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Bill fails, but proves students' voices can be heard

LAURA BELLAMY
Senior News Writer

Students participating in student rallies and letter writing campaigns in order to influence legislators can make a difference — and there's proof.

Last year at the Utah Intercollegiate Assembly, a gathering of student government officers trying to bring relevant issues to the attention of the Legislature, Weber State University had a bill picked up by Salt Lake Representative Duane Bordeaux and brought to the floor of the 2000 Legislative session.

"At UIA we had a resolution drafted by the (Associated Students of Weber State University) External Relations officer that would eliminate sales tax from textbooks sold

at higher education institutions," said Academic Vice President Mike Chertudi. "It passed UIA and as a result, one of the senators picked it up."

ASWSU wasn't the only one to have a bill picked up and brought to the floor. According to Associated Students of Utah State University Executive Vice President Rian Winzeler, last year USU's prison education bill was sponsored by Lorraine Pace. The bill, meant to increase funding for the education of prisoners, was passed.

"(ASWSU) didn't even know it was being debated on the floor until a reporter called me and asked me my opinion about it," Chertudi said.

After a short debate on the floor, bill #HB0079 failed Feb. 1 in a 31 to 40 vote. While ASWSU was disappointed, it

believes the experience has better prepared it for bringing new measures to UIA, Chertudi said.

"It was unfortunate," Chertudi said. "We understand that there were a lot of bills and measures that needed to be passed that were more important."

This year ASWSU is pushing for formula funding along with several other Utah universities, including ASUSU, proposing tuition bills. Chertudi said he doesn't think this is the end for the textbook proposal.

"I think if we were to bring it back, the most appropriate way would be to bring it to the senators and representatives that supported it in the past and see why the bill originally failed and what we could do to bring it back to the Legislature," Chertudi said.

The bill will have a long wait before it can be considered for reevaluation.

According to Chertudi, the UIA topics for this year have already been decided and will be debated in next year's legislative session.

If the textbook bill were revived, it wouldn't be introduced on the floor of the Legislature until 2002.

Chertudi said he believes the bill is important enough to be brought back as soon as possible because of its widespread benefits to college students.

According to ASUSU Academic Vice President Emily Croshaw the idea is not new.

"That has come up before, but we've been pursuing other avenues here on our campus," Croshaw said.

The USU Bookstore has been making several other internal changes to lower students' cost, Croshaw said.

Croshaw said she does agree with the effort ASWSU made to help students.

"I know the bookstore doesn't sell textbooks to

make a profit so the only benefit would go directly to students," Croshaw said.

Chertudi said ASWSU is not done with its efforts to help higher education. Its next step will be Wednesday's "High

Noon for Higher Education" rally sponsored by the Utah Council of Student Body Presidents at the capitol.

"The main goal of the rally is to get the Legislature to support the Governor's budget that includes an increase in higher education," Chertudi said.

According to Winzeler, the rally will focus on salary equity for teachers.

Since it involves teachers, USU faculty members have been invited to join students at the demonstration.

"It is a friendly rally to gain support for teacher equity and increased funding in higher education," Winzeler said.

Sign-ups for the rally are still available in the Taggart Student Center Room 326. A bus will leave USU at 9 a.m. and will return at 4 p.m.

Fire SAFETY

USU Housing prepared for residence hall fires

BRIAN CARTER
Staff Writer

Utah State University Housing is more prepared for a fire than the New Jersey dormitory where three students were killed in January was, according to John Ringle, assistant director of Housing.

USU usually has several minor fires on campus every year, Ringle said.

Chris Ralphs, resident director for Richards and Bullen halls, said this year there was a fire in Aggie Village and several fires in the Student Living Center that caused little damage. Merrill Hall had the last major fire, in 1991.

"We are very good at inspecting and taking care of problems," Ringle said.

Every room, hallway and kitchen/living room area is equipped with a smoke detector, Ringle said.

Every semester, USU Housing inspects residence halls with Physical Plant's Facilities Maintenance department and the USU Fire Marshal.

In addition to inspections, Ringle said fire drills and mandatory resident meetings are held. The drills are held in the afternoon or early evening of every semester. Ralphs said each resi-

dent assistant (RA) is also given training on the use of fire hoses and extinguishers in addition to first aid and CPR certification.

According to Ralphs, most fires are small because of quick action by residents and RA's.

Ringle said 13 of the 16 housing halls on campus have a central pull system in hallways where students can pull the alarm if a fire starts.

In older buildings, Ralphs said personal and individual training is more heavily relied upon.

Ringle said most fires that do occur are the result of carelessness by a student.

"A lot of times students don't think about fire safety," Ringle said. "Fire can and will happen to anybody who uses things that are hot."

To decrease fire potential, RA's are trained to look for devices or instruments against Housing policy which can lead to a fire such as burning incense, candles and cigarettes, Ralphs said.

Students need to take responsibility for fire protection, Ringle said.

'We are very good at inspecting and taking care of problems.'

• JOHN RINGLE •
HOUSING



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ZAK LUSSEN

RHSA proposes limited on-campus solicitation rights

DOUG SMEATH
Assistant Features Editor

The Utah State University Residence Hall Student Association wants student organizations to be able to solicit to students living on campus, but only on a limited basis.

At the Associated Students of USU Executive Council meeting last night, RHSA President Robin Wignall presented the council with a letter stating RHSA's formal position. Their recommendation will be presented to Associate Director of USU Housing and Food Services John Ringle, who will make the final decision.

Currently, student organizations aren't allowed to participate in a "res hall call" or a "dorm storm," as campus housing solicitation is often referred to, without permission from RHSA, Wignall said.

Some council members mentioned at last night's meeting that such approval has been hard to get.

The new policy would allow solicitation to take place two nights per semester.

The dates will not be predetermined; instead, when an organization requests solicitation rights for a certain night and it is approved, that night will become an official "res hall call" night, Wignall said.

She said any organization wishing to solicit would have to do it that same night, and it would have to be approved.

"I think ASUSU would be given the main priority," Wignall said.

She said fliers placed on doors would still be allowed, as would announcements from resident assistants. Service projects such as trick-or-treating for donations would be required to gain approval and would only be allowed on designated solicitation nights.

According to the letter distributed at the meeting, solicitors would need to be "okayed" by Ringle, which includes signing a waiver of understanding that lists the terms and conditions for soliciting.

Among these terms, RHSA recommends all solicitors be required to obey quiet hours, students sleeping or studying in common areas not be disturbed, all materials distrib-

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Students advised to avoid 'techno-stress' in a technological world



Brian Schaible, Utah State University Media and Society Lecture Series speaker, addressed students about the Internet Tuesday in the Taggart Student Center Auditorium. He said the average "Generation Y" Internet user will spend 23 years online.

LARA GALE
Staff Writer

What's in store for Generation Y? Well, there's good news and there's bad news, students learned in a Utah State University Media and Society lecture sponsored by the Communications department Tuesday afternoon.

USU alumnus Brian Schaible spoke to students about the state of the Internet today, what it is probably going to look like tomorrow and what its growth means for a rising generation of "netizens" (citizens on the Internet) in the 21st century.

Schaible graduated from USU in 1968. Three years ago, he and a co-founder developed the PR Network, which has become a premier online resource for business-to-business communication, and is cited as one of the top 1,000 Web sites on the Internet today, Schaible said.

"I'm living proof that you can teach an old dog new tricks," he said.

He said he is just one of millions of people who have realized the full potential of the Internet. The Internet, and its influence on society, is growing at a phenomenal rate, he said.

"What the Internet is today, right now, it isn't going to be a day from now — or even an hour from now," he said.

According to Schaible, there are 198 million adults in the United States. Of those, 78 million were Internet users in 1998. In 1999, the number grew to 100 million.

In a breakdown of demographics, Schaible noted more of these users come from a variety of financial backgrounds, and more of these users are women.

However, he said, men spend more time on the Internet than women. In February 1999, men

spent 99 more minutes on the Internet than women. By December of 1999, that number increased to 132 minutes.

The average "Generation Y" Internet user will spend 23 years and 12 months on-line in his or her lifetime, he said.

All of this is leading to a rise in "techno-stress" Schaible said — becoming overwhelmed by the Internet and all its implications. He said the top three causes of stress in life today are lost love, lost life and being lost on the Internet.

The solution to this problem, he said, is to slow down and focus on real life.

"If you take just one thing with you today, I hope it is to be a human being," Schaible said. "Not a cyborg, not a netizen, but a human being. People still need to be human beings despite the Internet, and I think we need to remember that."

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WORLD & NATION

Israel declares military state of emergency after bombing

KIRYAT SHEMONA, Israel (AP) — Tens of thousands of Israelis living near the Lebanon border huddled in underground shelters or fled south out of rocket range Tuesday, fearing reprisals by Lebanese guerrillas for the heavy Israeli bombardment in eight months.

Prime Minister Ehud Barak ordered a military state of emergency along the northern border, a sign that Israel was preparing for extended fighting. Hezbollah guerrillas on Tuesday killed an Israeli soldier — the sixth in two weeks — only hours after Israeli airstrikes cut electricity across parts of Lebanon.

"In all that is connected with the protection of our people, our settlements and our soldiers, we will do everything required," Barak told residents of Kiryat Shmona who had spent the night in shelters.

In its second straight night of attacks, Israel's air force struck a Hezbollah offices late Tuesday in the

coastal city of Tyre and the guerrilla stronghold of Iqlim al-Tuffah, 40 miles southeast of Beirut. Lebanese security officials said. At least two people were wounded.

The Israeli army confirmed the two attacks on Iqlim al-Tuffah, but identified the other target as a Hezbollah radar station.

Israeli leaders blamed Syria for the latest flare-up and said peace talks will not resume with Damascus until it ends the wave of Lebanese guerrilla attacks. Syria is the main power-broker in Lebanon, and Israel says it encourages the violence.

In Washington, Lebanon's ambassador accused Israel of deliberately targeting civilians in southern Lebanon and urged the Clinton administration to stop the attacks.

"I expressed my government's concern — grave concern — for the Israeli attacks on civilian targets and explained that these were deliberate attacks in contradiction of law and the

April 1996 agreement," said Ambassador Farid Abboud on Tuesday.

He was referring to a U.S.-brokered understanding that forbids attacks on or from civilian areas in southern Lebanon.

Syria's state media, meanwhile, warned that the bombing could hurt the peace process.

"Bombs and missiles are actually striking the already stalled peace process and destroying all prospects of peace in the region," the English-language Syria Times said.

The airstrikes late Monday and early Tuesday destroyed three power stations at Jamhour near Beirut, in the northern mountains east of the port city of Tripoli and in the eastern Bekaa Valley town of Baalbek, a Hezbollah guerrilla stronghold where a base for the group also was targeted. The base remained sealed and damage could not be assessed.

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World GLANCE

➤ Pakistani man formally charged with killing

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) — A man who confessed to killing 100 children was formally charged with their deaths Tuesday.

Javed Iqbal turned himself in to authorities in December and gave a "confession statement," according to police. He took police to the site where two victims were buried, but police have not found any more corpses.

The case has caused a sensation in Pakistan, and human rights groups have called for a campaign to protect street children. Many of the children who disappeared were from extremely poor families and spent their days begging in the streets.

Iqbal appeared briefly in the Lower Court in Lahore on Tuesday, but did not speak. Judge Ghulam Hussein referred the case to the Session Court, where evidence is expected to be presented beginning Wednesday.

Although Iqbal has confessed, Pakistani law still calls for a trial to be held.

He could face the death penalty if convicted.

➤ Explosions kill one, injure 28 in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Explosions rocked two buses in Sri Lanka on Tuesday night, killing at least one person and wounding 28 others, police said.

The first blast occurred at Watalla bus station, seven miles north of the capital, Colombo, killing one and injuring 15, police said. A short while later, another explosion wrecked a bus at Colombo's main bus station, wounding at least 13 people, police said.

People were boarding the second bus when the blast occurred, police said. The explosion blew off the roof of the bus, which then caught fire.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. But police said they suspect Tamil Tiger rebels were involved.

➤ Attack on aid vehicle in Ethiopia kills one

GENEVA (AP) — Ten heavily armed men attacked a Doctors Without Borders vehicle in eastern Ethiopia, killing the Ethiopian driver and seriously injuring a foreign aid volunteer, the humanitarian aid group said Tuesday.

A third person in the vehicle received a superficial wound in the attack Monday afternoon between Jijiga and Degah Bur in Ethiopia's Ogaden region, according to a statement. The area is on the Somali border.

The group, which last year won the Nobel Peace Prize, did not give the identities or nationalities of those involved.

"A group of 10 heavily armed people burst onto the road and immediately opened fire, aiming at the MSF team," said the statement from the organization, also known by its French name, Medecins Sans Frontieres.

The group said it was suspending programs in the Degah Bur area following the incident and moving staff to the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa.

The injured foreign worker, who was shot twice, was transferred to Nairobi and was in stable condition. The driver died at the scene, Doctors Without Borders said.

➤ Sudanese plane bombs school killing 13

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — A Sudanese government plane bombed a primary school in rebel-controlled southern Sudan, killing 13 students, Sudanese rebels said Tuesday.

Several teachers and students were injured when a Russian-made Antonov bomber dropped six bombs on and around the school in the town of Kaouda in the Nuba Mountains, 325 miles south of Khartoum, said Samson Kwaje, spokesman for the Sudan People's Liberation Army.

All of those killed were under age 14, Kwaje told The Associated Press in Nairobi.

Government officials could not immediately be reached for comment.

The attack comes just three weeks after the Sudanese government promised a cease-fire on all war fronts in the 17-year civil war in southern Sudan.

"People were relaxed because of the cease-fire," Kwaje said.

Three killed in plane collision

ZION, Ill. (AP) — Two small planes collided over a hospital parking lot Tuesday, killing three people aboard one plane and sending the other craft into the roof of the hospital.

Windows blew out of the top floor of Midwestern Regional Medical Center as the one-seat Zlin crashed and crumpled. There was no word on the pilot. Two hospital workers were slightly burned and the hospital was evacuated, said hospital president Roger Cary.

The other plane, a four-seat Cessna 172, crashed into a nearby street. The three people aboard were killed, said Zion Fire Chief David LaBelle.

The Zlin was registered to Daniel Bitton, 47, of Waukegan, according to Federal Aviation Administration records. Calls to Bitton's home were not answered.

WGN radio in Chicago said the plane was co-owned by Bob Collins, a popular morning radio personality for the station. No one could confirm if Collins was on the plane.

The Cessna was registered to ATE of New York, a flying school. A message to the company's office in Chicago was not returned Tuesday.

Les Mussared said he was standing in a parking lot near the hospital when the planes crashed.

"I looked up because I heard a gurgling noise. I saw two small planes collide in the air — they pulled away from each other," Mussared said.

Preliminary reports indicated both planes were approaching the Waukegan Airport, near the site of the collision.

Zion is about 45 miles north of downtown Chicago, near the Illinois-Wisconsin line.

Four men escape hijacked plane

STANSTED, England (AP) — Four men dropped from the cockpit window of a hijacked plane and ran to safety Tuesday night, fleeing the Afghan aircraft that has been parked for two days at a British airport while negotiators sought the safe release of more than 150 passengers.

In the darkness shortly before midnight, the men fell about 20 feet to the ground and ran toward positions manned by police.

"They are four men and they are now with us," said police spokeswoman Kim White.

It was not immediately clear if the four were hostages or hijackers. Police said they were trying to gauge what effect the escape was having on the people aboard the plane. It appeared all was calm on the aircraft, they said.

Earlier, negotiators warned that the talks, which gained the release of a ninth hostage during the day Tuesday, could go on for days.

"The negotiations are going forward in a professional way, in a fairly calm way," said John Broughton, an Essex Police assistant chief constable. "The principal concern here is the safety of the passengers on board that aircraft."

The aims of the hijackers, believed to be Afghans, remained unclear. Speculation ranged from an elaborate play for political asylum to a bid to win the release of Ismail Khan, a former regional governor in Afghanistan

detained since 1997 by the country's ruling Taliban movement.

Asked about a potential asylum bid, Broughton said: "In talking around the issues, there are a lot of things raised." He would not elaborate, saying only that the hijackers, who controlled the plane at Stansted Airport 25 miles north of London, had made no "formal demands."

Most of the negotiations involved what Broughton called house-keeping issues, such as the delivery of water and food to the Ariana airlines plane.

"We've done everything we can to keep the conditions on the aircraft habitable," said Joe Edwards, another Essex Police assistant chief constable. "We're talking all

the time about what's the condition of people and how are the children."

A London representative of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees arrived at Stansted as an observer, police said Tuesday evening. She would not be a negotiator, but would bring to the crisis the strength of the U.N.'s expertise on the situation in Afghanistan, Edwards said.

The Boeing 727 had been headed to the northern Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif from the Afghan capital, Kabul, when it was seized early Sunday.

It then began a meandering journey across the former Soviet Union, stopping in Uzbekistan, Kazakstan and Russia.

'We've done everything we can to keep the conditions on the aircraft habitable.'

• JOE EDWARDS •
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Technology helps fans lend ear to Aggies

KEVIN PEEL
Staff Writer

Recently developed technologies are enhancing the classroom experience for students on the Utah State University campus. Technology is also expanding the campus by allowing anyone with a modem and computer from around the state and nation to see or listen in on the Aggie experience.

One technology, "streaming," allows students to take classes online from off campus, as well as linking with other campuses from sites at USU.

Streaming is used to transmit the audio from Aggie basketball and football games on the Web. Alumni and other fans can hear the radio broadcast across the nation. It also allows graduation ceremonies to be seen and heard live over the Internet by parents and friends who cannot be there in person.

Streaming was first used extensively by news organization Web sites like CNN and Fox-News, according to Kevin Reeve, manager of Instructional and Internet Technology on campus. Streaming, according to Reeve, lets a computer store small pieces of information while other pieces are being listened to or seen live (with a slight delay) by the user.

"Otherwise, you'd have to wait until it's over and download the whole thing," Reeve said.

Reeve is part of Multimedia and Distance Learning Services at USU, a branch of Information and Learning Resources. He said the main job of

his department is to "look at technologies, then look for ways that we can help with teaching."

The department has been transmitting at least 60 classes via satellite to rural areas without a USU extension center.

Streaming has allowed USU to extend its reach. For example, some USU students took a water resources class from University of Texas instructor David Maidment last semester, Reeve said.

QuickNOTE

Streaming

Technology streamlining allows students to take classes online, link with other campuses in addition to listening to Aggie athletic events live — all via the Internet

According to USU instructor David Tarboton, a guest-lecturer in the class, USU students were able to see and hear the Texas-based lectures after a three hour delay.

"We had the technology to stream them live, but they did not," Tarboton said.

Students here were also able to do presentations for the students in Texas, which they could watch as it happened, Tarboton said.

The biology department was quick to capitalize on the new technology, using live streaming and archiving of lectures in its Biology 1210 and 1220 classes since 1998, Reeve said.

According to biology professor James Gessaman, the audio/video archives help students who have missed classes or haven't under-

stood the lectures. Students can also go back and listen to instruction as often as they want before tests.

"There are always more hits just before tests," Gessaman said.

The on-line commencement broadcast began in the spring of 1998. The same video images seen locally on station KUED were sent over the Internet to interested parties, Reeve said. This year's ceremony can be found at www.fact.usu.edu/2000. The audio can be heard with as low as a 28K modem, and the video can be picked up with 56K, Reeve said.

The use of the technology for graduation exercises caught the attention of USU Athletic Director Rance Pugmire, and football games were streamed over the Internet beginning with the 1998 season, Reeve said. The men's basketball season was also made available for Web-listening the same year.

Reeve said the Internet sports audience has doubled over the past couple years — attracting 50 to 60 fans around the country for football games, and 40 to 50 for basketball. While most listeners are alumni or parents of players and coaches, one mystery basketball fan tuned in from the halls of the U.S. Congress this past season, Reeve said.

The Aggie audio broadcasts can be found at www.fact.usu.edu/aggies. Both the sports and commencement broadcasts require a user to download the software "RealPlayer 7 Basic." The Aggie Internet address provides a link that needs only to be clicked on, and the RealPlayer software is free, Reeve said.

Broadcasting athletic events has provided a good test for the system, which will help with distance education classes in the future, said Reeve. He also mentioned that his department has talked about adding video to the sporting events, but the results would have too great a time delay and would be too "blurry and choppy" to be feasible soon.

NewsBRIEFS

➤ Execution viewing bill to move forward

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The families of murder victims would be allowed to witness the killer's execution under a bill that has strong support in the Utah Senate.

Members of Richard Ernest's family traveled to Utah last October to witness the execution of Ernest's killer, Joseph Mitchell Parsons. But because Utah law does not specifically say the victim's family can witness an execution, they were kept out.

Sen. Ed Allen, D-Ogden, is sponsoring a bill that would change that.

"It's possible that observing the execution might be some help for the victim's family and put that issue to rest," Allen said Monday.

➤ BYU launches new cable television channel

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Brigham Young University has launched a cable channel that will be available to 3.4 million customers nationwide.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints-owned school last month launched BYUTV, which is part of the Dish Network's basic 40-channel package.

The channel is only available on the Dish 500 system. Subscribers with older dishes would need to upgrade to receive the channel.

"People from all across the U.S. can now join us for live broadcasts of our campus devotionals and firesides; they can be a part of the live audience," said Merrill J. Bateman, university president.

➤ Applications for scholarships available

The Utah State University Leadership Exploration Resource Center is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2000-01 academic year. The application deadline is March 3.

There are four separate scholarships to be awarded, but all applicants must be academically qualified.

To apply for any of the scholarships, pick up an application in the Taggart Student Center room 329. Attach a current transcript and a resume of leadership activities to the completed application and return to room 329.

➤ Citizens Day to be at State Capitol Monday

Interested citizens will have the opportunity to catch up on legislative issues affecting low-income Utahns and have lunch with their legislators on Monday, Feb. 21.

Citizens Day, held at the Utah State Capitol will take place from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. To enroll or for more information, call Utah Issues at (801) 521-2035 or (800) 331-5627. Participants are encouraged to learn their house and senate district before enrolling by contacting their county clerk.

➤ Sheriff welcomes association memberships

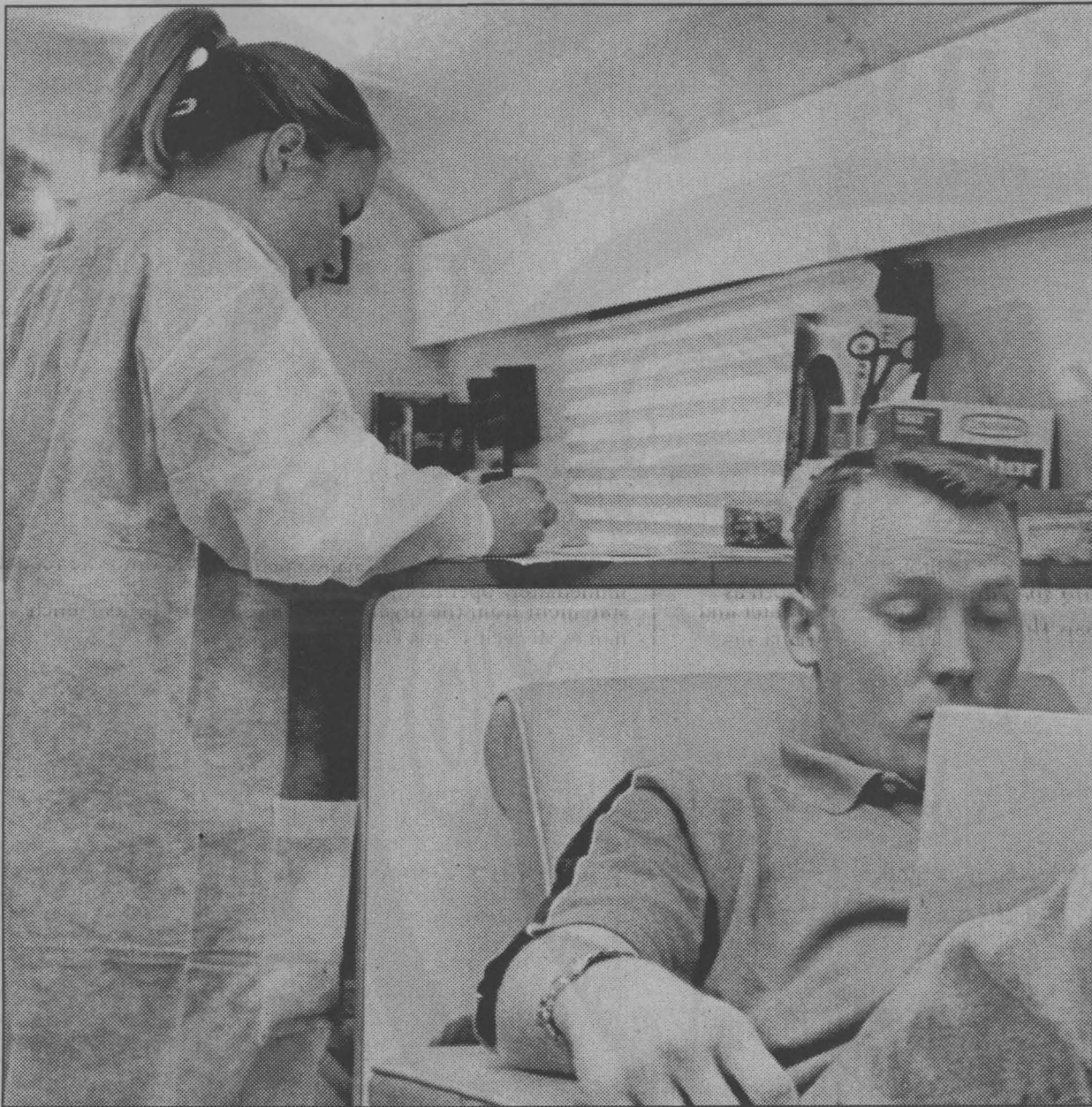
Cache County citizens are being invited to become honorary members of the Utah Sheriffs' Association.

According to a recent press release, an increasing number of people want to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime.

Membership appeals for the association will be mailed shortly. Interested individuals can join the voluntary program for \$20 and businesses can join for \$50. The funding provides technical resources, training and legislative support on criminal justice issues. Contributions are tax deductible.

Individuals not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can obtain it by contacting the Utah Sheriffs' Association at P.O. Box 489, Santa Clara, Utah, 84765.

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All aboard the blood mobile

Amanda Goodsell of the Utah Red Cross prepares to take blood from Joel Rockwood, a first-year graduate student, during Tuesday's blood drive.

Students who donated blood were escorted into a traveling bus where Red Cross employees awaited them. The big white Red Cross bus was visibly parked in front of the Taggart Student Center so students could easily stop by and donate.

The Red Cross had a goal to draw 40 units of blood while at Utah State University and in past visits has drawn enough blood to meet its goal plus 10 to 15 more units, according to Kurt Jones, Red Cross employee.

Bill to allow landlords to charge application fees endorsed

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Senate subcommittee has endorsed legislation that would allow landlords to charge would-be tenants an application fee.

Senate Bill 42 is sponsored by Sen. Michael Waddoups, R-Taylorsville and an employee of a property management company.

Under the proposed law, prospective renters either would have to carry a certified copy of their credit report, a list of references and a criminal background check, or else pay

landlords a "reasonable" application fee for collecting the information.

"We want to make sure we're not putting people in apartments who are going to build meth labs," said Craig Moody, a landlord and lobbyist for the Salt Lake Apartment Association.

The bill would require landlords to return unused application fees once they find a qualified applicant. The measure does not explain how that rule would be enforced.

"That's a major problem," said Sen.

Ed Mayne, D-West Valley City, the lone dissenter of four lawmakers who sent the bill to the Senate floor Monday.

Utah is the only state without a law specifically allowing property owners to charge rental applicants a fee. At the same time, only Midvale, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County and West Valley City prohibit owners from charging application fees. Landlords elsewhere are free to charge potential tenants as much as they want.

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uted be recyclable and religious missionaries of any denomination not be allowed to solicit, according to the letter.

"This isn't limiting your publicity ability in the halls," Wignall said to the ASUSU representatives, many of whom make use of "res hall calls" to encourage support of activities and other things.

In fact, some members of Executive Council expressed support for the proposal.

ASUSU Athletics Vice President Sam Winward said there are plenty of forums for advertising events,

such as public bulletin boards and Aggie TV.

"To dorm storm everything that happens, I don't think that's such a good thing," he said.

Some council members did express concern that on designated "res hall call" nights, campus residents might avoid answering the door or may even leave the residence hall.

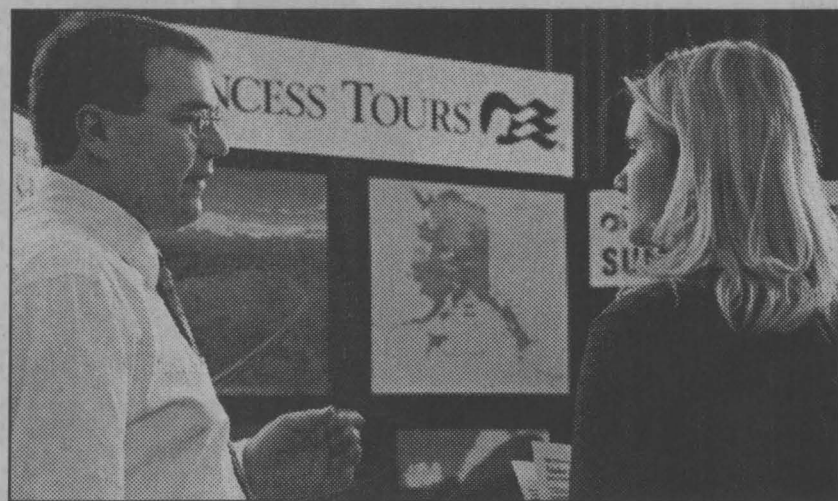
But Wignall said that's the idea.

"That's the purpose— to let residents know so they can choose... not to be there if they don't want their door knocked on 10 billion times," she said.

Wignall said if the proposal is approved by Ringle, it would have no effect on campaigning for ASUSU office.

'That's the purpose — to let residents know so they can choose ... not to be there if they don't want their door knocked on 10 billion time.'

• ROBIN WIGNALL •
RHSA PRESIDENT



The search for work

Philippe Janicka spoke with senior Cassity Wright about summer employment with Princess Tours. Janicka was one of the many business representatives who was present at Tuesday's summer employment expo in the TSC Sunburst Lounge.

CLOSE UP

In Search of the Big Laughs

Logan to host one night comedy extravaganza at the Lyric Theatre, read the preview in Friday's Entertainment section.

Plan early when hitting the hot spots

LYNNETTE HOFFMAN
Staff Writer

Still waiting on those Spring Break plans?

Students who haven't already snatched up airline tickets or hotel reservations might have to trade in sunshine and sand for bright lights and slot machines, or maybe a tent and a sleeping bag down in red rock country.

Cancun, Mexico, Daytona Beach, Fla., Hawaii and cruises off the coast of Baha, Calif., have been some of the most common requests according to agents at Sunrise Travel and Murdock Travel, both located in Logan.

But with Spring Break edging

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USU department trip

CORINNE KATOR
Senior Features Writer

London, Paris, New York, San Diego, San Francisco - these are just a few of the places Utah State University students are visiting over Spring Break to earn university credit.

This March, USU students and professors will make the world their classroom as they participate in travel courses sponsored by individual departments or by the university's Travel Study program. Theater students will travel to London and Paris. Art and apparel merchandising students will tour New York City. Students from the biology department will explore the California coast. Landscape architecture and environmental planning students will visit San Francisco, and honors students will trek to Southern Utah.

The USU Continuing Education Travel Study Program is sponsoring the art, theater and fashion trips as part of their Exploring the Globe program. Cami McClure, program specialist for Travel Study, said their trips are

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Big plans for Spring Break? Catching the rays in a different part of the world?

See Page 6 for a few student responses to the question.

Spring Break Travel Guide 2000



Student travel discounts available

DOUG SMEATH
Assistant Features Editor

It's always nice to get away, to take a vacation. And there are plenty of companies and organizations who want to help students do just that.

In fact, some say a relaxing trip could be educational.

A number of student- and youth-oriented travel agencies exist across the country and around the world, not to mention throughout cyberspace.

STA Travel is the world's largest travel company for students and youth, according to the company's Web site at www.sta-travel.com

"We believe that travel is an important part of one's education," according to the site. "We aim to encourage our customers to explore other cultures and to see as much of the world as possible in a responsible manner."

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Utah Discovered

HEAD FOR THE BACKCOUNTRY / Brian Cardall

A week of liberation in mid-March is rapidly approaching.

Yes, Spring Break.

As college students, this week signals our divine right to forget about school for a while and get out to enjoy nine days of uninhibited fun. So, get prepared to shove this semester's accumulated knowledge to the back of your brain.

Start looking forward to this unique period of the year when you can let text books gather dust without a guilty conscience, because spring break is on its way.

Utah offers an endless number of possibilities for Spring Break recreating.

Moab, in southeastern Utah, has been a hot spot for a long time. This desert playground has been made internationally famous for its variety of outdoor activities all set with a backdrop of breath-taking scenery which is sure to prove therapeutic to anybody suffering from the mid-semester blues, said Josh Whiting, a fisheries and wildlife major at Utah State

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Art by Matt Stevenson

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perfect for both novices and seasoned travelers. Inexperienced travelers can take advantage of the expertise of the professors leading the trips, while the more daring are free to explore as much as they wish. "You can stick with the professors, or you can do your own thing," McClure said.

Theater professor Lynda Linford will lead the London and Paris theater tour. While in London, her students will see such sights as Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Whitehall and Big Ben. According to the Travel Study catalog, travelers may also visit Westminster Abbey, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Warwick Castle, Blenheim Palace and other famous locations in Merry Ol' England.

McClure said students will see three plays while in London: "Les Miserables," "Antony and Cleopatra" and "The Lady and the Van." She said these theater experiences will include more than just tickets to the shows. "In London we have people taking you behind the scenes," McClure said.

After spending six nights in London, students will travel to Paris for a three-night stay. According to the catalog, sight-seers in Paris will experience the Champs Elysees, Notre Dame, the Louvre and the palace at Versailles. Travelers will leave for London on March 9 and return from Paris on March 20.

Art professors Tom Toone and Alan Hashimoto will direct the New York City art tour. McClure said Hashimoto has friends in New York who will help students get an insider's view of the city's art scene.

According to the Travel Study catalog, students will visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Guggenheim, the Museum of Modern Art and Central Park. A tentative schedule designed by Toone and Hashimoto also includes Broadway shows, live jazz music, the Saint Patrick's Day Parade and excursions to Chinatown, the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, Little Italy and Time Square. The tour will leave for the Big Apple on March 11 and return to USU on March 16.

The New York City fashion tour is not part of the Exploring the Globe program, but was designed specifically for apparel merchandising

majors, according to McClure. Graduate assistant Debra Corbridge will lead the tour, taking students to the offices for Halston, Polo/Ralph Lauren, O Magazine and Cotton Inc. Corbridge said the group will also visit several costume museums, attend a play and see the Statue of Liberty and other New York sights.

McClure said the Travel Study programs are open to students and nonstudents and can be taken for university credit or "just for fun." She said two spaces are still available for the London/Paris trip. The New York trips are full, but students can ask to be placed on a waiting list. Prices and other trip information are available in the Eccles Conference Center Room 103 or by calling 797-0423.

Departments sponsoring their own Spring Break trips include Landscape architecture and environmental planning (LAEP), biology, and the honors program.

LAEP professor John Nicholson will take 11 students on a week-long trip to the San Francisco area. Nicholson said the trip is primarily to visit landscape architecture firms there.

"San Francisco is a design center for our profession," Nicholson said, noting that students will have the opportunity to visit both business offices and project sites.

Biology students will join professor James Gessaman on the department's second annual Natural History Excursion to California March 11 through 17. The itinerary posted in the biology department lists visits to Joshua Tree National Park, San Diego Wildlife Park, Sea World, San Diego Zoo, the Los Angeles County Museum, La Brea Tar Pits, and Venice Beach.

The itinerary indicates that students will be treated to behind-the-scenes tours from zoo keepers, museum curators, and other experts all along the way. According to the itinerary, the 7-day trip costs only \$280 and includes two nights of camping and four nights in hostels.

The honors program will be taking a fun and educational trip to Arches and Canyonlands National Parks March 13 through 17. According to the honors Web site, "this trip is a great opportunity for hiking, camping, and just relaxing in one of the most beautiful areas in the country." The site says the \$100 fee includes all travel expenses, camping equipment, park fees and food for the trip.

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closer, students may find it difficult to find transportation and lodging.

"At first a lot of the specials had black out dates, but now that there's no availability there are no black out dates," said Mandy Peterson of Murdock Travel.

Airfare prices over Spring Break week are higher as well, she said.

Maren Miller of Sunrise Travel said students hoping to make last minute purchases to places like Mexico are unlikely to find a deal.

"I'd have to say Mexico is pretty much out of the question right now," she said. "Airfare is outrageously high, and everything is completely

booked."

The best deals are booked nearly five months in advance, and Miller recommended making reservations before Christmas.

"The sooner you jump on it, the better," she said.

Students without solidified plans should not despair though. Miller suggested a package deal to Las Vegas. With four people, a package including round-trip airfare, shuttles, and five nights in a hotel can run as low as \$243 per person at Circus Circus. Similar packages cost about \$288 per person at the Tropicana, and \$343 per person at the Flamingo.

But if glamour and gambling aren't your style, Peterson recommends cheap relaxing options like Phoenix, Ariz., southern Utah, or visiting friends somewhere.

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STUDENTS

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That goal in mind, STA Travel books trips for students through its more than 200 locations worldwide, according to the Web site.

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"This ain't your parents' travel agency," the Web site says.

In addition to helping students with the technicalities of arranging a trip, the STA Web site offers bus and rail tickets, guidebooks, hotel listings and a page giving information on specific destinations, much of which comes from STA customers' travel journals.

Another company for students who wish to see the

world is Council Travel.

"We're a full line travel agency," said Jennifer Nuttall, manager of Council Travel's Provo Office. She said this means they also serve non-students and offer everything a traditional travel agency offers.

However, she said Council is ideal for students. They offer discounted rates for students and teachers, she said.

Among the benefits Council offers students (besides low rates for airfare and hotel reservations) is flexibility, Nuttall said.

"The tickets are very flexible," she said.

Council offers one-way international airfare, often very expensive, for essentially half the price of a round-trip inter-



national trip.

Additionally, Nuttall said students can change their minds more easily with Council. Ticket cancellation charges are \$75 and date changes are \$25.

"That's just basically unheard of," Nuttall said of the prices, which she said are typically much more through other agencies.

Though the nearest Council Travel office to Logan is in Salt Lake City, Nuttall said they often serve students in Logan. The Salt Lake City office can be reached toll-free at 1-877-FLY-COUNCIL.

Council Travel's Web site, www.counciltravel.com, says the company offers tours around the world, including "European Discovery," "Australia: Reefs and Rainforests," "Serengeti and Spice," "Kenya: Safari and Coast," "Myanmar and Inca Empire."

"Best of all, tours are a blast," the Web site says. "You get to enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded travelers, all of whom are between the ages of 18 and 35."

But Council can also help with students traveling for educational reasons.

Students who travel to study in another country can use Council Travel Nuttall said, because they will work with a student who will be gone for as many as 12 months.

"It's just excellent for students doing study-abroad," she said.

Utah State University's Study

Abroad Office also offers student travelers a benefit through Council Travel: student identification cards.

The ID cards are available to all university students — not just from USU, but from any university. Study Abroad assistant Nicole Ellis said.

The cards are \$20 and can be purchased in the Study Abroad Office in the Taggart Student Center Room 304, she said.

Ellis said students need to bring proof that they are university students and a photo to put on the ID card.

"Mostly, students buy it for the airfare discounts," she said.

However, the cards also offer discounts on museums, hotels and attractions in over 90 countries, according to a flier provided by the Study Abroad Office.

The ID cards also serve as a worldwide phone card and can be used to save a student's passport electronically, Ellis said.

She said a student recently used the card for a trip to Europe. The airfare, which she said would normally have been \$1,200, was between \$600 and \$700 with the card.

The office also offers ID cards for teachers, Ellis said, though they have to be ordered. "We don't have any here because we've never sold them," she said.

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Access for disabled travelers

CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS
Los Angeles Times

Travelers with disabilities have never had it easy, and a flurry of recent cases provides further evidence of that. But these cases may well improve access to airplanes, buses, hotels and perhaps even foreign-flagged cruise ships.

In the last four months, United Airlines and Greyhound Lines settled claims alleging that they mistreated passengers using wheelchairs. In December, after complaints prompted a federal probe, Days Inns of America agreed to improve access at its new hotels nationwide.

Meanwhile, the Justice Department is challenging cruise lines that say they're exempt from the Americans With Disabilities Act. That law, passed by Congress in 1990, aims to improve access as businesses renovate old buildings and construct new ones.

There are at least two easy lessons from all this. First, the ADA doesn't guarantee that all lodgings and transport will meet its requirements. Many businesses have complained that the law is vague. Often it takes a lawsuit to settle rival interpretations. With so much uncertainty, it's crucial to ask detailed questions about telephones, toilets, doorways, halls and other facilities before you book. Second lesson: If you think a hotel, airline, bus or ship has fallen

short, complain. It could ease the way for those who follow. Consider these cases:

The United Airlines case grew out of a January 1999 incident in which a passenger in a wheelchair set off alarms at a metal detector at Dulles International Airport in suburban Washington. The passenger was sent to a private room for a security screening - but the federal Air Carrier Access Act (which predates ADA by four years) requires that wheelchair passengers be screened in public, as are other passengers. After a probe by the U.S. Department of Transportation, United agreed earlier this month to pay a \$50,000 fine and revise its practices. United isn't alone. In November, the DOT logged 70 complaints from disabled passengers; 11 concerned American Airlines, eight each Continental and Delta, and five each Southwest and United. That was an increase from 41 complaints in November 1998. (The DOT began releasing airline-by-airline complaint tallies on access issues just last fall. Previously, the tallies were lumped together as one number for major carriers.) The Greyhound settlements followed complaints by 14 disabled passengers who said they were denied boarding assistance, that they were injured while being carried on and off buses or that they were verbally harassed. Alleging violations of the ADA, the passengers took

their cases to the Justice Department. Greyhound, a Dallas-based company that carries more than 20 million passengers annually, agreed to pay damages to the 14 and, beginning April 1, will guarantee accessible (lift-equipped) buses between any of the 2,600 points it serves as long as passengers give 48 hours' notice. The only exceptions: a limited set of "excusable circumstances" defined in the agreement. The agreement also requires Greyhound to train employees in helping people with disabilities and to set up an internal system to address complaints.

In early December, operators of Days Inn of America, one of the nation's largest hotel chains, signed a settlement calling for greater accessibility to new U.S. hotels. The agreement by Cendant Corp., which owns Days Inn, resolved five Justice Department lawsuits dating to 1996. Days Inn agreed to pay for an independent survey of its new hotels to identify ADA problems and set up a \$4.75-million revolving fund to help franchisees finance renovations. The company also agreed to pay a \$50,000 fine. The agreement followed a federal investigation of new Days Inns nationwide that found insufficient parking; inaccessible entrances and walkways; inadequate space for wheelchairs in guest rooms and bathrooms; and doors too narrow for wheelchairs.

MOAB

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University, who spent spring break in Moab last year.

"The best part about Moab is the weather," he said. "And there was something for everybody. Mountain biking, four-wheeling, climbing or rafting. You certainly couldn't get bored."

A common way to "do Moab" is establish a base camp at one of the several campgrounds in the area and from there venture out on day trips.

Both Arches and Canyonlands National Parks are close, and there are slot canyons all over the place just waiting to be discovered.

Ayme Adams, a senior at USU, is headed on a week long rafting trip down the San Juan River for Spring Break.

"It will be a great way to spend my last Spring Break," she said. "I'll be revamping my spirit with no one but 13 of my closest friends as we float through 100 miles of road-less wilderness."

Other possibilities include Goblin Valley, Lake Powell, the San Rafael Swell, Zions National Park and St. George.

Springtime can be a good time for backpacking through these areas.

Nights can still be chilly, so it is advisable to be prepared.

Do you not have the gear to do a trip like these? Never fear, the Outdoor Recreation Center (ORC) here on campus has all sorts of rental equipment. Anything you could possibly need like

tents, stoves, sleeping bags, backpacks or coolers are all available at reasonable prices.

If you are not quite tired of the snow yet and want to get in some more skiing over the break, March can offer some of the best skiing of the season.

Resorts are usually less crowded this time of year and there is always more than enough snow due to a winters worth of accumulations.

You might not find any abundance of light, fluffy powder, but being able to make turns in a T-shirt more than makes up for that. Backcountry touring is also at its peak.

Warmer temperatures and stable, consolidated snow make conditions ideal.

There are a number of places to do a multi-day tour close to Logan in our own Bear River Range.

The Wasatch and Uintah mountains are also worth considering.

For more ideas on Spring Break trips here in Utah, check out the Utah Travel Council's Web site at www.utah.com.

Whatever you do or wherever you go, be sure to make the most of your nine days. Utah is an amazing place to live, and its hidden corners are waiting to be explored.

For more information about rentals and equipment at the ORC, contact them at 797-3264.

Brian Cardall is a features writer for the Utah Statesman

The short trip is the way to go

CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS
Los Angeles Times

The truncating of the American vacation continues. In the last decade, Americans shaved nearly a day off the average pleasure trip, a recent study shows. Weekend trips of two to three days now amount to more than half of all travel in the United States, says the Travel Industry Association of America, a nonprofit trade group dedicated to gathering data about travelers' habits.

This is unhappy news for anyone whose goal is to go farther for longer or to catch up with those leisure-loving Europeans who seem to spend every August on holiday. When it comes to days off, we are bested not only by Europe but also by a couple of Pacific Rim countries.

Consider these statistics from a recent survey on average annual vacation time by the World Tourism Organization: Italy, 42 days; France, 37 days; Germany, 35 days; Brazil, 34 days; Britain, 28 days; Canada, 26 days; South Korea, 25 days; Japan, 25 days; and the United States, 13 days. But there is this consolation: The trips are shorter, but we're taking more of them.

Carnival Cruise Lines, the world's largest cruise company, has scheduled more short cruises in 2000 than ever - 28 itineraries of one to five nights, seven more than last year. By the middle of 2000, more than half the line's fleet will be sailing itineraries of five days or less, Carnival officials say.

For Carnival, (800) 327-9501, or www.carnival.com, this spate of shorter cruises is the continuation of a long-term company strategy. In its 27-year history, the company has grown popular largely by offering lower rates (often less than \$125 per person per day for a vacation that includes all meals and most activities) and shorter trips than competitors.

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It's time to face the facts Utah Jazz fans: The window of opportunity for your team to win an NBA Championship is all but gone.

It is even more evident now that the Jazz has lost six of their last seven games, including an embarrassing loss to the Vancouver Grizzlies on Jan. 26, to begin the skid.

At the start of each season, we hear that this is Utah's year and it has the team and personnel to finally win it all.

Wake up Utah! If you couldn't win it when you had the Chicago Bulls on the ropes during Michael Jordan's last season, you can never win it. If you couldn't win it in last year's strike-shortened season, when it was supposed to be the Jazz's year, you're never going to win it.

But seriously, I feel for you. I really do. Those of you who know me well know I am not an avid lover of the Jazz — never have been and never will be.

I can empathize with you though, because I know how frustrating it is to watch teams fall short of a ring year after painstaking year.

It looks like I'll have to wait a while if I want to see my Chicago Cubs finally win a World Series again. However, they are taking a step in the right direction by rebuilding their team around "Slammin'" Sammy Sosa.

My Arizona Cardinals are another team that is far from a championship, but they've got some young players with the likes of Jake "The Snake" Plummer who are making things in the desert look promising.

And for my boy, Gary "The Glove" Payton, and the rest of his mates in Seattle, I wait patiently for them to finally bring another NBA Championship trophy back to Seatown.

Seattle did well in this year's off-season by bringing in the likes of Horace Grant and Vernon "Mad Max" Maxwell, who have each won titles before.

I'll admit I was very pessimistic with the Sonics at the beginning of the season, but that's all changed now. Perhaps head coach Paul Westphal could land coach of the year honors if he keeps the team playing like it is, as well as taking them deep into the playoffs.

While many teams like the Sonics strengthened their teams before the season began, what did the Jazz do?

Absolutely nothing.

They never do. After Shandon Anderson slipped away, Utah grabbed Pete Chilcutt thinking he'd be able to fill Anderson's void. That plan backfired as Chilcutt was dumped earlier this season.

Perhaps Armen Gilliam will be the answer the Jazz are looking for. It couldn't have been too hard for them to find him, considering he's been out of the game a while.

This is where I think the Jazz went wrong: By signing Karl Malone, John Stockton and Jeff Hornacek to big contracts, Utah didn't have the kind of money it needed to entice quality players to come to Salt Lake City.

I am thoroughly convinced that if players like Malone and Stockton — who most definitely want a title (and probably deserve it) — would take a cut in their contracts to free up some money, Utah could bring in the talent it needed to finally get the monkey off its back and win the title.

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USU gymnasts shine, but not bright enough

Utah out-performs Utah State once again — barely

LYNNETTE HOFFMAN
Sports Writer

The Utah State University gymnastics team came closer to a perfect meet on Monday night in the Spectrum than they have been all season.

But the University of Utah came even closer.

Utah pulled off a 197.075 victory over Utah State's 193.175, with both teams recording season highs.

The Aggies began the meet much the way they did last week against Boise State University, with stellar performances on vault and bars. But when the first three Aggies fell from the beam, it seemed the team had fallen prey to the pressure once again.

This time, however, USU recovered its composure and performed five solid floor routines to end the meet on a high note.

"I really believe that we pulled it together, and we did not self destruct," head coach Ray Corn said.

Difficult technical elements, combined with graceful dance and no falls made Utah seemingly unbeatable.

"Think anyone could have beaten Utah tonight?" Corn asked. "I don't know who."

Without two of their biggest stars, All-American Shannon Bowles and last year's national champion Theresa Kulikowski, some wondered whether the Utes could hang on to their No. 5 ranking. To end the skepticism, they finished the night having to count just one score below 9.8 — Kylee Wagner's 9.750 on vault.

"We have a good team, a strong team, with or without whomever," said Utah junior Theresa Wolf, whose 39.425 tied her with teammate Denise Jones for second place honors in the all-around.

Utah sophomore Deidra Graham was first with a 39.50

all-around score. She won her first all-around just two days earlier against Brigham Young University. USU senior Christy Denson went 4-for-4 and challenged with a 39.250.

Although she is sometimes intimidated when competing against Utah, Denson said the competition pushes her.

"It always brings out the best in me," she said.

USU Sophomore Laura Swank got the meet off to a strong start, scoring a 9.625 on vault. Following her vault, five male spectators pulled their shirts off to reveal S-W-A-N-K painted on their chests.

Freshman Kristen Fargo stuck her front handspring to earn a 9.8, and Stephanie Huff's 9.7 was the Aggies next highest score.

The momentum from vault seemed to carry over, and the Aggies scored a 48.925 on bars. Senior Christy Denson struggled in the event against California State University at Sacramento, but turned in a fluid routine. Her 9.925 was the highest bar score of the evening.

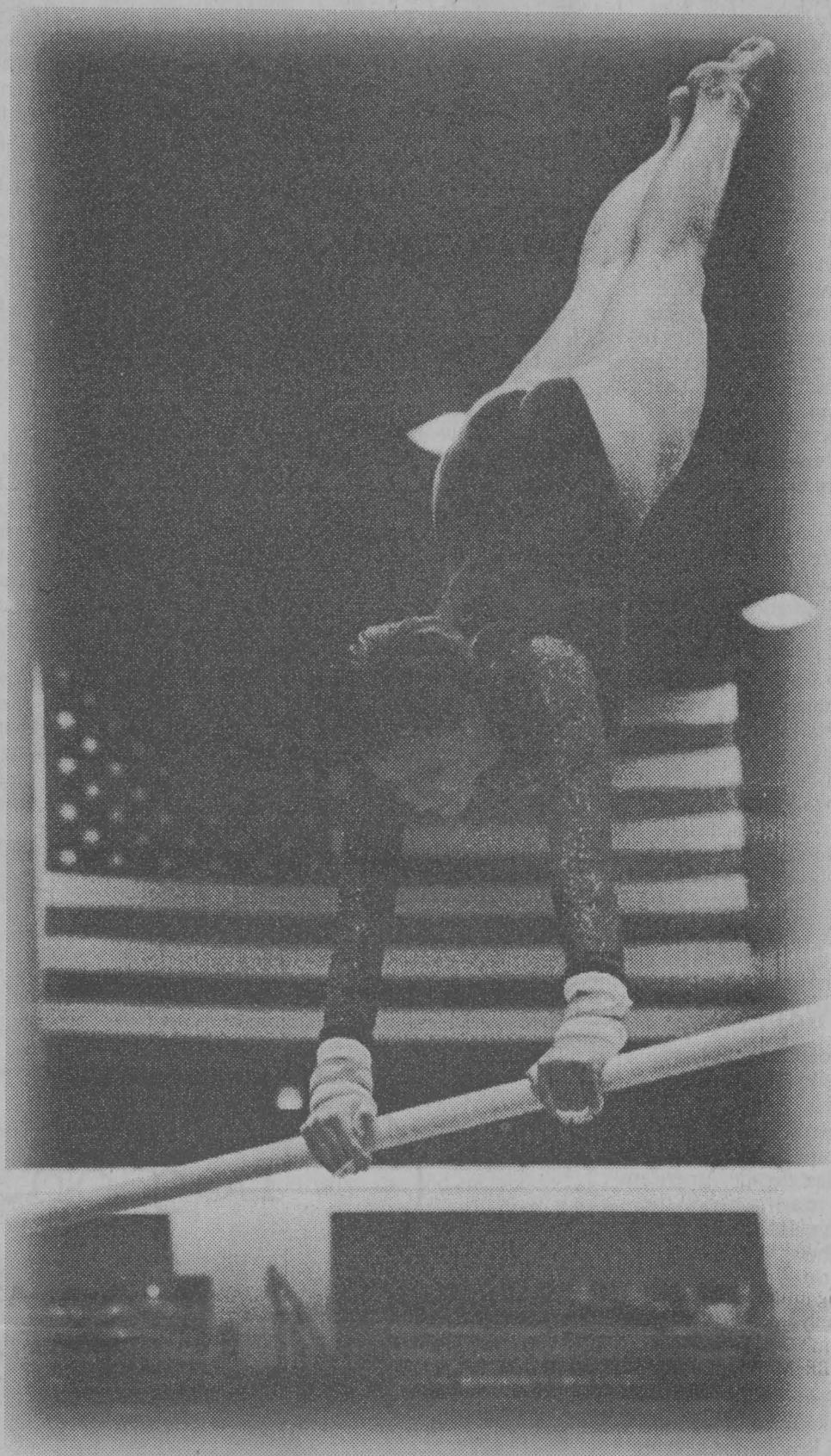
Freshman Tina Ellis scored 9.825.

Freshman Nicole Kilpatrick entered her first collegiate meet after sustaining a torn Achilles tendon in the summer. She ended the team's streak of bad luck on the balance beam, scoring 9.525. But it was Denson who again led USU with a 9.825.

Regardless of the frustration on beam, the Aggies didn't give up. Although three athletes had considered opening their floor routines with double layouts, the coaches and gymnasts opted not to, and the decision proved effective. Junior Kristin O'Dell opened the event with a 9.725.

Utah head coach Greg Marsden was impressed with USU's improvement.

"This is a team that has improved geometrically since we met them a month ago, and I think they'll continue to improve," Marsden said.



USU's Jessica Porter scored a 9.750 on the bars against Utah Monday night in the Spectrum. USU was nearly perfect in its performance in the Spectrum, but Utah performed even better and edged USU.

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Friendly competition helping No. 5 Utah reach its potential early

LYNNETTE HOFFMAN
Sports Writer

University of Utah's Theresa Wolf was a bit disappointed in herself after her season debut in the all-around against BYU on Friday, where she suffered a fall during her bar routine.

The junior from Ontario, Canada had no such complaints this time. Her lowest score, a 9.8 on bars, was sandwiched right between two 9.9s.

But even with a near perfect meet, Wolf's competitive side shone through. When she learned that teammate Deidra Graham had only beaten her all-around score by .25 she exclaimed, "Dude, .25! I had that."

"We have a friendly rivalry that goes on within our team," she said.

"It makes us all better," Graham said.

Her coach, Greg Marsden, has noticed a difference in Wolf. After the BYU meet she asked him to

open the gym on Sunday so the girls could get some extra practice. Marsden said he was shocked.

"She would have been the last one I expected to ask that," he said. "This is so unlike Theresa Wolf for two years."

But whether it's the rivalry or change in attitude and work ethic, it's clear something is working for Wolf. A former member of the Canadian National Team, Wolf mounted the beam to a chorus of howling teammates, and executed a

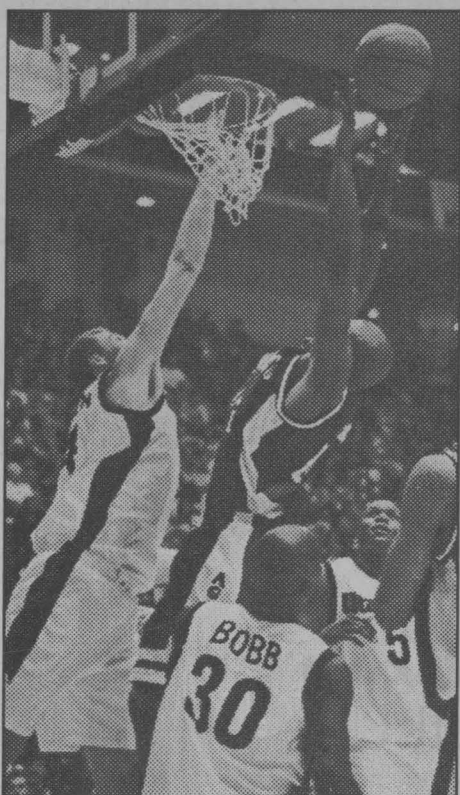
nearly flawless routine that earned her a 9.9. But this time Wolf hit all four routines and scored 39.425 in the all-around.

Not bad considering she struggled through injuries and missed the last eight meets of the season last year.

"She's key to our team," Marsden said. "She is looking more confident than she ever has in her career with us. She's capable of doing as good of gymnastics as anybody we have on the team."

USU BASKETBALL

Aggies hope to continue hot streak against Nevada

WADE DENNISTON
Senior Sports Writer

The Utah State University men's basketball team has had an odd schedule through the first eight games of the Big West Conference, which included four straight on the road and ended on Jan. 30 at the University of Idaho — a game which was nationally televised on ESPN2.

The Aggies fared well in those road contests, winning all four en route to an 8-0 mark in the Eastern Division of the conference.

USU (17-5 overall) holds a three game lead over both New Mexico State University (5-3, 14-6) and the University of North Texas (5-3, 7-12).

Now, as USU begins the second half of league play, it is faced with more odd scheduling, including a home game Thursday against the University of Nevada at 7 p.m., and a road game Saturday at Long Beach State University.

"That's the oddest thing I've ever seen in my life," said Aggie head coach Stew Morrill about the split

road trip following USU's victory over NMSU. "We have four road games, then we have split road trips. Now are you on the road, or are you not on the road? I can't figure it out."

"I guess we'll just deal with it like we tried to deal with the four road games. It would be nice if we could deal with it that well."

USU will have back-to-back split weeks as it travels to Nevada for a rematch with the Wolf Pack on Feb. 17, before returning home on Feb. 19 to face the University of the Pacific.

First things first though, Utah State must prepare for the Wolf Pack — a team playing a lot better than its record might indicate. "Nevada has really improved since preseason," Morrill said. "Yes, they come into the game 3-5, but you give them three more baskets — one in each of the three games — and they're 6-2."

And Morrill said skill isn't something the Wolf Pack is lacking.

"They've got a very talented team," Aggie sophomore forward

Brennan Ray said. "We're going to have our hands full as usual."

One of the players Morrill said USU must key on is freshman guard Terrance Green, who leads the team in scoring at 15.5 points per game, while pulling down an average of 4.7 rebounds each contest, as well as handing out 1.2 assists.

"He's really good," Morrill said. "I can't figure out why the PAC-10 let him get away. If that kid is in your state, you either did a really poor job of evaluation or something because that kid can play in the PAC-10 without question. On film, he looks like a guy that somewhere down the road might make money."

What is so special about Green, who put up a career-high 33 points in Nevada's 72-66 loss to NMSU?

"He shoots it in, he goes by you on the dribble, he's a very good passer," Morrill said. "He's just really hard to figure out how you're going to guard."

"Those guys who can not only

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High and tight, with Wade Denniston

Rock's contributions to USU's 8-0 start earns him athlete-of-the-week

Utah State University guard Bernard Rock was named this week's athlete-of-the-week by a panel of local media.

Rock, a junior from New York City, N.Y., led Utah State to victories this weekend over the University of North Texas and New Mexico State University. He scored a combined 23 points and dished out 18 assists. His 13 assists against North Texas was the fifth highest single-game total in USU history.

Rock took a minute on Tuesday afternoon to talk with senior sports writer Wade Denniston about the season, tattoos, piercings and entertainers in this week's edition of High and Tight.

Wade Denniston: I noticed in the media guide that you were born in New York, N.Y. When did you move to Arizona?

Bernard Rock: When I was 13, I went to a boarding school out there. My cousin was out there, and he felt homesick. He wanted me to come out there and move with him. So, I got a scholarship to go out there when I was 13-years-old.

WD: It's no wonder that you are as quick as you are considering you won the state championship in high school in both the 100 meters and long jump. What side of the family does your speed come from?

BR: My mom's side because my brother (and) sister used to run track, so I just followed them. My brother was real fast. My sister kind of gave it up. My brother ran track ever since he was little, and he stopped once he got a little older. I just continued to follow.

WD: So, you got one brother and one sister?

BR: Yeah.

WD: Where do you fall in, the youngest or oldest?

BR: I'm the baby.

WD: I'm the only child, but I hear the last born is more spoiled, I guess.

BR: Yeah, I was the spoiled one. Wherever my mom went, I was with my mom all the time. My brother moved with my grandmother's sister, and my sister moved with my grandmother. I always stayed with my mom everywhere we went.

WD: Do you still hold the state record for the 100 meters and...?

BR: Mmm hmm. And the long jump.

WD: Great, what year did you do that?

BR: My senior year, so that was 1996-97.

WD: When was the last time you cried?

BR: The last time I cried?

WD: Yeah.

BR: I guess when I left my son in July.

WD: Is he still in Arizona?

BR: No, he's in New Mexico.

WD: How old is he?

BR: Fourteen months. He'll be 15 the 10th of this month.

WD: What's his name?

BR: Cameron.

WD: What is your favorite type of food?

BR: Fried chicken.

WD: Did your mom cook that a lot?

BR: Yeah, and my grandma.

WD: Ever since I first came here, that's all me and my room-

BR: mates did was cook some

WD: chicken all the time.

WD: So, do you go down to KFC a lot?

BR: Yeah, and now that Golden Corral is open, I'm going to go to the buffet a lot and eat their chicken.

WD: I love their buffet, it's the best. How many tattoos do you have?

BR: Eight.

WD: All right, I have three of them, so I know what it's like. What's your favorite one?

BR: Well, now that I've got my son's name ... my son's. But, I have this one on my left fore-

WD: arm that says, "Steal the rock, pass the rock, shoot the rock, be the rock." That's just a logo that, when I played basketball at New Mexico Military, the newspaper writer came up with that slogan.

WD: When was the last tattoo you got?

BR: It was before the BYU game.

WD: What did you get?

BR: My son's name.

WD: Are you going to get anymore?

BR: Yeah.

WD: Do you have an idea for your next one?

BR: When I have a lot of money, I want to have a fist coming out of my skin holding a basketball saying, "This is my rock."

WD: Where would you put that?

BR: On my back.

WD: Besides tattoos, do you have any crazy piercings?

BR: I have my tongue pierced and my belly button pierced.

WD: How long have you had those?

BR: My tongue (since) about my first year in junior college and my belly button probably two or three years now.

WD: I know in high school they make you take them out to play. Do you take them out here?

BR: No, I keep them in.

WD: Do the refs ever say anything?

BR: They don't ever really see them unless I stick my tongue out. I'm not (Michael) Jordan, so ...

WD: A lot of athletes like Shaq want to be entertainers, is there an entertainer about whom you say, "That's me?"

BR: Nah. Not exactly, I know a few entertainers, but I don't think they're me.

WD: Who do you know?

BR: I know Mase, I know Cam/Ron and I know a couple of other ones that's going to be coming out pretty soon.

WD: How do you know them?

BR: Grew up playing basketball.

WD: Mase quit doing music.

BR: He's supposedly going to come back soon, but who knows.

WD: Didn't he quit to follow God?

BR: Yeah.

WD: Were they good basketball players.

BR: Yeah, they actually were.

WD: Did they play college, or anything?

BR: No.

WD: Not that good?

BR: Well they could've, but they stopped to do other things.

WD: Music?

BR: Yeah.

WD: Right on.

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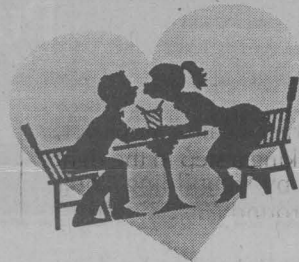
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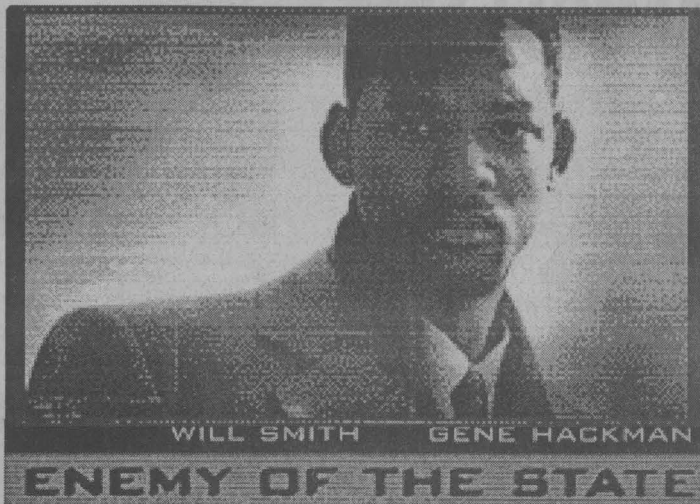
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Women's tennis falls again

AARON MORTON
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite a shake-up in the three doubles team match-ups, the Utah State University women's tennis team fell 9-0 to Weber State University at the Sports Academy Tuesday afternoon.

In an attempt to spark the Aggies' doubles teams, head coach Chris Wright fielded three new combinations.

After dropping the first four singles matches, the No. 1 USU doubles team, Sarah Lowe and Tracy Bertagna, fell behind 4-0 to the Wildcats No. 1 Lenka Zacharova and Therina Steenkamp. Lowe and Bertagna eventually struggled to an 8-3 loss, but not before they put up a fight and broke the Wildcats twice and held off one match point.

"We gave it our best shot. It was fun," Lowe said. It was "easier to stay more pumped."

Earlier in the afternoon, both Lowe and Bertagna lost their singles matches respectively 6-3, 6-2 to Zacharova and 6-2, 6-2 to Steenkamp.

Lowe (1-7 in the spring so far) got off to a bad start by hitting several unforced errors, getting down 3-0. But she quickly recovered to tie the first set at 3-3 only to lose nine of the last 10 games in straight sets.

The Aggies best chance to win a match on the afternoon was Amy Thatcher's 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 loss to WSU's Veronica Reynosa. Thatcher (0-8) looked strong early, winning the first set. She led halfway through the final set, 3-1, but Reynosa used a strong serve to cut the lead to one and shift the momentum.

Serving down 4-3, Thatcher got to deuce only to be broken on a volley error. Reynosa then breezed through the final game, winning 40-15.

"We controlled the tempo," Wright said. "(We) just missed shots."

In other singles action, Wildcat Dana Delancey defeated Jackie Ellis 6-4, 6-2; WSU's Summer Marshall defeated Amelia Martinez 6-3, 6-4 and USU's Johanna Johnson fell to Tara Rosenweig 6-3, 6-2.

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shoot it, but then they can have such quickness and go by you ... they present all kinds of problems."

Though much of Nevada's offense tends to run through Green, Morrill said he is not the same type of player as North Texas' freshman guard Chris Davis. Davis put up a variety of different looking shots, but made just 6-of-24 from the field during the Aggies' 83-70 win over the Mean Green on Feb. 3. Morrill expects Green will have better shot selection than Davis did against USU.

"Chris Davis takes any shot known to man," Morrill said. "And he was making them against Nevada. Green's a little more selective, but they run a ton of different stuff for him."

This will be the 27th meeting between Nevada and USU, with the Aggies leading the all-time series 19-7.

Last year, the Aggies and Wolf Pack split the season series, with each team winning on their home court. USU has beaten Nevada the last six times in Logan, and is 11-1 against the Wolf Pack at the Spectrum.

The last time Nevada won in Logan was on March 6, 1993, with a score of 97-87. Morrill said he knows if the Aggies are to continue their success throughout the second half of conference play, one of the things they will have to do is continue to play solid defense.

"When you're decent defensively it will keep you in basketball games," Morrill said.

As of Sunday, USU was second in the conference in opponents' field goal percentage at 40.9, second in scoring defense at 61.9 and third in blocked shots at 73 (3.32 per game), through 22 games.

Coming into the game, Nevada is eighth in the league in scoring averaging 66.2 points per game, while USU is fifth at 71.2.

However, the Wolf Pack are dead last (12th) in field goal percentage with 38.1. The Aggies average 46.5 percent from the field, good enough for third in the Big West.

Chiefs' Thomas dead at 33

MIAMI (AP) — Pro football star Derrick Thomas, paralyzed from the chest down less than a month ago in a car wreck on an icy road, died Tuesday. He was 33.

The Kansas City Chiefs linebacker, who held the NFL record of seven sacks in a single game, went into cardio-respiratory arrest, his doctors said in a statement at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

A shaken Chiefs coach Gunther Cunningham recalled telephoning Thomas at the Miami hospital from the Pro Bowl on Sunday in Hawaii, after seeing players and fans honoring Thomas by wearing his number. Thomas had played in nine Pro Bowls but was not selected for this year's game.

"Derrick said, 'Coach, be strong.' He never told me how strong I needed to be," Cunningham said.

The Missouri Legislature paused for a moment of silence after Thomas' death was announced by state Sen. Bill Kenney, a former Chiefs quarterback. "Derrick Thomas was a true hero," he said.

Thomas was at the wheel of a car during a snowstorm on Jan. 23 as he and two friends headed to the Kansas City airport to fly to St. Louis to watch the NFC Championship game. He lost control of the car and it overturned at least three times, police said.

Police said Thomas was speeding and weaving in traffic, but prosecutor Don Norris said there wasn't enough evidence to file charges.

Thomas and passenger Michael Tellis, 49, were not wearing seat belts and were thrown from the vehicle. Tellis was killed and Thomas' spine and neck were broken. The third person in the car, who was wearing his seat belt, suffered only minor injuries.

Thomas was brought to the hospital in Miami, his hometown, where doctors stabilized his spinal column with screws, rods and hooks and grafted bone from his hip.

Police search Lewis' home

ATLANTA (AP) — Police searched Ray Lewis' home in suburban Baltimore on Monday, but would not disclose what they were looking for or what they found in connection with the murder charges facing the NFL star.

Officers could be seen carrying large plastic containers from the home and loading a computer into a van.

Atlanta police spokesman John Quigley confirmed a search warrant was executed, but he would not elaborate on the search by Atlanta and Baltimore County police.

While police sought clues in Lewis' home, his lawyer said all the passengers in the limousine that fled the scene of the two fatal stabbings

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This seems to be the case with stars in other sports too.

For example, the San Francisco 49ers paid quarterback Steve Young and running back Garrison Hearst millions of dollars to sit on the bench this season and watch due to injuries. Now the 49ers are having trouble deciding what to do with the Young-Jerry Rice issue. They are too far over the cap to bring both of them back, but if one of them decided to take a considerable pay cut, both could come back to the Bay and make one more run at the Super Bowl.

Why more players don't do this, I'll never know. The only conclusion I can come to is that the love of money replaces the love (and passion) of the game.

How sad that is.

Wade Denniston is the senior sports writer for the Statesman. If you think he's wrong about the Jazz, let him know. E-mail him at waded@pcu.net

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Bank robbery suspect holds off police in Boeing factory

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — A bank robbery suspect fleeing police hid out inside an enormous Boeing Co. jet factory for 10 hours Tuesday before officers who searched the maze of catwalks and tunnels found him in a crawl space, disguised as an employee in hard hat and coveralls.

The man crashed his car on a freeway near the factory around 2 a.m. and ran inside the plant, which is considered the world's largest building in terms of volume. Boeing 747, 767 and 777 jets are assembled there.

Boeing evacuated much of the factory and told some workers to stay home, shut-

ting down nearly all production.

Police found the man in blue coveralls and a white hard hat.

"He came off an elevator, made eye contact with an officer, then the suspect went back up in the elevator" and hid in a second-floor attic crawl space, police Sgt. Boyd Bryant said. A police dog found him.

The suspect was arrested on charges of robbing a Wells Fargo Bank of an unspecified amount of cash.

His name was not released.

The factory 25 miles north of Seattle covers 98 acres. It contains overhead cranes

and nine work stations where aircraft are assembled. It is so big that workers use bicycles to get around.

"There are a billion places to hide in there," said Gary Arnold, an assembly inspector for 747s. "Whatever you can think of is there — an underground tunnel system, a catwalk system, all of the utility access, inside airplanes, airplane parts."

Boeing said 2,000 to 3,000 workers are typically in the plant during the graveyard shift and about 10,000 on weekday shifts. Total employment at the complex is about 20,000.

The plant resumed production after the arrest.

1919 race riot in Arkansas revisited

ELAINE, Ark. (AP) — Decades later, there are two versions of the Elaine race riot of 1919 that left as many as 200 blacks dead: the "white version" and the "black version."

Partly out of fear, the stark differences rarely have been aired in public in this Mississippi Delta community.

That is likely to change this week with a two-day conference marking the latest attempt around the country to re-examine some of the nation's bloodiest racial clashes.

Organizers in Elaine say they want to revisit that day — Sept. 30, 1919 — when a white sheriff's deputy was killed and white mobs from Arkansas and Mississippi apparently took revenge on blacks.

Similar attempts to come to terms with some of 20th century America's largely forgotten racial episodes have led to efforts to pay reparations to the victims.

No one at this point is leading an effort for reparations in Elaine.

Even so, there is good reason to revisit a town's troubled history, said Willard Gatewood, a former University of Arkansas history professor.

"We think one of the ways to solve contemporary problems is try to ascertain what the roots of these problems are," he said. "Certainly you don't solve the problem by pretending all of this didn't happen."

As it stands, there are two conflicting accounts of the Elaine race riot, said Little Rock lawyer Grif Stockley, a white man who is writing a book about the bloodshed.

According to the "white version," a black man, Robert L. Hill, planned an insurrection against whites, organized a union among black sharecrop-

Klan not upset by renaming highway for Rosa Parks

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — An attempt by a state lawmaker to rename a stretch of Ku Klux Klan-sponsored highway for civil rights icon Rosa Parks doesn't bother the Klan, the group's national director said Tuesday.

"If they think that's going to cause us to lose sleep, moan or groan, they're mistaken. It's another attempt to kick our white, Christian heritage in the face," Thomas Robb said from Harrison, Ark.

A bill sponsored by Sen. Bill Clay Jr., who is black, would rename the Klan's adopted stretch of Interstate 55 south of downtown St. Louis the Rosa Parks Highway. He told the Senate Transportation Committee on Tuesday that the Klan's participation in the highway program is an embarrassment.

Renaming the highway is "a wonderful way to respond to what had been a very negative situation," he said. "It would be good for the Klan to act as a cleanup crew for the Rosa Parks Highway."

Parks' refusal to yield her seat on a Montgomery, Ala., bus in 1955 was a turning point in the civil rights movement.

The committee did not vote on the bill because not enough members attended the hearing.

The Klan, which was not represented at the hearing, won the right to participate in the highway program last fall after years of fighting the Department of Transportation in court. A federal appeals judge, citing the First Amendment, ruled in November that the state can't bar the Klan from participating.

Last month, the state issued the Klan an ultimatum to start picking up trash or face being dropped from the program. Last week, a Klan representative picked up bags, reflective vests and a 10-minute safety video required for program participation.

pers and incited them to grab land and kill whites. In an unprovoked attack, the account goes, a white deputy was shot by blacks meeting at a church near Elaine, and chaos ensued.

More than 500 federal troops were sent in, accompanied by the governor, to restore order.

When it was over, five whites and an undetermined number of blacks were dead and hundreds of blacks were arrested.

The version told by blacks portrays whites as the aggress-

sors. The blacks were trying to get their fair share of the money from cotton sales and formed the union to get an accurate account of how much they were owed by landowners.

Even the number of dead remains up for debate: anywhere from 20 to 200 blacks died in the clash.

"Nobody knows who fired the first shot," said Stockley, who grew up in the Delta. But, he said, there is plenty of evidence to say whites attacked blacks indiscriminately. "I use the term 'race massacre.'"

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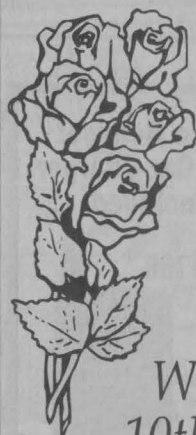
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Autobahn crashes suggest Audi roadster too much to handle

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — The sleek, ground-hugging Audi TT won acclaim for its futurist design and responsive handling when the German roadster came to market in 1998 — selling nearly 55,000 worldwide and 6,000 in the United States since.

But what was once a driver's dream machine has been tarnished by a series of deadly crashes in which speed-loving Germans pushed the high performance car to the limit, lost control and rocketed off the autobahn.

Panic over the car's safety peaked when the former East German road rally champion Peter Hommel totaled his TT and died last month.

Now Audi is responding to a wave of consumer concern with a voluntary recall to retrofit the cars with the latest braking technology called ESP, or Electronic Stability Program.

"I wish to apologize formally to our TT customers for the uncertainty which has emerged in the last few months," he said. "Our initiative is intended to put an end to the uncertainty."


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Navy to search for broken plane part from Alaskan Airlines crash

PORT HUENEME, Calif. (AP) — The Navy will try to find a piece that may have broken off the Alaska Airlines plane as Flight 261 began its fatal plunge into the Pacific Ocean, the National Transportation Safety Board chief said Tuesday.

A loud noise heard on the cockpit voice recorder corresponds to radar signals picked up when the MD-83 begins its final dive into the sea with 88 people aboard, NTSB Chairman Jim Hall said at a news conference in Washington, D.C.

Radar showed what could have been parts of the aircraft carried by the wind up to 2 minutes after the plane struck the water. The Navy will search an area four miles from the main wreckage, where investigators believe any pieces might have landed, Hall said.

"These primary radar hits might be indicative — and I emphasize might be indicative — of something coming off Flight 261 near this point," Hall said.

In other developments Tuesday:

— Officials revealed that the MD-83 had two "maintenance write-ups" late last year for problems with its horizontal stabilizer, the wing-like piece of equipment on the jetliner's tail that is the focus of the crash investigation. In October, the system was checked and the plane returned to service. A

month later, mechanics replaced a switch. It was unknown what prompted the concerns, and Hall did not elaborate.

— The Navy on Monday night recovered two parts of the horizontal stabilizer, including an eight-foot section.

— The NTSB described the final minutes of the flight, when the plane abruptly dropped 7,000 feet and leveled off before free-falling nearly 18,000 feet in one minute.

Analyzing the flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder, investigators determined Flight 261 was cruising on autopilot at 31,000 feet 12 minutes before the Jan. 31 crash.

The horizontal stabilizer, which controls the plane's up and down motion, moved to an apparent full "nose-down" position as the pilots simultaneously disengaged the autopilot, Hall said.

The plane dropped nearly 7,000 feet in one minute, more than three times the typical rate of descent, as the crew struggled to level it. They finally brought it under control at 24,300 feet and over the next nine minutes descended in what Hall described as a "controlled flight" to 18,000 feet.

"Things then began to happen very quickly," Hall

said.

The plane nose-dived at a roughly 60-degree angle within three seconds, eventually reaching an acceleration of negative 3 Gs — meaning objects in the plane were pulled upward at three times the force of gravity. A person who feels a sense of weightlessness on a roller coaster is

experiencing only a small fraction of the force that would have been felt on the plane.

An MD-80 series jet is designed to be maneuverable up to a force of negative 1 G, said John

'In a way, I'm almost surprised the wings stayed on.'

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Thom, a spokesman for Boeing, which bought the plane's builder, McDonnell Douglas, in 1997.

"You're above the structural limitations of the airplane," said William Waldo, associate director for the Center for Aerospace Safety Education at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz.

"In a way, I'm almost surprised the wings stayed on." As the plane nose-dived, it pitched to the left and inverted, corkscrewing from 17,900 feet to the ocean in just over a minute.

All victims appeared to have died instantly, said Ventura County Medical Examiner Ron O'Halloran.

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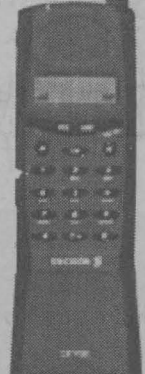
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Clinton asks for \$2 billion for child care

WASHINGTON (AP) — Affordable, quality child care remains a critical problem for millions of families, a new study concluded Tuesday. The results came a day after President Clinton submitted a proposal for \$2 billion in child care aid.

Lawmakers cited the report by the National Council of Jewish Women in urging expansion of child-care efforts.

"We need to do better by our children and families," said Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La.

The report by the 90,000-member organization looked at obstacles families face in finding child care. The study, which compiled recent child-care research, urges both the

public and private sectors to work toward better access and affordable, quality care.

The survey came a day after the release of President Clinton's fiscal 2001 budget, which seeks \$2 billion for child-care and development block grants to states, an increase of \$817 million. The grants are the primary source of child-care subsidies for poor families.

Clinton also wants new tax credits for businesses building or expanding child-care programs for workers, an investment of \$42 million next year and \$1.4 billion for the decade.

The report found that in 15 states, the average cost of day care for 4-year-olds can be nearly twice the annual

cost of college tuition.

"For most working parents, searching for child care is like running an Olympic track race — every hurdle they leap is followed by another," said Jan Schneiderman, president of the organization.

The struggle is just as evident for child-care workers, according to the report.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics says the average annual salaries of janitors and bartenders are higher than those of child-care workers.

Almost one-third of child-care workers leave their jobs each year because of money, said Rep. Connie Morella, R-Md. "They get paid less than they would at a fast-food place slinging hamburgers."

ISRAEL

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Fifteen civilians were wounded in Baalbek and were treated at hospitals for as imposed.

The airstrikes were the harshest since a similar strafing by the outgoing hard-line government, just before Barak took office in July.

The escalation in attacks on Israeli troops staffing a buffer zone in Lebanon's south coincided with the collapse in Syrian-Israeli peace in mid-January.

Syria wants a prior com-

mitment from Israel that it will withdraw from the disputed Golan Heights before talks ensue, Israel refuses, and says the resumption of violence is a crude effort to get Israel to cave in.

Barak was getting closer to playing his own card against Syria — a unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon that would leave Syria without its single most effective method of pressuring Israel, and would raise uncomfortable questions about the presence of 30,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon.

"If we will not reach an agreement (with Syria) in the next two months, I believe — I know — that the Israel government will meet and decide if we will withdraw unilaterally," Cabinet minister Haim Ramon, a Barak confidant, told The Associated Press.

While such talk could influence a Syria that is eager to end its international isolation, it will have little influence on the Hezbollah, a militant group that negates the very existence of the Jewish state.

Should a withdrawal occur — with or without peace talks — Hezbollah, seeking to expand its political influence, would claim credit as the force that drove the occupiers

south.

With such win-win prospects, the guerrillas showed no sign of holding back.

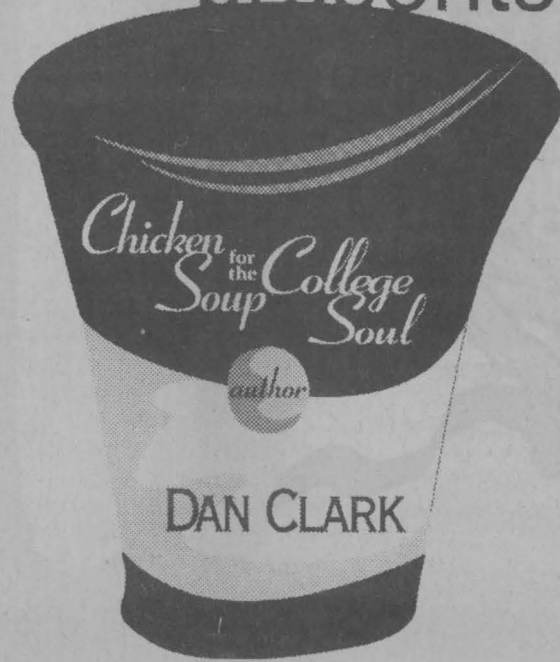
On Tuesday, their rockets hit an Israeli military outpost at Dabsh, two miles north of the Israeli border, killing one soldier. A pro-Israeli militiaman was later wounded in a separate guerrilla attack on the outpost of Bir Kallab in southern Lebanon. He died later.

The prospect of the rockets reaching Israel prompted Barak's announcement, through broadcast media, of a 48-hour state of emergency. Residents who stayed north were required to spend the night in shelters.

Many headed south rather than face another night in the bowels of their apartment buildings. Rachel Ben-Sultan, surrounded by four bulging suitcases at the Kiryat Shmona bus station, said she was fed up with repeated emergencies after 43 years in the city.

"If these attacks go on intensively, we will leave, we will go to a place that has peace and quiet," she said before boarding a bus to stay with her daughter in a town several miles southwest. "We cannot go on like this."

arts and lectures presents:



I was cleaning out the pockets of my six-year-old's winter coat, when I found a pair of mittens in each pocket. Thinking that one pair must not be enough to keep her hands warm, I asked her why she was carrying two pairs of mittens in her coat. She replied, "I've been doing that for a long time, mom. You see, some kids come to school without mittens and if I carry another pair, I can share with them and then their hands won't get cold."

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NOAM CHOMSKY, AUTHOR, 1992:
"If we don't believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don't believe in it at all."

Quotes 'n NOTES

Valentine's Day Gifts

The top three winners of a contest for the worst Valentine's Day gift are:

1. Roses, with a card for another woman.
2. A Nordic Trac.
3. A book on making love.

Runners-up include a vacuum, a blender, cleaning supplies, a Black & Decker screwdriver, a power steering hose, a toaster and a broom.

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In our OPINION

Valentine's poster offers twisted view of holiday

The posters advertising the Valentine's Day dance on Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. depict a woman and a man at opposite ends of a rope. He appears to be pulling her to the dance in a tug o' war.

Associated Students of Utah State University and the Student Activity Board have plastered campus with these posters in what appears to be a "cute" way of letting students know about the semi-formal dance to which tickets are sold at a price of \$5 per couple.

Not only does this exclude singles (if a group of friends goes, do two women or two men count as a couple?), but the picture presents exactly the wrong image of Valentine's Day. No wonder the celebration is marred with names such as "Singles

Awareness Day." There must be something better.

The tradition of Valentine's Day is that of peace, love and harmony, not arguing, fighting or tug o' wars over dances. This should be a time for forgiving and forgetting, not dragging loved ones about to dances. People across the country will be giving out flowers, cards, candy and chocolate. Enemies become friends, for at least one day, in elementary schools.

ASUSU and STAB should be able to find a better way of promoting a day of love than the one depicted on these offending posters.

At least he doesn't have her by the hair, dragging her kicking and screaming, while weilding a club over her in the other hand.

Rivera supports McCain running in anti-Clinton campaign

KADE'S KORNER / Kade Minchey



Rivera said, "(McCain is a) truth tower ... (he) is resonating with me."

What? Was I hearing right? Is this the same Geraldo Rivera who is the well-known liberal? The same Geraldo who acts like Clinton is God's gift to the moral society of socialists?

Oh, but it gets worse. Believe it or not, Rivera was praising McCain over his anti-Clinton political election agenda, which is basically to say Clinton is a bad, dirty liberal who likes Big Mac's more than the American public.

As everyone well knows, McCain took 48 percent of the New Hampshire vote compared to George W. Bush only taking 30 percent. So I wonder if this margin of victory has prompted Geraldo — along with many like-minded democrats — to change their political views and join McCain's premature coronation events.

For Geraldo to support an anti-Clinton movement, there must be some compelling evidence somewhere.

Could it be, as Howard Opinsky, McCain's premature spokesman, said, "Senator McCain has led the fight to reconnect people with their government by taking special interests out of government and putting voters in."

Perhaps Geraldo and the other democrats feel more a part of the government now and they directly thank McCain for this wonderful present.

No. Geraldo is not taken in by McCain and he definitely

isn't leaving the Clinton "I don't care what you did" political trend. Rather Geraldo is supporting McCain for all the reasons the other main stream media journalists are supporting him. Because they think McCain will polarize the Republican Party and thereby allow a democrat into office.

See, McCain has, in the past, crossed party lines. Tobacco is just one instance of this.

This makes him more appealing to moderates across the board. But when it comes time for the general election, I am afraid most of these moderates will do as they usually do and vote democrat. In essence, McCain is acting the role of Perot.

Now I am not saying you shouldn't vote for McCain — that is your decision. However, it is important your decision be educated. That is where I come in.

I know many of you out there have been so sick of Clinton/Gore and the liberalization of the United States you are willing to vote for any one that looks to be popular. My warning is not to vote for the popular candidate, i.e. those Geraldo and the likes are seemingly supporting. Rather vote for the best candidate that can win.

Yes I mean the democrats. I agree with any of you who are sick of Clinton/Gore, another four years of that and we might as well move to liberal Canada — I know I spent two years there. It's a great place, but very socialistic. So be careful and vote for the Republican candidate that can win. If it turns out to be McCain, I will be the first to cast my ballot for him. But lets make sure it is.

Kade Minchey's political column runs every Wednesday in The Utah Statesman.

Why the ROTC is right for me

I'm writing this article after reading the article in Monday's story entitled "My nickel's worth: ROTC great, but not for All."

Transferring to Embry Riddle Aeronautical School was a big step for me. It was miles from home and rumor had it the Air Force ROTC was heavily involved in the school. I decided before I left home I was not going to have anything to do with the military.

Mid-semester I had a chance to move into another apartment and lower my rent. My perspective on the U.S. military began to change as I observed two ROTC roommates. They were hard working, intelligent individuals. They showed their love for their family and country. One day they asked if I wanted to go to early morning P.T. (physical training). It sounded like a challenge so I agreed.

Running with the ROTC that morning, I found out something about the military and myself. I was deeply impressed that this was not just an exclusive club of militants, but a group of individuals preparing to put their lives on the line for MY freedom and safety.

That morning I had to take a second look at myself, and found a desire to serve my country and my fellow man. The ROTC is right for me because I want to ensure the happiness and security my wife and child now enjoy will be there tomorrow.

I often think about that cold, fall morning when I found out what the military was really like. I'm glad my roommates were able to overcome my prejudices and allow me to view the military with an open mind.

I'm not in ROTC because it's convenient. I'm not there for camaraderie or money. I'm there because I genuinely care about where this country is headed. My time here at USU is spent preparing my mind and body to serve others, and ROTC helps me to keep that focus. I love what the U.S. stands for, and I will love every minute that I spend living or dying in its service.

ROTC is not for everybody, but it is for me.

Ionio Q. Andrus

Sutherland Institute really a well-funded 'think-tank'

Your "Campus Research" article on light rail mistakenly described the Sutherland Institute (SI) as an "independent, non-profit, nonpartisan research organization." In reality, SI is anything but. A quick perusal of its Web site (www.sutherlandinstitute.org) reveals that SI is simply one of many well-funded conservative "think tanks" that promotes market-based solutions to all the world's problems. While markets can certainly have many

To the EDITOR

benefits, they are intrinsically exploitative and have an abysmal record when it comes to managing public goods and protecting the public interest. They cater to the affluent and ignore the needs of the less-advantaged and politically disempowered.

This simple dynamic explains the large number of well-funded "free-market" foundations, and their cadre of "rent-a-scholars" (like Randy Simmons) who busily piece together anecdotal information to support a prior conclusions under the guise of research.

Apparently, these elitist think-tanks and their scholarly representatives are intent upon maintaining their "rights" to drive their planet-killing SUV's (on publicly funded highways!) across a sprawling suburban landscape. God forbid they pay a few extra tax dollars so children, the elderly, the poor, the handicapped, or people who simply have enough sense not to drive "everywhere" can use light rail for transportation.

And for those confused over the distinction between democracy and free markets, here's a quick political science lesson: Democracy is based on the principle of one person, one vote. In the case of markets, it's one dollar, one vote. Freedom-loving societies that fail to recognize the difference risk gaining the latter and losing the former.

Matt Stevenson
Research Associate/GIS Specialist
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Respect should be shown for country

This letter is in response to Lynnette Hoffman's "nickel's worth." I didn't find it worth nearly that much.

I actually agreed with much of your commentary about how ridiculous military etiquette is, but I realize the reason for this etiquette is to establish discipline, obedience and unity.

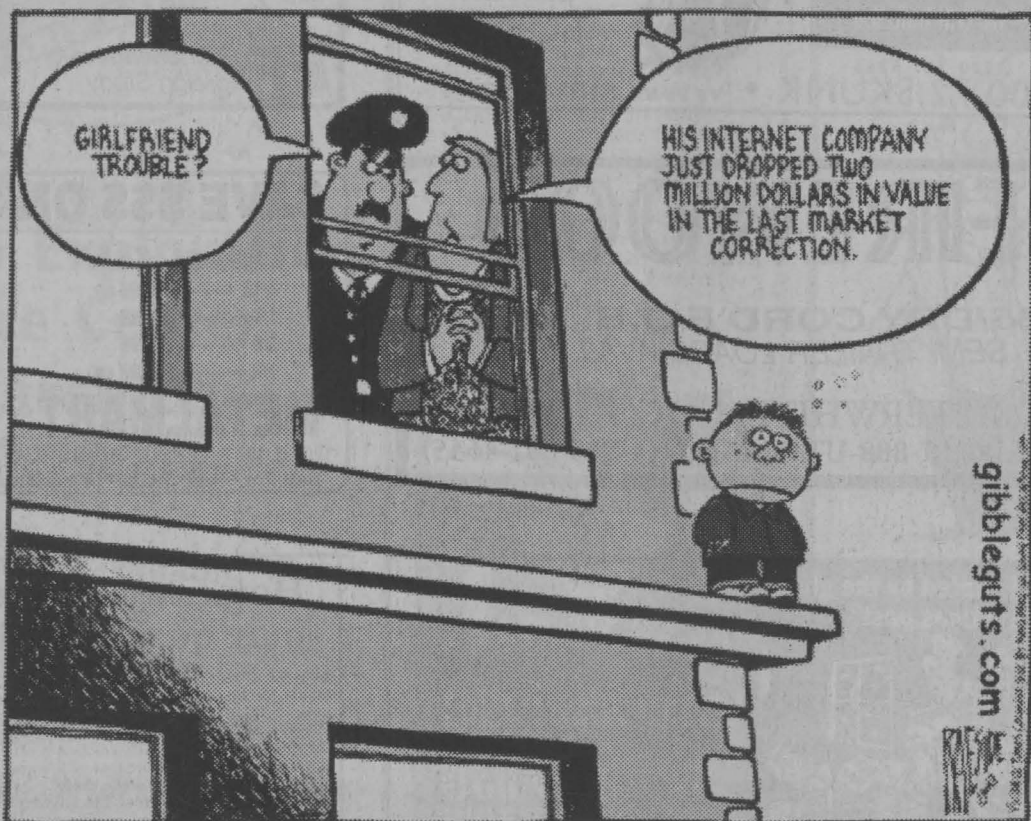
What really made me mad was your disrespect for our country, specifically to our flag. The Stars and Stripes represents what this country stands for, not what the president did in the Oval Office with Monica Lewinsky.

This country stands for freedom of religion, press and from oppression. That is why, I believe, cadets give respect to our flag.

As for the actions of this country to other countries, I think those citizens being "bombed" by us would gladly pay for the freedoms you take for granted — freedoms such as free speech and a university education.

Lynnette, if you don't like this country, or don't feel pride in this country, then leave. Perhaps you can find pride in war torn countries such as Serbia or countries in Eastern Africa.

Andy Dilley



Russia's communist leader first to register for presidential race

MOSCOW (AP) — Communist Party chief Gennady Zyuganov on Tuesday became the first candidate approved for Russia's March 26 presidential election, though polls show him still far behind acting President Vladimir Putin.

A poll released Tuesday showed 58 percent of respondents would choose Putin if the vote were held now, to 15 percent for Zyuganov, Putin's leading opponent. The nationwide poll conducted Jan. 31 by the All-Russia Opinion Research Center had a margin of error of 4 percentage points.

The Central Electoral Commission approved Zyuganov's candidacy in a unanimous vote Tuesday after reviewing the required 500,000 signatures of support he had submitted, commission spokesman Artyom Golev said. It also approved his property and

income declarations.

According to the documents filed for his candidacy, Zyuganov has two apartments and earned \$17,000 in 1998-99. He also reported having two bank accounts, one with \$570 and the other with \$80. As a member of parliament he receives a free apartment, car and other perks.

The income is low by Western standards but is similar to the reported incomes of other Russian politicians — and significantly more than that earned by most ordinary Russians.

Zyuganov, who came in second to incumbent Boris Yeltsin in the 1996 presidential election, predicted Tuesday that the campaign would be unfair.

He said some candidates had easy access to the media while others were denied it — an indirect reference to state-controlled television

channels, which tend to give Putin blanket, favorable attention.

The Communist chief also

warned that the election results could be falsified. He repeated his claim that the results of the December parliamentary elections had been fixed in six regions of the country.

"The current authorities are not capable of running elections honestly," Zyuganov told reporters.

The commission is to consider Putin's registration on Saturday.

Putin, a longtime KGB agent with little governing experience, has been vague about his electoral plat-

form but is widely liked for his law-and-order image.

In a television interview Tuesday, he said, "One has to be tough and demanding. ... People are tired of weak government."

He also dismissed fears voiced often in the West that he would lead Russia toward dictatorship.

"I am deeply convinced that there will be no development ... if we suppress civil rights and freedom of press."

•VLADIMIR PUTIN•
ACTING PRESIDENT OF
RUSSIA

Twenty-nine people have announced their intention to run in

the election. Prominent candidates include Grigory Yavlinsky, the leader of the liberal Yabloko party, and ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky.

But the levels of support for candidates other than Putin and Zyuganov were all in the single digits, according to the Opinion Research Center poll.

Another poll, studying reasons for Putin's broad popularity, showed that the majority of respondents like the 47-year-old Putin for his relatively young age and good health — in contrast to the ailing, 69-year-old Yeltsin, who stepped down Dec. 31. That poll was released by the ROMIR polling agency on Monday.

Putin has been vague about his electoral platform. When asked again about it Tuesday, he promised to reveal details at a later time.

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The Holy Year pilgrims were thrilled to learn that their week's stay in Rome, already rich in pious moments in the capital of Roman Catholicism, still held one more opportunity for grace.

Rome's Leonardo da Vinci is the only airport in the world with a chapel where Catholics can obtain plenary indulgences — complete remission from punishment

for sins — during the Vatican's Holy Year.

"It's just so overwhelming," said Mrs. Ribando, tears of joy glistening on her cheeks at the thought of offering an indulgence for a loved one "who didn't die as they should have."

The airport chapel updates a 700-year-old tradition of obtaining indulgences during the Holy Years designated by pontiffs, generally every 25 years.

In the first month since Pope John Paul II pushed open the door of St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve to usher in this Holy Year, at

least 2.5 million faithful have passed through the portal, said a Vatican Jubilee official, Angelo Scelzo.

He estimated as many as 30 million pilgrims will come to Rome before the Holy Year ends on Jan. 6, 2001, with the door's closure.

Holy Year indulgences are a tradition going back to Pope Boniface VIII, who marked 1300 by offering "abundant remission and pardon of sins" to those who made pilgrimages to St. Peter's Basilica that year.

Today, most pilgrims follow in the footsteps of those earliest pilgrims, as the Ribandos

did, visiting St. Peter's and three other major basilicas in Rome that are among dozens of sites worldwide designated for obtaining indulgences.

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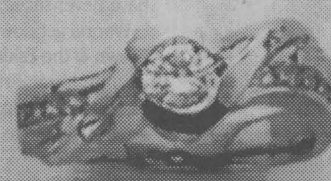
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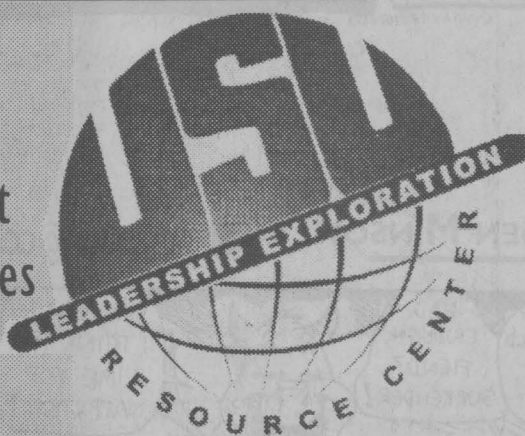
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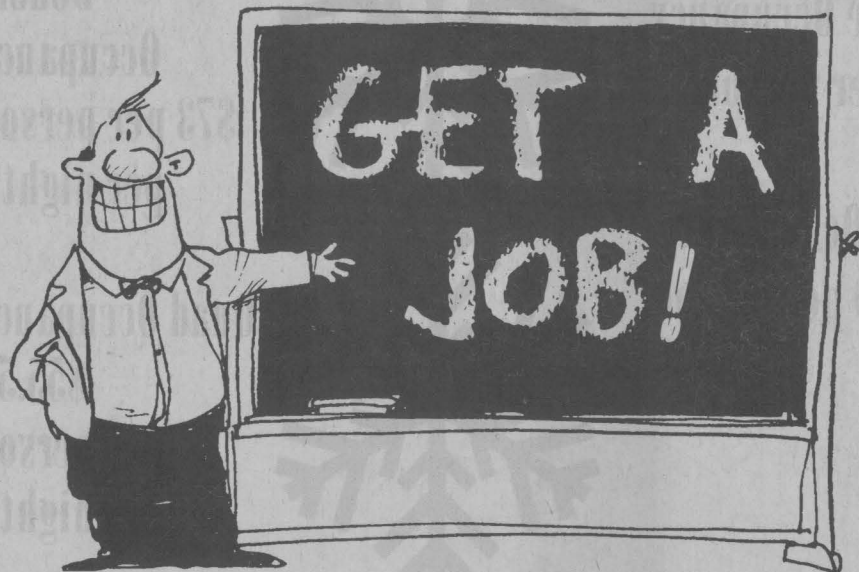
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Thursday, February 10
▼"Why Does Lake Powell Matter?", by Jared R. Farmer, 7 p.m., ECC Rooms 205-207.
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- Plan ahead for the "Will you be mine?" **Valentines Dance!** Feb. 12, 8 p.m. to midnight. TSC. \$5 per couple. Dinner available in the Skyroom from 7 to 9 p.m.
- Plant Science Club **annual flower sale!** corsages, boutonnieres, bud vases, wrapped and more. TSC, Feb. 11, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Feb. 14, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Want to share a part of your culture with us? Food? Stories, Dances? We need your help to organize and make this **International Banquet** held on Feb. 26, the best yet. Free ingredients, free tickets, all you have to do is prepare the food. Contact ISC office, TSC Room 313 by Feb. 10.
- Valentine's **Flower Sale**. PLSC is having our annual sale. Look for the ad on Feb. 9 or check out the table in the TSC.
- **Valentine's Day Drawing**. Sponsored by Student Assoc. of American Instructors of the Deaf. Tickets Feb. 9 through 11. TSC. \$1 per ticket. PRIZES!! Drawing Feb. 12.
- Hospice. **Grieving Support Group** begins a nine week session Feb. 9. Call 716-5349 for info.
- Mt. Club is putting on **ski tune-up clinic** for anyone interested in learning to tune-up your own skis. Feb. 9, 33 N. 200 East, Call Brian 713-0399. \$1 for non Mt. Club Members.
- **Sailing Club** is having a reorganizational meeting Feb. 10, 5:15 p.m., TSC Room 335. Everyone is welcome, even if you

have never sailed.

• Wanna get down with the Brown? **Cinnamon Brown & the Eskimos** & the Trigger Locks will be jammin' to raise money for the Bear River Institute on Feb. 11, 8:30 p.m. to midnight in the TSC Sunburst Lounge. Admission \$5. Call 797-7379 for info.

• The **Jay Burton Band** will be at Pier 49, Feb. 11, 9 to 11 p.m., Pizza and drinks \$5. Enjoy a night of Folk and Rock music.

• Sand's **CD release show**. Feb. 11, Cache Valley Fun Park, 10PM, \$4 at the door.

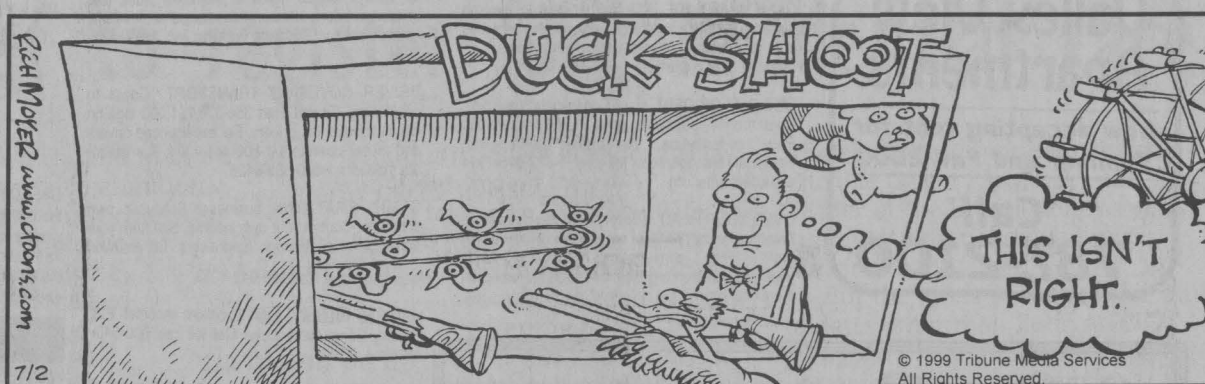
• **Craig Adams of Merrill Lynch** will speak on financial planning and other topics, Feb. 14, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., ECC 305. Everyone welcome, free and refreshments afterwards.

• The International Student Council invites everyone to join them at the Cache Valley Mall for a **culture display**. Come see all the fun and interesting artifacts. Feb. 12.

• **Cache Anglers annual banquet** Feb. 17, Copper Mill Convention Center, 55 North Main, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Jack Dennis, prominent author, fly angler, and lecturer will speak.

• The **Annual Interior Design Senior Exhibit** will be held Feb. 14 through 25. Come view the unique work completed over the last four years. Tippetts Gallery, Fine Arts Center.

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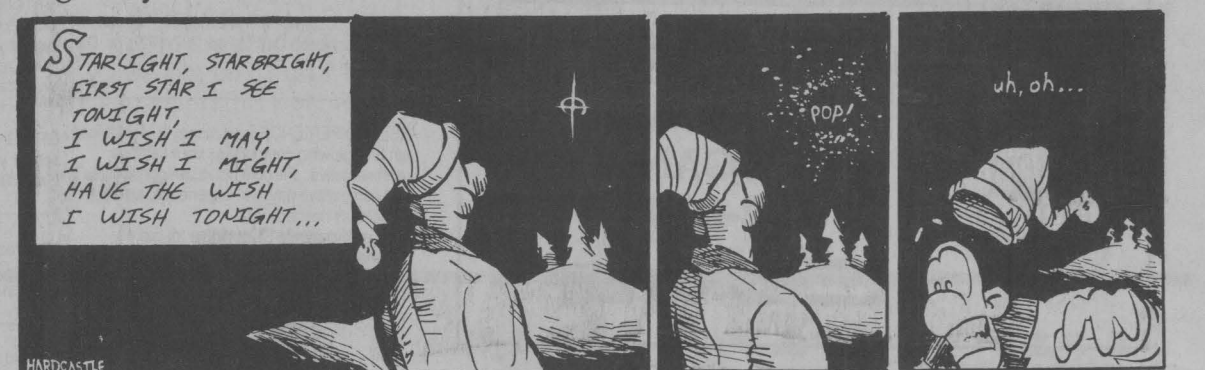
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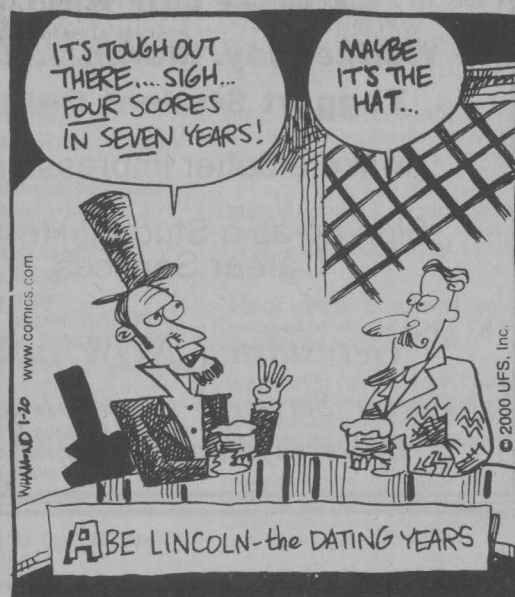
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