeast.

Two bodies were found buried in the storeroom of a two-story house in Diyarbakir, Anatolia said.

An adjacent poultry house contained two other bodies — those of poultry thieves caught and killed by Hezbollah militants last week, Anatolia said, quoting police.

Authorities were reportedly led to the house by militants who confessed to the killings during questioning.

Police also found human bones in a nearby home, apparently belonging to two people, Anatolia said. Weapons, Hezbollah books and documents were also found in the home.

The search was continuing in both houses. Bodies have been discovered in Istanbul; the capital, Ankara; the southern city of Adana; and Konya, in central Anatolia. Several of the victims showed signs of torture.

➤ Coal train strikes house, injuring four

BLOOMINGTON, Md. (AP) — A coal train derailed Sunday morning near the Maryland-West Virginia border, sending one of its cars plowing into a house and raining coal and debris on the five people who lived there. One woman was seriously injured and her teen-age son was missing, state police said.

Scores of rescue workers with dogs continued searching through spilled coal, rubble and heavy snow Sunday evening for the missing boy, State Police Cpl. David Broadwater said.

Thirty-six of the train's 80 cars, all carrying coal, derailed shortly after 6:30 a.m., CSX spokesman Gary Wollenhaupt said. At least one rail car crashed into the two-story wooden house, which was pushed 25 feet off its foundation.

The cause of the derailment was not immediately determined.

Rescue workers extricated Libby A. Holstein, 35; her daughter Brandy N. Holstein, 18; Eugene F. Liller, 32; and his daughter Amanda M. Liller, 13. Mrs. Holstein was in serious condition at Cumberland Memorial Hospital. State police said the others were not seriously injured.

The two crew members on the train were not hurt. The train was traveling from Grafton, W.Va., to Cumberland.

Report: Priests dying of AIDS at higher rate

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Roman Catholic priests in the United States are dying from AIDS-related illnesses at a rate four times higher than the general population and the cause is often concealed on their death certificates. The Kansas City Star reported Sunday.

In the first of a three-part series, the newspaper said death certificates and interviews with experts indicated several hundred priests have died of AIDS-related illnesses since the mid-1980s and hundreds more are living with HIV, the virus that causes the disease.

"I think this speaks to a failure on the part of the church," said Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of the Archdiocese of Detroit. "Gay priests and heterosexual priests didn't know how to handle their sexuality, their sexual drive. And so they would handle it in ways that were not healthy."

The Star received 801 responses to questionnaires that were sent last fall to 3,000 of the 46,000 priests in the United States. The margin of error of the survey was 3.5 percentage points.

Six of 10 priests responding said they knew of at least one priest who had died of an AIDS-related illness, and one-third knew a priest living with AIDS.

Three-fourths said the church needed to provide more education to seminarians on sexual issues.

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AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

"How to be celibate and to be gay at the same time, and how to be celibate and heterosexual at the same time, that's what we were never really taught how to do. And that was a major failing," Gumbleton said.

Asked about their sexual orientation, 75 percent said they were heterosexual, 15 percent

said they were homosexual, and 5 percent said they were bisexual.

The Rev. John Keenan, who runs Trinity House, an outpatient clinic in Chicago for priests, said he believes most priests with AIDS contracted the disease through same-sex relations. He said he treated one priest who had infected eight other priests.

The Star said precise numbers of priests

who have died of AIDS or become infected with HIV is unknown, partly because many suffer in solitude. When priests tell their superiors, the cases generally are handled quietly.

The newspaper cited the case of Bishop Emerson Moore, who left the Archdiocese of New York in 1995 and went to Minnesota, where he died in a hospice of an AIDS-related illness. His death certificate attributed the death to "unknown natural causes" and listed his occupation as "laborer" in the manufacturing industry.

After an AIDS activist filed a complaint, officials changed the cause of death to "HIV-related illness," the Star said, but the occupation was not corrected.

The newspaper said the death rate among priests from AIDS appears to be at least four times that of the rate for the general U.S. population.

Some priests and behavioral experts believe the church has scared priests into silence by treating homosexual acts as an abomination and the breaking of celibacy vows as shameful, the Star said.

Catholic cardinals in the United States and high-ranking church officials in the Vatican declined requests to discuss the newspaper's findings, The Star reported. The Vatican referred questions to local bishops.

"The pill" gets a boost as acne fighter increases sales

NEW YORK (AP) — Demand for one brand of "the pill" is soaring, with a little help from sales to women who don't want it as a contraceptive.

Sales of Johnson & Johnson's Ortho Tri-Cyclen contraceptive pill have tripled in the last three years, making it by far the No. 1 brand, partly because it is the only oral contraceptive that also may be sold as an acne fighter.

"It's like getting two drugs in one," said Darla Brown, 28, of Houston, who has used the pill for two years. "And it has worked wonders on my skin."

The Food and Drug Administration gave Johnson & Johnson the right to sell Ortho Tri-Cyclen for acne in 1997 after studies found it helped clear the skin of more than 80 percent of women who took it.

Although health experts say all oral contraceptives probably help fight acne, only Ortho Tri-Cyclen has FDA clearance to advertise the added benefit.

Medical ethicists doubt the double-duty pill is encouraging more young girls to have sex, but one says it may help them provide a smoke screen for their parents — allowing them to claim they want the drug for

acne when their real aim is protection from pregnancy.

"Sex and lying have a long history of association," said Arthur Caplan, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania.

Johnson & Johnson has exploited the pill's pimple-fighting ability with magazine ads promoting Ortho Tri-Cyclen as a "beauty aid" for women 15 and over.

The company says the pill is still primarily for contraception, although executives acknowledge some doctors may prescribe it mainly for acne on women who don't respond to ointments.

Just 1 percent of prescriptions for Ortho Tri-Cyclen come from dermatologists, said Johnson & Johnson spokesman Mark Monseau.

Johnson & Johnson holds about 40 percent of the oral contraceptive market, up from 30 percent in 1997. About 15 million U.S. women currently use oral contraceptives.

Sales of Ortho Tri-Cyclen have risen from 330,000 prescriptions per month in January 1997 to 1.2 million last November, according to IMS Health, a market data firm.

North Korea asks to be removed from terrorism list

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea indicated Sunday that it would send a high-level delegation to the United States if Washington removes it from a list of countries that sponsor terrorism.

Removal of North Korea from the U.S. list is necessary to create "favorable conditions and atmosphere for the Washington high-level talks before anything else," the North's foreign news outlet, KCNA, quoted an unidentified Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying.

The two issues will be high on the agenda when less senior officials from the two countries resume talks in New York in late February, KCNA quoted the spokesman as saying. The sides met in Berlin from Jan. 22-28 but failed to reach agreements.

A high-level North Korean official's visit to Washington would be seen as a sign of the country's practical readiness to improve ties with the United States.

Such a visit would reciprocate former Defense Secretary William Perry's trip to Pyongyang last May in his capacity as presidential emissary.

North Korea sent shock

waves through Asia by testing a multistage rocket that sailed over Japan and landed in the Pacific in the summer of 1998.

The United States agreed to open talks on improving relations after the communist country halted plans last summer to test-fire another missile which experts said could reach Hawaii and Alaska.

As part of the deal, the United States partly lifted economic and other sanctions in place since the 1950-53 Korean War. But the North complained that the U.S. concessions fell short of its expectations. Removal from the U.S. list of terrorism-sponsoring countries has been a longstanding Pyongyang demand.

The United States identified North Korea as a terrorism-sponsoring state after it was found to have been involved in the 1987 bombing of a South Korean airliner that killed 115 people.

The South Korean Boeing 727 from Baghdad, Iraq to Seoul disappeared near Burma.

A captured female North Korean agent admitted that she planted a bomb on the plane under orders from Pyongyang leaders.



Stanley Kane, assistant director of design and construction for Utah State University, points out the heating vents in the newly renovated Widtsoe building.

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designed to have good acoustics, Kane said. The walls tilt in toward the top of the room to prevent echoes.

Kane said lighting research centered around ocular fatigue as special attention was focused on lights. Older people tend to get more headaches because of bad light so the lights in the labs were designed to cut down on glare, he said.

"Gentle lighting leads to happier, healthier faculty who can be more excited about teaching students," Kane said.

All the chemicals for the university will be stored in Widtsoe and transported in

small quantities to other buildings on campus, Kane said. There is a special loading dock inside so the chances of slipping and breaking bottles of chemicals while walking down stairs will be reduced.

The rooms where chemicals are stored are specially designed to be safe, Kane said. They have explosion-proof lights and the light switches are outside. In case of an explosion, the windows are designed to blow out instead of the pressure pushing up and destroying other rooms in the building, Kane said.

The white decorative elements outside the building, especially on the west side, will help cut down on afternoon glare, Kane said. The west-facing windows are also painted with small

black dots to block sun.

It should take about two weeks at the end of February to get all the classes and teaching labs moved over to the new building, Kane said.

Kane said he thinks it should take about one month to tear down the old Widtsoe building after the asbestos is removed. He said he hopes to be done with the demolition in April. The entire project should be done in May or June of 2001.

The cost of the project is about \$31 million, Kane said. The state gave \$26 million to the project, and the rest has come from private donations, Kane said.

The building will keep the name of John A. Widtsoe in honor of the past faculty member.

Wildlife officials catch wayward young cougars in downtown Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — State wildlife officials caught a pair of young cougars that wandered way out of their territory, all the way to downtown Salt Lake City.

The cubs, believed to be about 6 months old, initially were reported about 4:30 a.m. Saturday in front of the Delta Center. They were captured shortly before 7 a.m.

State Division of Wildlife Services conservation officers said it's not uncommon for cougars to roam mountain foothills near the state Capitol or on the east and west sides of the Salt Lake valley. However, it's uncommon for them to be so deep into town.

When officers confirmed the animals were cougars, not big cats or dogs, a Division of Wildlife Resources biologist was called in from Tooele to shoot them with sedative darts.

One of the 40-pound cats was cornered by wildlife officers near a sandwich shop. After being shot with a tranquilizer dart, it ran into a net but

wrestled free.

The cougar then fled up a street before collapsing near the entrance to the ZCMI Center mall. The other cougar, hiding in bushes when officers shot it with a dart, didn't put up a struggle.

Officers didn't know if the cats were males or females.

Both cats were taken to a holding pen in Springville. Wildlife officers weren't sure about their fate, since they're too young to fend for themselves in the wild.

Rehabilitation involves raising the cats in captivity until they can be taught survival skills.

Officers said the cats probably were searching for food in a foothill neighborhood, then became scared and ran the wrong way until they reached downtown.

It's unusual for cats so young to be separated from their mother. Female cougars typically stay with their young up to two years before sending them to fend alone.

USU's Web site revamped, more visually oriented

BROOK COX
Staff Writer

"Your Access to Excellence" is the theme for Utah State University's new Web site, to be unveiled tomorrow.

"I hope with a quick look, you'll be able to find the pieces of information you want," Paula Larsen, university webmaster, said. "That's the underlying goal."

The research process began in June 1999, and by the end of August designs for the new home page were being examined.

"We put together a design team to revamp the home page, to give it some sparkle," said Jonathan Kadis, director of Multimedia and Distance Learning Services.

Mike Clayton, a USU graduate student in graphic design art, worked to design the layout of the Web site.

"We looked at over 200 Web sites of other colleges for ideas to make our web page attractive, interesting and eye catching," Kadis said. "We also were interested in public awareness and the visibility of the university. We got representatives from every unit of USU to give suggestions and help decide the final outcome of the Web page."

Because of all the input given to this project, Larsen said it's organized so people can find what they want.

"It's outstanding," Kadis said. "I'd put it up against anything. We've got a winner."

The new Web site is more visually oriented, Kadis said. It includes pictures at

the secondary level of the site, which means that when a student clicks on the "For Students" choice on the home page, the secondary level shows a picture of students.

"We plan to change the cover picture, which is currently a picture of Old Main in the winter, so it is current with the season," Kadis said.

"We also plan to change the pictures on the secondary level every month," Larsen said. "We are already planning for new revisions. We'll probably make a whole new layout every year."

New features of the Web site will include a search engine and a campus tour that will show students every building on campus.

"In the future, we hope to be able to have a virtual tour of campus with people actually talking and walking around campus," Larsen said. "We welcome feedback and we read the comments students send us."

"If you can't find something on the Web site, be specific as to where you looked in your e-mail to me," she added. "If we see that students aren't finding something and we know where they've looked, we can add links so that the site is convenient and easy for everyone to use."

Students can get a preview of the new page at www.usu.edu/new_front/

Suggestions and comments can be made by e-mail to webmaster@www.usu.edu or by calling 797-3902 or 797-2655.

Resident assistants act as a resource, friend to students

JENNIFER TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Each winter, the Utah State University Housing office faces the task of selecting new resident assistants from a large selection of qualified students.

This year, the hiring process was called the "Which RA Project." Information sessions for prospective RAs were held twice in December and twice in the second week of January. Rebecca Squires, resident director of Mountain View and Valley View Towers, said about 100 students attended the information meetings.

According to the Housing Web site, www.usu.edu/~housing, a resident assistant is a full-time student who functions as a resource, friend and peer advisor to residents.

Associate Director of Housing John Ringle said resident assistants receive an infinite supply of marketable skills that can translate into a well-paying job with most Fortune 500 companies.

"They have the benefit of knowing they have satisfied their friends, neighbors and

colleagues," he said.

Ringle said resident assistants receive housing, a monthly stipend and a meal plan if applicable.

"They don't work for the money," Ringle said. "They have to have a sense of service to others."

Resident assistants need to have the ability to interact with a diverse lot of people, Ringle said. They have quick decision-making skills, leadership skills, the ability to make an informed decision on limited information and trust their gut instincts.

After the applications are turned in, each applicant must attend a Group Process Interview, which will be held Feb. 1 through 3. According to the Housing Web site, the Group Process Interview is an opportunity for the selection committee to observe each applicant's skills in working with a group.

"The group process (is) where we see how people

interact in a group and what their dominant skills are," Ringle said. "I don't think you'll find many places of employment that offer that."

Individual interviews will be held Feb. 7 through 11. Alisa Baker, a current RA, said the personal interview

is very laid back. Baker also said the interviewers don't ask typical job interview questions. Ringle said interview questions seek to get a better understanding of the applicant in relation to the job requirements.

After the group and individual interviews, students are notified if they have been accepted into the Residence Life Class. This is an eight-week class from Feb. 28 to April 3.

From this class, the RAs for the 2000-2001 school year will be selected.

Students will be informed if they have been selected around April 7, according to the Web site.

'(Resident assistants) have to have a sense of service to others.'

• JOHN RINGLE •
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PoliceBLOTTER

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



Friday, Jan. 21

• Police responded to a report that someone had tried to burn a hole in the elevator wall in Mountain View Tower.



• Police responded to a report of a male individual in the women's locker room in the HPER building.



Saturday, Jan. 22

• Police responded to a complaint that someone had turned the gas off to all the Student Living Center buildings. The gas was eventually turned back on.



• An individual reported the theft of her purse from the Junction. It

was later located and returned to the owner. Nothing was found to be missing.

Monday, Jan. 24

• A loose German Shepherd found in the Business building was taken to Cache Meadows for impoundment.

Tuesday, Jan. 25

• Two USU students in Aggie Village were arrested for Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

Wednesday, Jan. 26

• USU Police assisted Logan City Police on a broken water line. Several individuals were awakened and warned of the possible damage.

• USU Police responded to a one-car accident and assisted Logan City Police on traffic control.

• An individual reported the loss of her wallet in the Taggart Student Center. The wallet and contents are valued at \$55.

• An individual in Mountain View Tower reported the theft of cash from his residence hall room.

Thursday, Jan. 27

• Police responded to a report of an individual on a dirt bike riding and doing tricks on the grass. The individual was warned for his actions.

• An individual reported the theft of her wallet from the Old Main computer lab. The wallet and contents are valued at \$20.

• A flashing barricade was confiscated after an individual was seen carrying it into Mountain View Tower.

In addition, there were 17 citations and two traffic accidents occurred, causing \$475 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.

NewsBRIEFS

➤ Logan City mayor coming to USU Thursday

Mayor Doug Thompson will be on the Utah State University campus on Thursday at noon in the Sunburst Lounge. Mayor Thompson will address concerns from USU students. The topics to be discussed are the booter, landlord tenate issues, campus safety and Logan City relations with USU.

The Public Affairs Board is sponsoring the Mayor Forum to give students the opportunity to voice their opinions on these issues. They encourage all students to voice any concerns they have.

➤ Magnitude 4.4 seismic event reported in Wyoming

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A magnitude 4.4 seismic event was detected Sunday in southwestern Wyoming, with the epicenter about 20 miles west of the town of Green River.

Dr. Walter Arabasz of the University of Utah's seismograph station said the event was recorded at 7:46 a.m. (MST).

"The epicenter is in an area of known active underground mining where some prior seismic events have been associated with mining activity, including a magnitude 5.2 shock in February 1995," Arabasz said.

➤ Park City to get new multiplex for Sundance

PARK CITY (AP) — Each year, the Sundance Film Festival gets a little more crowded. Soon it will have a little more room.

A Kansas City company plans to build a 10-theater multiplex near Park City, which will more than double the number of screens available for Sundance.

Resort Theaters of America (RTA) will build a 1,500-seat movie complex on Interstate 80, six miles north of Park City.

Construction is set to begin this spring and the theater will open about a year later.

The film festival can use the theaters for the first time in 2002.

"It's the best present we can make for the filmmakers, to have the best theaters to screen their films," said the festival's co-director, Nicole Guillemet.

Each of the stadiums will be outfitted with the latest in movie-projection technology and digital sound systems. The screens also will accommodate high-tech video projection systems when they become widely used.

RTA specializes in resort towns and has theaters in Aspen, Colo., Carmel, Calif. and Palm Springs, Calif.

Guillemet said additional screens won't mean more films, but less crowded theaters and more time for question-and-answer sessions.

➤ Student drug/alcohol survey bill clears Senate

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Senate advanced a bill to allow schools, without parental consent, to question students in sixth grade and up about drug and alcohol use, youth violence and other topics.

The bill was approved 18-9 after Sen. Robert Montgomery, R-North Ogden, amended it Friday to require schools to notify parents by mail before students are asked to participate in surveys.

The bill creates a 13-member committee to review proposed school surveys and makes it easier for schools to recruit enough participants for the surveys.

Sen. David Steele, R-West Point, said the intent of the bill is to protect students by finding out what activities they are engaged in and making efforts to curtail problems.

➤ Hansen: Utah should get fourth congressional district

OGDEN (AP) — Utah should qualify for a fourth congressional seat as a result of the 2000 census, according to U.S. Rep. Jim Hansen.

Hansen told the Standard-Examiner on Friday that the Legislature would be wise to redraw boundaries so Weber, Davis, Morgan, Box Elder.

Cache and Rich counties would have their own representative in the U.S. House.

But state lawmakers say it's unlikely Utah would get a fourth seat because that would require another state to drop one.

Hansen is now running unopposed for the First District.

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Anthropology Museum

A new display has been set up in the
Anthropology Museum. Check out
Wednesday's Statesman for the details.

Dancing the funding tango at USU

HEATHER FREDRICKSON
Copy Editor

Excited murmuring and giggling arise from group members as they gather in little circles to discuss their day before warming up in the shaded half of HPER Room 102.

As the music begins to resonate off the concrete walls, the group slowly spreads out into two fairly straight lines and follows the movements of the leader.

"We got no troubles, life is the bubbles..." each group member rolls their head from left to right, reaching to touch their chin to their chest.

"Under the seal" Heads roll up so that noses are stretching for the ceiling about 20 feet above.

A visitor sits on the side of the room and wonders silently, "This is the Dance Team? This is part of a company whose dancers

have won awards and accolades from other teams and competitions around the country?"

"The general response is surprise," Ryan Randall, Utah State University Ballroom Dance Company director, said.

At a Boston competition last year, USU won two first place finishes. In November, USU had 12 couples finish in the top six at the USA Dance Sport Northwest Regional Championships.

"We kick butt at what we do," Randall said.

The Dance Company is now the third largest of its kind in Utah, even though USU has yet to recognize the potential of this group either with funding or validation.

"We sweat, bleed and cry for this university to acknowledge us," Randall said. "The administration is more interested in hiring and firing football coaches and buying tables."

USU hasn't caught the vision of the dance program, Randall said, even though the students have. Each member pays \$100 per semester to dance with the company. Shoes (\$75 to \$125 per pair) and travel are extra costs for students, he said.

The room Randall calls his "office" does the work of the many rooms they need but don't have. The space, about 15 feet square, serves as a kitchen (with a stove and sink), a dressing room, a locker room (there's about 10 lockers in there) and an office with one wooden, straight-back chair, one flip-desk chair, and one chair that looks like a reject from the Merrill Library.

But once the music starts, the toes start tapping and the meager surroundings are forgotten.

"I do choreography in the car," Randall said.

Bob Cartmill, co-director of the Dance Company, said, "If I'm not doing it, I'm thinking about (dancing)."

The constant reworking of routines during practice showed Randall's endless pursuit of perfection.

"We have to be perfect," he said.

The dancers need help: One spot in the Cha Cha routine is

giving them trouble. Randall takes the men to one end of the room in front of a wall of mirrors and leads them through the steps one by one.

At the other end of the floor, Randall has asked one of the "ladies" to lead them through their steps. Each successive run-through begins with the leader sighing "again."

With 50 dancers in the company from every major college at USU, the experience level ranges from the beginner with no previous experience to the advanced dancers.

"We attract the beginner," Cartmill said.

"The range of beginner beginner to advanced advanced creates problems," Randall said. "It's frustrating for advanced dancers."

Each member of the dance company is required to attend between six and 12 hours of practice each week, plus their own personal time.

"It's no different from any team sport," Randall said. "A three minute dance can take two months of rehearsal and between \$500 and \$700 to put together."

In the past, the Company danced on the tennis courts behind the Education Building and racquetball courts due to a lack of space, Randall said.

"It takes a lot of coordination," Cartmill said. "Space has been difficult to arrange."

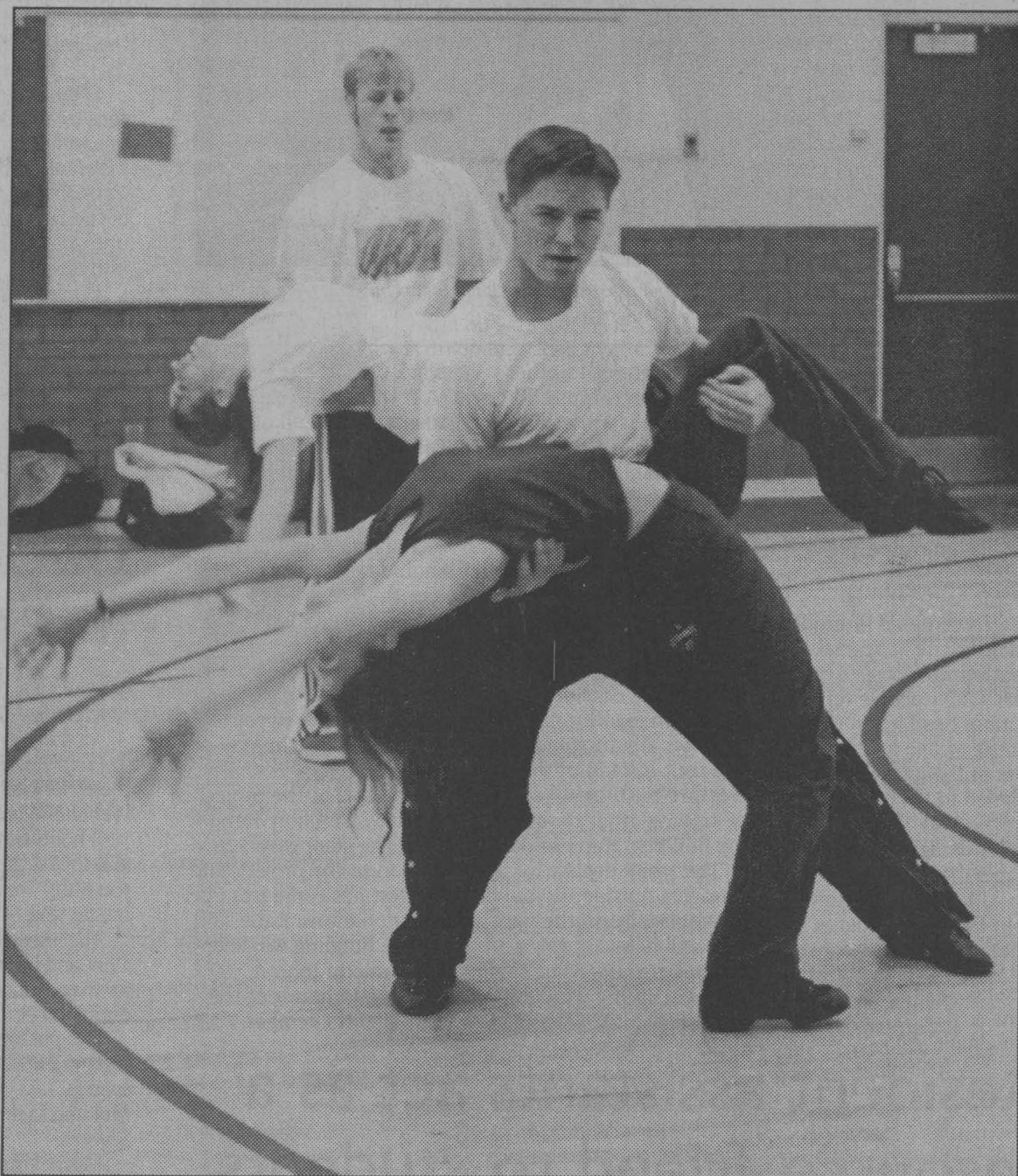
"We've been treated very well by the HPER Building," Randall said.

Randall said he felt the support from the university isn't all it could be. He said he is frustrated with what he sees as a lack of support from the school.

"Hundreds of thousands of lives have been bettered by dance," he said. "People learn interaction, sacrifice, dedication."

"Dance is so popular that it's in the Summer Olympics this year," Cartmill said. "The university doesn't understand the potential."

Every year, the company puts on their Spring Concert which usually draws a crowd of approximately 2,000, but Randall said



Tyson Peterson dips Amber Dean, front, and Jeremy Weight dips Andrea Jorgensen in the "Banana!" as the song suggests. They are members of Utah State University's Competitive Ballroom Dance Team directed by Ryan Randall.

he's never seen anyone from administration attend the concert.

"We've sent proposals, personalized tickets and invitations to every dean in Student Services, Theatre and the Physical Education department," Randall said. "I'm giving up."

Arthur Jones, head of the Health, Physical, and Recreation department, said he attended the Ballroom Dance Company's Spring Concert last year.

"Ryan always says 'come and see,'" Jones said. "I go down there quite often and see what's going on. I'm aware."

"It's a really wonderful Ballroom Dance program, but it doesn't fit any academic program. There's no support," Jones said. "None of us have additional budget. He's done a really good job."

Vice President for Student Services Pat Terrell has also taken in a Ballroom Dance show

at Mother's Day Weekend last year.

"There's over 300 clubs on campus — I can't go to everything I'm invited to," Terrell said. "I thought they were fabulous."

Theatre Arts department head Colin Johnson said that while he doesn't remember receiving invitations to Ballroom Dance events, that doesn't mean he didn't get them.

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UPCOMING COMPETITIONS
AND PERFORMANCES

Feb. 5 — Utah County Winter Dance Festival at Orem Senior High School Gymnasium

Feb. 11 — at the Williamsburg Retirement Inn

Feb. 18 and 19 — Utah Valley State College Winter Dance Sport Festival

March 25 — at Rexburg, Idaho

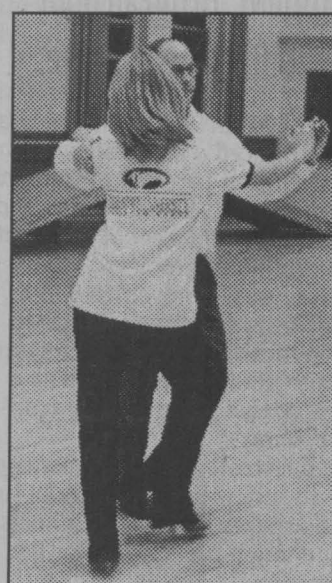
April 7 and 8 — United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association Western Championships in Orem, UT at the McKay Center

April 20 through 22 — at Ellen Eccles Theatre

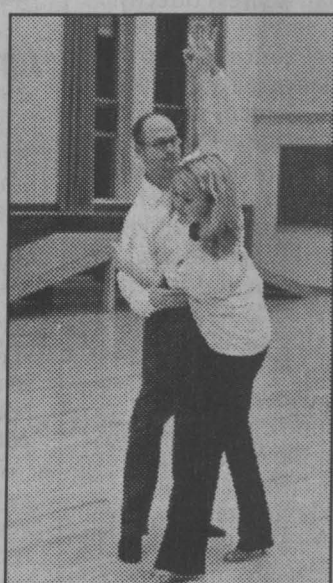
Aug. 9 through 12 — National Championships in Salt Lake City at Little America Hotel

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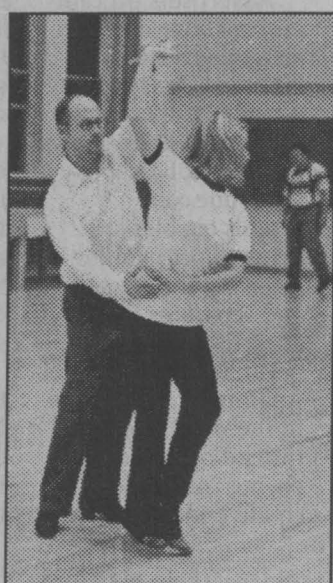
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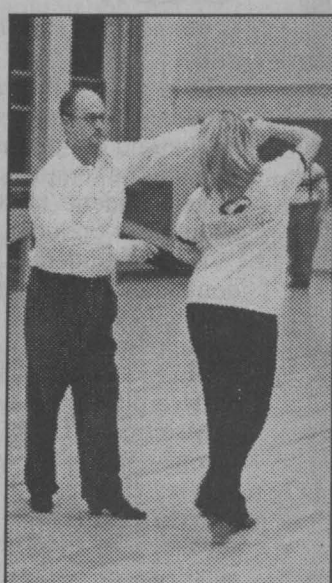
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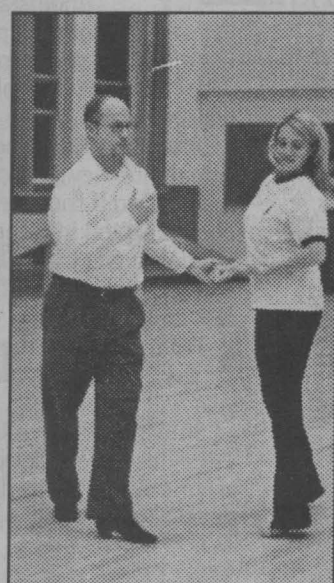
2. Man lifts left arm, girl's right, to prepare for underarm turn.



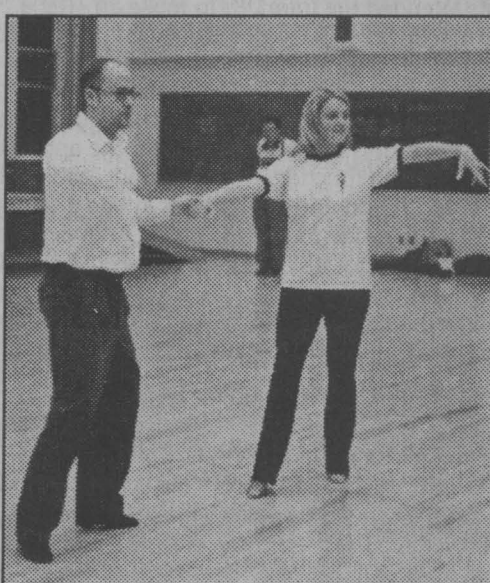
3. Female turns counterclockwise to initiate the turn.



4. Man pulls female under his arm and out of the turn.



5. Female executes a "back lock step," away from her partner.



6. Both partners end the move with an "open fan." Step demonstrated by Ryan Randall, Director of the Silver Latin Technique Class, and Kristin Shurtz.

USU ROTC flying high with incentive flights; sponsors Cadet For a Day

DEBBIE LAMB
Staff Writer

As if most of us don't have enough to do with school, work and our social lives, the cadets from the Air Force ROTC have been working overtime flying around and getting ready to play G.I. Joe.

"It was really a great experience to be laying on your belly in the tail of a big airplane and looking out through a glass window on the bottom and see F-16s no more than 25 feet away from you," Gary Marlow, ROTC cadet commander, said. "You find yourself looking right down into the cockpit at the pilot and thinking, 'That's what I'm going to be doing in a year's time.' It's quite a rush and really

gets you excited about what you've chosen to do."

Fifty cadets flew in KC-135's to refuel F-16s last Thursday at the Air National Guard base at the Salt Lake City International Airport. The round trip took between two and three hours. The cadets, the flight crew — which consists of two pilots, a navigator and two boom operators — the person that works the fuel nozzle and is responsible for refueling the other aircraft, were the only people on the plane, Marlow said.

The KC-135 has four jet engines. Each engine can put out the equivalent of 19,000 horse power, said Ionia Andrus, public relations officer for the cadets. It can off-load or pump 6,000 pounds of gasoline per minute

and has 12,000 brake pads which is the equivalent of stopping 50 cars simultaneously. The planes refueled at a Military Operations Area on the Nevada/Idaho border.

"Today the F-16 couldn't complete its mission without the help of the KC-135," said cadet Jennifer Cowry, a freshman who recently transferred to Utah State University from the Air Force Academy. "When you see it like that you see how the parts of the Air Force work together to make one successful unit."

The best part of the flight was the refueling, according to cadet Daylin Myers, a senior at Utah State University. The F-16 has to fly up to the KC-135 and maintain its speed while trying to have

a nozzle inserted into its tank. The nozzle is about the same size as one found at a gas station, he said.

"Every year the Air National Guard unit in Salt Lake City rotates flights between the three universities here in Utah (Brigham Young University, University of Utah and USU)," Marlow said. "This was our year to go, so we were cleared for it, but it still took a lot of hard work to get everything set up and actually make it happen."

The flight is called an incentive flight: its purpose is to build the moral of cadets.

"When you deal with something everyday, such as homework assignments, it can wear on you," Myers said. "It was a good break.

We got to go and meet some people who are doing it everyday. To get out in the real world, we can see there is a real job waiting for us."

The ROTC is also sponsoring a program called "Cadet for a Day," which gives civilians an opportunity to experience cadet life for themselves.

"It will be Saturday, and will start in the Taggart Student Center auditorium," Marlow said. "As we do the different things, we will be doing we will use the Taggart Student Center, HPER gyms, Military Science building and be outside a little bit."

Cadet for a Day is open to everyone at the university, however it is being limited to 80 participants. There will be pre-registra-

tion all next week in the TSC at a table on the ground floor as well as in TSC Room 326.

"To learn something about someone's life, it is said you should walk a mile in their shoes," Myers said. "In our case it would be combat boots."

"For students, it's a day to play G.I. Joe just like they used to when they were kids," Marlow said. "It's also a great way to find out more about the ROTC program especially if you've ever wondered about doing it."

"The idea is to do a fun-filled, action-packed day that gives participants exposure to many of the different elements involved in being in ROTC," Marlow said. "It is

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Please don't label this Prinze

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Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — Freddie Prinze Jr. leans against the gritty brick wall of an abandoned warehouse, the faraway look of lost love in his increasingly famous dark eyes. Around him, cameras swoop as a video for Billie Myers' title single on the soundtrack to Prinze's newest starring vehicle, the Miramax film *Down to You*, is made.

Hands thrust into the pockets of his loose black jeans, Prinze, 23, is gone, his slim body inhabited by college student Al Connelly, his character in the film. The actor is possessed this way for almost an hour, sexy, sensitive and tenderly misunderstood — all without speaking a word.

In a big-screen universe populated by generally older, tougher, more sarcastic and emotionally inaccessible leading men, Prinze's refreshing youth and vulnerable humanity have made him America's newest male star with superstar potential.

Prinze's unanticipated mega-success in last year's *She's All That*, a low-budget teen flick that has made almost four times its production costs by grossing nearly \$70 million to date. Recently, Prinze hosted "Saturday Night Live," in sort of a pop culture announcement of having arrived.

Of course, all of this makes guys like Chris Sandoval laugh.

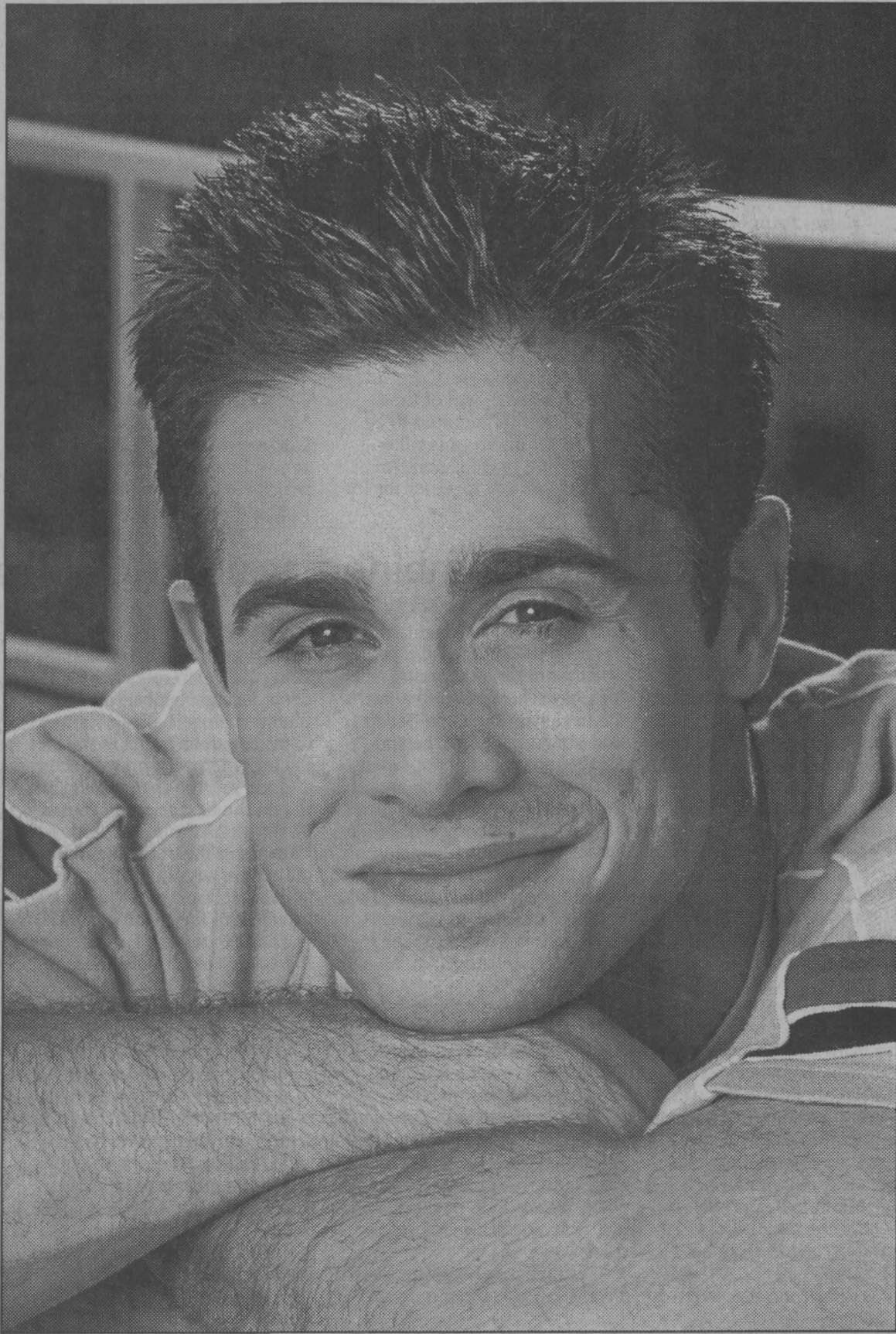
Sandoval met Prinze when they were both first-graders at Manzano Day School and after years of "getting into trouble" together (staining a neighbor's statue with mustard and jumping from Prinze's chimney into the pool, for instance) remains a close friend. "All we want to know is this," Sandoval says affectionately, "how did that goofball get to where he's at?"

The answer to that question is not as simple as many think.

It's easy to assume Prinze got breaks in Hollywood because he's the son of comedian and actor Freddie Prinze, who starred in the popular '70s sitcom "Chico and the Man" and died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound at age 22, when Freddie was only 10 months old.

But it should be noted the world is filled with aspiring actors sprung from the loins of celebrities, and many amount to nothing. Plus "there's enough distance between his father's celebrity and Freddie's career that nepotism can be ruled out," says actor Henry Winkler, who plays Prinze's father in *Down to You*, opening Friday. "Freddie has a career because he is a truly talented man."

It should also be noted that Prinze's mother, real estate agent Katherine Cochran, wished for her son to be anything but an actor, as she blamed the pressures and easy access to drugs associated with the entertainment industry for her ex-husband's early demise.



From Albuquerque, N. M., 23-year-old Freddie Prinze Jr. says he makes movies to 'escape from reality for awhile.'

It was the dream of a normal life for her only child that led Cochran to ditch Los Angeles for Albuquerque, where her parents lived, when Prinze was 4 years old.

When Prinze was 18, he left Albuquerque for Los Angeles, "because acting was the only thing I was even mediocre at," Prinze says.

The first few years in Los Angeles were difficult, Prinze says, and he felt incredibly lonely and scared. When he finally landed a four-line role in the TV show "Family Matters," he was ecstatic.

Two years later, he was cast as the lead in an ABC after-school movie about a teen father, called *Too Soon for Jeff*. That same year he auditioned for a role in the movie *To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday*, and got the part.

The following year, 1997, Prinze

landed feature roles in two films, *The House of Yes* and *I Know What You Did Last Summer*.

In 1998, Prinze appeared in the sequel *I Still Know What You Did Last Summer*. And last year, he gained widespread fame in *She's All That*, followed by the space movie *Wing Commander*.

Many close to him describe Prinze as relaxed, kind and generous, but the actor admits his dad is a sore spot for him, and the questions are annoying.

Because his mother felt traumatized by the press coverage of his father's death, Prinze tries to shield her from the media now.

"I try to keep my mom as far away from all this as I can. After my father passed away, she got really kind of jerked around by the press and by a lot of people, so I kind of have this need to protect

her."

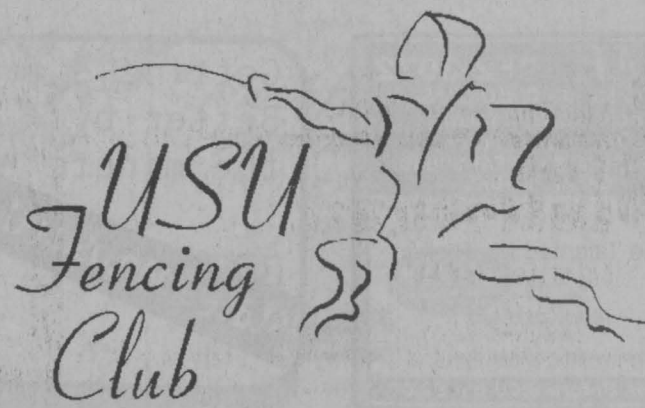
The younger Prinze's only escape from reality, he says, is acting.

"I make movies for the same reason I think people go to see movies," he says. "To escape reality for a while. It's the only place where I can fly the spaceship, pitch the winning game and get the girl and live happily ever after."

Though it's tempting to get caught up in the attention, Prinze says he is doing his best not to believe the hype.

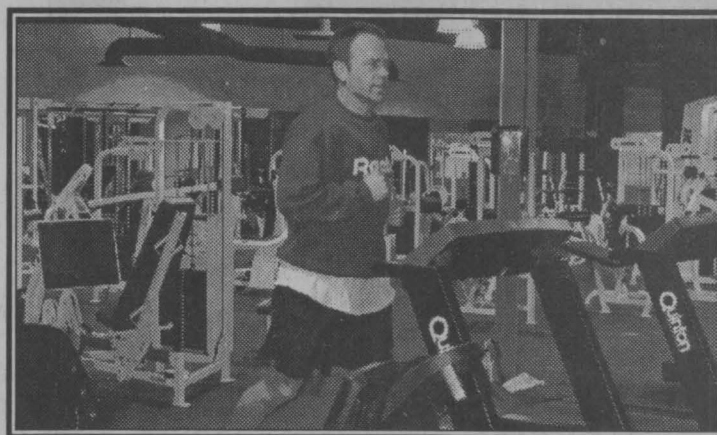
"My whole life I've always been on the outside looking in. I've never fit in, and I love it like that. People say all kinds of stuff, from 'He's the next Cary Grant' to 'He's the next Keanu Reeves,' and I don't care. None of that is me. None of it.

"I'm me, and that's it."



The USU Fencing Club invites you to come learn the modern olympic sport of fencing. An 'Introduction to Fencing' class will begin tomorrow, February 1st at 7:30pm in HPER 215. Classes will be each Tuesday from 7:30 to 8:30pm. The class fee is only \$45 which includes 1 hour of instruction weekly, use of club equipment, and a glove for the student to keep. Contact Nate Packer at SLPWQ@cc.usu.edu or 755-0816 for more information.

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BRYCE CASSELMAN
 Staff Writer

The newly formed Utah State University Equestrian Team wasn't horsing around last weekend at a regional competition where it placed second in points based on consistency.

The team was judged in four types of classes from beginning to advanced. The first category is English Equitation on the Flat, which is English Style show riding. Another is English Equitation Jumping, which is jumping over fences. Western Equitation on the Flat is more connected to the horse than English Equitation. The most difficult of the categories is Western Reining, which is doing patterns on a horse and shows the highest skills of a horseman.

Rochelle Cox also received highpoint (highest cumulative score) for her performance in English Equitation on the flat.

Cox, the team captain and one of the students responsible for starting the program at USU, said equitation is all about show and how well a person can perform on a horse that is a stranger to them.

"You pretty much look like a Barbie doll on a horse," Cox said. "It's pretty cool."

One shouldn't get the idea this sport is only for people who are worried more about their hair than the horse. Cox said there is a great deal of time, effort and skill required to be able to get on an unfamiliar mount and make it perform as if you've ridden together for years.

"The feeling of going over a jump is a cool, connected feeling," Cox said. "It feels like you're flying."

The Intercollegiate Horse Show Association was started back East by Bob Cachione, who wanted to give college-age students easy access to horses that can be very expensive for a student's budget. Now there are several regions spanning the United States.

USU's Equestrian Team shows with Oregon State University, the University of Oregon, Montana State and Brigham Young University, to name a few.

The team practices at the Horse Unit across from Convergys in Logan, and is currently 18 members strong, 14 of which competed last weekend, Cox said. Currently, the team is

trying to become a club sport.

Dr. Tiffany Day, assistant professor in the Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Science department is the advisor under the Equine department. Some classes available to students are a couple of horsemanship classes, a colt breaking class, a special problems class, a horse management class and a class on horse production.

There will be an equestrian competition at BYU on Feb. 18 and 19 at the University's Livestock Pavilion in Provo, which is also where the Equestrian Regional Competition will be held on March 25.

Students that are interested in getting involved in the program can call Rochelle at 753-8825 for more information.

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
 Media Relations

The unique pairing of trombone and flute is again offered when Todd Fallis is joined by his wife, Elizabeth, in a light, enjoyable recital, Todd said.

The event is part of the faculty recital series presented by Utah State University's department of Music. The recital begins at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday in the Dansante Recital Hall (Dansante Building), 59 S. 100 W., Logan. The recital is free and open to all.

The evening's recital could accurately be referred to as an evening with Fallis and Friends, since so many diverse musicians, on their respective instruments, have agreed to perform during the evening. Assisting Todd and Elizabeth is pianist Gary Amano, guitarist Mike Christiansen and members of the Arcata String Quartet: Marjorie Bagley (violin), Michael Carrera (cello), Brant Bayless (viola) and Christopher Takeda (violin).

This is the second year in a row

that this same instrumentation has been used in the Fallis' recital.

Personnel and the recital repertoire have changed but the instruments remain the same, Todd said. However, he said, he and Elizabeth have just about exhausted the repertoire for flute and trombone.

The recital opens with Elizabeth Fallis and Christiansen in "Sicilienne" from "Pelleas et Melisande" by Gabriel Faure. Todd describes the work as jazzy, gorgeous and very different. The pairing of flute and guitar is unique.

Christiansen continues to be featured in the second work, "Deux Danses," by Jean-Michel Defaye. This time he is paired with Todd on the trombone.

The third selection is actually two separate pieces that are often performed together, "A Night Piece" and "Scherzo" by Arthur Foote. Elizabeth on flute is joined by the Arcata String Quartet for these works.

"I wanted to take advantage of having the Arcata in our depart-

ment," Todd said. "It is a great opportunity to have a professional string quartet in residence for students, faculty members and community members alike. I wanted to include them in the recital and I'm excited to perform with them."

Todd gets the chance to do just that in the next selection, "Sonata" by Patrick McCarty. The work is a standard in the trombone repertoire but is not often performed, he said. He is pleased to be able to include it in the recital program.

Elizabeth returns for "Assobio A. Jato" by Hector Villa-Lobos. She is joined by cellist Michael Carrera. The work is described as a "vibrant, contemporary piece."

Gary Amano, head of USU piano program in the department of Music, joins Todd for "Fantastic Polka" by Arthur Pryor. This is the second year that Amano has joined Fallis for a recital selection. The recital provides a rare opportunity for Cache Valley residents to hear the pianist perform.

Todd and Elizabeth pair for the recital's final selection, "Three Dances in A minor" by G. P.



Todd Fallis

Telleman, arranged by Hartley. This Baroque-era piece was originally arranged for flute and tuba. The work provides a chance to hear the unique combination of the high voice, the flute, combined with the low voice, the bass trombone.

"This recital will be short, relaxing and fun," Todd said. "It's a good introduction to recitals since there is a chance to hear so many instruments in interesting combinations."

Richard Paul Evans to speak at women's conference

NATALIE LARSON
 Staff Writer

The silver anniversary of the Annual Northern Utah Women's Conference marks the 25th year of this non-profit organization's crusade to promote women's issues, present informative forums and provide a supportive network for Utah women.

The conference will be held at the Ogden Marriott Hotel on Saturday, March 25 from 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. It has been organized by the Northern Utah Conference Committee headed by Carolyn Taylor.

The theme for this year's conference will be "Woman to Woman: Each One, Teach One." This theme ties in with the main purpose focused on teaching women.

According to a press release,

the cost of the conference will include a continental breakfast, a lunch of choice and the educational workshops being offered. Door prizes will also be given away.

Workshop choices include: "Massage/Aroma Therapy," "Turn Off Pain, Turn On Power," "Road Rage," "Acupuncture 2000, Back to the Future," "Interior Design," "Color Coordination With Personality, Fashion, Make-up and Hair" and "Dietary Herbs and Supplements - Are they For You?"

According to promoter Sylvia Le Mons-Liddle, Ken BrockBank will be the first keynote speaker. He is the co-owner of RSK Management, Inc., president of BMI, Inc. and Executive Vice President of Unishippers.

The luncheon keynote speaker will be Richard Paul Evans,

the author of The Christmas Box, The Letter, The Locket and The Dance. Two of these books have been made into made-for-television movies.

"In previous years, the keynote speakers have been the main draw for attendees," said Liddle. "We've had between 250 and 400 women attend. We always have a good time."

"It's a great time for people to get together and have the opportunity to work one-on-one with professionals," she said. "It makes information more accessible when you can hear it from a person."

Seating for the conference is limited, so reservations are recommended. It will be \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Attendees are encouraged to make reservations before March 21. To do so, call Liddle at (801) 777-5333.

ROTC

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designed to be a fun interactive experience for participants, and in no way should be confused as a boot camp or in-processing experience."

For civilians who do not want to join the military, Cadet for a Day will be an important factor in showing how the military protects the people, Cowry said.

"We would like folks to walk away from this saying, 'Wow, I had fun and learned something besides,'" Marlow said. "Also, I understand how that whole ROTC thing works and what it does."

Marlow said there will be some

basic informative briefings to start things out and lay a ground work. After that, participants will be divided into four operational flights (a unit equivalent to a platoon, etc.) The flights will then participate in activities such as drills, physical exercises, group leadership problems and learning proper protocol for the flag.

A flag retirement ceremony will be included in the day's events as will a short warrior run — where the wing (the whole group) will do a run around campus singing military cadences (jodies).

The experience will end with lunch and a graduation program where participants will receive a certificate, Detachment coin, T-shirt, and a new call sign, such as 'Maverick' or 'Goose,' Marlow said.

"The ROTC is one of the best detachments in the nation and the quality of cadets here is awesome," he said. "Over the past couple of years they have had an amazing placement of pilots and have received national recognition and awards."

"Many people are afraid to find out about ROTC because they think they will have to commit to something right away," Marlow said. "That is absolutely false. Anyone can try ROTC on a trial basis and find out more without any commitment."

"I think we have a basic duty as citizens to appreciate our government, our rights, our freedoms, and the forces that defend them," Marlow said. "Also, it's going to be a lot of fun."

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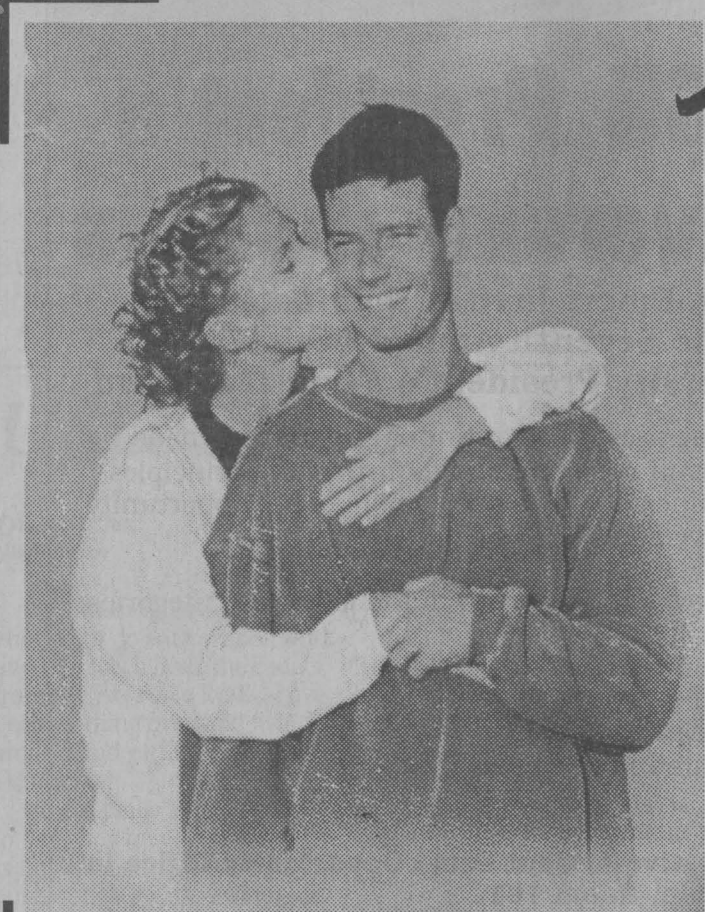
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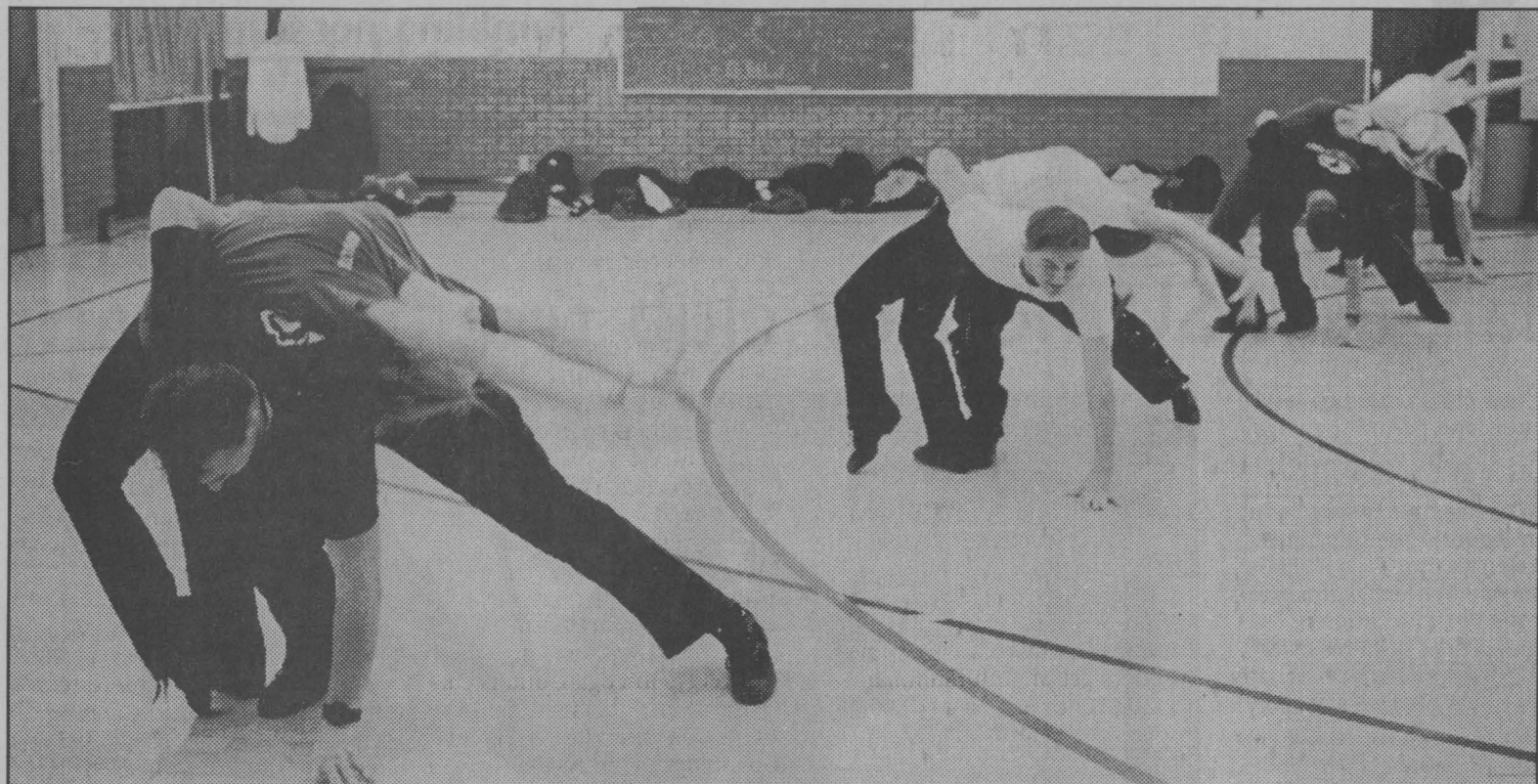


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Members of the Ballroom Dance Company practice one of their routines for their upcoming competitions. Their next competition will be on Feb. 5 in Orem, Utah.

DANCE TEAM

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Randall said the emotional, physical and financial fight with USU has been too much of a strain on him. He is turning the company over at the end of this semester to Cartmill, who will continue with the company until he graduates with his Bachelor's in psychology.

"(Randall) calls me insane," Cartmill said. "I do it for the love of teaching, to see the excitement of the students."

"We love our teams," Randall said. "I could squeeze them all to death every day."

The company is divided into three teams: Blue, White, and Competition. In their search for non-competitive team names, Randall and Cartmill said they settled on

USU's school colors.

Cartmill said Ricks College's dance teams are divided according to skill level. He and Randall wanted to create two equal teams here to keep up team spirit without making one team seem superior to the other.

"There's no one on the back-up teams that couldn't be on the competition team," Randall said.

Cartmill added that the Blue and White teams serve as backup teams with slower, easier routines.

"They're the most enthusiastic because they're new," Cartmill said.

"The competition team is more intense, they pay more attention to detail."

Each team focuses on one style

of dance. The Blue team performs more standard dances, such as the Waltz, Foxtrot, and the Tango.

The White team performs the Latin dances such as the Samba and the Cha Cha.

Couples from each team are encouraged to enter competitions on an individual basis, but often it's just the competition team that travels.

"Other competitors see USU has a team and while they're here, they try out," Randall said. "Word of mouth."

Randall said the university seems concerned with building relations with the community but fails to see how the Company can aid the university with this task without any funding.

"We go out to the Williamsburg Retirement Community for a Valentine's Dance," Cartmill said. "We dance at the Mother's Day weekend and numerous on-campus performances."

While the team builds community relations, the dancers

build each other's confidence levels.

"Before I started dancing, I was really shy," Samuel Brand, a member of the White team and a senior in Family Consumer Science, said.

"Dancing pelvis to pelvis with a girl ..." Brand said, letting out a stifled cry, "all my fantasies come true."

Brand was a member of the Competition team last year, but due to time constraints with school, he's had to cut himself back to the White team.

"I love to dance," he said. "Anything strange ever happen out on the dance floor?"

Randall and Cartmill both chuckle.

"We performed at a church, and one of the girls lost an earring," Cartmill said. "This old guy picked it up and started following her around the floor trying to give it back to her as she danced."

"We've had girls' dresses come undone," Randall said, laughing. "The partner just has to hold on to it."



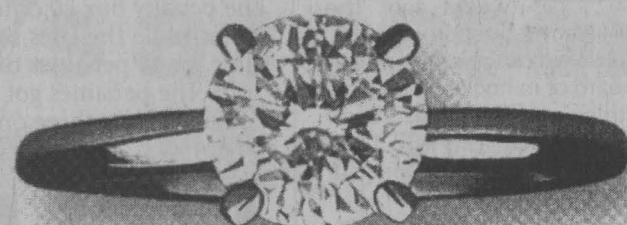
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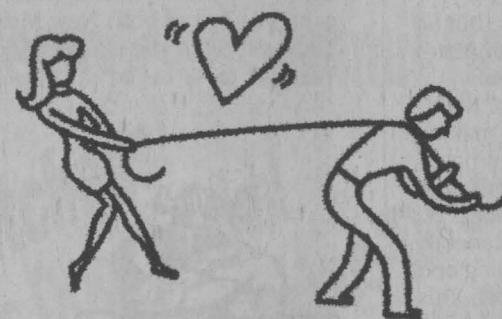
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STATING THE STATS

/ Reuben Wadsworth



Utah State University hockey player Aaron Burrell scored five goals in his team's 9-4 victory over the Provo Icecats two weeks ago. The rest of his team can score as well. Their offensive numbers are practically unheard of in hockey. Past final scores this season have been blowout wins such as 11-3, 12-2, 10-3 and even a 19-0 drubbing of New Mexico.

Despite their effectiveness in scoring on the ice, Burrell and two of his hockey-playing buddies (defenseman Danny Wilson and goaltender Eric Moldenhauer) can't seem to score while off the ice with the women.

"I don't feel quite adequate around the other hockey players who have girlfriends," Wilson said.

Why are these players starved for female attention?

Wilson said he has had a hard time meeting women in Logan. Moldenhauer said he has had nothing but stalkers he's not interested in since his arrival at USU. Burrell thinks women are intimidated by his dashing physique.

These guys just aren't feeling the love at USU.

It is sad to say, but none can remember the last time they went on a real date. They long for female companionship, but so far have not been lucky enough to find it.

If women at USU only knew what they were missing, the trio's problems would be solved.

Here is the lowdown on these three Aggie hockey wonders: Burrell stands at 6-foot-2 and weighs in at 195 pounds. He is thick. His teammates say he is built like a rock.

"He's an iron tower of manhood," Wilson said.

Burrell hails from Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, and likes sailing and golf.

Any ladies willing to take a chance on this solid man may call 787-4530.

Moldenhauer said he is looking to meet a broad selection of women. He is 6-foot-2 and 160 pounds.

The Park City native likes any sport from skiing to tennis.

He likes the spontaneous.

Wilson thinks women haven't gotten to know the real Moldenhauer.

"They know the man behind the mask, but they don't know the man without it," he said.

'Moldie' is available by calling 787-8264.

Wilson, (no. 10) who is the most verbose in expressing his desire to meet women, stands at 5-foot-9 and weighs 175 pounds (None of it is flab, he suggests).

"I'm not looking for a fling," Wilson said. "I just want a nice girl that I can spend all my money on."

Danny, from West Hills, Calif., is ambitious, Moldenhauer said. According to 'Moldie,' Wilson has goals and plans for the future.

Isn't it true that women are attracted to ambitious men?

Another of Wilson's outstanding qualities is that he feels at ease in the kitchen. He said he once aspired to be a chef.

Don't women like men that can cook?

Not only can Wilson cook, but he is handsome as well. His teammates say he looks like Ricky Martin.

Women love Ricky Martin. Right?

Wilson also doesn't mind making a fool of himself and his teammates, says he is a hopeless romantic and enjoys long walks on the beach.

He is looking for a spontaneous woman that is also fun, outgoing and likes hockey. If you meet this description call 787-2298 and ask for 'Danimal.'

Reuben Wadsworth, like these Aggie hockey wonders, is available. He likes girls who are willing to join him on "Ranger Reub planned excursions."

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Tempers flair as USU hockey club trounces Utah

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Sports Writer

After an intense battle with Colorado State University a week ago, Utah State University hockey head coach Jerry Crossley said his team was subject to a bit of a let-down.

A letdown it was on Saturday night at the sold-out Ogden Ice Sheet. But it was a letdown in penalties, not in scoring, as the Aggies (19-0-1) easily skated to a 9-1 win over the University of Utah to keep their undefeated record intact.

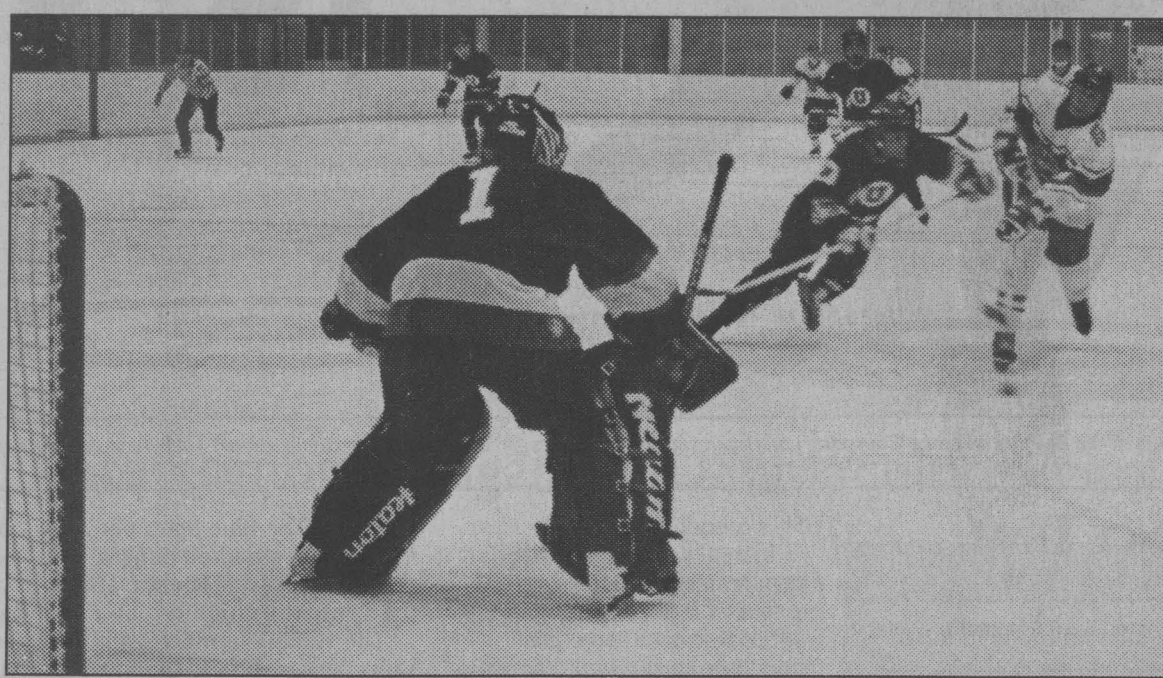
USU players were sent to the penalty box 20 different times while the Utes served time for 14 penalties of their own. The penalties got so out of hand it was three on three

at one point with 1:05 left in the second period then again near the end of the third. Utah had a five on three advantage over the Aggies at one point in the third but couldn't score.

Aggie Marlen Marquez was in the box four different times. Three from his own doing and one after a penalty was called on the crowd for throwing pennies on the ice. Crossley was disappointed with his players' lack of composure in the game, yet pleased they have been lucky in avoiding letting penalties hurt them the whole season.

USU's Aaron Burrell said Crossley told the team not to come out flat because of lack of interest in the game.

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USU's right winger Aaron Burrell takes a shot on goal in the second period of the Aggies 9-1 victory over Utah on Saturday.

USU wins fourth straight on road

AARON MORTON
Assistant Sports Editor

It wasn't pretty, but Utah State University sits atop the Big West Conference at 6-0 after beating the University of Idaho 67-60, sweeping a four-game road swing.

The Aggies (15-5 overall) trailed throughout the first half, as they managed to shoot only 39 percent from the field. However, ugly as it may have been, USU still managed to pick up its sixth straight.

"This one was ugly — flat ugly," USU head coach Stew Morrill said to KVNU. "It goes down as a 'W.' We'll feel good about it."

Once again USU was strong down the stretch and broke the game open with an 11-5 run to end the second half.

Utah State struggled at the free-throw line throughout the game, but stepped it up when it counted most. Both Bernard Rock and Tony Brown hit 3-of-4 down the stretch, and Shawn Daniels — who is averaging just 33 percent from the free-throw line this season — hit both his shots with just over one minute left.

Daniels made a good showing on TV (ESPN2 broadcasted the game) Sunday afternoon in the Kibbie Dome in Moscow, Idaho. He scored 16 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Combined with 6-foot-11 Dimitri Jorssen, they dominated the Vandal frontcourt.

Gordon Scott led U of I (8-10 overall, 2-4 BWC) with 19 points on 7-of-18 shooting, including five 3-pointers. He gave the Vandals an early lead with a 3-pointer on their first possession.

The Aggies played catch-up for the first five minutes, as they committed four turnovers. Brennan Ray checked

into the game and gave USU a lift with an acrobatic tip-in to close the Idaho lead to 9-7.

Daniels tied the game on a dunk after he led the break, gave the ball to Bernard Rock, who gave the ball back to the 250-pound forward for the hammer dunk.

Morrill changed USU's defense to zone midway through the first half, which stifled the quick Vandal offense.

The Aggies continued to chip away at the Idaho lead.

Rolle scored eight (two 3-pointers and a lay-up) of his 14 points in a two minute stretch to turn a 18-16 deficit into a 24-22 lead. After Idaho's Lance Buoncrisiani hit two free-throws, Brown hit a 3-pointer with just under one minute left to give the Aggies a 27-24 halftime lead.

Utah State shot 5-9 from 3-point land for the game.

The Aggie bombing continued early on in the second half as Rolle and Brown combined to extend the USU lead to nine — the largest of the game for either team.

But the Vandals, playing in the spacious Kibbie Dome in front of 2,191,

scratched their way back into the contest behind a poor USU stretch at the line and 10 points by Scott in seven minutes. His 3-pointer with 3:40 remaining gave Idaho its first lead in 20 minutes.

U of I held the lead for only 20 seconds, as Rolle put in a wild, leaning jumpshot in traffic and drew the foul to give the Aggies the lead for good.

USU is back at home this week for games against the University of North Texas on Thursday and New Mexico State University on Saturday.

USU 67
U of I 60

Game MVP:

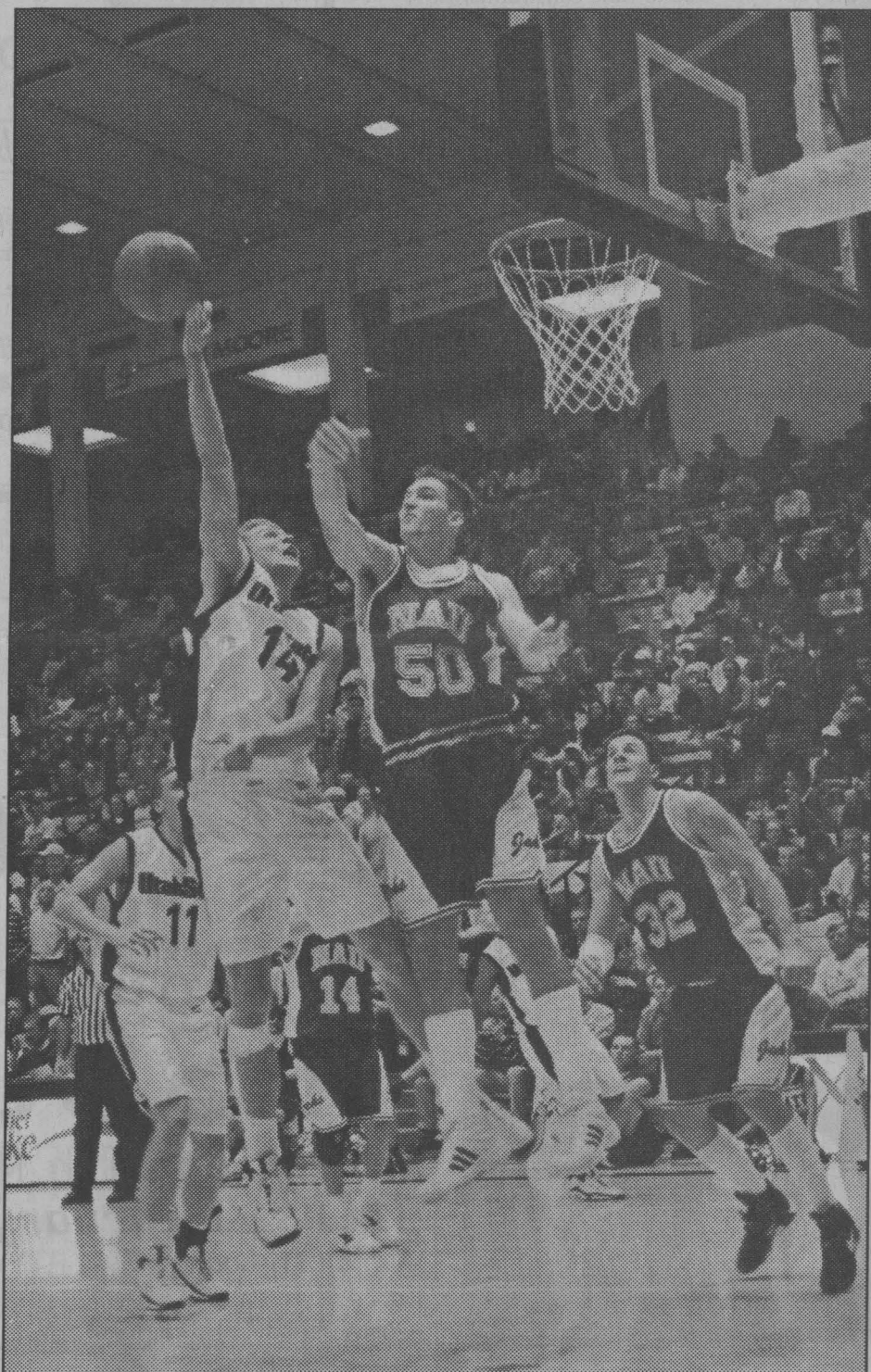
Shawn Daniels, who scored 16 points, grabbed nine rebounds.

Key Stat:

Bernard Rock and Tony Brown shot a combined 6-for-8 from the free-throw line in the closing minutes.

Turning point:

USU closed the game with an 11-5 run.



USU's Dimitri Jorssen (14) has his shot blocked by a NAU defender on Dec. 9 in the Spectrum.

Once road dogs, now road warriors, USU is firing on all eight cylinders

WADE DENNISTON
Assistant Sports Editor

USU goes from road dogs to road warriors.

After three weeks, the past two on the road, the Utah State University men's basketball team finds itself in possession of first place in the Eastern Division of the Big West Conference with a 6-0 mark (15-5 overall), two games ahead of both New Mexico State University and the University of North Texas.

After starting the season 0-3 away from the friendly confines of the Spectrum, the Aggies have won four straight on the road, all in Big West play.

Why the big turn around away from home?

There might be several reasons.

USU has started quickly in each game, with the exception of the University of Idaho contest on Sunday afternoon.

In its two-game California swing, Utah State opened the game with a 16-7 run against the University of California

at Santa Barbara on Jan. 20. Two nights later, USU pulled ahead early with a 15-3 run against California Polytechnic State University.

At Boise State University on Thursday, Utah State jumped out to a 21-10 lead. Against the Vandals, the Aggies trailed for much of the first half before finally taking their first lead of the game, 16-15, following junior center Dimitri Jorssen's tip-in with 5:40 remaining in the first half.

But as USU has shown in earlier games, what it starts, it finishes.

After building a 16-point second half lead against the Gauchos, the Aggies let UCSB climb its way back into the game with an 18-0 run. USU regained its composure and ended the game with a 10-0 run for a four point victory.

Against Cal Poly, USU built a lead of 14 in the second half, only to let the Mustangs fight their way back into it. Once again, the Aggies remained calm and used a 15-5 run to finish the game.

Boise State came to within one point of USU in the second half, 63-62, with

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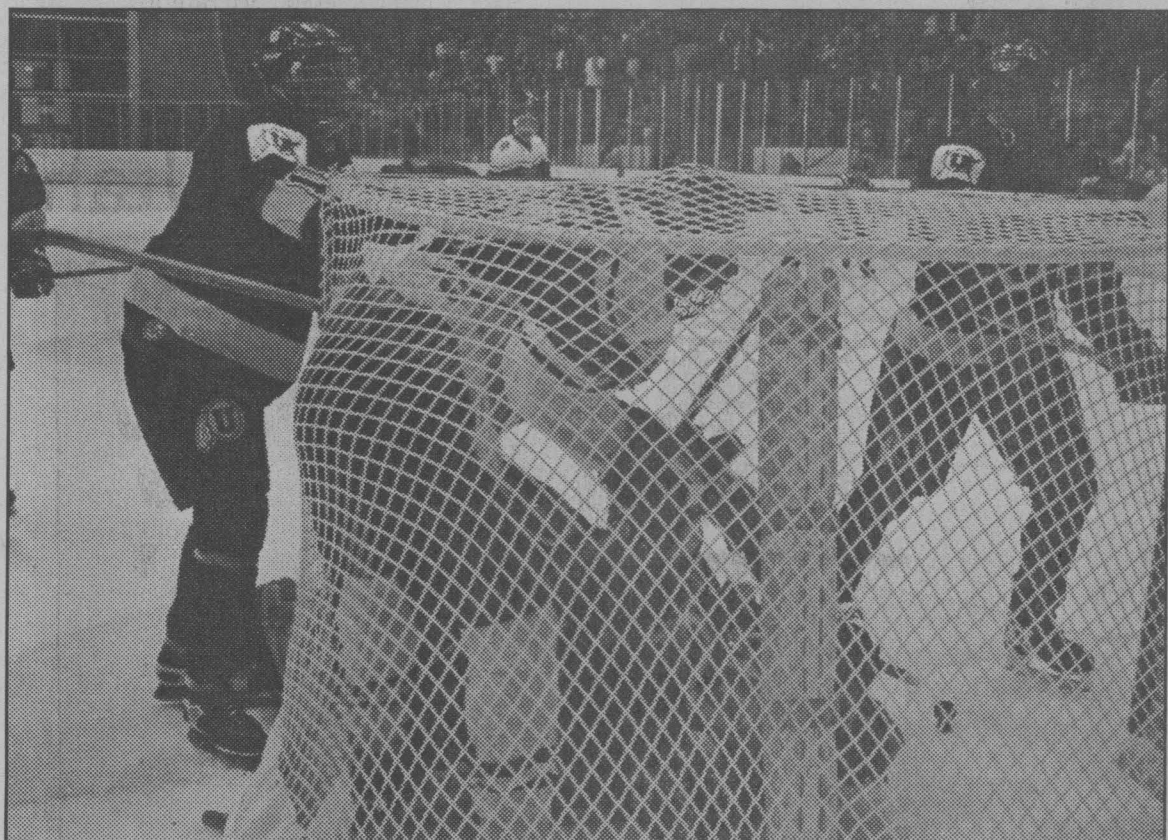
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USU's Aaron Burrell (standing in net) defends himself as Utah's goalie retaliates after Burrell ended up in the goal.

PENALTIES

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According to Burrell, the penalty-filled contest was not a good one for the fans, but he was happy they came in droves.

"We had an emotionally draining week," USU assistant captain Nate Anderson said. There is a tendency to relax between big games, he added.

The Utes' lone goal, made by Jason Lowder, was the first score of the game, coming with 3:30 left in the first period.

It didn't take long for the Aggies to answer as USU's Kelly Froerer found the net just 47 seconds later with the help of an assist from teammates Aaron Burrell and Nick Thiros.

The Aggies rolled on to score two goals in the first period and six in the second.

Anderson recorded a hat trick in the game with four goals. Burrell scored two while three other Aggies scored one apiece. They were Froerer, Thiros and Clint Stosich.

Anderson said one of the reasons for the large number of penalties was because players get frustrated when the score is run up. According to Anderson, the Utes were guilty of taking some cheap shots on the Aggies.

Burrell agreed. He said he was kicked by a few Utah players when he was shoved into the net

with 7:25 to go in the second period. That play led to Burrell and Ute Ryan Kelly being sent to the penalty box for roughing penalties.

No single play had more penalties in the game than what occurred with 1:35 left in the second period. Play was stopped for more than ten minutes while penalties were sorted out and a broken stick was removed from the ice.

At that point a roughing penalty was called on Aggie Danny Wilson while Ute Taras Turko was whistled for unsportsmanlike conduct after a skirmish in the Utes' goal. The scuffle also resulted in a penalty shot for USU's Anderson after the Utes' were found guilty of intentionally trying to knock off the net on an Aggie scoring opportunity, Burrell said. Anderson was unable to slip the penalty try past Ute goaltender Axdes Haley.

"That was an interesting hodgepodge of events," Anderson said.

Anderson said his team did their best to keep their cool and keep on playing after the unusual happenings.

The Aggies chose their shots carefully against the Utes. While scoring their nine goals, USU only attempted 20 shots on goal. The Utes tried 45 shots and only landed one of them.

Positives in the penalty-marred game? Anderson said there was good puck movement by defensemen Colby Thurston, Ross Keyes and Rad Anderson.

ROAD WARRIORS

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6:43 to go, but the Aggies ended the contest with a 12-6 run.

In the Idaho game, the Vandals took their only lead in the second half at 53-52, following a 3-pointer from senior guard Gordon Scott. The Aggies followed suit, as in their three previous games, finishing strong with a 15-7 run.

Another reason the Aggies were successful on their four game road trip was forward Shawn Daniels, who was picked as the Big West Newcomer of the Year prior to the season.

The 6-foot-6 junior out of Bakersfield, Calif., proved why he was awarded that honor.

During his trip back to his home state, Daniels dazzled family and friends in both games, totaling a combined 30 points, 27 rebounds, nine blocks, five steals and four assists.

At Boise State, the 250-pound Daniels tied his career-high point total with 17, grabbed six boards, blocked two shots and handed out an assist.

With the ESPN2 cameras

rolling at Idaho, Daniels tallied 15 points, including a jam after receiving a behind-the-back pass from junior guard Bernard Rock. Daniels also added nine rebounds, one more than his Big West leading average.

BASKETBALL SUMMARY

USU	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	TP
Daniels	30	5/12	6/11	9	1	16
Jorsen	22	4/13	0/3	8	0	8
Rock	36	2/8	6/8	2	3	10
Rolle	29	5/8	1/1	6	3	14
Brown	32	2/6	3/4	2	2	9
Thomas	4	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Ray	24	1/1	2/2	5	0	4
Bailey	11	3/6	0/0	0	0	6
Bobb	12	0/2	0/0	2	2	0
TOTALS	200	22/56	18/29	38	11	67

Idaho	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	TP
Gray	33	5/8	0/0	9	0	10
Ford	34	5/11	0/0	6	0	10
Dickens	23	2/7	2/3	6	0	6
Miller	11	0/0	0/0	2	1	0
Scott	36	7/18	0/0	1	4	19
Buoncrisiani	29	1/4	2/2	0	1	5
Monroe	15	1/3	2/2	7	1	4
Lewis	3	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Gerschefske	16	1/5	4/4	5	1	6
TOTALS	200	22/56	10/11	38	8	60

3pt FG: USU 5/9 (Brown 2/4, Rolle 3/3), Idaho 6/20 (Scott 5/14, Buoncrisiani 1/4).
Steals: USU 7 (Rock 3), Idaho 6 (Buoncrisiani 2, four others with 1).
Blocks: USU 2 (Daniels, Jorsen), Idaho 2 (Scott, Gerschefske).
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Tyson thinks ... about seeing the world

MANCHESTER, England (AP) — Mike Tyson wants more fights to reach top form, and he wants to do that in Europe.

That's fine with Jay Larkin, who runs boxing for Showtime, the American cable network. Larkin also wouldn't mind taking Tyson to Asia.

More difficult, it seems, will be getting Tyson a fight anywhere against undisputed heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis. Tyson has a contract with Showtime and Lewis with rival HBO.

Tyson put an exclamation point on his two-week ago trip to England in his bout with Julius Francis. He knocked him down five times and stopped him at 1:03 of the second round before a roaring sellout crowd of 21,000 Saturday night in MEN Arena.

He left Manchester about 5 a.m. Sunday, heading to Gatwick Airport outside London for a flight to Phoenix.

"I hope he can come back," said Frank Warren, promoter of

Saturday night's fight.

Tyson would like a few fights in Europe. However, his first one, scheduled for March 25, could be in New Jersey.

"We're still talking Meadowlands but we have been getting offers, real offers from Europe," said Larkin, adding he has received calls from Copenhagen, Denmark; Amsterdam, Netherlands and Paris.

"Asia also is attractive because of the time difference," Larkin said.

A Tyson pay-per-view fight in Europe would have to start about 4 a.m. local time (11 p.m. EST), which hurts the live gate. A fight in Asia — say, Japan — could start in the early afternoon because Japan is 14 hours ahead of the eastern United States.

Larkin indicated that Tyson's March 25 match, probably against Lou Savarese, will be pay-per-view and the Meadowlands is the leading site for the bout.

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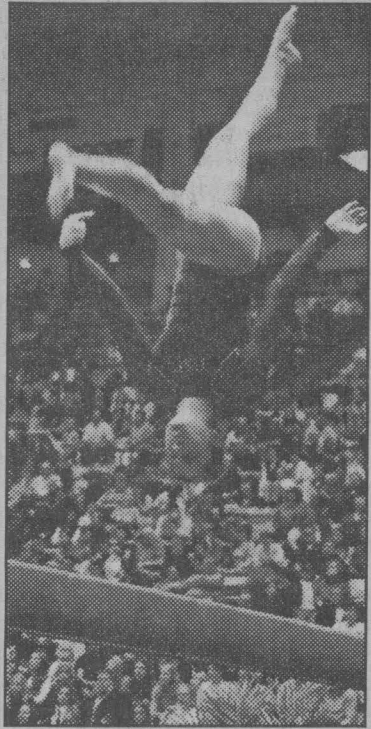
USU just solid enough on beam to beat Boise State

LYNNETTE HOFFMAN
Sports Writer

With six for six on vault and a score of 48.8 on bars, the ninth highest bar total in Utah State University history, the Aggies looked unstoppable after two rotations.

But once again, the beam added some uncertainty to the outcome of their home opener Friday night.

The Aggies' 191.625 was



USU's Amanda Jenkins leaps head-over-toe on the balance beam Friday.

enough to hold off Boise State University, who scored 190.1, but both teams struggled on their final two events.

USU gymnasts Christy Denson and Kristen Bloom took first and second in the all-around, with 39.100 and 38.700, respectively. The meet was Bloom's first collegiate experience, but she was able to block out mistakes by her teammates and stay focused.

"That's the highest debut score, I'm sure, in the history of USU gymnastics, and she's going to be outstanding," head coach Ray Corn said of Bloom.

Boise State's Tiffany Weston was expected to vie for the top all-around position, but falls on three of the four events kept her out of the running.

The Aggies started strong on vault with clean landings and consistent scores, but the Broncos scores were only slightly lower. Sophomore Stephanie Huff led the way for USU with a 9.750, second only to BSU's Debbie Thompson, who scored 9.775. Huff's vault was one of the few difficult enough to have a start value of 10.00.

While Boise State faltered on bars and had to count a score of 8.700, Utah State edged forward with five solid performances. Seniors Christy Denson and Jessica Porter turned in the two highest scoring routines. Denson ended with a stuck double layout and earned a 9.925.

Earlier Corn said he was wor-

ried his team might press themselves too hard in the second half of the meet, which is exactly what happened.

"You like to see that on vault and the uneven bars," Corn said, "but it doesn't work on beam."

USU's first three athletes fell, and it seemed the Aggies' near-perfect record against the Broncos could be in jeopardy. But freshman Kristen Bloom ended the string of falls with a solid 9.600. Denson and freshman Tina Ellis continued Bloom's momentum, scoring 9.850, and 9.775, respectively.

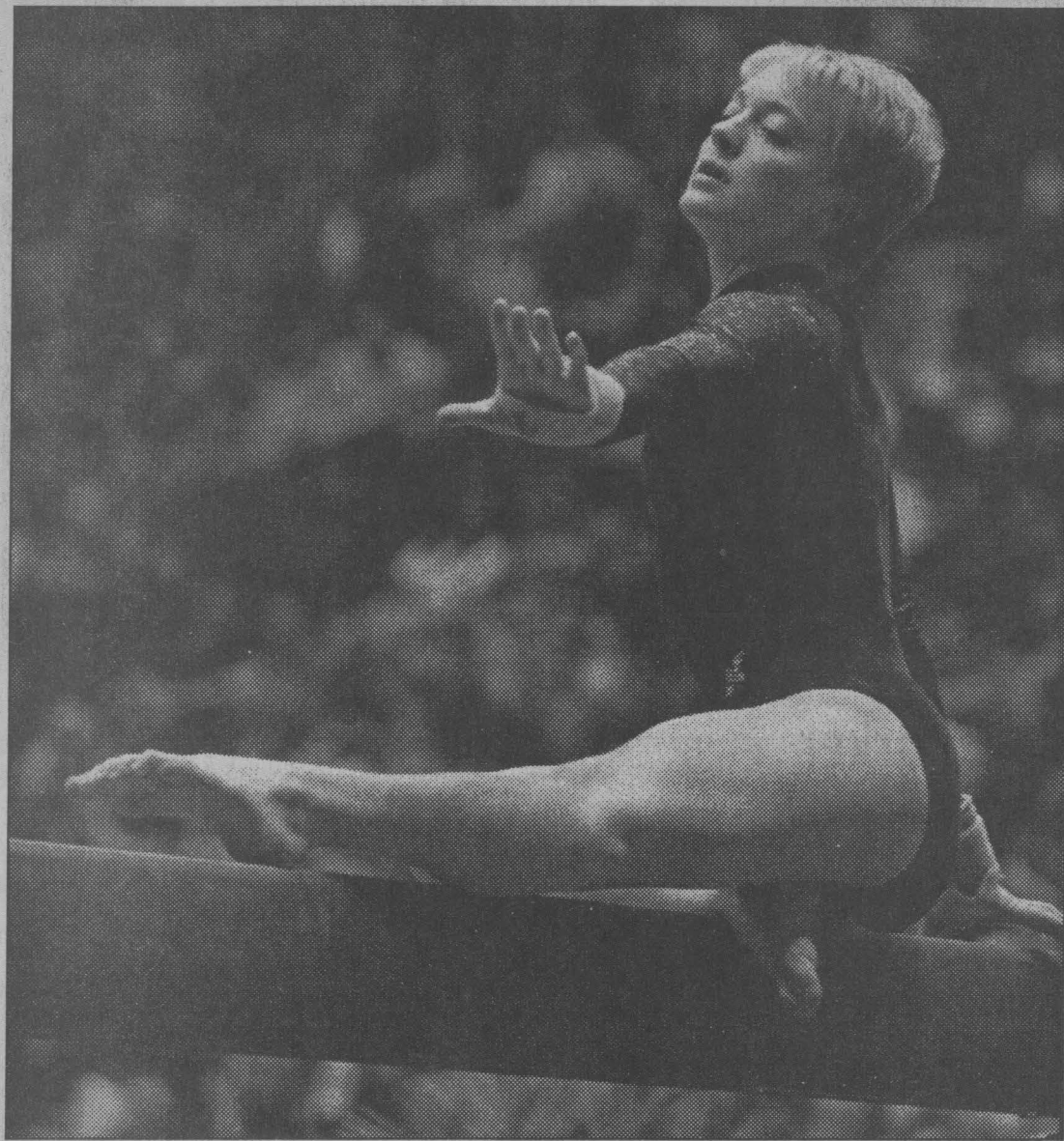
Five of Boise States' six gymnasts fell off the beam in the last rotation, allowing USU to clinch the win.

The floor was equally frustrating for the two young teams. In total there were five one tenth deductions for stepping out of bounds, as well as five falls; three from the Aggies and two from the Broncos.

Inexperience was a key factor, both coaches said. Corn was confident that as they become more accustomed to collegiate competition, his team will improve.

Boise State University head coach Sam Sandmire also attributed many of the errors to youth, and said falls this early in the season can be fixed.

"It's just a chance for the coaches to see who they want to put in the lineup, what we want to leave in, and what we need to take out," Sandmire said.



USU's Kirra Degener balances on the beam during her routine Friday night in the Spectrum against Boise State.

Utah State avoids déjà vu against Boise State with performance on beam, walks away with win.

AARON MORTON
Assistant Sports Editor

After three straight falls on the beam rotation for Utah State University and the Aggie lead floundering, it looked like last year's Big West Conference Championship, where Utah State University was upset by Boise State University, 195.475-195.200.

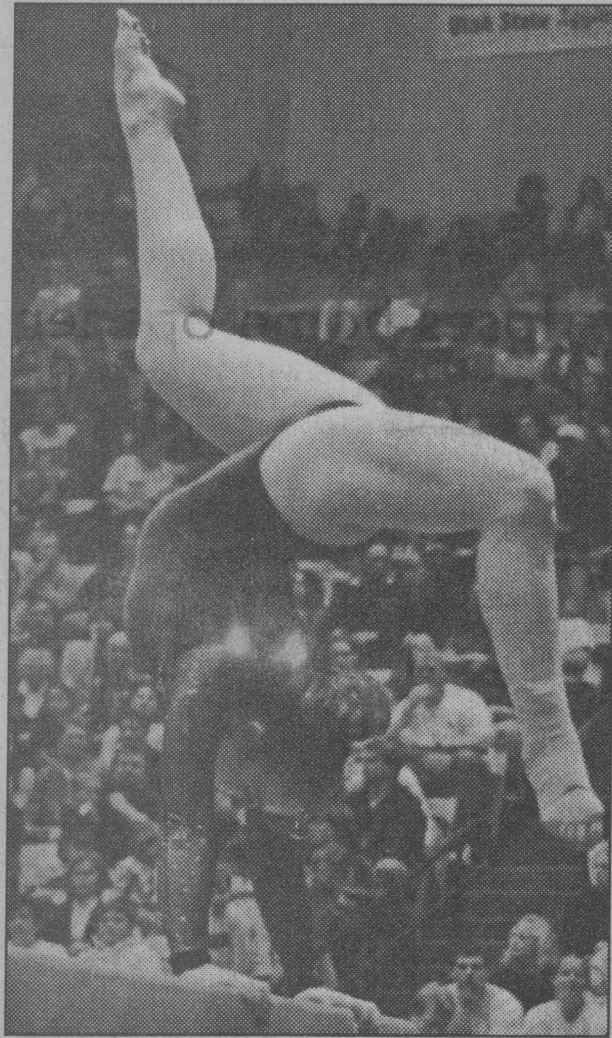
It was the Aggies who got the last laugh as they held on to their 1.65 point lead after the vault and bars rotations to avenge their March 27 loss sneaking by BSU, 191.625-190.100.

"It definitely felt good to beat them," senior all-arounder Christy Denson said.

Kirra Degener, Stephanie Huff and Kim Scharman all fell on their beam routines to put the Aggie win in doubt.

But the domino-effect of falls on beam was halted by an unlikely candidate — freshman Kristen Bloom. In addition to a clean beam routine, she also came up big on the floor after two falls by Kristin O'Dell and Kristen Fargo.

"I think she broke the ice there," head coach Ray Corn said. "Certainly, she's going to be outstanding."



USU's Tina Ellis bends over backwards on the beam during USU's meet against BSU in the Spectrum Friday night.

Super Bowl XXXIV

St. Louis wins first Super Bowl ever

ATLANTA (AP) — The St. Louis Rams rediscovered their offensive firepower just in time, and the Tennessee Titans came up just 1 yard short.

Kurt Warner's 73-yard touchdown pass to Isaac Bruce with 1 minute, 54 seconds left gave the Rams their first Super Bowl win Sunday, 23-16.

The TD capped an improbable turnaround for St. Louis, which was 3-13 a year ago and 13-3 this season as they scored 526 points, third best in NFL history.

But Steve McNair and Eddie George almost led Tennessee to another miracle finish, rallying them from a 16-0 deficit.

On the game's final play with six seconds left, McNair's pass was caught by Kevin Dyson at the Rams 5. He scrambled for the end zone only to be stopped just short by Mike Jones, as Dyson's outstretched arm held the ball toward the goal line in vain.

"I always believed in myself, and had a whole bunch of people who believed in me," said Warner, the Super Bowl MVP who did a victory lap around the Georgia Dome. "We're the world champions! How about the Rams!"

Warner, a former Arena League and NFL Europe quarterback, finished 24-of-45 for 414 yards and two touchdowns.

The Rams dominated for much of the game but had to settle for three field goals to take a 9-0 lead before finally scoring a touchdown.

St. Louis seemed to have put the game away when Warner threw a 9-yard pass to Torry Holt with 3:59 left in the third quarter to take a 16-0 lead.

But suddenly the Titans' offense came to life and the St. Louis defense began to wear down behind the battering of George and short passes from McNair.

Tennessee scored on its next two possessions, both on 1-yard runs by George to make it 16-13 with 7:21 left. It would have been 16-14, but the Titans chose to go for two points on their first TD and failed.

Al Del Greco's 43-yard field goal tied it with 2:12 left. Then the Rams' quick strike for a touchdown set up one of the most exciting finishes in Super Bowl history. The Titans, however, just didn't have enough at the very end.

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From supermarket stocker to Super Bowl MVP

ATLANTA (AP) — Kurt Warner laughs at the suggestion that this season of his is some kind of fairy tale, a farfetched script dreamed up by a writer with a vivid imagination.

"I don't think of it as a Hollywood story," he said after finishing it off Sunday with the ultimate exclamation point — a record-breaking Super Bowl MVP performance. "It's my life. I take it one day at a time. I'm truly blessed. If it can be a source of hope to anybody, I'm happy to be a part of it."

The quarterback who once tossed rolls of toilet paper around an Iowa supermarket turned the Super Bowl into his private playground in a 23-16 victory over the

Titans.

He picked apart Tennessee's secondary, completing 24 of 45 passes for a record 414 yards, breaking Hall of Famer Joe Montana's mark of 357.

First, Warner constructed a 16-0 lead. Then, when Tennessee made a furious second-half comeback to tie the score with two minutes to play, he won the game with a 73-yard touchdown pass to Isaac Bruce.

Stuff like this reads like fiction. Warner knows that. He just shrugs it off and delivers an important message for every outsider, every player who was ever told he wasn't good enough.

"Don't ever lose sight of the goal," he said. "Don't let anybody

tell you you can't reach it. Keep it in you, and there's no reason you can't do it."

Warner did not for a moment believe the Rams would not win this game, even in the face of the Titans' comeback.

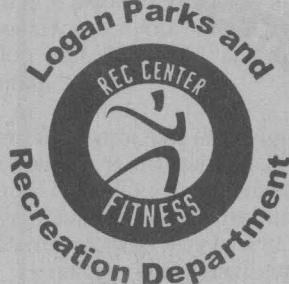
"We've got two minutes," he said. "We've been up and down the field all day. There was no reason we couldn't move it for a field goal to win it. By no means were we doubting that we could win the game."

But like a kid in a sandlot, Warner went for broke on first down instead of playing it conservatively.

Naturally, it worked. "It was a go route," he said. "We called it earlier and Isaac beat his guy. We thought we could get a big one right off the bat. Maybe they weren't expecting it."

Bruce broke loose and took Warner's pass into the end zone, giving the Rams the lead and pushing the quarterback into exclusive company — Super Bowl heroes such as Bart Starr, Roger Staubach, Terry Bradshaw and Joe Namath.

The difference was that those guys were future Hall of Famers, expected to produce championships for their teams. Warner came out of football's shadows to bring this one to the Rams.

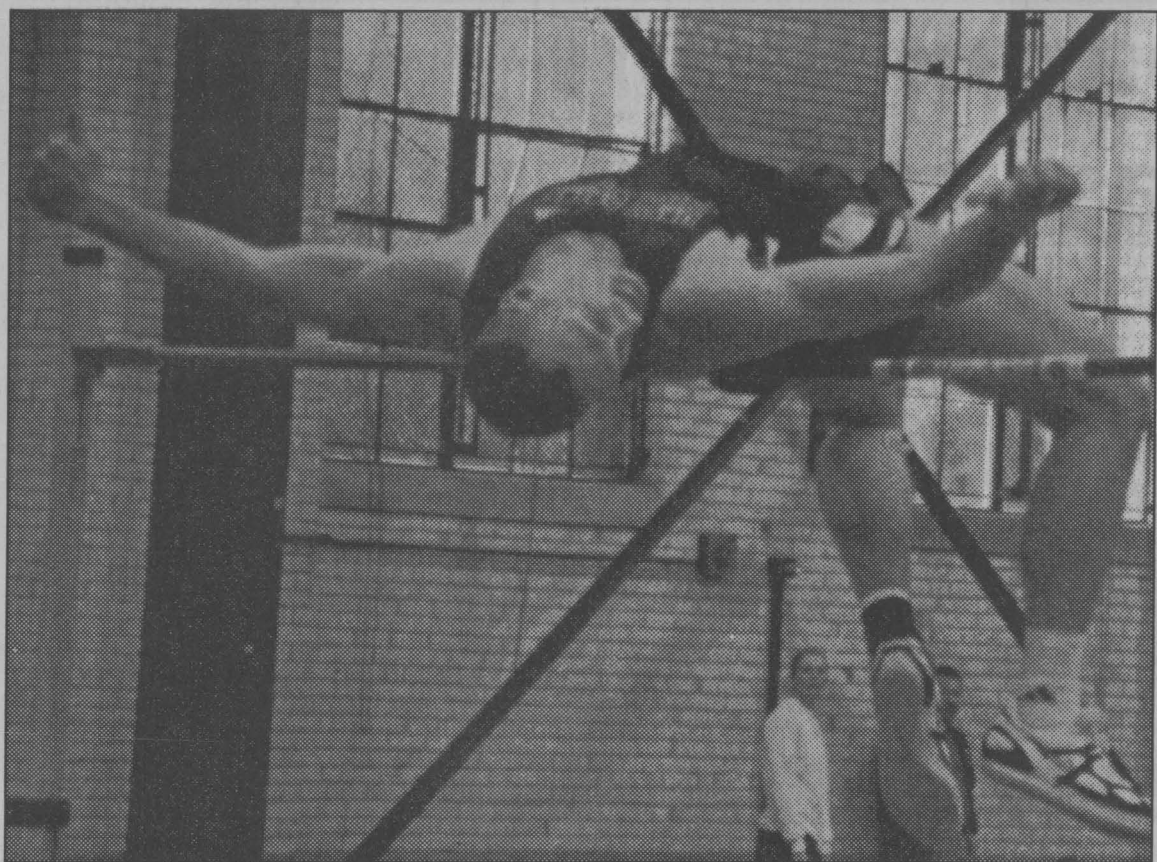


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Lance Thurston won first place in the men's high jump competition on Saturday with a height of 6-foot-9.

USU's Parker shatters records at track meet

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
Athletic Media Relations

Utah State University junior James Parker shattered the school and stadium records in the weight throw with a toss of 71-feet 2-inches at the Utah State-hosted Wilson Motor Invitational here on Saturday. The mark was an automatic qualifying mark for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Parker, a four-time All-American, bested the previous USU school record of 68-5.2, which he established last year. The previous Nelson Fieldhouse mark was 68-11 by Steve DeSantis, an unattached competitor in 1994.

Teams that competed at the meet were, Utah State, Long Beach State, Brigham Young, Utah, Utah Valley State, and Ricks Junior College.

The following is a list of the top three finishers in each event.

Mens High Jump 1st: Lance Thurston 6-09 -

Unattached 2nd: Hicks Preston 6-09 - UVSC

3rd: Dave Hoffman 6-05 - USU

Womens High Jump: 1st: Tayiba Haneef 5-

11-50 - LBSU 2nd: Kristy Kierulff 5-09.75 -

LBSU 3rd: April Jackson 5-05 - Ricks

Mens Pole Vault: 1st: Borya Celentano 17-

02.50 - LBSU 2nd: Mark Calvin 16-00 - UNA

3rd: Jeremy Kimp 16-00 - UNA

Womens Pole Vault: 1st: Christine Lee 11-06 -

LBSU 2nd: Sara Higham 11-00 - BYU 3rd:

Debra Barker 11-00 - USU

Mens Long Jump: 1st: Bruce McCannel 21-

11.00 - USU 2nd: Daniel Gerlach 21-04.50 -

LBSU 3rd: Cameron McCoy 21-02.00 - BYU

Womens Long Jump: 1st: Marion Reneau 18-

02.50 - LBSU 2nd: Tracy Dulmage 18-00 -

Unattached 3rd: Kristy Slade 17-05.50 - Utah

Mens Triple Jump: 1st: Bruce McCannel 46-

11.25 - USU 2nd: Joe Dredge 44-02.00 -

Unattached 3rd: Paul Walker 37-00.25 - USU

Womens Triple Jump: 1st: Tatyana

Hovhannissyan 39-04.50 - USU 2nd: Tracy

Dulmage 38-02.50 - Unattached 3rd: Kenya

Timerson 37-01.00 - LBSU

Mens Shot Put: 1st: James Parker 55-09.75 -

USU 2nd: Josh Sides 54-07.50 - USU 3rd: Jon

O'Neill 51-06.25

Womens Shot Put: 1st: Becky Beachler 47-07.25 -

BYU 2nd: Kathy Fuailemaa 45-07.50 -

Unattached 3rd: Suzie Clayton 42-10.75 -

Ricks

Mens Weight Throw: 1st: James Parker 71-

02.00 - USU *NCAA Automatic qualify mark -

school / stadium record 2nd: Brad Reed 53-

07.00 - USU 3rd: Jon O'Neill 53-04.25 - LBSU

Womens Weight Throw: 1st: Kathy Fuailemaa

57-04.75 - Unattached 2nd: Wendy Egbert 57-

02.25 - USU 3rd: Audrey Kiser 53-10.25 -

Utah

Mens 55-meter Final: 1st: Anthony Stewart

6:40 - Unattached 2nd: Cody Fennesbeck 6:43 -

BYU 3rd: Lawrence Ringwald 6:46 - USU

Womens 55-meter Final: 1st: Andrea Jeppsen

7:28 - USU 2nd: Jane Durely 7:31 - Unattached

3rd: Marisha Bedford 7:34 -

LBSU

Mens 55-meter Hurdles Final: 1st: Brett

Guymon 7:69 - USU 2nd: Trevor Betenson 7:74

- USU 3rd: Jimmy Camilo 7:84 - LBSU

Womens 55-meter Hurdles Final: 1st: Jane

Durely 8:12 - Unattached 2nd: Marion Reneau

8:29 - LBSU 3rd: April Jackson 8:37 - Ricks

Mens 200-meter Final: 1st: Anthony Stewart

22:51 - Unattached 2nd: David Chesser 22:96 -

BYU 3rd: Cameron McCoy 23:90 - BYU

Womens 200-meter Final: 1st: Autumn

Spence 27:29 - Utah 2nd: Tracy Hamblin 27:30

- Utah 3rd: Cristy Schmidt 28:32 - UVSC

Mens 400-meter Final: 1st: Kashus Perona

50:11 - LBSU 2nd: Tyrone Pearson 50:46 - LBSU

3rd: Brad Carson 51:51 - LBSU

Womens 400-meter Final: 1st: Elish Kekacs

59:38 - Utah 2nd: Melissa Jensen 59:78 - USU

3rd: Kristy Funk-Guymon 59:94 - USU

Mens 800-meter Final: 1st: Marcus Morgan

1:54.89 - USU 2nd: Larry Henderson 1:57.29 -

LBSU 3rd: Jeremy Trail 1:58.63 - Ricks

Womens 800-meter Final: 1st: Amber Jensen

2:21.49 - USU 2nd: Maika Nelson 2:25.24 - BYU

3rd: Angie Winkler 2:25.88 - USU

Mens Mile Final: 1st: Teren Jameson 4:20.15 -

Utah 2nd: Larry Henderson 4:23.90 - LBSU 3rd:

Johann Appell 4:23.91 - LBSU

Womens Mile Final: 1st: Rebekah Thornley

5:05.71 - USU 2nd: Lori Spencer 5:22.14 - USU

3rd: Danielle Blaisdell 5:23.78

Mens 3000-meter Final: 1st: Nephi Tyler

8:53.45 - Utah 2nd: David Danley 8:56.02 -

BYU 3rd: Michael Thuleher 8:56.42 - BYU

Womens 3000-meter Final: 1st: Melanie

McClellan 10:43.67 - UVSC 2nd: Tiffany

Whitaker 10:49.19 - USU 3rd: Shae Messersmith

10:49.81 - USU

Mens 5,000-meter Final: 1st: John Hedengren

15:33.87 - BYU 2nd: Nick McCombs 15:34.01 -

BYU 3rd: Ben Lynn 15:46.12 - Ricks

USU women's tennis loses home opener

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
Athletic Media Relations

Utah State University's women's tennis team lost its home opener Saturday at the Sports Academy to Colorado State University 9-0. The loss dropped Utah State to 0-2 on the season.

Sarah Lowe played strong at number one singles pushing Sanja Hansson to three sets. After losing the first set 7-5 Lowe rallied back to win the second set 6-4. However, Hansson served strong in the third set en route to a 6-1 win in the final set.

"Sarah played a great match, but Hansson had a great serving match and gained a lot of confidence," USU head coach Chris Wright said. "It was a good battle."

"It was just our second match of the year," Wright said. "Last week against Utah we were nervous and they controlled the tempo all the time. Today (CSU) controlled the tempo most of the time. We are pretty young and Colorado State has a lot of juniors and seniors and it showed. We made some errors in shot selection, but hopefully we won't make the same mistakes next time. I am proud of our effort, we just didn't exe-



USU's Tracy Bertaena returns a serve from CSU's Amanda Bartz on Saturday.

cute." Utah State's next action will be at Idaho State on Wednesday. The Aggies will then play two straight home matches against Colorado on Saturday and Weber State on Feb. 8.

COLORADO 9, UTAH STATE 0: Singles 1. Sanja Hansson (CSU) def. Sarah Lowe, 7-5 6-4 6-1 2. Heidi Auvinen (CSU) def. Amy Thatcher, 6-3 6-3 3. Amanda

Bartz (CSU) def. Tracy Bertagna, 6-1 6-1 4. Allison Lisle (CSU) def. Jackie Ellis, 6-0 6-0 5. Catherine Sullivan (CSU) def. Johanna Johnson, 6-1 6-1 6. Bobbe Vasos (CSU) def. Amelia Martinez, 6-1 6-1 Doubles 1. Hansson/Lisle (CSU) def. Lowe/Thatcher, 8-6 2. Auvinen/Petraluden (CSU) def. Johnson/Martinez, 8-3 3. Bartz/Vasos (CSU) def. Ellis/Bertagna, 8-3

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Barak meets with Mubarak in fresh bid to push Mideast talks

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Prime Minister Ehud Barak went looking for help from Egypt's president Sunday to revive a flagging Middle East peace process, while Israelis and Palestinians launched intensive talks in a last-ditch bid to meet a deadline for a peace treaty framework.

The Israelis and Palestinians have set an ambitious Feb. 13 deadline for an outline of a final accord that would solve the thorniest issues dividing them: the return of Palestinian refugees, the borders of an independent Palestinian state and the status of Jerusalem, among others.

Negotiators met secretly for two hours Sunday in an undisclosed location. The talks were expected to last 10 days.

In Cairo, meanwhile, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak indicated he would do his best to try to prod along the Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, according to a senior Israeli official in Barak's delegation.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Mubarak has already proven his ability to influence Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

"The prime minister told Mubarak he must emphasize to the Palestinians that this is a crucial time to bring our positions together, not to sit and wait, or assume the Americans will solve our problems," the official said.

Mubarak, seeking to protect his role as a Mideast peacemaker, often acts as a broker when talks are in trouble.

Barak successfully revived talks with Syria and the Palestinians last year, only to see both tracks falter in recent weeks. Both partners are now accusing him of not taking their demands seriously.

The latest flurry of diplomatic activity — Barak is to meet Arafat on Thursday, and Jordan's king the following week — comes as the Israeli leader is under increasing fire at home. His party is under criminal investigation for alleged campaign finance violations, and opponents suggest the diplomacy is a smokescreen to divert attention from the scandal.

At a joint news conference with Mubarak, Barak scoffed at those claims.

"This government was elected to advance the peace process, and to do it without any connection to any internal problem that arises in Israel," he said.

'In Israel, there is a government which is committed to peace and which is prepared to pay the price for peace, and any unilateral decision ... will be a mistake.'

• YOSSEI BEILIN •
JUSTICE MINISTER

Despite reports that Mubarak came back from that meeting pessimistic about chances for a Syria deal anytime soon, the Egyptian president told Barak he thought a deal was "certainly possible," the senior Israeli official said.

Barak has pointedly praised Assad in recent days as a "strong leader," but on Sunday he reiterated

Israel's refusal of a key Syrian demand: a prior commitment to withdraw from all the Golan Heights.

"The two partners ... should negotiate without any preconditions," Barak said.

Palestinians have said they believe Barak is more interested in achieving an agreement with Syria first, which would isolate the Palestinians and strengthen Israel's hand. They also accuse Israel of dithering over interim issues, including withdrawals from the West Bank and prisoner releases, and not paying attention to the crucial final-status differences.

Saeb Erekat, a leading Palestinian negotiator, said the Feb. 13 deadline was still reachable if Barak makes strides toward meeting Palestinian demands.

"It is not the form of the negotiations, or how intensive they are — it is the substance," Erekat told The Associated Press.

Barak on Sunday urged the Palestinians to "honor their commitments" as well, an apparent reference to recent threats to unilaterally declare statehood as early as next month.

Killing of Turkish feminist turns focus to women's rights

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Even in death, Konca Kuris was denied her last wish — that women be allowed to pray alongside men. It was a desire that cost the religious feminist her life at the hands of Islamic radicals.

Police dug up Kuris' naked body from the basement of a hideout used by Islamic militants who videotaped weeks of abuse they inflicted before suffocating her. The bodies of dozens of male victims also have been found and a second female victim was discovered Friday.

The killings have horrified the country, but Kuris' slaying also has focused attention on the role of women in Islam, a flashpoint that was underscored when male relatives at her funeral last week refused to allow her eldest daughter to pray beside her coffin.

"Who are the real Muslims, those who have killed Konca or those who go to mosque together, women and men?" asked Necati Dogru, a columnist for the newspaper Sabah.

"One more person paid with her life for being different and searching for her own voice," Sibel Eraslan, a female commentator, wrote in the Islamic newspaper Akit.

But at Ankara's main Kocatepe mosque, worshipper Nese Ince spoke out against Kuris' feminist brand of Islam. "I don't want the Islam that I have believed in for years to be changed," she said.

Kuris at first was a member of the militant group Hezbollah, which seeks to establish an Islamic state in southeastern Turkey and which is not related to the Lebanese militia of the same name.

She traveled to Iran with a delegation from the organization but gradually became disillusioned with the group's attitude toward women.

She demanded the right to pray alongside men and that prayers be said in Turkish and not the traditional Arabic, which few Turks understand.

Although Kuris wore a traditional Islamic head scarf, she said head scarves or the full black robes worn by some religious women were optional and not required in Islam.

Kuris' feminist views infuriated Hezbollah, which is dominated by traditional, rural Kurds.

In early 1998, she began to receive anonymous telephone calls. "Are you inventing a new religion?" the voices asked, according to the newspaper Milliyet.

In July of that year, three militants kidnapped Kuris from in front of her home in the southern port of Mersin, and she was never seen again.

Tapes of Kuris' interrogation were discovered about two weeks ago during a police raid on a Hezbollah safe house in Istanbul, Sabah reported. It said they showed militants stuffing a picture of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of secular Turkey, into her mouth.

The newspaper also said the militants accused Kuris of seeking to become a Salaman Rushdie or Taslima Nasrin, secular Muslim writers considered heretics by Muslim radicals.

Kuris was apparently suffocated with a pillow or clothing in the basement of a house in the central Anatolian city of Konya. Her body was buried in a different corner of the basement than those of the murdered men.

At her funeral, the dispute over her views erupted in full force.

"I will carry out my mother's last will," shouted Kuris' eldest daughter, Sirma. But men blocked her from the male section of the mosque.

Mosques are divided into sections by gender, with the separate area for women usually in the back.

Another female relative, Necla Olcer, finally pushed the men aside and stood near the coffin as the Islamic preacher quickly read the prayers and hastily ended the funeral.

Bombing kills SLA official in occupied south Lebanon

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon (AP) — The assassination of a second-highest ranking pro-Israeli militia leader Sunday has dealt a severe blow to Israel's allies in occupied South Lebanon.

Lebanese security officials said Col. Akl Hashem of the South Lebanon Army militia was working in an orchard near his house in Dibel village when a bomb went off killing him instantly.

The SLA said in a statement the bomb exploded outside his home, but did not elaborate.

Earlier reports erroneously said Hashem was killed by a roadside bombing of his convoy.

Hashem, 48, was regarded as the likely successor of Gen. Antoine Lahd, the commander of the Israeli-backed militia.

The Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrilla group claimed responsibility. Its Voice of Al-Noor radio broadcast statements calling Hashem a criminal and adding that his assassination was "a great qualitative achievement in the framework of dismantling the militia."

The SLA's 2,500 soldiers help 1,500 Israeli soldiers control a swath of South Lebanon occupied by Israel. Israel calls the area a security zone, using it as a buffer against guerrillas attacks on its northern towns. Hezbollah is leading the war to liberate the area.

SLA militiamen sealed off the site

of the attack, a few miles north of the Israeli border and 20 miles southwest of Marjayoun, the main town in the occupied enclave.

Witnesses said civilians in areas outside Israeli control celebrated Hashem's killing.

The attack came amid rising tension in southern Lebanon in recent days in which two guerrillas and an Israeli soldier were killed in separate clashes. Israel has warned that the hostilities could undermine the Syrian-Israeli peace talks, which are already on ice.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak told reporters in Cairo, where he held talks with Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, that Israel would retaliate.

"I believe that this incident emphasizes the potential for a deterioration in the atmosphere in Lebanon. We will do everything so that those who harmed Akl Hashem will receive their just punishment and I expect that the situation won't deteriorate," Barak said.

Ephraim Sneh, Israel's deputy defense minister and a former commander of Israeli forces in South Lebanon, accused Syria of ordering the bombing.

"This shows that Damascus is not really interested in the success of the (peace) negotiations," he told Israeli radio stations.

Syria is the main power-broker in Lebanon.

PRIMARY

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about 1 percent.

The stakes in New Hampshire were underlined by a new South Carolina poll by Time-CNN showing Bush with a large, but shrinking lead over McCain, 52

percent to 32 percent, in a state with a crucial Republican primary Feb. 19.

DEMOCRATS

Gore built a lead in most polls from the days leading up to the Iowa caucuses Jan. 24 to the days just after. His lead was in double digits in several polls until a recent Bradley surge brought it back under 10 points. Gore led 48-41 in the Boston Globe-WBZ-TV poll, 48-39 in the Boston Herald-WCVB poll and 53-42 in the UNH-WMUR-Fox News poll. The CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll showed the race a dead heat.

"Each candidate's base of support has shifted somewhat," said R. Kelly Myers, the pollster for the Herald-WCVB poll. He said

Gore has closed the gap among independents and men, while Bradley was getting stronger support from more liberal Democrats.

When likely voters were asked which issue was most important in their decision, 22 percent said education, 20 percent chose health care, 16 percent each picked Social Security-Medicare and the economy, and 8 percent said abortion, according to the Herald-WCVB poll.

Gore led Bradley by 18 points among those who viewed health care as the top issue, by 25 points among those who picked education and 28 points among those who chose Social Security-Medicare, according to the

Herald-WCVB poll.

The Boston Herald-WCVB poll was taken Wednesday and Thursday of 403 likely Democratic primary voters and 402 likely Republican voters. The Boston Globe-WBZ poll was taken Friday and Saturday of 400 likely voters in each primary. Both polls taken for the Boston newspapers had error margins of plus or minus 5 percentage points. The UNH-WMUR-Fox News poll was taken Wednesday through Saturday of 487 likely voters in the Republican primary, with an error margin of 4 percentage points, and 340 likely voters in the Democratic primary, with an error margin of 5 percentage points.

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I am a hearty seafaring type of individual, so recently I spent a week faring around the sea aboard the largest cruise ship in the world that has not yet hit an iceberg. It is called the Voyager, and it weighs 140,000 tons, which is approximately the amount I ate in desserts alone.

The Voyager sails out of Miami every week carrying 3,200 passengers determined to relax or die trying. The ship has (I am not making any of this up) an ice-skating rink, a large theater, a shopping mall, a rock-climbing wall and a nine-hole miniature golf course. We have come a long way indeed from the days when the Pilgrims crossed the Atlantic aboard the Mayflower, which -- hard as it is to imagine today -- had no skating rink and ONLY FOUR GOLF HOLES.

While aboard the ship, we passengers engaged in a wide range of traditional cruise-ship activities, including eating breakfast, snacking, eating lunch, drinking complex rum-based beverages while lying on deck absorbing solar radiation until we glowed like exit signs, snacking some more, eating dinner, eating more snacks and passing out face-down in the pate section of the midnight buffet. Needless to say I did not attempt to climb the rock wall, which is good because the resulting disaster would have made for a chilling newspaper headline:

CRUISE SHIP EVACUATED AS MAN FALLS, EXPLODES; HUNDREDS SPATTERED BY SEMIDIGESTED SHRIMP

The only stressful part of our shipboard routine was looking at photographs of ourselves. When you're on a cruise, photographers constantly pop up and take pictures of you; they put these on display in hopes that you'll buy them as souvenirs. At night, my wife and I would join the throng of passengers looking through the photos, hoping to find a nice flattering shot of ourselves, and then suddenly -- YIKES -- we'd be confronted with this terrifying image of two bloated, bright-red sluglike bodies with OUR FACES. Jabba and Mrs. Hutt go to sea!

When every passenger had attained roughly the same body weight as a Buick Riviera, the ship would stop at a Caribbean island, and the passengers would waddle ashore to experience the traditional local culture, by which I mean shop for European jewelry and watches. I frankly don't know why it makes economic sense for a tourist

from Montana to fly to Miami, get on a ship and sail to Jamaica for the purpose of purchasing a watch made in Switzerland, but apparently it does, because shopping is very important to cruise passengers. If these people ever get to Mars, they WILL expect to find jewelry stores.

The other thing you do when your ship is in port is take guided tours to Local Points of Interest. Under international law, every tour group must include one tourist who has the IQ of sod. In Jamaica, we toured a plantation, and our group included a woman whose brain operated on some kind of tape delay, as we see from this typical exchange between her and our guide:

GUIDE: These are banana plants, which produce bananas. You can see the bananas growing on these banana plants.

WOMAN (in a loud voice): What kind of plants are these?

GUIDE: Banana.

WOMAN: Huh! (To her husband:) Frank, these are banana plants!

The woman repeated virtually everything the guide said to Frank. One day he will kill her with a kitchen appliance.

But I am proud to say that winner of the award for Biggest Tourist Doofus was: me. What happened was, during the tour, a man demonstrated how he could climb a coconut tree using only a small rope made from twisted banana fibers. When he came down, he showed me the rope, and I, out of politeness, pretended to be interested in it, although in fact it was, basically, a rope.

The man handed it to me and suggested I might want to "take it home to the kids." I frankly doubted that any modern Nintendo-raised American child would be thrilled by such a gift ("Look, Timmy! A rope!"). But I pretended to be grateful. Then the man told me that such ropes USUALLY sell for \$15 (he did not say where) but he would let it go for \$10. And so, unable to figure out how to escape, I gave him \$10. I imagine the other plantation workers laughed far into the night when he told them. ("He gave you \$10 for the ROPE?" "Yes! He must be even stupider than the tape-delay woman!")

But don't get me wrong: I truly enjoyed the cruise. It was fun and relaxing, and it gave me a rare chance, amid all the hustle and bustle of my busy life, to pick up a substantial amount of body mass. Cruising is also romantic, so let me just say this to you couples out there: If you're looking for a way to rekindle the flame in your relationship, I'll sell you my rope.

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