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A quick fix

Robert Allen, left, and Corey Stockton — employees at a local glass company — replace a window at the Engineering Building Thursday evening. The window was broken when David Bushey, a mechanical engineering major, punched the glass after doing poorly on a statics test.

Bushey thought the window was plexi-glass, he said, and did not expect it to break.

"I went out and punched the first thing I saw," he said. "Fortunately it was a window instead of a person or brick."

Bushey only sustained minor cuts on his hand, he said. No charges have been brought against him, but he may be held liable for the cost of replacing the glass, according to Sgt. Steve Milne. The cost of the window is not yet known, Milne said.

Jeans campaign to increase awareness

LARA GALE
Staff Writer

Students who choose to wear blue jeans on Monday will be making a statement — whether they know it or not.

The USU Pride! Alliance, an organization for gay, lesbian, transgendered and bisexual students and their friends, will celebrate National Freedom to Marry Day with their second annual "Wear Blue Jeans Campaign" Monday.

While National Freedom to Marry Day actually falls on Saturday, the Pride! Alliance is asking students who support the right for gays and lesbians to marry show it by wearing blue jeans Monday, according to an Alliance press release.

The Alliance is one of many university organizations across the country that hold Wear Blue Jeans days, said Mark Dustin, co-president of the Alliance. Last year the Alliance began hosting the event at USU to help educate students about what it means

to be gay and lesbian.

The first Blue Jeans campaign caused a stir across campus. Students accused the Alliance of manipulating them into supporting gay and lesbian marriage because everyone wears blue jeans anyway.

This is exactly why the Blue Jean campaign is effective, Dustin said.

"Gays and lesbians spend a portion of their lives feeling they have to hide who they are and conform to society's image of how they should look or be," Dustin said. "If people have to think about something as common as whether to wear blue jeans or not, it puts the shoe on the other foot."

Suddenly people as a whole are forced to choose, like gays and lesbians do every day, how they're going to present themselves. They'll have to think about what the way they look says about who they are," he said.

Dustin said the Alliance is trying to publicize the event

so on Monday students will know what is going on and won't feel they've been duped.

But he expects some controversy, he said.

While students and people in general are becoming increasingly more tolerant of alternative lifestyles, he said it's still an uphill battle.

The issue of gay and lesbian rights to marriage has been a plague on state legislatures for years, Dustin said. Gay and lesbian marriage has yet to be legalized in any of the 50 states, but some states have passed laws against it, Dustin said.

Currently, Rhode Island is looking at a bill supporting gay and lesbian rights to marriage.

Wear Blue Jeans Day is just one of many activities Pride! Alliance has planned for the year.

They will celebrate Gay Pride Day in April with an alternative film festival and a display of educational booths from gay and lesbian organizations across the state.

All soils need essential vitamins and nutrients

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Soils are a lot like humans, according to a Utah State University plant expert. Jerry Goodspeed, a USU Extension horticulturist, said if plants are used and abused too much, they become weak and sick.

Just like there are a lot of cure-all on the human vitamin shelves, many plant food manufacturers promise miracles. However, without knowing exactly what the different nutrients do in the soil, it's hard to make a wise decision.

There are 17 essential nutrients that a plant needs to survive, Goodspeed said. They are all important and necessary for growth and survival. Some nutrients are required in larger portions than others. They are called major nutrients. Those that require smaller portions are termed micro nutrients.

The major nutrients that make up a plant are carbon,

hydrogen and oxygen, Goodspeed said. These three are currently free, coming from water and the air. The roots are vital in the uptake of oxygen, and if the soil is water logged or simply over watered, it can deplete the plant of needed oxygen and cause severe damage or even death.

The next nutrients in highest demand are nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. These are the three elements found in a typical bag of fertilizer. Nitrogen is mobile in the soil and the one nutrient that needs to be replenished on an annual basis. It is responsible for green growth and other vital functions.

Many soils have an adequate supply of phosphorus and potassium, he continued. However, he said they can become depleted over time and require an application every few years. The best way to determine if the phosphorus and potassium in the soil are at

adequate levels is to test the level every few years, he said.

The next three elements in demand — calcium, magnesium and sulfur — are not normally found in fertilizers. Northern Utah rarely, if ever, has a problem with calcium or magnesium. Sulfur is occasionally added to the soil to help temporarily reduce the acidity of a selected site. It has other benefits, but is seldom deficient enough in soils to require an extra application for plant growth.

The remaining nutrients only require a small or trace amount for normal plant growth, and, except for iron, are rarely found to be deficient, Goodspeed said. These elements include boron, manganese, copper, zinc, chlorine, nickel, cobalt and molybdenum. Most of these micro nutrients are found in manures and other organic materials that are worked back into the soil.

Health Services to soon make move to new building

LAURA BELLAMY
Senior News Writer

"It's huge."

Western Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Administrator Ken Larsen isn't talking about the size of the new Western Surgery Center being built in North Logan. He's talking about the complications that will come when Western moves there and Utah State University Student Health Services moves into their old building.

"It's not a nutshell issue because there are far reaching implications," Larsen said.

According to Associate Vice President of Student Services Gary Chambers, Student Health Services will be moving out of the Taggart Student Center and

into the Western Surgery building on the north side of Romney Stadium sometime during the next Fall Semester.

The move was initiated for several reasons, Chambers said. The university is looking to remove all nonessential offices outside of the TSC to make room for other departments that are more relevant to students.

"We're trying to bring all of the school relations under one roof because they interact so much," Chambers said.

As part of the rearranging, the Disability Resource Center will be moved out of the TSC and high school relations will be brought into the bottom level of the TSC, Chambers said. Still in limbo as to where it will be

located is the Student Wellness Center, which is currently located in the University Inn basement.

Chambers said another reason the move was planned is to better care for students with medical concerns.

"Right now probably 50 percent of students go into the health services office," Chambers said. "I think a lot of that is because students don't know about it."

Chambers said by moving Student Health Services to its own building, it would increase the visibility of the office and the services it offers to all students.

"The student center is really

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TOMMY VON DRE / Utah Statesman

The Western Medical Center, located just north of Aggie Stadium, will soon house Utah State University's Student Health Services. Western Orthopedic & Sports Medicine, which is currently located in the building, will move into a building which is yet to be constructed. This building will be located in North Logan. The move is taking place because the university is trying to move all nonessential offices outside of the TSC to make room for other departments more relevant to students.

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WORLD & NATION

Hundreds protest affirmative action ban

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Black college students and hundreds of other critics of Gov. Jeb Bush's plan to get rid of affirmative action packed Capitol hearing rooms Thursday to denounce the effort as an attack on women and minorities.

Bush did not attend the hearings on his "One

Florida" proposal, which would eliminate race and gender as factors in university admissions and the awarding of state contracts.

"One Florida is not an adequate substitute for affirmative action for women in Florida," said Margaret Hyde of Clearwater. "It is likely that Bush's plan will segregate minority students into

lower tiered schools."

The Republican governor has insisted the plan would improve diversity in education and contracting jobs by increasing outreach efforts to minorities historically shut out of opportunities.

Students who take a difficult enough course load and finish in the top 20 percent of their high school graduat-

ing class would be guaranteed admission to some state universities.

"The athletes that are needed to win football games will be included in that 20 percent whether they have the grades or not," said Brenda Holt, a high school teacher in Quincy. "If the

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Air Jordan
sells Bradley
to voters

WASHINGTON (AP) — His airness Michael Jordan, the most marketable athlete to ever pitch a product, is trying to give Bill Bradley a lift in his first political endorsement ad. It's also a test of whether Jordan can pitch politics.

Bradley, a former New York Knicks star, already has collected endorsements and cash from his basketball buddies. But the new Jordan ad may be the most prized dividend from his days on the court as he seeks the Democratic nomination for president.

Jordan, who retired from the Chicago Bulls as a superstar, takes in some \$69 million each year selling sneakers, soft drinks, cologne and underwear. He stars in ads for long-distance phone companies, batteries and hot dogs. If Bradley had to pay market rate for his services, he couldn't afford them.

But Jordan and Bradley are friends, and that persuaded the sports icon to make the ad, said Kristen Ludecke, Bradley's spokeswoman.

"Michael Jordan is so well-known across the country that he is able to introduce Bill Bradley to a very wide audience," she said.

The 30-second spot shows Jordan declaring his support for Bradley based on his commitment to health care for children, gun control and other issues. It will air in more than a dozen states, including many holding primaries on March 7, a critical date in Bradley's race against Vice President Al Gore.

The Gore campaign professed to have no fear about the ad.

"We've got Shaquille O'Neal. He's bigger," said spokesman Chris Lehane.

WorldGLANCE

➤ Lead levels high in those adopted overseas

ATLANTA (AP) — A study of nearly 1,800 children adopted from overseas found they were about twice as likely as American-born youngsters to have high levels of lead in their blood, the government said Thursday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said parents adopting children from foreign countries should have them screened for lead contamination.

The CDC analyzed data from nine centers that screened adopted children. It looked at 1,760 youngsters adopted between 1991 and 1999. Most of the youngsters were from China or Russia.

The CDC said that 8 percent to 13 percent of children adopted from China had elevated levels of lead in their blood, compared with a U.S. rate of 2 percent to 6 percent. Among Russian children, elevated blood levels were seen in 1 percent to 5 percent.

Overseas, most childhood lead contamination is believed to result from leaded gas and industrial emissions. Lead levels in U.S. children have dropped since leaded gasoline and paint were banned in the United States decades ago.

Lead can lead to reduced intelligence, short attention span and learning disabilities. At high exposures, it can cause coma, convulsions and death. Drugs can sometimes be used to lower lead levels.

In 1998, about 15,000 children adopted from abroad were granted immigration visas. Immigrants under 15 are not required to undergo blood or other tests unless they are suspected of having syphilis or HIV.

"We really want medical providers, adoptive agencies and parents to realize these children may have high blood lead levels and they need a blood lead test," the CDC's Dr. Lisa Rosenblum said.

➤ Blacks more likely to die from strokes

ATLANTA (AP) — Blacks ages 35 to 54 are four times more likely to die of a stroke than their white counterparts, the government said Thursday.

Middle-aged Hispanics, Asians, American Indians and Alaska natives also are at greater risk, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported. American Indians and Alaska natives in that age group are nearly twice as likely as whites to die of a stroke.

The racial gap narrowed sharply at older ages, suggesting that younger minorities are not getting the message about the risk factors, said Carma Ayala, a CDC epidemiologist.

"Many people believe stroke is an older person's disease," she said.

The CDC also cited lack of access to health care and mistrust of the medical system as reasons for the racial gap.

Obesity, smoking, lack of exercise, diabetes, poor nutrition and high blood pressure are the major risk factors for stroke.

Not only do minorities have a higher rate of stroke deaths, but they run a higher risk of having a stroke than whites, with blacks four times more likely, the study found.

The CDC said stroke was the third leading cause of death in 1997, killing 157,791 Americans. Overall, U.S. stroke deaths in the declined 70 percent from 1950 to 1996.

➤ Eight hurt in collapse of Philadelphia site

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A ramp for an underground parking garage at the site of a future performing arts center collapsed Thursday, injuring eight men, some of whom had to be lifted out of the site by a construction crane.

"Everything fell right on top of the guys," worker Paul Henkel said. "Some of them were buried pretty deep under the concrete."

Co-workers were able to pull three men from the debris after the 8:30 a.m. accident, but the five others, several coated in wet concrete, remained trapped until they could be rescued by firefighters.

"One man I heard fell 40 feet, because you have the structure above the hole, several floors of steel, plus the pit," said fire Capt. Armand Gersbach. "It's lucky no one was killed."

He described the injuries as "broken back, broken legs, that type of injury."

Firefighters continued combing the debris for several hours after the accident.

"The construction manager stated that all his people are accounted for, but we're not taking any chances," said Executive Fire Chief Henry Dolberry. "We're going back in to ensure everyone is out."

Four people were being treated at Hahnemann University Hospital, including three who were in guarded condition and one in stable condition.

"It's a miracle they survived," said hospital spokeswoman Barbara Katzman.

➤ Recycled med products get stricter standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a growing practice but one few patients realize: Medical devices like cardiac catheters and angioplasty balloons that were intended to be used once and thrown in the trash instead are resterilized and used again in other patients.

This controversial recycling largely has gone unregulated, but hospitals and resterilizing companies soon will have to meet strict new standards to prove that it is safe for patients, the Food and Drug Administration told Congress on Thursday.

Lawmakers responded that the FDA's move was long overdue, citing reports of reused equipment that broke or caused infections.

"We can't put patients at risk in order to save a few dollars" by reusing equipment, said Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Calif.

"There is a significant and perhaps even dangerous gap in FDA's procedures," said Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., who called FDA to a meeting of the House Commerce oversight subcommittee to explain. "I am alarmed."

The FDA's own research has uncovered problems with some reused disposable devices, such as angioplasty balloons that get stretched out of shape by the cleaning. A Kansas woman is living with a piece of metal lodged inside her heart after a reused catheter broke during surgery last year. Some studies have concluded that a few patients caught tuberculosis, hepatitis or pneumonia from improperly resterilized devices.

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City raids animal sanctuary, seizes hundreds of animals

PLEASANT GROVE (AP) — The city has seized hundreds of animals from a two-acre private sanctuary.

About 23 city workers from the police, animal control and public works departments spent the day Wednesday removing animals from the property of Sue Fox, 55.

Police Captain Cody Cullimore said many of the cats, ducks, geese, rabbits, dogs, goats and chickens were diseased and that large amounts of rotten food and feces on the land threaten public health.

"I am furious. It is evil," said Fox, who asserts that her animals aren't diseased and that her land doesn't contaminate water. "This is a railroad job."

The animals were kept in holding pens of varying sizes, several weather-beaten wood shelters and a few trailers.

Water running off the flood-irrigated property had high levels of bacteria, said Cullimore.

"This puts the city in potential liability," he said.

Fox was convicted last fall on five animal-at-large charges. Justice Court Judge Brent Bullock told Fox in January she could keep just 51 animals.

City zoning laws allow for a maximum of two dogs and two cats to be kept on the property, but Fox claimed she was protected by retroactive grandfather clauses dating back to the late 1940s.

City officials decided to enforce zoning rules from 1963 — the earliest traceable

laws on the books — which allow for 51 animals, made up of different kinds, to be kept, said Cullimore.

"I really think she's trying to do the right things but it's gotten bigger than she can handle," Cullimore said. "We're not going to allow it to go on."

Fox calls her property "Fox Haven Animal Sanctuary" and claims she is licensed by federal and state authorities. City investigators have found no evidence of any licenses.

"People from all over the state come to us with animals to take care of," Fox said.

Fox had to decide which 51 animals she was going to keep by 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. "They want me to choose from animals I've had for 15 to 20 years."

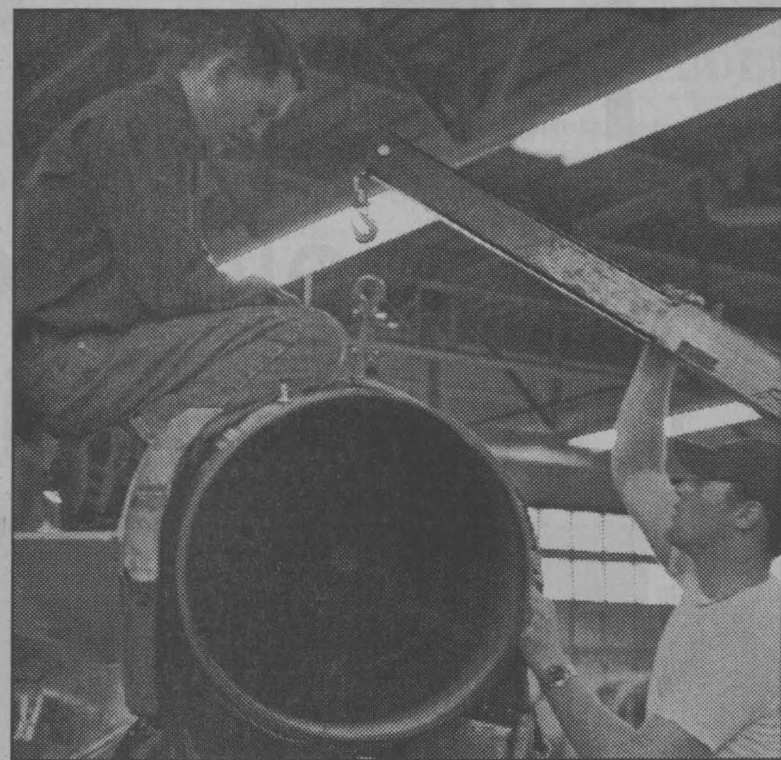
Supporters of Fox were also on the scene offering help and homes for animals.

Neighbor Karen Hilton said, "This lady has had these animals forever. She has the right to keep them. If you're going to get rid of these then you're going to have to get rid of everybody's."

Fox has kept large numbers of animals on her property for about 19 years.

At this point, the city's not sure what it is going to do with the seized animals.

Cullimore said sick animals will be euthanized by a veterinarian and possibly euthanized. The Humane Society is able to take in about 30 animals.



Air repair

Tyler Buck, left, and Theron Messick prepare to remove the engine from a small transport plane at the industrial technology building Thursday. The two are part of a class that learn how aircraft power plants work so they can repair them.

State Legislators survey: Utah teachers among highest paid

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A new study shows Utah teachers are among the highest paid in the region, according to state legislators.

"The public needs to know what's really been happening," House Speaker Marty Stephens said Thursday morning.

A 62-page report packed with salary comparisons and other education funding statistics was given to lawmakers Wednesday and was to be discussed in the GOP House caucus Thursday.

"For years we've seen battling studies — the Utah Education Association against the Utah Taxpayers Association or whatever," said Stephens, R-Farr West. "We believed we've been very good to education in the last several years."

Stephens said lawmakers wanted their own staff to conduct a salary and benefit study of Utah teachers and those of surrounding states.

The legislative study shows that as of the 1998-1999 school year, Utah teacher salaries, when combined with benefits, are near the top of the

Mountain West list. The average pay-plus-benefit is \$49,516 in Utah. The average salary for Utah teachers is \$35,958.

Only Nevada comes in higher, by \$17.

"We're doing better than even Arizona, which has seen significant growth" in population and budgets, Stephens said.

Susan Kuziak, executive director of the Utah Education Association, said she hadn't examined the study thoroughly, but suspected some people might be manipulating the statistics.

"This is a game we play here, the numbers game," Kuziak said. People saying Utah teachers have a high salary "leave out California or Nevada, because they are among the best paid in the nation. Our salaries include career ladder days, which are extra work and extra days at work."

The legislative study does include Nevada, although a footnote on the study says that FICA payments aren't included in Nevada's totals.

Stephens said one of the most

Jury returns judgment against alleged husband stealer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A jury has returned a half-million dollar alienation-of-affection judgment against a woman alleged to have stolen another woman's husband.

"I hope this sends a message that you should wait until people are single, or at least separated" before pursuing a relationship, said Paige Bigelow, Candace Wagner's lawyer in her alienation-of-affection case against Cathy Nolen.

The award is believed to be the biggest ever in a Utah spouse-stealing lawsuit.

Nolan's lawyer, Curtis Wenger, said the verdict likely will be appealed and that the alienation-of-affection law should be thrown off the books in Utah, as most states already have done.

"We were shocked by the verdict," said Wenger. "It's really sad this cause of action still exists in Utah. It allows an angry

spouse to punish someone else and jeopardize the future happiness of a new couple."

It was unclear late Wednesday whether his client could afford to pay the verdict.

Utah is among a dozen or so states that still allow such lawsuits.

The Utah Supreme Court abolished lawsuits for criminal conversation, or having sex with a married person, in 1991, but that same year it upheld the alienation-of-affection law.

Bigelow said her client was happily married to Gary Vessel when he met Nolan during a convention in Albuquerque.

Nolan then looked up Vessel at his Salt Lake City home, sent him a card and the two developed a relationship, Bigelow said.

A year later, the Vessels filed for divorce, ending a nine-year marriage.

Utah Senate agrees to consider returning Olympic ticket taxes

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Senate has agreed to consider a last-minute bill that would return about \$13 million in 2002 Winter Games ticket sales-tax revenue to the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

The action came Wednesday, just a day after SLOC President Mitt Romney pleaded with legislators for the tax relief.

The money would be used to offset municipal-service costs that venue cities will incur during the Games.

The request to waive the deadline for new bills came from Sen. John Valentine, R-Orem, who carried the 1998 bill requiring Olympic tickets to be taxed.

"The present organizing

committee has exhibited the type of changes that we had wanted to see two years ago," Valentine said, referring to SLOC's efforts to balance its budget.

"We are much less concerned now about the operations of the Olympics. But that doesn't mean there isn't some rough water ahead."

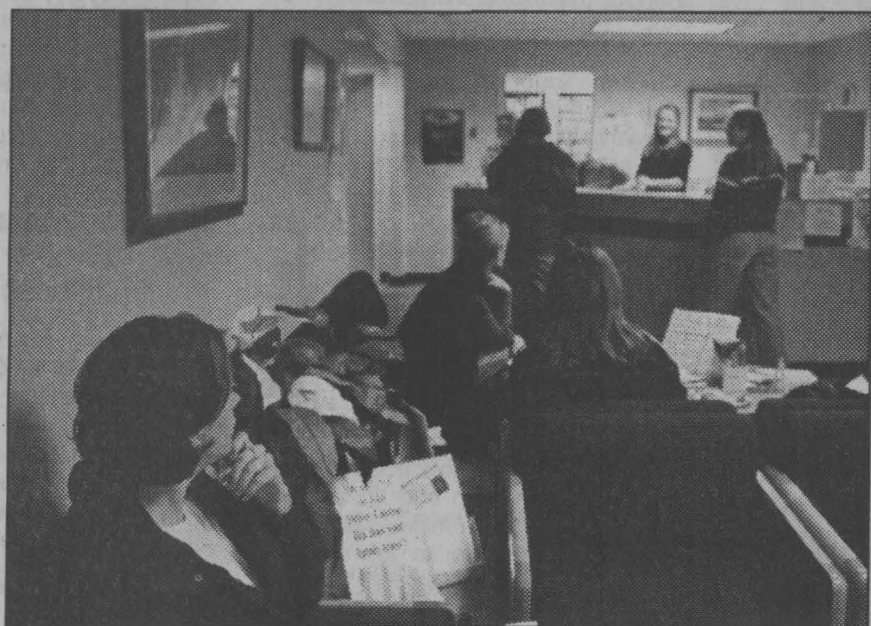
Olympics critic Stephen Pace, head of Utahns for Responsible Public Spending, said returning the ticket revenue to SLOC is akin to giving the NBA a tax rebate for tickets to the 1993 All-Star Game in Salt Lake City.

Lawmakers promised taxpayers would not have to pay the Olympic tab, and Valentine's bill violates the spirit of that

agreement, Pace said.

"I guess we need to recognize that whenever any politician makes a promise about the Olympics they always have their fingers crossed behind their backs," he said.

Reserving the ticket-tax money for Olympic-related services was always part of the plan, Valentine said.



USU students wait in the lobby of the Student Health Services. The Health Services facility will soon be moved to another location to better serve students.

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accessible, but it's not accessible if you're a really sick person," Chambers said.

The new location of the Health Center will make it easier for students living off campus to find a parking space and quickly obtain medical attention.

"From a health standpoint, it's probably better too," Chambers said. "It's probably better not to have a lot of sick people infecting other students up here."

Overcrowding was also an issue, Chambers said.

"The thing is, if all students decided to use it, we couldn't handle that," Chambers said. "Student Health Services is crowded as it is down there. We're probably twice the size of what the student body was when (the) student health center was opened."

While the move may benefit students, it could hurt athletes if necessary equipment and experts are gone.

According to Athletic Trainer Dale Mildenerberger, most athletes aren't aware that Western Orthopedic & Sports Medicine will soon be moving even though all athletes use the facility and its services.

Mildenerberger said Western is a very important part of the athletics department.

"Very few athletes go through their career without an injury," Mildenerberger said. "And all our athletes go to Western for treatment."

Regardless of any change in medical coverage for athletes, Mildenerberger said all athletes will continue to receive the best treatment possible.

"Whatever is necessary for the care of our athletes, we will find it regardless of

efficiency or proximity," Mildenerberger said. "The university is dedicated to the quality care of its athletes."

Larsen said Western would like to maintain a close relationship with USU.

"We have taken care of student athletes for more than 40 years and over these years we have developed the expertise to care for these athletes properly," he said.

According to Larsen, the only certain thing is that the building is changing. Who will staff it is still left undetermined.

"We're currently putting together a proposal which basically is looking at whether or not we should outsource student health services," Chambers said.

Larsen said Western Orthopedics fully intends to put in a bid to provide the medical coverage.

"Our goal is a partnership with USU and to maintain the sports medicine coverage that the athletes currently receive," Larsen said. "Athletic coverage is very specialized. The injuries are very acute and they require a lot of care."

Athletics is just as worried about staff as it is about equipment, Mildenerberger said.

"I'm not sure how the move will affect us, but it will have an immediate impact," Mildenerberger said. "It will have a huge impact on us because services such as X-rays and physical therapy are not current-

ly offered by Student Health Services."

According to Chambers, USU is considering expanding the services that the Health Center offers in order to better assist students as well as athletes.

"It doesn't make any sense to remove physical therapy from the building," Chambers said. "It doesn't make any sense to distance athletics from their sports medicine facilities," Larsen said.

Western Orthopedics is considering several different avenues to remain competitive for the bid. "We could overlap services and care for students if necessary," Larsen said. "We're in a position where we can give great service, but we don't have a lot of money because we don't have any facilities. I understand that (Intermountain Health Care) is interested in (the bid), but they don't have the expertise we do and we can't compete with their money."

Chambers said regardless of who wins the bid, USU is looking to make the transition as smoothly as possible to avoid leaving students without adequate care.

"I think we have to do this in such a way that it doesn't interrupt services to students," Chambers said. "That is of utmost concern."

Larsen is optimistic about the move and the possible benefits it will have for everyone involved.

NewsBRIEFS

➤ Business department hosts Soup in a Bun

The clubs and organizations of the Business department will be on hand to answer questions and accept members Monday at Soup in a Bun. The event will be held in the Business Building.

Students can buy soup in a bun for \$1 from 11:30 a.m. until supplies run out.

➤ Inmate population at jail hits record high

The average inmate population per day for the Cache County Jail for 1999 was 80.9, and that worries Sheriff G. Lynn Nelson.

"We are very concerned about the number of criminals that we are having to turn back into the community before the completion of their court-ordered sentences due to a lack of space to house them," he said. "Our numbers are rising drastically and we are not able to keep up with them given our current available resources."

And, since the first of this year, the trend has continued sharply upward, according to a press release. The average daily population for the month of January was 91.3 inmates per day. The only other month the jail's daily population has exceeded an average of 90 inmates per day was in August, according to the release.

The jail's staff has only increased by 35 percent since 1993 while the inmate population has increased by 210 percent, according to the release.

During the county budget process for the 2000 budget, Nelson requested 11 new employees for the jail to address staffing concerns. Those positions were not able to be funded, according to the release.

➤ Auto sales to see limits on weekends

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Senate has passed a bill that would make it illegal for auto dealers to sell cars and trucks on consecutive Saturdays and Sundays.

The bill passed 25-1 Wednesday and now goes to the House.

"It's about commerce, and it's about employees," said the sponsor, Sen. Paula Julander, D-Salt Lake.

She said all but four of roughly 1,000 car dealers in Utah already close at least one day a week.

Fourteen states already have such a law, and courts have upheld it, she said.

Proponents contended closing one day a week would allow car dealers to cut costs and that would mean lower costs to consumers.

Craig Bickmore, executive director of the Utah Automobile Dealers Association, said associated businesses, such as lenders and regulators, also are closed on weekends.

➤ Senate approves unmarked police car bill

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Senate has approved a bill that would allow the Highway Patrol to use unmarked cars to nab reckless drivers, speeders and drunken drivers.

The measure passed in the House 38-35 Tuesday.

The bill is now on its way to Gov. Mike Leavitt's office for his signature.

Rep. Don Bush, R-Clearfield, sponsored the bill for the second year in an effort to curb road rage.

Last year, the House defeated his legislation imposing stiffer penalties for reckless driving.

Senate Majority Whip Leonard Blackham opposed the bill.

The Moroni Republican said he recognizes road rage is a problem but doesn't believe more unmarked cars on the highway is the answer.

State police can already use unmarked cars as long as a marked car actually stops the motorist, he said.

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Jazz singer Freelon looking forward to performing at USU

KATHRYN SUMMERS
Staff Writer

"Nnenna need not be heralded as the next Sarah or the next anyone. She is simply the now Nnenna, for whom no comparisons are necessary," wrote Leonard Feather of the L.A. Times.

Nnenna Freelon, recipient of the Billie Holiday Award from France's Academie du Jazz and the American Eubie Blake Award, will be singing in the Kent Concert Hall at Utah State University tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Three years ago Freelon sang at USU with the Monk on Monk Tour and T.S. Monk, son of Thelonius Monk. Now she is back with her own band. Playing her own music will give the audience "more of a taste of who I am," she said.

Freelon, whose first name is a Nigerian name meaning "first-born daughter," was born in Boston and raised in Cambridge, Mass. She sang in church choirs as a child. Her father and older brother both had an extensive jazz collection, so she was exposed to lots of music as a child, she said.

"I did not grow up wanting to be a jazz singer. I wanted to be a doctor," Freelon said.

She said after she got married and had three children, she decided music was the path she wanted to follow. Her husband was very supportive, and she didn't have to worry about "the security issues of being an artist," she said.

Her opportunities to perform expanded with her experience, and since her family is very important to her, she said she "found a way to do it within my family structure."

Freelon started singing at weddings, community parties and restaurants. Then she went to jazz festivals in North and South Carolina.

She said she spent a lot of time early in her career "growing, learning, and figuring out what the craft of singing is all about."

In 1990, Ellis Marsalis introduced Freelon to the president of Columbia Records, she said. Two years later, her self-titled debut album came out.

"I was one of those overnight successes that took 12 years," she said.

She said at the concert tonight she will sing some tunes from her latest album, *Maiden Voyage*.

In May Freelon said she will start working on a new record "expressing some sense of spirituality."

It won't necessarily be religious, Freelon said, but there is an artificial line between the secular and the religious, and there

can be a spiritual side to almost all music.

One song will be dedicated to children and will be released early as a single, Freelon said.

Freelon is the National

Spokesperson for Partners in Education, an organization that represents more than 400,000 school and community partnership programs across the United States, according to a Nnenna

Freelon brochure. Partners in Education heads programs like the Boys and Girls Club and the Pizza Hut Book-It reading pro-

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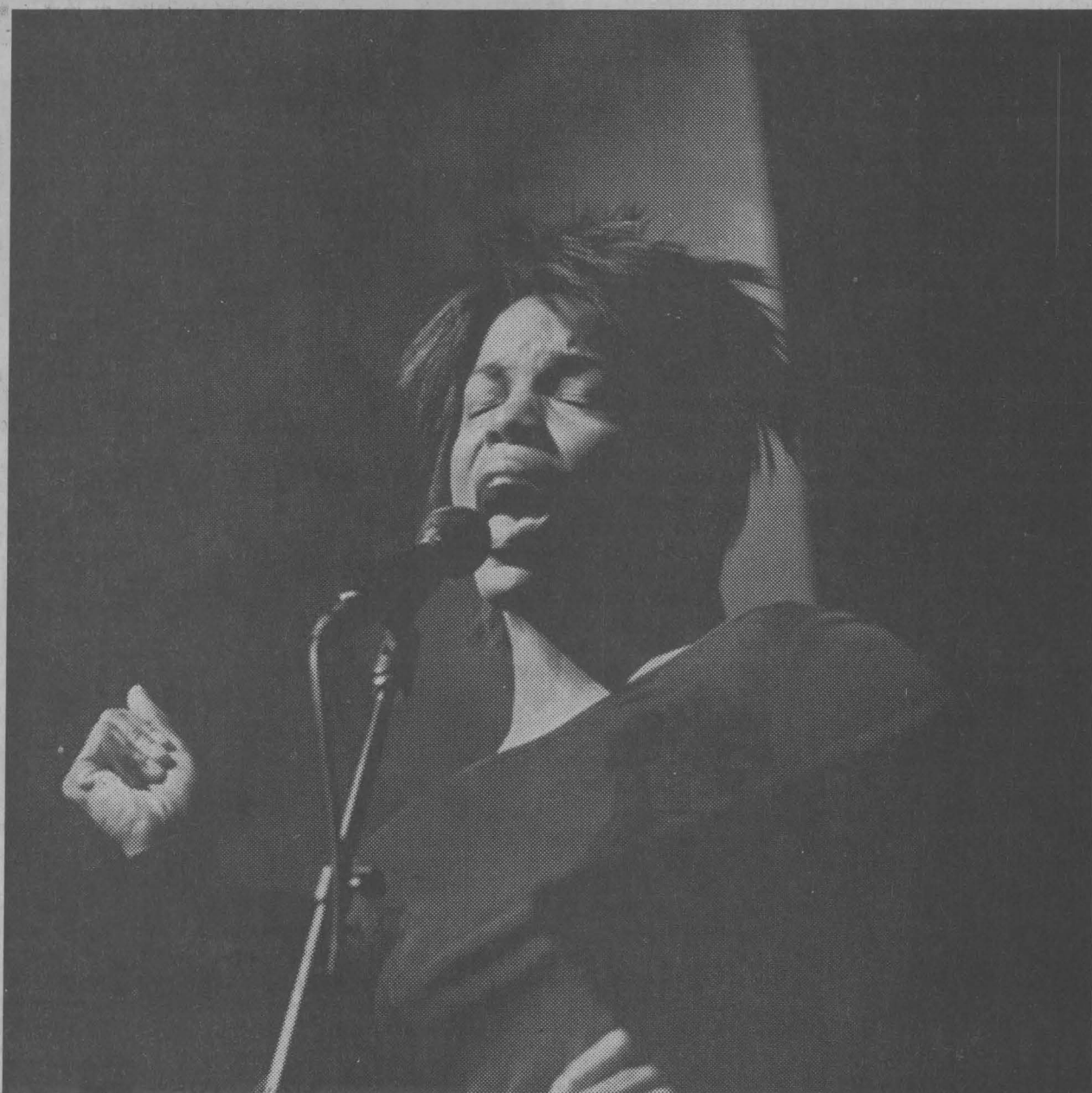


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Jazz vocalist Nnenna Freelon soulfully serenades an audience. She will perform tonight in USU's Kent Concert Hall.

Comedy quartet to crack up USU

NATALIE LARSON
Staff Writer

Utah State University students have the chance to laugh hysterically tonight at 8 p.m. at a one-night-only stand-up comedy show in the Lyric Theater. The show will feature Bengt Washburn, Randall Bagley, Dennis Hinkamp and Dan Merket as they join forces once more to bring USU a few hours of laughter.

The cost will be \$6 at the door. There has been a coupon in the *Statesman* for \$1 off. Hinkamp warns the content of the show will probably be rated "PG-13," and younger audience members wouldn't appreciate the humor.

"People like it because of the local humor. It's not like the comedians who do the same show every stop. We know the 'ins' and 'outs' of Logan. We relate to them," Hinkamp said.

He said this quartet of comedians have known each other as fellow USU students and performed on numerous occasions.

They have won both local and national prestige.

The group does a show about once a month with different comedians as the headline performers. The last show was the Logan Blues and Comedy Review in November.

The main performer for this evening will be Washburn.

Washburn graduated from USU in 1993 as an art major and went on for a master's degree at Indiana University.

He gave up painting for comedy and has been traveling across the country since.

"I'm doing well, and now I'm just trying to meet the right people," he said.

This performance will be



PHOTO COURTESY OF LOGAN LYRIC LAUNCH

Randall Bagley, Dan Merket, Dennis Hinkamp and Bengt Washburn (clockwise from top left) form a comedy quartet. They will perform tonight in the Lyric Theater.

videotaped and used by Washburn to send to the "right people," he said.

Washburn used to do a "David Letterman Show" at USU and won the stand up comedy competition.

He also reached the finals in the Seattle Laugh-Off last year.

Washburn will soon be moving to New York in search of further career opportunities.

"I'm a little different," Washburn said. "I'm pretty clean and I'm kind of nutty. The comedy I do is insane, goofy stuff. I do some original songs on the guitar."

The other performers "are good," Washburn said. "They're nice guys and good comedians. They do it as a hobby."

Another graduate of USU, Hinkamp, will be the master of ceremonies for the show.

He has been a humor columnist for the past 10 years. His column appears in the *Statesman* every Monday and in the *Logan Herald-Journal* on Fridays. He is the two-time winner of the Utah Laugh Off. In November he was seen in the Logan Blues and Comedy Review.

About Washburn, Hinkamp said, "I think he's great. He's way surpassed me. He had the guts to take it on the road."

Merket has done more acting but turned to comedy. He's performed in theater, commercials, television and movies.

Recently he opened the Dan Merket Acting Academy. Bagley does some impressions, juggling and comedy. He performs at regional clubs, and he opened for the Smothers Brothers at the Eccles Theatre Gala.

Chicken soup for the sick-of-chicken-soup soul

LAUGHING AT LIFE / Andy Morgan



This world is chock full of advice givers. Co-workers, classmates, teachers, your parents, spouse, kids, dog, cat, pet rat and inner voice all want you to listen to their outlook for your life. I can get by listening to those folks — including myself — because I have the ever-ready ignore button at my fingertips. But I refuse to listen to Dr. Laura and I won't ever, even if it means castration, read a "Chicken Soup" book.

Yes, I'm talking about the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series. It's hard to miss when you visit your local bookstore. This enormous series of books permeates roughly three-fourths of the self-help section.

Reading the *New Yorker* magazine is what has set me off on my anti-chicken soup tirade. On page 62 of the Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 issues, there is a simple cartoon of a man relaxing in his jail cell while reading a book. The title of the book is "Chicken Soup for the Criminally Insane."

Obviously, the artist behind that cartoon is sticking his or her tongue out at the obese amount of supposed self-help geared toward

helping humans has never been so profitable.

How many titles does Jack Canfield plan to churn out?

I don't know about you, but if he were taking requests, I've got some.

I'd really like "Chicken Soup for the Sick of Chicken Soup Soul."

Other similar bestsellers could follow. Think about it. We could have "Chicken Soup for the President who Had Sex with Monica Lewinsky Soul," "Chicken Soup for the Web

Pornographer's Soul," "Chicken Soup for the Militant Feminist Soul," "Chicken Soup for the Not-So-Thin Soul," "Chicken Soup for the Former Polygamist Soul," "Chicken Soup for the Depressed Jazz Fan Soul," "Chicken Soup for the Hairy Soul," "Chicken Soup for the Constant Drooler's Soul" and the guaranteed blockbuster, "Chicken Soup for Anyone without a Soul."

I'm pretty sure that edition will come FedEx'd and autographed to my door from Jack Canfield.

All right, I'll admit it: I'm a tad bit sensitive to "Chicken Soup" and its umbrella of repetitious self-help horse hockey. If I want someone to tell me how good I am, how smart I am and how attractive I am, I'll make like Hollywood and hire an agent and dabble in plastic surgery.

But I certainly will not pay 25 bucks to have someone like Stephan Covey, or Anthony Robbins tell me I need to get in touch with my inner-poodle. No thanks, guys. I'll pass on the self-help herpes.

A young man in one of my classes was asked to share the reason he was interested in public relations.

"Well, I love to write," he said. "And I'm putting together a compilation of spiritual essays, quotes and thoughts. It's sort of like 'Chicken Soup for the Soul.'"

He continued, "I'm taking this PR class to help me market the book and if you guys have any ideas, let me know."

I'm the Angel of Death so I have an idea: Burn it and start over, man.

Just a suggestion.

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Rules for a pleasant Poetry and a Beverage experience

Kat's CORNER / Kathryn Summers



Speak, Muse. It's been so long. Try to see something new, or a new way to see something

old. So many people, what must they all know? Each person has a story inside ... if they are willing to share it.

I wrote these words as I was sitting at a paper-covered table in the Skyroom on Saturday night. Poetry and a Beverage is back, which makes me happy. When I was a freshman, I discovered this event and I have been an avid supporter ever since.

I must confess I am a little disturbed at the current trends I witnessed during the first Poetry and a Beverage of the year 2000. It is not called Guitars and a Beverage. Now, if you played and sang, don't get offended. I am just saying I wish you would read some poetry.

The last half-hour was heavenly for me. There was a line-up of poets — some reading original works, some sharing the words of their favorite poets. As I was sitting there listening to guitars and singers, I made a list of rules, although maybe it would be better to refer to it as P&B etiquette:

1. Keep it simple —
2. And short.
3. Speak clearly.
4. Three-song limit.
5. Three-poem limit.
6. Listen — people say what's in their souls.
7. Variety is great.

Now to explain. When I say keep it simple, I mean don't give elaborate explanations and ramble on forever. When you get up there, get to the point. Short and sweet. No one wants to listen to one person forever, no matter how good you are. Speak clear-

ly. Duh, so we can understand what you're saying. Three-song, three-poem limit. Again, unless you are Eric Clapton or Emily Dickinson, we don't want to hear your Collected Life Works or Greatest Hits, Volumes 1 through 5. Share the stage.

Pay attention. Some really funny stuff goes on. One girl gave her number to a guy (I hope you called her).

Some great poems are read. Out of 20,000 students, there are bound to be one or two wordsmiths who really know how to write. Some poems are mediocre, but at least they have the guts to get up there. It's when they stay for 20 minutes that I get annoyed.

Variety is great. If you have a unique way to present a poem, do it. There was an a cappella song and a harmonica.

I've heard people read poems with drums, recorders, two voices and even backwards.

The Arts and Lectures Council will sponsor this spring event at Utah State University five times this year, said Liz Adams, Arts and Lectures vice president.

That means you have four more chances to make it to my favorite cultural event at USU.

Just so you all know, you're getting a great deal. Arts and Lectures pays USU Food Services \$2 for each drink. With 300 people allowed, that comes to \$600 for drinks.

The contract price for the bands ranges from \$200 to \$300, and with paper and other supplies, the price of putting on Poetry and a Beverage is about \$1,000 each time, said Adams.

So the moral of my story is, go to Poetry and a Beverage. Get your tickets early. Read poetry. And share the limelight.

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et holders and begin one hour prior to each performance of "Sleeping Beauty." Those who have already seen a Ballet West production of "Sleeping Beauty" will want to come again this year because the entire second act has been "refurbished and redone," Cornia said.

M. Kay Barrell, Ballet West's production and lighting designer, said Act Two will include "an added backdrop and new designs that really transform the utilized space and openness of that act."

The costumes designed for Ballet West's "Sleeping Beauty" in 1985 have also been refurbished for this year's production, according to the press release.

The press release calls "Sleeping Beauty" a "mirror of 19th Century imperial splendor." It goes on to say that the ballet is considered to be "the finest achievement in classical ballet."

According to Ballet West Artistic Director Jonas Kage,

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Best of Banff films comes to USU

JIM WOLVERTON
Staff Writer

The Best of the Banff Film Festival will bring river rapids, ice climbs and some of the most diverse mountain footage to the Utah State University Kent Concert Hall Feb. 16 and 17. The annual showing will feature films from Utah, Canada, the United States, England, Scotland, Germany and Italy. The films will portray climbing, a variety of mountain sports, mountain culture and environmental concerns.

The Banff Film Festival, held in Alberta, Canada, is the premier of mountain film festivals. It is comparable to the Sundance Film Festival but for mountain films. During the festival, films are judged and the winning films tour the world.

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'Being John Malkovich' hard to find in Logan, but well worth the search

ANDY MORGAN
Staff Writer

Being John Malkovich is the most creative, enjoyable and hilarious movie I have seen this year.

Unfortunately, living in Logan places the film at valley theaters in February, rather than its early Fall 1999 release.

Moreover, despite the massive hype and buzz surrounding the film, it only stayed at the Cache Valley 3 Theater for a couple of days.

It was actually booted for the gag-me-with-a-spoon thriller, *Scream 3*.

Being John Malkovich marks a substantial directorial coming out for Spike Jonze, whose previous credits include several music videos for the Beastie Boys, Fat Boy Slim and Ween.

Jonze is married to another first-time director, Sofia Coppola.

Her film, *The Virgin Suicides*, premiered at the Sundance Film Festival.

Jonze also played a large part in the surprise hit, *Three Kings*.

Written by rookie screenwriter Charlie Kaufman, the film is made into pure magic because of Kaufman's ordinary dialogue, intelligent sense of humor and lavish irony.

He has poured immeasurable energy into a script that grabs the viewer from the first scene to the last and leaves us craving more.

The story centers on Craig Schwartz (John Cusack), a depressed puppeteer who is out of work and craves a change in his life — preferably becoming the world's greatest marionette artist. However, Craig realizes his plight and announces to his wife (when she asks him to get a job), "Nobody's looking for a puppeteer in today's wintry economic climate."

Craig's wife is another story. Lotte (Cameron Diaz) is a serious nutcase.

Working at a pet store and perhaps seeking to mollify Craig's apparent detachment from life, Lotte adopts numerous pets into their home.

But not your typical household pets.

No, the pets she brings home are as crazy as she is, including a chimp that is seeing an animal psychologist to help with repressed childhood memories.

Trying to jump-start his life, Craig visits LesterCorp, a small filing business on the 7 1/2 floor of a downtown New York office building.

The place is really screwy; however, I couldn't help but feel a striking resemblance to my own job.

Sporting a deaf secretary and a horny old CEO, LesterCorp beckons.

Craig decides to work for LesterCorp and begins a new career in filing.

Craig's life begins to enter the surreal when he becomes

Movie REVIEW

BEING JOHN MALKOVICH

/ Grade: A

infatuated with a fellow employee during the company's orientation. Her name is Maxine (Catherine Keener) and she will be the final undoing in Craig's life.

He makes every attempt to pick up on her and she will have nothing to do with him. Nevertheless, when Craig finds a secret portal that leads into John Malkovich's mind (yes, John Malkovich the actor) he suddenly garners the attention of Maxine and a race ensues to see who will control the famous actor's body.

After telling people I had seen this film, I was bombarded with numerous questions, most of which were seeking to clarify the movie's premise.

Some wondered if *Being John Malkovich* was a biography on the actor's life, and most were puzzled by the "being" in *Being John Malkovich*.

I think Craig sums it up best: "You see the world through John Malkovich's eyes. Then after about 15 minutes, you're spit out into a ditch on the side of the New Jersey Turnpike."

This is a wonderful film. It's not in Logan, but if you can find it, it's worth paying the six bucks.

Rage's new CD doing it for more than the nookie

Music REVIEW

THE BATTLE OF LOS ANGELES

/ Grade: A-

KEVIN PEEL
Staff Writer

You know how when you are in a crowd and an AC/DC or Metallica song is played everybody thumps their heads back and forth involuntarily? That's the effect that Rage Against the Machine's new album, *The Battle of Los Angeles*, has on the body — rocking out in spite of itself.

The difference is that Rage Against the Machine tries to educate the cerebrum too. While AC/DC's albums are celebrations of the male junior high libido, Rage has taken their testosterone to college, and taken a few political science courses as well. Now they want to shout about it to the neighborhood. Their latest effort is their most effective shouting to date. What their self-titled debut album hinted at, and 1996's *Evil Empire* partially realized, *The Battle of Los Angeles* gloriously fulfills.

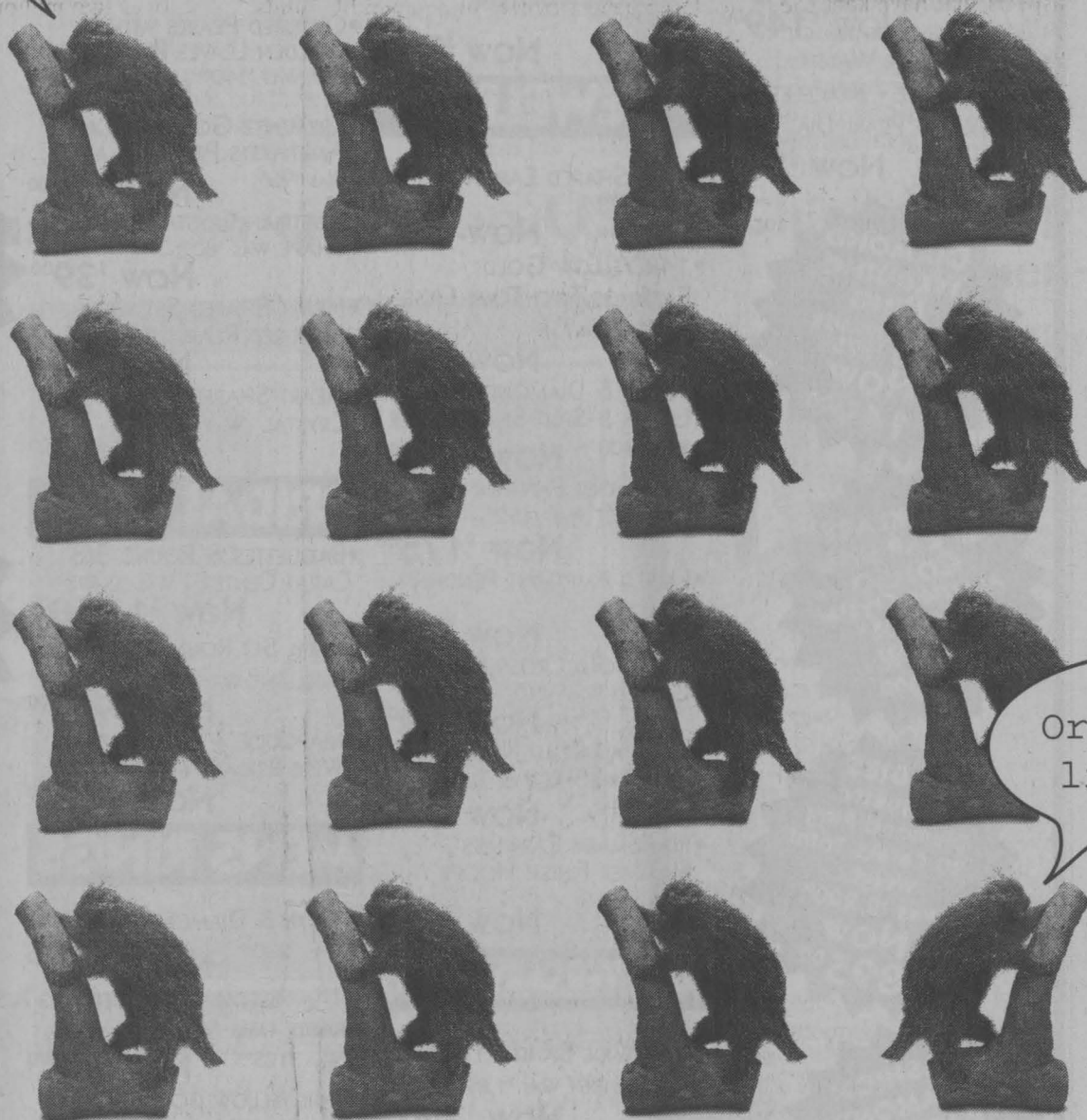
In the Age of Kid Rock, Rage's new triumph is like the king coming home to discover his kid-nephew lounging on the throne and bossing around the servants. They have a message: "Get off my seat!"

They have other messages for the kids as well: the oppression of migrant workers, third-world resistance to U.S. foreign policy and the brutal effects of redneck bigotry and corporate slavery — messages they hope will incite change for the underclass.

Unlike U2, who sang that nothing changes, Rage optimistically declares in the coda "War Within a Breath" that "everything can change on a

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gram.

Freelon said she has been to schools where the children had never heard a live performance because art and music had been cut for budgeting reasons.

"Cutting out the arts is like cutting out the heart of education," she said.

"There is something special about a live performance," Freelon said. "There is a give-and-take between artist and audience."

Freelon said children who have never seen a musician in person don't know how to act, and she said she often has to explain to the children how to act during a performance.

Freelon said she chose jazz because "it's the music that moves me and allows me to say who I am in the world."

The pop, rock and rhythm and blues worlds are extremely competitive, and the rise and fall

of stars is swift, said Freelon.

She said in ten years, probably no one will remember LeAnn Rimes, even though she is big now. With jazz, Freelon said, she is a medium-sized fish in a very small pond, and her goal is to have a long career.

Freelon said the jazz world is predominantly male, but jazz singers are almost all female.

"I haven't felt being a woman in a male-dominated field has been a bad thing, but I'm a singer," she said.

Men seem to be threatened by her female percussionist, Beverly Botsford, Freelon said.

She said Botsford tells stories about men who are intimidated by a woman playing percussion because it is nontraditional.

Freelon's pianist, Takana Miyamoto from Japan, is also woman. Piano is safer for a woman to play, Freelon said.

The other two members of her band are men: Wayne Batchelor on bass and Woody Williams on drums.

'Cutting out the arts is like cutting out the heart of education.'

•NENNA FREELON•
JAZZ SINGER

As a jazz singer, Freelon said she feels she is in a position to attract women to the music. She said she has a lot of fans who really "dig" jazz.

Freelon said she has heard white males from ages 30 to 50 are the biggest jazz supporters.

That's got to change if the music is going to continue to grow and be vibrant, she said.

After 12 days on the road touring, Freelon said she will be glad to get some rest when she goes home after the concert.

But she was quick to add that she loves touring.

"I get to meet neat people — people I would never meet otherwise," Freelon said.

She said she also enjoys touring because she doesn't feel like a tourist. There's a more personal connection, she said, when she comes in as a musician.

Freelon said she is excited for the USU concert.

"I hope singers come out," she said. She also said she wants young people to see the show.

"I hope people bring their children. It's so important for children to see live music," Freelon said. "My mother dragged me to everything she could. Even to the child who falls asleep, it makes an impression."

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new year's day."

The form-bending guitarist Tom Morello has surpassed his previous sonic innovations, and Zack De La Rocha's lyrics are both more to the point and metaphorically creative.

Witness "Born of a Broken Man," in which De La Rocha whispers, "His thoughts like a thousand moths, trapped in a lamp shade, somewhere within their wings, banging and burning; on through endless nights, forever awake he lies shaking and starving, praying for someone to turn off the light."

The album boasts at least four major anthems in the tradition of "Killing In the Name Of," "Bulls on Parade" and "People of the Sun." "Guerrilla Radio," the first single, and "Sleep Now in the Fire" will be sure-fire moshpit favorites on tour this year, and the ray-gun

guitar on "Maria" and bomb-drop squeals of "Ashes in the Fall" are brilliant and unforgettable. To mention everything good on this album, however, is to mention every track.

One minor quibble, though, is that *The Battle*, like all of Rage's releases, tends to muscle you into the ground and hold you there. Rage doesn't play songs, they play anthems, and after so many rockers in a row, one hopes for a slower, subtler tune now and then. Even warfare has its moments of calm and reflection. However, such is a complaint that equates to a sweet tooth complaining about too much chocolate and not enough frosting.

While messages of leftist activism don't play to most teenagers who listen in on "Guerrilla Radio," it's the band's unflinching earnestness in their convictions that makes them worthy to grab the torch that The Who passed to U2 a decade-and-a-half ago. A torch

in the hands of this band is a dangerous thing. In "Voice of the Voiceless," De La Rocha rants, "You be the spark, that set all the prairie fires on; make the masses a mastodon path, to trample the fascists on."

The Battle is a frontal assault that should have parents everywhere running for cover. One thing the adult-set fears more than Marilyn Manson's fake brand of Satanism is Rage's fervent brand of left-wing politics (witness the residents hunkering down when the band played the Utah County Fairgrounds a few years ago).

Rage Against the Machine's latest is a breath of fresh air in the stale atmosphere of their rap metal imitators. Rage's heart-felt summons to action will, if nothing else, get you off your seat — whether to jump on your bed and play air-guitar or join the Resistance. The band just hopes the first will lead to the second.

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enter the drawing is \$1.

"We donated a mountain bike in support of what Banff is doing. It really helps get people outdoors and create a love for being outside," said Kory Pitcher, sales associate for Sunrise Cyclery.

Before the screening of the films, a mini-trade show will be held.

Local merchants are invited to display their products.

"From a marketing standpoint, the people coming to the shows are the people interested in buying outdoor equipment. It's also a great opportunity for the vendors to get out of their shops and see the local outdoor community in one place," Kobe said.

One of the films highlighted this year is *True Fans*.

Dan Austin, producer and director of the film, is a native of Hyrum. Austin will introduce his film Feb. 17.

"*True Fans* is about a cross-country odyssey from California to the basketball hall of fame in Massachusetts. It's not a mountain film but a portrayal of the spirit of adventure," Austin said.

"The energy in these films makes you grateful and excited about life. It makes you happy to do anything from skiing to going down to the store for a can of Coke. The films really have an invigorating effect on all the people watching," he said.

And the ORC hopes that effect won't be limited to residents of Cache Valley.

"This year we have focused our efforts in reaching out to the entire community instead of limiting ourselves to students. We have promoted from Ogden to Preston trying to get as many people as possible involved," Kobe said.

He said all should attend.

"It is a very special event not to be missed," Kobe said.

Tickets for each night are \$5 for students and \$7 for non-students.

More information can be found by calling the ORC at 797-3264.

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"Sleeping Beauty" is a spectacular example of grand classical tradition."

He said the ballet "presents a significant challenge for dancers both technically and artistically."

According to the press release, "Sleeping Beauty" was first performed in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1890 with choreography by Marius Petipa.

But Kage said over time, much about the ballet has stayed the same, and that's what makes it an interesting work.

"It has been intriguing to consider the different versions of Petipa's original choreography that have been presented through the years

and identify the important aspects that have kept the ballet alive and popular," Kage said.

One of those aspects is the music, Kage said.

The ballet is set to music by Tchaikovsky. The Utah Chamber Orchestra will provide this accompaniment for the Ballet West performances.

Evening performances begin at 7:30, Feb. 11, 12 and 14 through 19. Matinees begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12 and 19.

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It's the day when pitchers and catchers report for spring training.

Baseball is the power that governs life. It's no coincidence winter comes as soon as the baseball season ends. The forces which govern Mother Nature simply shut down and hibernate until a new season begins. It's as though hell freezes over after the final pitch of the World Series and thaws each year as pitchers and catchers report to spring training.

And this year, as if the mere beginning of spring training isn't exciting enough, there is a blockbuster trade on the horizon to help spice things up.

Life is wonderful.

The rumor running across the wires is the Seattle Mariners, Cincinnati Reds and the Anaheim Angels have pounded out the details on a three-way trade that would send Ken Griffey Jr. to the Reds, Brett Tomko to the Angels and Jim Edmonds to the Mariners. The deal is pending the approval of the commissioner's office.

Such a deal would put baseball's three greatest home run hitters in the same league, not to mention make the Reds the favorites to win the National League Central Division.

Imagine the matchups: Mark McGwire vs. Griffey, Sammy Sosa vs. Griffey, Griffey vs. Randy Johnson. The possibilities are endless.

Cincinnati will reportedly give Griffey an 8-year contract extension worth \$114 million — nearly \$26 million less than Seattle offered him at season's end last year.

If the trade involved these three players alone, Mariner general manager Pat Gillick would be forever labeled a goon. However, the deal is said to involve a handful of other players, many of whom are talented, young minor leaguers from all three organizations. The young players the Mariners receive might just determine the future of the organization. And, as is often the case on superstar trades such as this one, the general managers involved will either be saviors or goats two or three years down the road. Gillick's life-long resume might very well be defined by what comes of this trade.

Cincinnati becomes a contender as soon as the ink from this deal hits the paper. The Reds will probably cough up some pretty talented minor-leaguers before all is complete, but they managed to keep both first baseman Sean Casey and second baseman Pokey Reese — both of whom the Mariners desperately wanted.

If the Angels were to get nothing else out of this deal, they'd still come out better simply by getting rid of Edmonds. Anaheim vowed long ago to make some serious changes in its clubhouse. It's not that Edmonds was a bad guy or had a bad attitude for that matter. The run of luck in the organization has been so bad for so long that sometimes the only way to overcome it all is to do some house cleaning. Sometimes it's easier to change the players you put on the field then it is to change a player's

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California dreaming: Big West Conference to add CS Northridge and UC Riverside in the year 2001

BIG WEST CONFERENCE
Media Relations

IRVINE, CA -- California State University, Northridge and the University of California, Riverside have accepted invitations to join the Big West Conference beginning July 1, 2001. Long Beach State University President Robert Maxson, Chair of the Big West Conference Board of Directors, made the announcement on a tele-

phone press conference at 1:30 pm, PST today. Both universities had made formal applications to join the Big West last November and after a meeting of the conference's Board of Directors this morning, invitations were extended to and accepted by the two institutions.

"We are pleased to bring these two quality universities into our conference," said President Maxson. "We feel that both universities have great similarities with our

current members and are a solid fit for the future of the conference."

Cal State Northridge Interim President Louanne Kennedy and UC Riverside Chancellor Raymond Orbach accepted the invitations on behalf of their universities.

"I am very pleased to accept the invitation to join the Big West Conference," said President Kennedy. "We are becoming part of a strong and reshaped athletic conference that will include

a number of Southern California universities much like Northridge. While this was neither a simple nor an easy decision, I am convinced that the opportunity for competition with more local institutions is the right move and is a good fit for Cal State Northridge."

"We have wanted to join the Big West ever since we conceived the transition to Division I," said Chancellor Orbach. "Throughout this process, it has been our goal

to raise the level of intercollegiate athletics to the same national preeminence as our academic programs. Association with the Big West has moved UCR a giant step forward toward that objective."

With these two additions, the Big West Conference will consist of ten full members for the 2001-02 academic year. Other members are: California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; California State University,

USU whips Nevada, sets for showdown

CASEY HOBSON
Sports Editor

A different night, a different hero.

Someone different seems to step up every night for the Utah State University basketball team, and Thursday night in the Spectrum was no different, as USU ran its win streak to nine straight games with a 69-54 victory over the University of Nevada.

"We weren't very pretty tonight, but we found a way to win, and that's the bottom line" USU head coach Stew Morrill said. "We were struggling shooting the ball, and that's going to happen on some nights."

The Aggies (18-5, 9-0) shot 46 percent from the field, and let the Wolf Pack creep back into the game despite a shooting percentage of 37 percent. When Nevada pulled within four points with just under 12

USU 69
NEVADA 54

Game MVP:

Tony Brown scored a game high 20 points and produced 6 assists.

Key Stat:

Both teams shot 50 percent or less from the free throw line.

Turning point:

Shawn Daniels scored six straight points midway through the second half to help stifle the Wolf Pack attack.

minutes remaining in the half, it was Shawn Daniels who stepped up and took matters — and the ball — into his own hands.

Fifteen of Daniels' 17 points came in the second half, along with seven of

his 10 rebounds. He tied his career-high for points in a game.

"I think he just thought it was ridiculous and decided to go make some baskets," Morrill said of Daniels' second half performance. "Shawn is very consistent, and we need him to step up night in and night out."

Daniels scored six straight points during a 2-minute stretch midway through the second half. He capped that performance by blocking a shot on the defensive end, which brought the 6,456 fans in the Spectrum to their feet.

"I had a lot of opportunities to go one-on-one in the post," Daniels said. "I think it's pretty good when I get to go one-on-one. Towards the end, I was getting a lot of inside shots I was able to make. My team

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Rebounding battle highlights Aggie win

WADE DENNISTON
Senior Sports Writer

Aside from seeing the Utah State University men's basketball team remain unblemished in the Eastern Division of the Big West Conference with a win over the University of Nevada Thursday night at the Spectrum, Aggie fans were treated to a battle of the top two rebounders in the conference, as well.

Wolf Pack junior forward Richard Sturgus came into the game as the No. 1 rebounder in conference with an 8.6 average, while Aggie junior forward Shawn Daniels was right behind, tied for the No. 2 spot with James Williams (Long Beach State University) at 8.0.

The first half was a close battle between the two as the 6-foot-6 Sturgus went into the locker room holding a one-board edge, 8-7.

Six of Daniels' boards came on the defensive end, while Sturgus pulled down seven defensively.

Sturgus took control of the rebounding battle in the second half as he added nine more to finish the game with 17 (3 offensive).

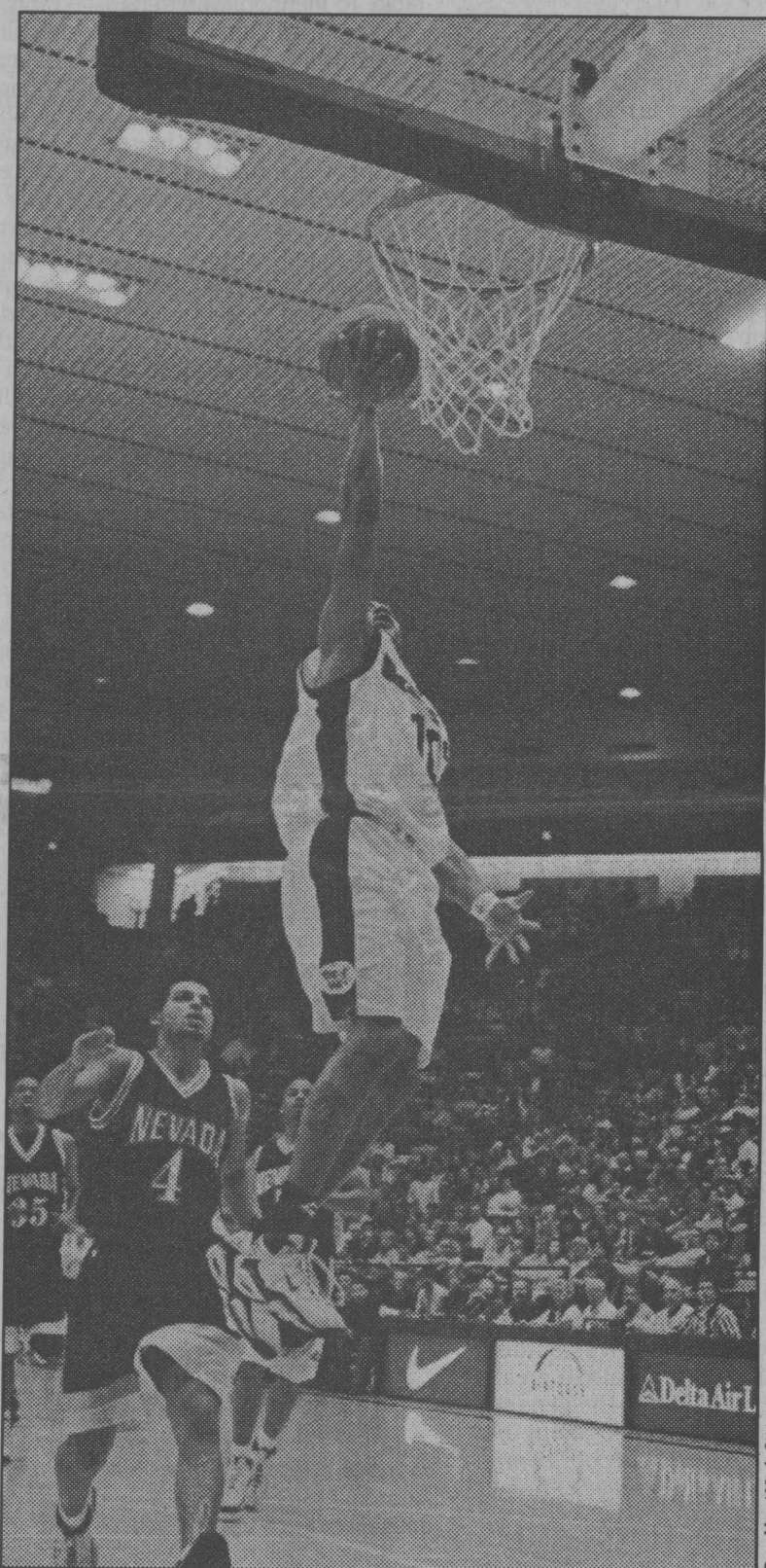
"I didn't realize he had that many rebounds," Daniels said.

However, the 6-foot-6, 250-pound Daniels did more than just add three more rebounds to his total (10) in the second half. The native of Bakersfield, Calif., was impressive in all defensive facets of the game in the final 20 minutes.

And on the offensive end, too.

Daniels, who had just three points at halftime, took control and went for 14

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USU guard Bernard Rock takes it to the hole on a fast break at the Spectrum Thursday night. Rock scored nine points and dished out five assists in the win.

Young softball team opens season at Ariz. tournament

AARON MORTON
Assistant Sports Editor

The Utah State University softball team will travel to Tempe, Ariz., to open the Aggie season with five games in three days in the Fiesta Bowl Tournament.

The young team (nine freshman on the 17-player squad) will take on three nationally ranked teams Friday through Sunday. USU plays No. 11 Oregon State University and host No. 9 Arizona State University Friday, 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., respectively. Saturday, the Aggies take

on unranked University of Nevada at Las Vegas (1:30 p.m.) and the University of Kansas (3:30 p.m.) before taking on No. 25 Mississippi State University at 8 a.m. Sunday.

"We're excited to get going," head coach Pam McCreesh said. "(The tournament) is one of the best ones around."

Last season, the Aggies lost all six games at the Arizona tournament, including losses to UNLV (6-4), Mississippi State (7-2) and Arizona State (6-2).

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USU's Heather Curtis gets jammed on this pitch during batting practice at LeRae and LaGrand Johnson Field.



Aggies IN ACTION

Thursday Basketball

Utah State 69
Nevada 54

All Weekend Men's Tennis Tournament

Utah State at UNLV

Softball

Utah State at Fiesta Bowl Tournament: vs. Oregon St., Fri vs. Arizona St., Fri vs. UNLV, Sat vs. Kansas, Sat vs. Mississippi St., Sun

Friday Gymnastics

Utah State vs. BYU, Spectrum, 7 p.m.

Saturday Rugby

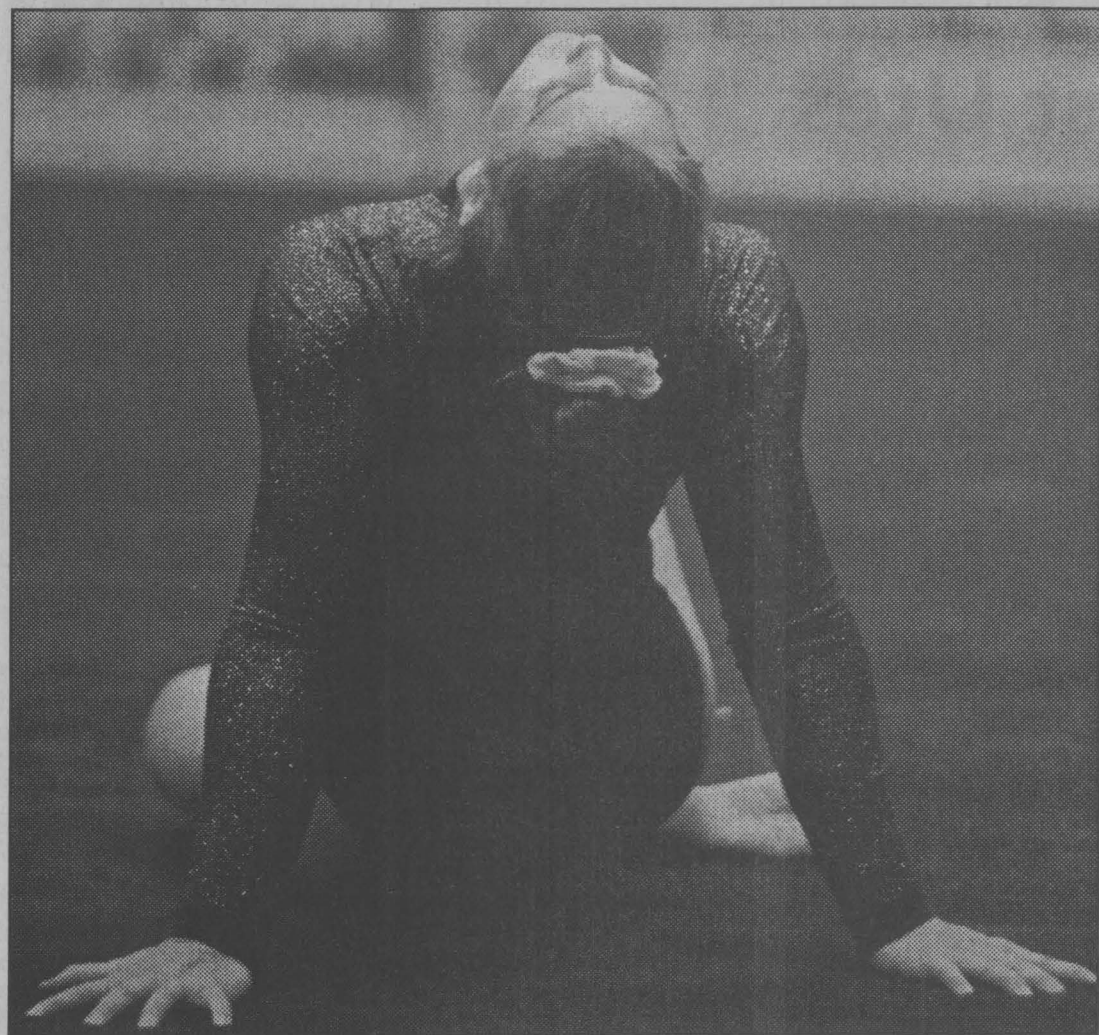
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Basketball
Utah State at Long Beach State, 8:35 p.m.

Hockey

Utah State vs. Utah, 8:30 p.m. at the Ice Sheet, Ogden



Freshman Kristen Bloom ends her floor routine with a dramatic pose against Boise State Friday. Bloom, already a strong all-around performer, will be called upon to help the Aggies in their upset bid of No. 14 BYU.

USU takes on rival Cougars

LYNNETTE HOFFMAN
Sports Writer

Last year the Aggies beat in-state rival Brigham Young University in two meets.

But tonight the Utah State University gymnastics team will take on a much different BYU than the team they faced last year.

BYU gave the number four ranked University of Utah a scare last Friday, coming within a half of a point of beating the Utes and ending their 20 year home winning streak. The Cougars are currently ranked 14th in the nation, and will be looking to avenge last years

losses.

"I know that they're gonna be gunning for us," USU head coach Ray Corn said.

But if the Aggies compete in vault, bars and floor the way they did against Utah on Monday, combined with a beam performance like the one against California State University at Sacramento, they should challenge BYU.

They just need to stay focused.

"There are a lot of emotions that run high on an interstate rivalry like this," Corn said. "We need to focus on our routines and not on who we are playing."

Few changes will be made

from the last few meets, Corn said. Few changes have been made to the lineup, like crowd pleaser Kirra Degener on the floor in place of Kristen Fargo, who turned her ankle, and senior Jessica Porter back in on bars. Nicole Kilpatrick, back from a torn Achilles tendon made her first collegiate appearance Monday night in balance beam, and will compete on that event tonight.

Christy Denson and Kristen Bloom will again be featured in the all-around, and will challenge BYU's Kim Little and Jeni Thomas.

The meet starts at 7 p.m. in the Spectrum.

Men's tennis swept on the road by Idaho St.

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
Athletic Media Relations

Utah State University's men's tennis team returned to the courts on Wednesday afternoon in Pocatello, ID losing to Idaho State University 9-0.

Clayton Thomas led the Aggies in number of games won as he fell at number two singles 6-3, 7-5.

USU's men's tennis team are now 0-2 on the season, will travel to Las Vegas, Nevada on Friday to compete in the UNLV Invitational. The invitation begins on Friday Feb. 11 at the Fertitta Tennis Complex with eight teams competing University of Texas-Arlington, Weber State University, Northern Arizona University, University of

Nevada Reno, Cal Poly and ISU.

Singles

1. George Kyvernitis (ISU) def. Jevin West (USU), 7-5, 6-1
2. Simmo Sommer (ISU) def. Clayton Thomas (USU), 6-3, 7-5
3. Erkki Torn (ISU) def. Tim Burrell (USU), 6-3, 6-1
4. George Devidze (ISU) def. Ryan Burbidge (USU), 6-0, 6-4
5. Malcom Swan (ISU) def. Dan Baird (USU), 6-2, 6-3
6. Vasili Devidze (ISU) def. Ryan Bair (USU), 6-3, 6-1

Doubles

1. Kyvernitis/Sommer (ISU) def. West/Burrell (USU), 8-6
2. Torn/V. Devidze (ISU) def. Burbidge/Baird (USU), 8-4
3. G. Devidze/Swan (ISU) def. Bair/Searl (USU), 8-2

Marino voids final two years of Miami contract

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Dan Marino now has some time, and the Miami Dolphins have more money.

Marino, the NFL career leader in passing yardage, voided the final two years of his contract with the Dolphins on Thursday. It remained unclear whether the 38-year-old quarterback will retire or return for another season.

Marino could rejoin the Dolphins or go to another team as a free agent.

"I'm not going to speculate about what Dan's going to do," Dolphins president Eddie Jones said Thursday. "Dan is a great athlete and he's done everything possible he can do in football."

"I'm sure he's going through the thought process of, 'Do I still want to do this?' He had the injury last year and his knees are not getting any better. I'm sure that's what he's thinking about."

Marino threw 12 touch-down passes and 17 intercept-

tions last season, missing five games and most of a sixth because of a neck injury. He finished with a career-low 67.4 passer rating.

Coach Dave Wannstedt has indicated that he would prefer to go with a younger quarterback like Jim Druckenmiller or Damon Huard, who was 4-1 as a starter last season.

Though there is no timetable for Marino's decision, he likely will make an announcement before March 20, the day the Dolphins begin their offseason workout program.

"We've got a new coordinator, a new head coach and we're going to have a new offensive system," Jones said. "And I don't know how Dan fits into that."

With Marino no longer under contract, the Dolphins gained \$5.8 million to spend during the free agent signing period, which begins Friday. They also released veteran tight end Troy Drayton on Thursday.

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USU looks to recoup against Utes

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Sports Writer

Still recovering from two straight losses to Colorado State University last weekend, the Utah State University hockey team will go up against the University of Utah for the second time in as many weeks Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at the Ogden Ice Sheet.

The back-to-back defeats at the hands of the Rams put things in perspective for the Aggies.

"We know now that we're not unbeatable," said Aggie Ryan Froerer.

"I think we all know we've got to put a little more effort into it if we want to do well at nationals," teammate Aaron Burrell said.

"In practice we skate a little harder," said USU's Kelly Froerer.

Burrell called Monday's practice "up tempo and lots of hard skating."

Aggie defenseman Danny Wilson agreed with Burrell, saying Monday's practice was the toughest one he's been to this year.

Playing a quality team like CSU has helped show the team how it has to rise to the tough competition, Burrell and the Froerer brothers said. They added their team is at a disadvantage because of the lack of competitiveness in the league.

The Aggies have blown out league members Utah, Brigham Young University and the University of New Mexico every time they've played by scores such as 9-1, 10-3 and even 19-0.

Weber State is the only team that has



Ryan Froerer (13) pushes a Colorado State player into the boards at the Ice Sheet Jan. 22. While USU won this game 2-1, they dropped two to the Rams last week. The Aggies will try to recover against the Utes Saturday night.

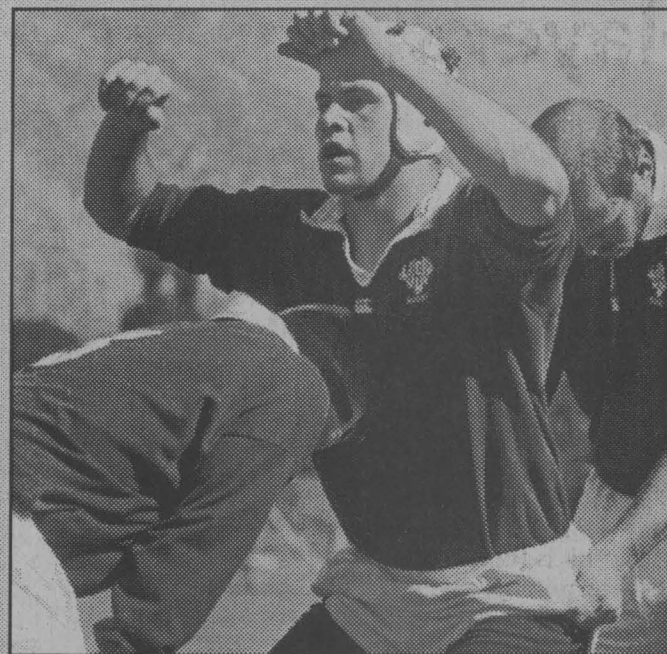
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been able to give the Aggies a good fight in the league. The first clash of the two teams resulted in a 9-9 tie. The second game between the two was an 8-4 victory for the Aggies and the third was a 5-2 win for USU, but that score was tied with three minutes to go.

Burrell said after blowing out bad teams all year, his Aggies sometimes feel out of

shape when a good team like CSU comes around. Teams like CSU are the caliber the Aggies will be facing at the national playoffs, he said.

Even with the two losses on the team's mind, Wilson said he knows his team will beat Utah. He said he's interested to see how long it will take the team to pull together.



ZAK LARSEN

Aggie Matt Stacey gets a lift from teammates in an attempt to catch a throw-in against BYU last fall. USU opens Saturday.

USU to host 6 teams in anual Bloodletting

CASEY HOBSON
Sports Editor

Blood, sweat and violence.

The Utah State University rugby teams would argue it's the perfect combination for Valentine's Day weekend.

The Aggies are hosting the Valentine's Day Bloodletting, an annual rugby competition, Saturday at noon at the HPER.

"It'll be soft, wet and mushy, and it should be a lot of fun," said B.J. Thomas, president of the men's club.

"I think we'll do great. We've had a great season up to this point," he said. "The guys are in shape. This is kind of a time to get the bugs out and use it as a learning experience so when we play (Brigham Young University) in three or four weeks, we're ready to go. We need to win that (game), and we need to beat Utah if we want to go to nationals."

The women's team will also play Saturday, facing off against Weber State University at 1 p.m. at the HPER Field.

Thomas said the Bloodletting tournament originally began 10 to 15 years ago between USU and Weber State.

This year the tournament will include Brigham Young University, the Provo Steelers, Hill Air Force Base and a team from West

Jordan. Thomas said he expects the Steelers will provide the most competition.

"(The) Provo Steelers are consistently one of the top men's rugby teams in the whole side of the nation," he said. "They're big and they're fast. It'll be tough."

"If we play to our potential, we can beat anybody. We have great players this year. It just depends on how far they want to take it, really."

USU's potential was evident in December at the Las Vegas Tournament — a tournament Thomas said the team not only won, but dominated.

Thomas said the team usually holds the tournament right around Valentine's Day in hopes there will be snow on the field. He said if no snow falls before Saturday afternoon, the soft muddy conditions will still provide a good playing surface.

"It'll be really muddy," he said. "I'd rather see it soft and wet. It's fast and you don't get cut up and cold. But playing in the snow is fun too. We played one year with eight inches of fresh powder on the ground and it was great."

USU's first game is at noon and it will play two others throughout the afternoon. Games will go all afternoon with 20 minute halves. The tournament is expected to end around 6 p.m.

SOFTBALL

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The team has been able to practice outside much earlier than usual and McCreesh said the team's youth might be an advantage. First baseman Sandy Taylor is the team's only senior, and pitchers Amy Settlemier and Kelly Warner are the team's only juniors.

"(The team has) really good chemistry," McCreesh said. "The youth, in the long run, might help them."

Despite the top-level of teams at the tournament, she said she is confident at coming out with some upsets.

"We're expecting to win," McCreesh said.

Freshman Xochitl Ramirez will get the start against the Beavers Friday, but no rotation has been set, McCreesh said.

Most of the field positions have been set with the exception of second base and right field, which are still up in the air, she said.

After the Fiesta Bowl Tournament, the Aggies will compete in the St. George Tournament, Feb. 25 through 27.



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Women's soccer signs 4 Utah players, one at every position

AARON MORTON
Assistant Sports Editor

Stacey Enos, Utah State University women's soccer head coach, announced the signing of one junior college transfer and three high school players.

Enos filled spots in all four positions, signing Tracy Heywood (goalkeeper), Ally Clegg (midfielder), Michelle Murri (defender) and Amber Tracy (forward).

"I think this is the most successful recruiting class we have ever had so far in terms of talent," Enos said, adding that each of these players have already played at high competition levels and are top-notch students.

All four players are from Utah, adding to the pattern of local recruiting that was started last year when Enos signed nine players — eight from the beehive state.

In addition to the four signees, Enos and assistant coach Jen Kennedy are looking at two transfers from Seton Hall University. This is kind of a bonus for USU because the players came to them, Enos said.

"That has a lot to say where the program's been and has come," she said.

Of the four announced signees, Heywood is the only junior college transfer. A starter at Dixie State College of Utah, she caught Enos' attention when the Rebels played in Logan twice in the last two years.

While USU passed her up on the first go-around, she has worked extremely hard, Enos said.

"We were impressed with her," Enos said.

Heywood, originally out of Bountiful High School, earned Most Valuable Goalkeeper at the National Junior College

'I think this is the most successful recruiting class we have had so far in terms of talent.'

• STACEY ENOS •
HEAD COACH

Athletic Association (NJCAA) national tournament and was named to the NJCAA All-American honorable mention.

Enos said she had hoped to bring in a player to challenge senior goalkeeper Michaela Miller.

Clegg and Murri are also out of Bountiful High School. In her senior year, Clegg was named to both the *Salt Lake Tribune* and the *Deseret News* all-state teams. Enos said Clegg was heavily recruited.

"She reads the game well," Enos said.

Enos hopes to add another dimension to the Aggie offensive scheme with Murri who

brings with her a good, long ball pass. She, like Clegg, was a three-year letter winner in high school.

The forward from the group is Tracy, who led her Mountain Crest High School team to a state championship in 1998. Enos said she is strong, fast, has good size and has a great touch. She scored 28 goals and recorded 22 assists in her high school career.

Her addition to the forward line-up could make them (with veterans Jayme Gordy, Ashley Cracraft and Brigid Turner) "one of the strongest front lines in the state, or the conference," Enos said.

REBOUNDED

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after the break, taking his total to 17 points.

With one of his three offensive rebounds, Daniels was able to help put USU up by eight, 44-36, by keeping the ball alive, allowing sophomore guard Tony Brown to bank a shot in.

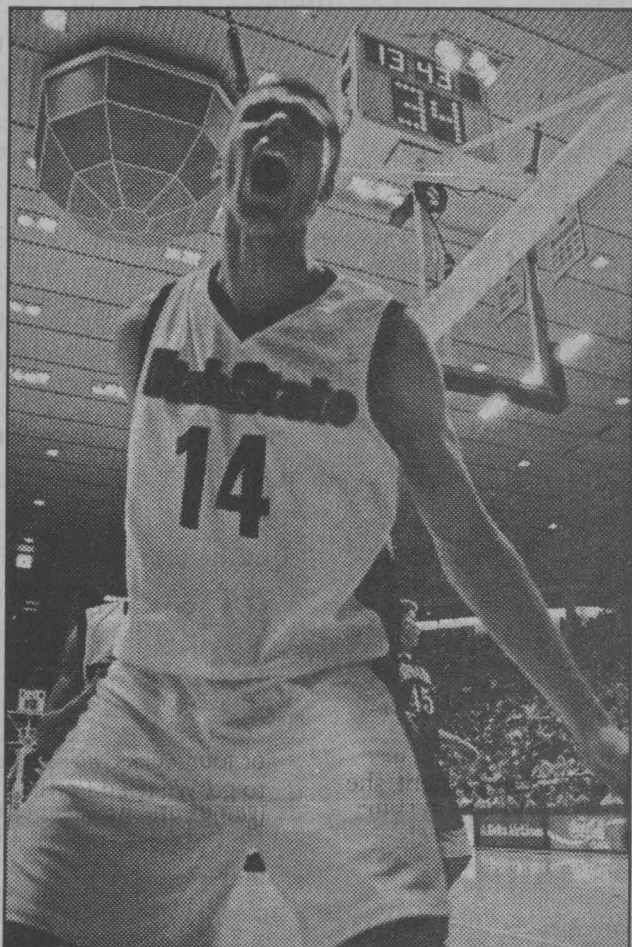
But the big man wasn't done yet.

With the Wolf Pack trailing by eight, and a chance to cut into the lead, Daniels blocked any chances of that happening as he swatted a would-be attempt at the goal away, much to the delight of the 6,456 fans in attendance.

And to let the Nevada players know nothing would be coming easy for them in Daniels' house, he shook his right index finger with a big ole grin on his face, much like Dikembe Mutombo of the Atlanta Hawks does after one of his patented blocks.

Wait, there's more.

After giving the Aggies a 10 point lead on a layup, Daniels forced Nevada's star freshman, Terrance Green, to step out of bounds on the baseline on the defensive end of the court by cutting off the 6-foot-2 guards route to the basket.



Dimitri Jorssen (14) celebrates after dunking on USU's second consecutive fast break in USU's 69-54 win over Nevada.

BASKETBALL

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did a real good job getting me the ball."

Daniels carried Utah State during the most critical stretch of the game, but he wasn't the only player who stepped up big against the Wolf Pack. Tony Brown finished with a game-high 20 points behind a 4-for-8 performance from 3-point range. He also led all players with six assists.

"It felt good coming off my hand tonight," Brown said. "I had some wide open looks, and you just have to hit those."

Brown scored half his points in the first half, when the rest of the team struggled to find an offensive groove — despite opening the game with a 20-5 run. Brown shot over 50 percent in that half, while USU struggled to shot 40 percent.

"We lost a little bit of energy tonight at times," Morrill said. "We didn't play our best basketball. There's no doubt about that. I think we got a little frustrated, and shots didn't go down. But we hung in there and did what we needed to do."

Utah State opened up a 15-point lead early in the game,

but couldn't find the basket after center Dimitri Jorssen capped the Aggies' 20-5 run with a fast break slam dunk. Jorssen's field goal came with 13:45 remaining in the first half, and was the last one USU made until Troy Rolle hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 5:55 remaining. The scoring drought was enough to let the Wolf Pack back in the game.

USU's shooting woes continued in the second half, as Nevada cut the lead to four points on Joao Santos' 10-foot jumpshot with 11:56 remaining in the half. Santos finished the game with a team-high 12 points.

The Wolf Pack again pulled within four points with just over 10 minutes remaining in the game on Matt Ochs' 8-foot jumpshot. They never came any closer, as Daniels and Brown put the game out of reach.

With the victory, USU improved on what was already its best conference season start in history. The 1997-98 team held the previous record with a 7-0 mark before losing to New Mexico State University. The Aggies will have their hands full next week with Long Beach State University, however, as both teams are 9-0.

players, and picked up one of the best all-around players in the game. If they're pitching is mediocre or better this season, they'll probably find themselves in the post season.

So brace yourselves because spring is in the air and a new baseball season is just around the corner. It almost brings a tear to my eye.

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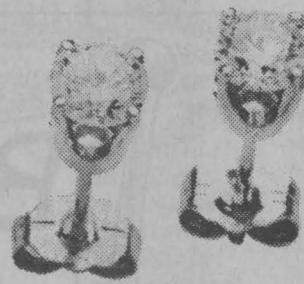
BASKETBALL SUMMARY

Nevada	Min	FG	FT	Reb.	A	TP
Santos	27	5/12	0/0	3	4	12
Zapata	6	0/1	0/0	0	0	0
Stirgus	39	3/7	0/1	17	1	6
Green	39	2/7	5/6	5	1	11
Guerinoni	6	0/1	0/0	1	1	0
Meekins	11	0/1	1/2	0	1	1
McCullough	25	4/11	0/1	2	5	10
Bayless	21	3/6	0/3	2	0	6
Criddle	10	1/4	1/1	4	0	3
Ochs	16	2/3	1/2	6	0	5
TOTALS	200	20/53	8/16	42	14	54

USU	Min	FG	FT	Reb.	A	TP
Daniels	33	8/13	1/6	10	2	17
Rolle	26	2/4	0/2	6	2	6
Jorssen	22	3/10	2/5	3	0	8
Rock	25	4/5	1/2	1	5	9
Brown	33	6/10	4/4	1	6	20
Stewart	4	0/0	0/0	3	0	0
Thomas	8	0/2	0/2	1	0	0
Ray	19	1/2	2/3	4	0	4
Bailey	14	1/3	3/3	1	3	5
Bobb	13	0/5	0/0	4	1	0
Mahorn	3	0/1	0/0	2	0	0
TOTALS	200	25/55	13/27	36	19	69

3pt FG: USU 6/16 (Brown 4/8, Rolle 2/3), Nevada 6/18 (McCullough 2/7, Santos 2/6, Green 2/4).
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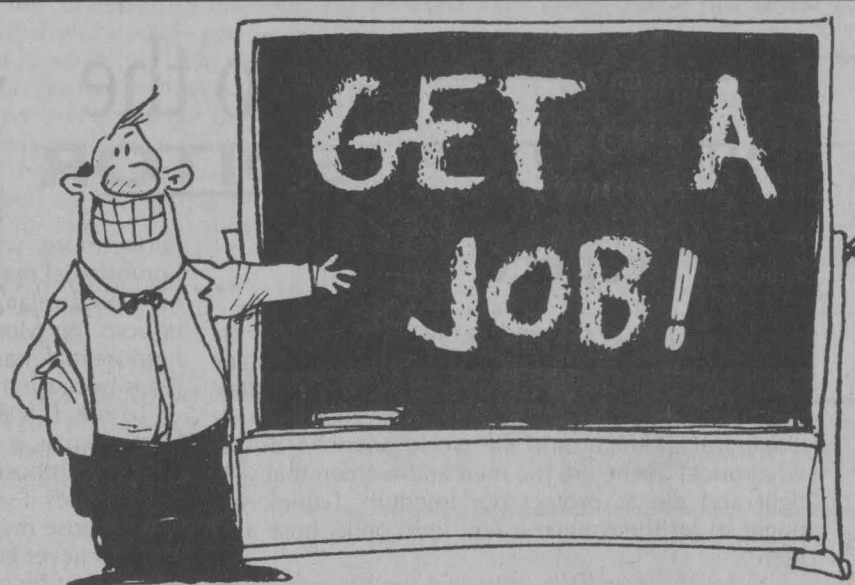
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Voices and Views

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"If we don't believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don't believe in it at all."

Quotes 'n
NOTESThings we
don't under-
stand

Conflicting forecasts from competing groundhogs Wednesday.

Pre-eminent groundhog Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow meaning six more weeks of winter, according to tradition.

But in an Atlanta suburb, upstart Gen. Beauregard Lee did not see his shadow which means spring is just around the corner.

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Armed services
protect, deserve
respect

I would like to respond to the article written on Monday about the ROTC. I feel it is very important to honor these brave men and women. Yes they have many advantages that come with their duty — cheap vacations around the world possibly. But at what price? These are the men and women that will fight and die to protect our freedom. I think we ought to let them have a few little perks here and there.

As for the marching, it is vital for an army to be organized. The Spartan warriors of ancient Greece had such an organized march onto the battlefield that their enemies were so afraid they would often flee before a fight could break out. This seemingly trivial act of disciplining soldiers may serve to be vital to preserve the chain of command in the heat of battle.

I think all citizens of America should respect the flag so much. It is a symbol of our great nation. Our forefathers died for that flag. Is it too much to honor their sacrifice?

Yes sometimes I agree we impose on other countries, we send troops where we shouldn't. But imposing our values? I suppose we do impose our belief that all men have an inherent right to life. I don't think Kuwait hates us for freeing their country, or those Kosovar children that didn't get slaughtered because of our imposition.

America does have several problems. But who doesn't? I've lived abroad before, and know what a marvelous country I didn't live in for two years. Wouldn't our time be better spent on trying to solve these problems rather than just whining about them? If America is such a terrible place why are you here? I'm sure some other country would be happy to accept your immigration, coming from such a marvelous country.

In closing I would just like to thank all those in the armed services. Thank you for protecting me and this great nation.

David Brighton

Blue Jeans should not
show support for
same-sex marriages

I see the homosexuals are at it again.

Once again, they are attempting to manipulate the student body into inadvertently supporting their cause. Wearing blue jeans this Monday, they say, will show one's support of homosexual marriages.

Blue jeans are an item of clothing that most of us wear every day. Suppose someone woke up Monday, completely oblivious to this whole issue, and put on his or her favorite pair of blue jeans like they have done so many times before. Does this act make this individual a supporter of gay marriages?

All action is merely a reaction

IN THE HEADLIGHTS / Bryce Peterson



Everyone listens when they are told what to do. Some of us listen so we can do what is expected.

Others listen for more effective rebellion. In the end it's all the same. With the possible exceptions of Charles Manson, Joseph Smith and Stephen Hawking we are all merely reacting to what we are told by other people.

"A question about sniffing glue might lead a child who has not done so to think it could be an appropriate thing to do," said

Howard Stephenson, R-Draper, in the current Legislative session.

It is highly doubtful that such a question on an anonymous drug test would lead anyone to believe that sniffing glue could be an "appropriate" thing to do. But a rebellious little girl might sneak off behind the shed at the very next recess with a tube of rubber cement and come back giggling with a few less brain cells.

What was I talking about?

My point is that we need all the brain cells we can get. It's hard work trying to laugh just the right volume and hold your back at that particular angle. It's hard to discover just how many hairs are supposed to be out of place on your

head, and how many must stay put.

You see people, a few years younger, in the midst of socialization struggling through meals at every restaurant. With neon signs above their head reading "Look at me!" they are as inescapable as a mandatory survey.

Young girls send out pheromones and shriek and flip their hair and try to look self assured. The main purpose of this madness and movement is to attract attention. Much like the attractiveness of sniffing glue, their presence demands a reaction.

It's a bizarre mating ritual left

To the
EDITOR

By simply going through our normal routine of wearing blue jeans, how does this deem us supporters of homosexual marriages?

Furthermore, what do blue jeans have to do with homosexual marriages, anyway? Perhaps if supporters would wear pink clothing, leather pants or feather boas this Monday we would know who supports homosexual marriages, and who is just wearing blue jeans because that is what they normally wear.

To me, this pathetic attempt at manipulation by homosexuals is almost as absurd as a group of antisemites proposing that this Monday we should "wear shoes if you hate Jews."

I suppose my point is that trust and support for a cause is never gained through manipulation or trickery. It must be built through positive means. And in this case, just like last year, bridges will not be built, but rather will be burned.

Lastly, please wear khakis this Monday..

David Bethers

USU hockey team
thanks fans for support

I am writing this letter in response to Heather's article about USU's hockey and their fans. Just because someone is from Canada doesn't mean they know the sport of hockey. Granted our fans may not be the most educated in hockey but I can assure you that neither is Heather. Saying that she is from Canada and automatically knows hockey is like saying everyone from Idaho knows potatoes and everyone from Utah knows Mormons.

Hockey is a rough and physical sport, we both agree. It also tends to have fights. However, they are not usually to just beat someone up. About 80 percent of fights in hockey are used to let the other team know we won't allow them to hack our players. If a team's goal scorer is taken out of the game, then they are unable to do their job which in this case is to score goals. Now, I'm not saying we should take a lot of penalties, but don't criticize our team when you don't know what is really going on.

I have never seen fans as great as ours! We had maybe 1,500 fans, and they were louder, more active and more supportive than arenas with 5,000 fans! Our fans also have to drive an hour, watch the game and drive back another hour.

I think it would be great if we started a tradition of throwing something on the ice after the first goal, but I agree it needs to represent USU. If we get a penalty for this then I will personally serve it. Furthermore, I hope our fans continue to give the other team crap, harass the guy in the penalty box for a few seconds, cheer when you want to, boo when you want to.

Finally, I would like to thank Casey Hobson for his article in the same issue. We appreciate your support. Last, but definitely not least, I want to thank all of our fans. You guys are the BEST. Please continue to support us, and do whatever the hell you want to — JUST HAVE FUN!

Ross Keys - USU defenseman

In our
OPINIONWomen deserve
place in public
offices

As we approach yet another political season, most eyes that are on anything political at all are on the race for the presidency. And those eyes, once again, see the same thing: a bunch of men.

Perhaps the only campaign we will hear more about this election season than the race for the presidency is the New York senatorial race pitting New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani against First Lady Hillary Clinton.

And who's going to doubt that we'll hear more joking than actual political discussion?

American politics is still largely a boys' club, despite decades — even centuries — of hard-earned gains made by women. Republican Elizabeth Dole dropped out of the race for the presidency. Clinton is

mocked as nothing more than the wife of an adulterous president, despite her years of education and political experience.

A wife who, opponents would have the public believe, has forgotten that her place apparently isn't in New York. A woman who, they claim, needs to be told just where her place is, as women have been told ever since patriarchy was invented.

With Finland electing its first female president earlier this week and women across the United States and throughout the world finally achieving political power, here's hoping that Clinton and other politically minded women don't listen to those naysayers who'd have women believe their place is in the kitchen and not in public office.

Beary good reasons
to boycott
Valentine's Day

UNDERGRADUATED / Kevin Peel



Valentine's Day. Bah humbug!

I haven't been much of an activist in

my life, except for the time my friends and I wrote letters attempting to save "Doogie Howser, M.D." from cancellation. But now I feel like it's time to dust off the picket signs, scribble out "Don't Kill Doogie" and write "Valentine's Day Sucks!"

Before y'all go out and spend another cent on plush elephants that say, "I'm trunk on your love," let me give you a little history lesson about this farce of a holiday.

Valentine's Day marks the anniversary of the day Eros fell in love with Candy, a secretary at Hallmark Cards. Before he knew what he was doing, he'd pawned his bow and arrow to Eris (goddess of discord and discount shopping). You see, Eros needed cash because he had gifts to buy, and soon his arms would be too full of stuffed puppies, cherry bonbons and charm bracelets to carry around weaponry anyway.

Ever since, it's not been life, but LOVE that's like a box of chocolates — as well as a couple dozen roses and a card that says "If you'd be my Lovey Dovey/I'd be a Lucky Ducky."

And that's not even getting to St. Valentine. According to my research (I had a dream about it), Valentine was a monk whose job it was to copy the Bible by hand all the days of his life. While this would be an important and exciting career for anyone else, Valentine fancied himself some sort of celibate Casanova, and would insert sappy love poems into the middle of Bible verses. Here is a sample of St. Valentine's version of Deuteronomy 18:5 —

"And when a man goeth into the wood with his neighbor to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the ax to cut down the tree, and the head slippeth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbor, that he die: he shall flee."

See?! Romantic imagery galore — remember that Shakespearean love sonnet that begins, "I'd

heweth and fetcheth wood for half a helve of your love?" (Or was that a Beatles song?)

But anyway, rumor also had it that Valentine spent an unhealthy amount of time in "Songs of Solomon" when the other monks were away stomping grapes or something.

And if that's unconvincing, just look at what kind of words "Valentine" is hanging out with in the dictionary. Words like

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This isn't the end of the world or the net

DAN GILMOR / TMS Campus News Service



Take a deep breath, count to 10 and repeat after me: This week's

Web site attacks are serious, but they are not the end of the Net as we know it.

I don't mean to minimize the genuine woes of the popular sites that have been the targets. The assaults go well beyond mere vandalism. The people responsible should be prosecuted for their crimes, assuming they can be found. But the attacks are not the most sinister thing ever to happen on the Internet. They stem from the Net's greatest strengths, its openness and decentralization, which are simultaneously its greatest weaknesses. The latest exploits are being dealt with, and the Net community will learn from them.

Meanwhile, we could do without the misleading accounts and rampant fear-mongering. One of the least savory parts of this mess, apart from poorly reported news stories, has been the almost gleeful noise from the companies that sell security products.

The incessant use of the word "security" is only partly correct in this context. The cybervandals have apparently disguised their tracks by inserting rogue programs into other people's computers, then ordering those machines to overwhelm Web sites with requests for information in what are called "distributed denial of service" attacks. That's clearly a security issue for the people whose machines are being used without their knowledge.

The onslaughts create data traffic jams, preventing legitimate visitors from gaining access to the targeted Web sites. That's a modest hassle for a consumer — oh, the agony of waiting a couple of hours to bid on those Batman comics — and a major mess for the Web site. But it's not a security issue in the sense of someone cracking into databases that contain consumers' personal data or other sensitive information.

Moreover, while the Internet is designed to be (and is) incredibly resilient, the reliability of individual Web sites hasn't exactly been sterling before this week. If you're a frequent visitor to some of the affected sites, you've probably noticed that they have occasional outages and glitches without the assis-

tance of external troublemakers. So when someone tells me that eBay is down, or that an online stock brokerage is inaccessible on a particularly busy day in the markets, I'm not exactly shocked. You'll also notice that the affected sites have moved back into normal operation fairly quickly.

Who might be responsible? The Net is swarming with rumor and speculation, including a swath of opinion laying the responsibility for the attacks at the door of the National Security Agency, FBI and other bodies that would love to find ways to control this largely uncontrollable new medium.

The likeliest culprits are the so-called "script kiddies" and/or "packet monkeys" who have access to some nasty tools and consider it fun to find holes in the system and/or cause trouble. We may never know. If the vandals have been careful they'll be all but impossible to find. Their motives may remain as mysterious as their identities. I want to know a lot more before I buy the idea that this is, as at least one commentator called it, an attack on e-commerce itself.

We're in something of an arms race. The mischief-makers and criminals are going to keep

probing the defenses of the Internet. The infrastructure people need to stay vigilant, to respond quickly to the threats.

What we don't need are vast new surveillance powers for the FBI, CIA, NSA and the rest of the spies and law enforcers who consider the Internet's greatest virtues to be such terrible threats. Over-Reactions-R-Us in America, unfortunately, when we grow fearful.

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VALENTINE'S

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"valetudinarian" (n., a person in weak health) and "valgus" (n., a form of clubfoot; knock-kneed). No wonder he couldn't stomp grapes with the others!

Truthfully, I could overlook this strange history if it wasn't for my own rocky time with this candy-coated holiday. I've been disillusioned since little blonde-haired Tabitha put a card in my first-grade papier mâché mailbox. I opened the envelope and there was a waving Care Bear (don't ask me which one — Raindrop Bear?) and the Care Bear was saying, "I love you beary much." Well, let me just say that my heart melted into an enchanted land where people aren't judged just by

the symbols glued to their furry little bellies, but by the love in their hearts as well. I mean, this was TABITHA, who already had THREE permanent teeth and (her mother being a stylist at the "Shear Shanty") feathered Farrah Fawcett hair.

Yep, I was in ecstasy right up until I opened the envelope that Daniel Jakes gave me and saw the same card! Daniel Jakes? He had three permanent scars from breaking the permanent teeth out of fourth-grader boys with his hairy little knuckles.

I was not prepared to acknowledge that Daniel cared about me in that certain special way, so I concluded that no Valentine's sentiments are terribly reflective of actual feelings.

Everything that has occurred since has only con-

firmed my first suspicion — the 8th grade Valentines dance, the infamous 11th grade Valentine's Day Heart-Massacre and the Ego Crunch of '97.

So call me an ogre, call me a heartless cad, call me Doogie Howser, M.D. — I don't care. Valentine's Day must die! And by the way, Eros lost Candy to Bob (the burly god of pipe fitting), then changed his name to Cupid, as in "stupid." He's naked because he had to sell the shirt off his back to buy one too many frilly leopard-skin nighties, and he's aiming at you not to fill you with love, but to kill you before you make a beary bad mistake.

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over from the late Pleistocene. Budding young women, in an effort to cope with their new reproductive power, would dance mad dances around the fire while their raging hormones battled, along with the raging hormones of the boys in the tents next door, to overcome the separation imposed by tyrannical parents.

Parents of both sexes would look down at their food, trying to avoid staring at the dancing girls. However, finding it impossible, they would resort to making snide comments or turning their backs on them.

Insecurity and need for attention extends to everyone in the world, with the possible exceptions of Marilyn Manson and Courtney Love, who only need each other for happiness.

Some people wear a constant smirk or scowl, making snide comments or turning their backs on the world. I often

pretend like I'm invisible. I often pretend I like being invisible, but as I walk I am actually hoping that every person I meet recognizes and fears my mighty power. Sometimes I kick windows in for no reason other than to gain some form of prominence in the eyes of the two observers. Or at least I did last year. Now I am much more mature.

Take a look back at yourself one year ago. Five years ago. Ten. "What an idiot! I was only reacting (like a dupe) to the ideas and situations around me. I had no thoughts of my own," you'll say. Now compare that to the self-assured brilliance that radiates from you constantly in the present.

As you go about your day, remember not to take yourself too seriously. For next year, inevitably, you'll look back at today and think, "What an idiot!"

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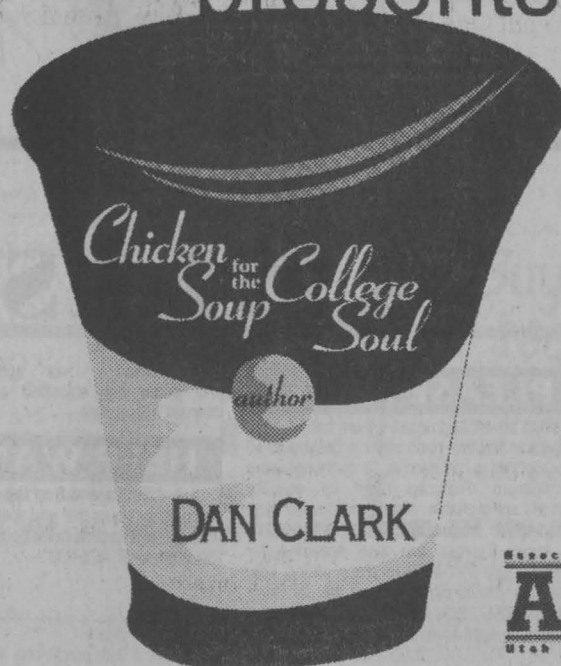
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Iraq says no to U.N. arms monitors

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq said Thursday that it will not allow U.N. arms inspectors back into the country to reinstate a disarmament program halted on the eve of U.S. and British airstrikes in December 1998.

Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan branded U.N. arms inspectors as "spies" in the clearest rebuff to date of renewed inspection attempts stipulated in a Dec. 17 U.N. Security Council resolution.

Other Iraqi leaders have decried the resolution, but left open the question of Baghdad's cooperation. Ramadan was blunt.

"There shall be no return of the so-called inspection teams. We reject the infiltration by spies using such cover," the official Iraqi News Agency quoted Ramadan as telling a visiting Russian envoy, Nikolai

Kartuzov.

The remarks come as the newly appointed chief weapons inspector, Hans Blix of Sweden, tries to set up a new disarmament commission. Ramadan did not mention Blix by name, but he was appointed under the December resolution.

In Washington, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Iraq's leaders have to make a choice.

"They know what they need to do, and standing in the way and trying to dictate the terms of engagement of any force, or who will lead such a force, is only going to perpetuate a situation that they publicly claim that they

want to get out of, which is the U.N. sanctions," Lockhart said.

The U.N. sanctions, which were imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, can be lifted only after Iraq

proves to the Security Council it has destroyed its long range missiles and weapons of mass destruction.

Iraq maintains it no longer has banned weapons and is demanding the abolition of U.N.

sanctions as a condition for the return of arms inspectors.

In New York, U.N. spokesman John Mills said the world body would not respond directly to Ramadan's remarks. But he noted that Blix will not

take up the post until at least the end of the month, so "there isn't an inspection mechanism up and functioning at the moment knocking on the door, asking to go into Iraq."

Mills also said Blix must first spell out the remaining arms questions for Iraq to answer.

Russia, seen as Iraq's closest ally on the Security Council, sent Kartuzov to Baghdad in a bid to persuade the government to cooperate. Baghdad-based diplomats said, Kartuzov, a former Russian ambassador to Baghdad, also met Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz.

State-run newspapers on Thursday quoted Aziz as saying Iraq will not cooperate. Last week, Aziz said his government might cooperate if the United Nations made the resolution palatable to Iraq. He did not elaborate.

'We reject the infiltration by spies using such cover.'

• TAHA YASSIN RAMADAN •
VICE PRESIDENT OF IRAQ

Officials skeptical of asylum applicants from hijacking

STANSTED, England (AP) — About half the hostages freed from a hijacked Afghan airliner requested asylum in Britain, but their 74 applications ran into immediate skepticism Thursday from officials who feared the four-day drama was all an elaborate bid to escape Afghanistan.

Police arrested 21 people as the standoff ended peacefully before sunrise Thursday.

At 3:50 a.m., about 85 captives — mostly women and 21 children — suddenly streamed down the aircraft's rear stairs, illuminated by bright lights, their flowing garments fluttering in the wind. The rest, including the hijackers, filed down the stairs two hours later.

Officials said the hijackers never asked for asylum, but many others on the flight did. Home Secretary Jack Straw told the House of Commons that Britain would try to deport them, subject to legal requirements.

"Clearly, you cannot have a situation where a signal can be sent to anybody that the way to get asylum is through hijacking a plane," he said.

The hijackers took over the Ariana airline flight early Sunday on what should have been less than an hour's flight from the Afghan capital of Kabul to the northern town of Mazar-e-Sharif.

The plane made stops in Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Russia, releasing 22 passengers. Ten more people were let go and four crew members escaped after the plane landed early Monday at Stansted airport, 25 miles northeast of London. That left 151 aboard.

Police gave no guarantees during the mostly calm and businesslike negotiations, said David Stevens, chief constable of Essex County police. The hijackers never gave a clear explanation of their aims, he said.

"It became clear in the last hour of the negotiations that they were expressing concern about the political situation in Afghanistan," he said. "For the first 75 hours, they didn't talk about the political situation at all."

Police recovered four handguns, five knives, one set of brass knuckles, two detonators and two grenades, though they did not appear to have fuses, Stevens said.

He anticipated a long process of interviewing all the people aboard the aircraft, mainly through translators, to build a case.

The hard-line Taliban government in Afghanistan sent a fax to British authorities thanking them for ending the hijacking safely. The Taliban's civil aviation minister, Akhtar Mohammed Manzoor, asked

Alaska grounds two MD-80s after jackscrew damage found

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Alaska Airlines grounded two MD-80 jetliners Thursday after wear and tear was found in tail mechanisms during voluntary inspections prompted by last week's crash of Alaska Flight 261.

The horizontal stabilizer, the jackscrew, nut, elevators and other components that adjust the plane's up-and-down pitch have been the focus of the Flight 261 investigation. The pilots struggled to control the plane for at least 30 minutes before it crashed into the Pacific on Jan. 31, killing all 88 people aboard.

Alaska grounded the two planes in Seattle and Portland, Ore., because metal shavings were found around the jackscrews. Investigators also announced Thursday that metal shavings were found from a nut in the same mechanism aboard Flight 261, which was an MD-83.

Shavings indicate wear on the nut, which travels along a large screw that moves the horizontal stabilizer and controls the up-and-down direction of the plane. The nut from Flight 261 has not been found, said Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

All major U.S. airlines were inspecting their fleets of MD-80, MD-90, DC-9 and Boeing 717 jets on Thursday. Boeing recommended the checks Wednesday night.

that the plane — one of only nine in the aging fleet — and its passengers be returned.

The hijackers "must be punished, otherwise it will be an example for others that they can hijack a plane and get asylum if that is what they want," Manzoor said. "It's not right that they should endanger all the passengers to get asylum."

Britain does not have diplo-

matic relations with Taliban authorities, who practice a strict brand of Islam and control 90 percent of Afghanistan.

Nick Hardwick, chief executive of the Refugee Council, urged the government to be cautious about sending everyone back Afghanistan, wracked by 20 years of war and home to one of the world's largest refugee populations.

Administration voices concerns about victims' rights amendment

WASHINGTON (AP) — While voicing support for a constitutional amendment to protect crime victims' rights, the Clinton administration said Thursday that the specific proposals before Congress could infringe on defendants' rights or law enforcement efforts.

Supporters from both parties said an amendment is necessary because courts routinely ignore the rights of victims.

The U.S. Constitution is completely silent on victims' rights, while it speaks volumes as to the rights of the accused," said Rep. Steve Chabot, R-Ohio, sponsor of the House measure.

The House and Senate proposals examined by the House Judiciary subcommittee on the Constitution would ensure that victims have the rights to reasonable notice of court proceedings and an offender's release or escape, the right to attend and be heard at legal

proceedings and the right to an order of restitution.

Thirty-two states have passed victims' rights amendments since 1982, but a constitutional amendment "is the only legal measure strong enough to rectify the current inconsistencies" from state to state, said Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz.

Some contend it would be more prudent to pass laws rather than change the Constitution, but the rights of the accused "will always trump the rights of the victim under any subsidiary law," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., co-sponsor of the Senate measure.

Assistant Attorney General Eleanor D. Acheson, in prepared testimony, said that while both President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno support a crime victims' rights amendment, the administration was troubled by several provisions in the House and Senate bills.

AFFIRMATIVE

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government in this state does not protect us from the good-old-boy system, then who does?"

The legislators hearing testimony were split into two groups to accommodate the crowd. About 450 people were initially allowed into the rooms while another 200 waited quietly for their opportunity to speak.

"I think the governor has his heart in the right place, but has been misguided in his approach so far," said Kelvin Lawrence, a sophomore at predominantly black Florida A&M University.

For weeks, leaders in Florida's black community have protested against the plan. The issue came to a head in January, when two black lawmakers staged a 25-hour sit-in inside Lt. Gov. Frank Brogan's office, demanding that Bush rescind his executive order to put One Florida in place.

Bush refused, but he agreed to three public hearings on the plan. The previous two, in Tampa and Miami, also were dominated by critics.

As he did at the two previous hearings, Brogan said the plan would increase opportunities for minorities and streamline the application process for state business.

"People worked and labored long on the vineyards of civil rights," he said. "What we're asking for is people to take a small slice of that courage and create greater opportunity."

Chris Chestnut, a Florida State University sophomore, said he has read the plan several times and found several problems.

For instance, the plan to guarantee college admission to the top 20 percent of high school students, known as "Talented 20," might encourage students to attend schools with lesser academic reputations to make it easier to get into college, he said.

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Friday, February 11
◆USU Gymnastics vs. BYU, 7 p.m., Spectrum.
◆Nnenna Freelon jazz vocalist, 7:30 p.m., Kent Concert Hall, Student tickets \$3.
◆Swing Dance, Elite Hall

in Hyrum, 7 p.m. Fund raiser for The Parent Connection. \$3 per person or \$5 couple. Instruction 6 to 7 p.m.; Live Band 7 to 10 p.m.; DJ 10 to 11 p.m.

Sat

Saturday, February 12
◆Women's Rugby vs Weber, 1 p.m., on the HPER Field
◆"Will you be mine?" Valentines Dance! 8 p.m. to midnight, TSC. \$5 per

couple. Dinner available in the Skyroom from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Monday, February 14
◆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.

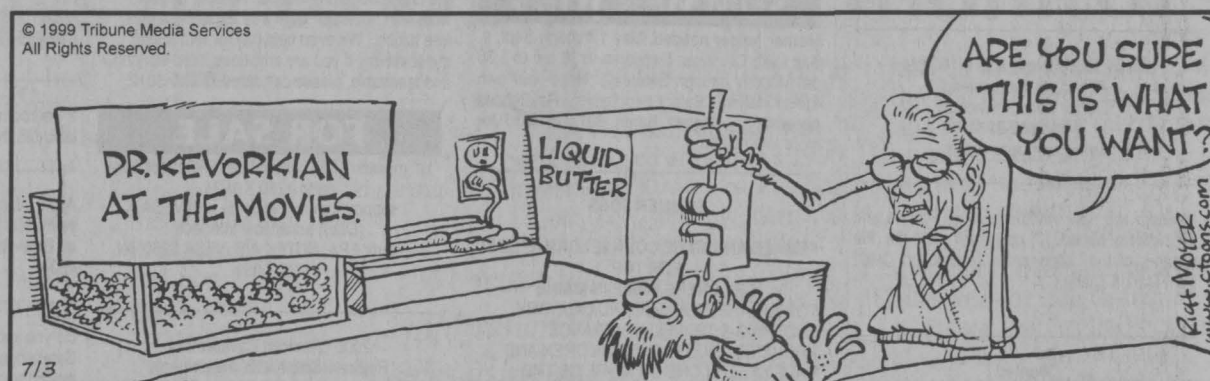
F.Y.I.

- **International Tea Party**, Feb. 11, 3:30 p.m. Free yummy food, TSC 3rd floor by Multicultural Center.
- **Free Dinner & Movie**, "Mrs. Brown" Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m., Faith & Fellowship, 1315 East 700 North.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Party at the Trampoline house**, Feb. 12, 8:30 p.m., 782 E. 900 North. No alcohol!
- **Valentine bloodletting Rugby tournament**, Feb. 12, noon, HPER field.
- **Craig Adams of Merrill Lynch** will speak on financial plan-

- ning and other topics, Feb. 14, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., ECC 305. Everyone welcome, free and refreshments afterwards sponsored by Financial Planning Student Association.
- **Business Council** is having a **clubs and grub**. Soup and a bun for \$1. Learn about business clubs while eating some cheap grub. Feb. 14, Business Bldg.
- **Blackjack dealers wanted** for STAB activity. Meeting Feb. 16, 9 p.m., TSC 3rd floor for info. 797-2912.
- **2000/01 Graduate Reentry Women Scholarship** applications USU Women's Center. Must have a 5 year gap between undergraduate degree and entering graduate school. For details contact 797-1728, TSC 310.
- **The ASUSU Science Council** is looking for fun, dedicated, outgoing students within the College of Science, (geology, math, physics, chemistry, computer science & biology) David Duke 797-1737 or slb9s@ccusu.edu or TSC 332D.
- **Workshop "How to Set Up and Operate a Small Business"**, Feb. 15 & 16, 7 to 10 p.m. Bridgerland Applied Technology Center, 1301 N. 600 West, Room 911.
- **Cache Valley Soccer Referee Association** is looking for new referees for youth and competitive leagues. Pay per game ranges from \$6-\$25. A new referee clinic will be held in USU EDUC Room 282, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Feb. 19. Contact Hal Potter for more information at 753-7664.

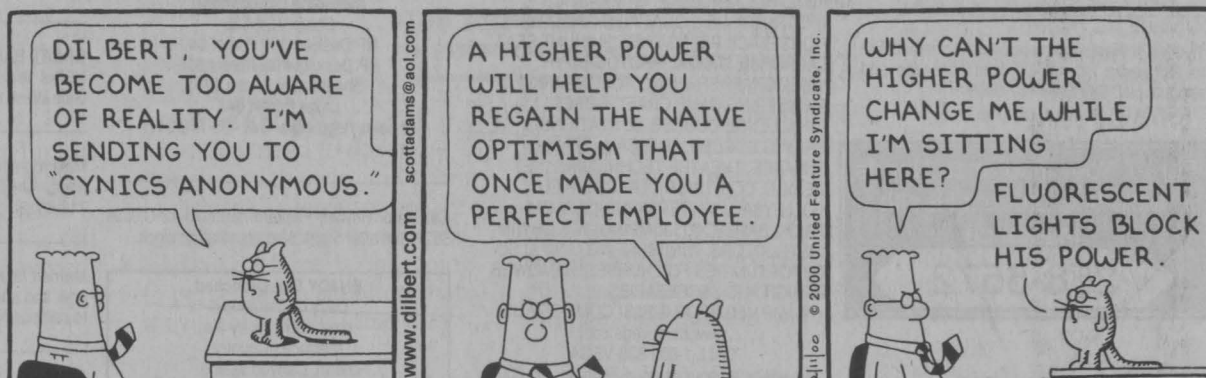
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