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## School Spirit

**Big Blue pumps up the crowd at the Utah State University/Brigham Young University gymnastics meet Friday night in the Spectrum. The Aggies defeated No. 14 BYU by one-tenth of a point. See the related story on Page 7.**

## Graduation in four years not the norm

LAURA BELLAMY  
Senior News Writer

Students who worry they may not graduate in four years may not need to worry. Recent studies show many students are taking more than four years to complete their degree.

"Well, the studies aren't actually that recent," said Vice President of Student Services Pat Terrell. "Those studies go back four or five years."

The studies show that not only are students taking longer to graduate, but they are also graduating with more credits than necessary.

The average program requires 120 credits for students to graduate. According to the *Deseret News*, Utah State University has the best "efficiency rating" in the state with students taking about 138 credits before graduating.

Terrell said there are sever-

al reasons for this, but in general, the four-year model may be the problem, not the amount of courses required.

"I don't necessarily think it's the curriculum that is unrealistic," Terrell said. "I think the four-year model is unrealistic. Some universities have even gone as far to guarantee graduation in four years."

USU is not alone in seeing a trend for students taking longer to graduate.

"The four-year model is one that you hear a lot about, but nationally, I think it is noted as unusual rather than the usual," said Director of Academic Support Services LaVell Saunders.

According to Saunders, the university does make every effort to help students graduate as quickly as possible, whether that is two years or six years.

"We want to facilitate a

student's progress toward their degree in as expeditious way as we can," Saunders said. "We have no interest in keeping students here year after year."

Saunders said there are several different programs at USU dedicated to helping students graduate quickly by helping them succeed during their time on campus. Some examples are student orientation, survival week, easily available major requirement sheets, student advising, tutoring, supplemental instruction, the career services office and articulation agreements. There are still many factors that slow students down.

According to Saunders, approximately 70 percent of students change their major during the course of their education, which also adds

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## USU sees increase in articulation agreements

LAURA BELLAMY  
Senior News Writer

For the more than 1,000 transfer students at Utah State University, understanding the way transfer credits work just became a lot easier as USU increased its articulation agreements from 12 to 176 schools.

Last week, the Education Policies Committee passed a measure to create more articulation agreements with schools from all over the country, said Director of Advising &

Transition Services John Mortensen.

According to Mortensen, articulation agreements help universities match-up equivalent courses.

"It tells us that this class at their school is the equivalent of this class at our school," Mortensen said. "It's going to be tremendous as far as advising."

In the past USU has only had articulation agreements with 12 other schools; eight in the state and four out of state, Mortensen said.

"With these agreements, we are hopefully making USU more appealing to other schools," Mortensen said.

USU currently only has articulation agreements with two-year schools, Mortensen said. It will now create agreements with other four-year institutions.

According to Mortensen, 947 transfer students from Ricks are currently enrolled at USU. He said he hopes this will help ease the transition

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## Healthy Relationship Week aims to increase Utah State University student awareness about relationships, sex

AMY LEWIS  
Staff Writer

The goal of National Healthy Relationship and Sexual Responsibility week, which starts today, is to help people recognize there is such a thing as a healthy relationship.

Jana Carling, a prevention specialist for the Student

Wellness Center, said the week helps to increase student awareness about relationships.

Carling said the center will be working throughout the week to make students more aware of the qualities of a healthy relationship.

Another goal of the week is to educate students of the necessity of behaving in a sexually responsible manner. She said the week's goals are

"applicable to everyone because even if you're not sexually active, everyone has relationships."

The Wellness Center will have a table set up on the bottom floor of the Taggart Student Center today.

Thursday and Friday where they will distribute condoms and pamphlets on healthy relationships, fun dating ideas and proper condom use.

There will also be a "He Said, She Said" panel Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Lundstrom Hall Conference Room. Carling said the activity will try to explain what a woman or a man really means when he or she says things.

"It's kind of like a dating panel that is trying to clarify myths that women have about men and myths that men have

about women," Carling said.

Carling said a proactive stance is encouraged by the Wellness Center when dealing with relationships and the focus is on positive improvement of current relationships.

According to material distributed by the BACCHUS & GAMMA Peer Education Network, there are four main ingredients in a healthy relationship: respect, honesty, trust

and communication. These areas can be improved in a number of different ways from showing more affection and acknowledging your mistakes to developing and using a senses of humor. Pamphlets telling how to know if an individual is in a healthy relationship and how to improve the relationship will be available.

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### FACULTY EQUITY - PART 1 OF 3

## Utah State University teachers of lowest paid in state

LARA GALE  
Staff Writer

*Editor's note: This article is one of a 3-part series concerning the current discussion of faculty equity at USU. Read the next two articles in the Wednesday and Friday issues of The Utah Statesman.*

With an average of nearly 21 students per faculty member, USU has the highest student-to-faculty ratio in the state, according to a Board of Regent's report issued in 1999.

Between 1990 and 1999, the student population at USU grew about

40 percent, said USU Provost Jay Gogue. During that period, college attendance surged all over Utah, but the state couldn't provide extra funding to match enrollment growth, Gogue said.

Some colleges in the state capped their growth and had to turn students away; USU didn't, he said.

"We accepted students with the hope that eventually the funding would come," Gogue said.

The Utah Legislature has a history of only providing funding based on student growth, which means money doesn't come to the school until a year after growth occurs, Gogue said.

Since the huge growth in the 1990s, the state has not been able to catch up, causing a legacy of under-funding, he said.

Funding is especially important at USU because of its status as a research university, said Gogue.

To attract new faculty and retain current faculty, USU competes with not only other universities, but also with jobs in various industries. Many faculty members could receive higher salaries working in their field than they do teaching, Gogue said.

USU professors must divide their time between teaching, research and community service, Gogue said.

The ideal formula for their time is to spend 40 percent teaching, 40 percent on research and 20 percent in service. USU professors often teach three or more credit hours more than professors at peer institutions, which, counting time spent planning and grading, can translate to around 56 hours a week spent on teaching alone.

This is not enough to make undergraduate classes smaller. Four percent of USU classes have more than 100 students in them, according to the USU homepage.

This doesn't necessarily have a detrimental effect on education, Gogue said.

Tutors are available for most

classes, Gogue said. Also, all professors are required to hold office hours when students can come to them for one-on-one help.

Students who feel they aren't understanding material need to take advantage of opportunities for one-on-one instruction, Gogue said.

According to David Sattinger, professor of mathematics and head of the mathematics and statistics department, the availability of tutoring equalizes large and small classes.

"Regardless of whether a class is 40, 50 or 60, a student may see something and not get it," Sattinger said. "But if he comes to a tutor, he may pick up that point."



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## WORLD &amp; NATION

## Bush fears Democrats may help McCain

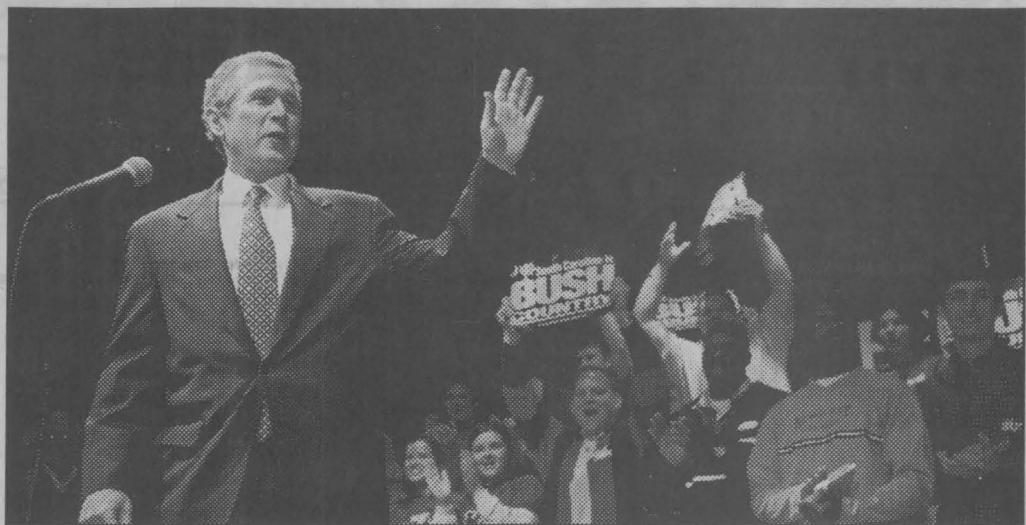
WASHINGTON (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush expressed concern Sunday that Democrats are mobilizing to support Sen. John McCain in South Carolina's open Republican presidential primary.

But McCain said Bush's allegation that some Democrats believe McCain would be the easier candidate to defeat in the general election in November "flies in the face of the facts."

"The facts are that independents are also flocking in large numbers to my candidacy as well as Republicans," McCain said on CBS' "Face the Nation." "Everybody knows that if you're going to win a general election, you have to have those independents and some Democrats."

He said it was his message that was attracting non-Republicans.

"I'm very proud that Libertarians or vegetarians or anybody would consider supporting me because I have a vision of reform for America that I think is taking hold, not only in South



George W. Bush encourages supporters before his loss in the New Hampshire primary last week.

Carolina but all over the country," McCain said.

Still, Bush and his surrogates claimed — without offering proof — that Democrats were trying to skew the results of Saturday's GOP primary, in which non-Republicans may vote.

"The only thing I'm concerned about is that Democrats flock into the Republican primary to decide who the Republican

nominee is, and then head back for the Democrats in the general election," Bush said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Pat Robertson, founder of the Christian Coalition and a Bush supporter, alleged on CBS that "people who are allied with (Vice President) Al Gore are indeed making telephone calls to try to encourage Democrats to vote in the Republican primary ... I think that they

consider him a weaker candidate than Governor Bush."

Gore campaign spokesman Chris Lehane dismissed the claims, saying the Texas governor was "increasingly sounding like a rattled candidate."

"I would suggest that he focus on earning the support of Republicans in his own primary rather than worrying about what Democrats are doing," Lehane said.

College Press Exchange

Trump decides  
not to run  
for president

WASHINGTON (AP) — New York tycoon Donald Trump has decided against running for president, ending a lengthy flirtation with the notion that he could tap his political fortune to capture the White House as a third-party candidate. The Associated Press has learned.

Sources connected with New York's Independence Party movement, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Trump has told associates he will announce Monday that he is not mounting a presidential bid.

After months of speculation about a possible Reform Party campaign, Trump decided recently that the party is too fractured to support a credible presidential candidate, the officials said. The Reform Party operates in New York under the Independence Party banner.

He met over the weekend with advisers to consider a second option, running as an Independence Party candidate, but determined there is not enough time to get on state ballots. Trump considered that option out of respect for Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, who had been the Reform Party's highest elected official before leaving the "dysfunctional" party last week to reinvigorate his state's Independence Party.

Indians and police clash in  
Colombia over oil drilling

LAS CANOAS, Colombia (AP) — Leaders of a Colombian indigenous tribe said they will not give in to a U.S. company's plans to drill for oil in their traditional lands, even after riot police clashed with Indian protesters blocking a road to the area.

"This is our land. We will not leave it," Roberto Perez, head of the U'wa nation's council of leaders, said on Saturday.

There were reports from tribal leaders that as many as five children fell into a fast-flowing river and may have drowned in the confusion after a clash. But the reports could not be confirmed. No bodies have been found, and police have denied reports of deaths in Friday's violence.

Reporters visiting the remote area in northeastern Colombia during the week-end heard conflicting versions of what happened when police broke up the protest, which highlights the intensity of a long-running dispute over the U'wa tribe's claim to land it considers sacred.

*'This is our land.  
We will not  
leave it'*

• ROBERTO PEREZ •  
U'WA COUNCIL OF  
LEADERS

For weeks, members of the tribe have occupied land just outside their reservation on which the U.S. oil company Occidental Petroleum wants to begin exploratory drilling.

Although the drilling site lies outside tribal lands, the U'wa say they believe oil exploration would bring violence and destroy their culture.

## Information age too fast for standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — The increasing speed of information delivery has caused some news organizations to relax editing standards, which cuts into the public's confidence in the media, a veteran Washington reporter told a National Press Club audience.

"I think the fast part of it is the really damaging thing to ... our credibility," Washington Post political reporter David Broder said Saturday at a media ethics panel he shared with 11 other journalists and media experts.

Broder said many errors that have resulted in a loss of public confidence are attributable to the absence of a thorough editing process. He said stories at the Post often are posted on its Web site unedited, and television runs into similar problems.

"I have been on the set ... when some 12-year-old rushes a piece of copy (to the anchor people), they read it, and at the next commercial break, having some sense of judgment and perspective, one or the other will say, 'Where

the hell did that come from?'" Broder said. "But by now its out there in the ether."

The annual National Roundtable was sponsored by the Scripps Howard Foundation. It was carried live by C-SPAN and moderated by C-SPAN founder Brian Lamb.

Associated Press President and CEO Louis D. Boccia said the sort of instantaneous reporting Broder spoke about cannot be reversed, but the media still are "obliged to bring the same standards" as before.

## WorldGLANCE

## ➤ Russian presidency gets 15 applicants

MOSCOW (AP) — Fifteen people have applied to run next month for Russia's presidency, including acting President Vladimir Putin and Communist Party chief Gennady Zyuganov, the head of the election commission said Sunday, the final day for applying.

Putin is the clear favorite for the March 26 ballot, according to recent opinion polls that show more than 50 percent of respondents supporting him. His nearest challenger, Zyuganov, has about 20 percent of respondents' support.

Others who applied for the race — submitting property and income declarations and the signatures of at least 500,000 supporters — were Grigory Yavlinsky, leader of the reformist Yabloko party, and nationalist firebrand Vladimir Zhirinovskiy.

The applications of Zyuganov and Alexei Podberezynskiy, of the small leftist Spiritual Heritage group, have already been approved. The rest are to be examined over the next eight days.

Election commission head Alexander Veshnyakov said on NTV television that he did not expect all the applications to be approved, but did not elaborate.

Putin's strong performance in opinion polls appears to reflect wide approval of his tough stance on the war in Chechnya and his law-and-order image. But his position on many of the issues troubling Russia remains unclear. With just six weeks to go before the election, he still has not released an economic platform.

Zyuganov has repeatedly criticized Putin for failing to put forward a clear platform. That criticism was echoed Saturday by two other prominent politicians.

Moscow's Mayor Yuri Luzhkov, a leader of the moderate Fatherland-All Russia movement, said Putin remained "a blank piece of paper."

## ➤ Iran elections pit clergy vs. nation

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Iran's legislative elections this week pit a nation clamoring for greater democracy against an Islamic establishment determined to preserve its hard-line rule.

Conservative clerics accuse their rivals of straying from the ideals of the 1979 revolution that ousted a dictatorial monarchy, while reformists say the hard-liners failed to deliver their promises of freedom and prosperity.

The reformists' leader, President Mohammad Khatami, hopes that Friday's elections will be a replay of the 1997 presidential vote in which he drew 20 million votes to his hard-line rival's 7 million.

Allowing Khatami to run was a grave miscalculation by the hard-liners. This time, they have tried to disqualify as many reformists as possible, but many remain in the race. More than 6,000 candidates are running for the 290-seat Majlis, or parliament.

## ➤ Half of black households headed by women

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black households are more likely than white households to be headed by a woman without a partner living at home, and the overall black population tends to be younger, the Census Bureau reports.

Data from 1999 being released Monday show that while married couples head 47 percent of the country's 8.4 million black households, about 45 percent, or 3.8 million families, are led by lone women without partners present.

Of the nation's 53.1 million white households, only 13 percent are headed by women alone.

The statistics are being released in conjunction with Black History Month, which is February.

About 33 percent of the country's 35 million blacks are age 18 or younger, compared with 24 percent of America's 193 million whites.

The statistics offer more proof that America's population will become even more diverse in the 21st century. According to the Census Bureau, the black population would rise to 59.2 million in 2050, a 70 percent increase.

Under this projection, the black share of the total population would increase slightly, from 13 percent to 15 percent.

Turning to education, 77 percent of blacks age 25 and over had at least a high school education, while 15 percent possessed at least a bachelor's degree. Among whites age 25 and over, 88 percent attained a high school-level degree, and 28 percent finished college or higher.

Blacks still live predominantly in the South, and in metropolitan areas. More than 55 percent of blacks live in the South, and over 86 percent of blacks live in cities or their surrounding suburbs.

The new statistics can be found starting Monday at the Census Bureau's World Wide Web site, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

## ➤ Gasoline prices up 4 cents in past month

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gasoline prices rose more than 4 cents per gallon at the pump during the past three weeks on the strength of unseasonably high demand and a surge in crude oil prices, an industry analyst said Sunday.

The national average price on Friday, including all grades and taxes, was \$1.4105 per gallon, up 4.29 cents, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide.

The average price was about a nickel per gallon off the peak of about \$1.46 in November 1990.

Winter months typically have a drop in gasoline use, but January's demand was 5.5 percent higher than in January 1999, analyst Trilby Lundberg said.

That "speaks volumes, because January is the month when Americans consume the least gasoline," Lundberg said.

The price hike might have been as much as a penny more, but dealers sacrificed some profit margin, she said. She said wholesale gasoline prices in the past three weeks rose faster than retail prices.

Crude oil prices are up amid uncertainty over whether the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will increase output when an agreement on lowered production expires next month.

"If they do cancel export reductions next month then the chances of a severe gasoline price run-up this spring and summer, when U.S. gasoline demand picks up, would be much reduced," Lundberg said.

Prices at self-service stations averaged \$1.3625 for regular unleaded gasoline, \$1.4595 for mid-grade and \$1.5432 for premium.

Full-service prices were \$1.6744 for regular, \$1.7605 for mid-grade and \$1.8323 for premium.

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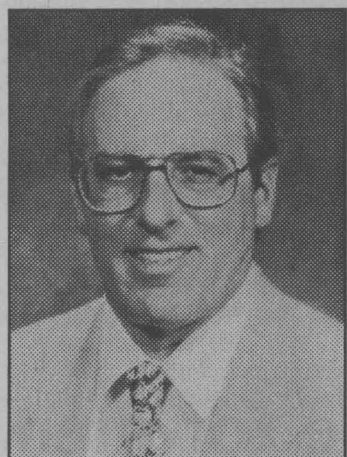
## Professor heads Special Ed. group

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Charles L. Salzberg, head of the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation at Utah State University, recently became president of the Higher Education Consortium for Special Education (HECSE), one of the nation's most prestigious advocacy groups for the profession.

The organization is comprised of some 46 administrators of the leading special education programs in the country that grant doctoral degrees.

"It's a rare privilege to be in a position in which there is the opportunity to have such a positive influence on issues that impact this profession and the lives of persons with disabilities," Salzberg said. "HECSE is one of the leading, most prestigious special education advocacy groups in the country. I am very grateful to have been elected to this office."



CHARLES L. SALZBERG

The consortium works at the national level to enhance the development of leadership in the profession, to expand doctoral programs and maintain high standards of training in the field of special education. It also advises and works closely with the federal Office of Special Education Programs in the Department of Education.

It also advises other government agencies on matters of policy and legislation that affect people with disabilities.

HECSE sponsors national leadership conferences and engages in partnerships with other national organizations interested in special education, rehabilitation and people with disabilities.

Salzberg said that during his term of office, he hopes to focus on three goals: to work directly with the Office of Special Education Programs to improve processes in awarding grants for special education programs and research; to both improve and increase the services available for post-secondary students with disabilities; and to make sure that the upcoming re-authorization of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is better than the present law it will replace.

Salzberg, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., grew up in Miami and received his bachelor's and master's degrees at Florida State University.

He received his Ph.D. at the University of Kansas.

He has been at USU since 1982.



CRAIG COLE / Utah Statesman

### Full of soul

Nnenna Freelon, a 3-time Grammy nominee jazz singer, wowed her audience Friday night in the Kent Concert Hall. Freelon sang songs from her newest CD, 'Maiden Voyage.'

## Utah parks in trouble due to lack of funds

WILLARD BAY (AP) — At Willard Bay State Park, the wooden beams in the restrooms are rotting and the roads through campgrounds are cracked beyond repair.

An underground water system has been patched together with four kinds of pipe, and manager Roland Bringham is struggling to stay on top of basic maintenance while serving 320,000 visitors a year.

"We wrap gauze upon gauze to take care of the bleeding, but we never get in to the doctor to stop the problem," Bringham said.

And it's not just Willard Bay. Despite increased user fees, Utah's 45 state parks, which draw more than 7 million visitors each year, need more than \$92 million in critical capital improvements.

In many cases, the problems are hidden from sight. But the situation is so serious

that closing some parks is not out of the question.

At the Territorial Statehouse in Fillmore, park officials worry an antiquated electrical system could burn down Utah's original capitol building.

In Vernal, the Utah Field House of Natural History violates state fire codes, the Americans With Disabilities Act and federal standards for museum collections.

And Wasatch Mountain State Park near Midway — the crown jewel of the state's park system — has an outdated campground with aging electrical circuits and a dangerously overloaded sewage system.

"We have some parks such as Territorial Statehouse and the Field House of Natural History with serious enough problems that we may have to close them," said Dave Morrow, Utah's assistant direc-

tor for state parks.

Jeff Packer, a Brigham City real estate agent who chairs the Utah State Parks Board, said park supporters have tried to work with the Legislature to prevent the problems. But even as user fees have increased, lawmakers have cut back on general funds going into the system.

This year, about 8 percent of the agency's \$22.7 million budget will go into capital facility improvement. Of that \$1.8 million, \$1 million will go to Willard Bay because matching federal dollars are available.

"We have tried to work with the Legislature and work within the system," Packer said. "We can't compete with education and highways at crunch time. And we are not being recognized for our contributions to the state's quality of life."

## Cougars find new home

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two young cougars who wandered out of the foothills and down Main Street two weeks ago have found a home.

The mountain lions cubs — apparently sisters about six months old — left Saturday for the John Ball Zoo in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Wildlife workers think that "Hiss" and "Spit," as the twins have been nicknamed, probably got separated from their mother.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources settled on the Michigan zoo after failing to find a facility that could return the cats to the wild.

"I'd feel much happier if we could rehabilitate them

for eventual release, but we just do not have any facility in the state with a large enough enclosure to allow them to do what big cats normally do," said Heather France of Wild Again, a wildlife rehabilitation organization that helped set up the cougars' new home.

They really need to be with their mother until they are two years old, and this is the year she would have taught them to hunt and refine their survival skills," she added.

Thompson said the cougars' youth will help them adapt to the confinement of a zoo while keeping some of their natural character.

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more credits to a student's record.

Even without outside help, students wanting to graduate in four years have all the information they need at their fingertips in the form of major requirement sheets that are available in advising offices as well as online, Saunders said.

"The information is there in terms of what do I have to do step-by-step-by-step to graduate on time," Saunders said.

However, some students trying to meet the four-year deadline end up overloaded with classes.

"I think it's hard for engineers and those in the sciences to take an 18-credit load," Terrell said. "In fact, I think it's near impossible, unless they don't have a life."

Others disagree and think the four-year model works for those who use the resources the university provides.

"I think it's a very realistic goal," said Director of Advising & Transition Services John Mortensen. "If you look at the major requirement sheets, you only need 120 credits to graduate. If you take 15 credits a semester and meet with your adviser, then you should get out on time."

Mortensen said he does recognize each student has a different circumstance.

"There are a lot of students who have to work and do not take a full load, so that will slow them down," Mortensen said.

At USU the number of working students is increasing and the number of credits they are taking is decreasing, Terrell said.

"We're seeing a lot more of the 'stop-out phenomenon,'" Terrell said. "Students are stopping to work to make money to pay for tuition or to meet family needs."

Terrell said universities need to not look at the numbers, but at the students.

"I think universities need to realize that not every student is a square peg fitting in a square hole," Terrell said. "What they need to realize is that every student has their own needs that they have to meet."

Students who take longer to graduate are fined if they exceed the amount of credits required to graduate, Terrell said.

"There is a Board of Regents policy that penalizes students who take more credits than they need to graduate," Terrell said.

Terrell said the surcharge is meant to deter some people from becoming "professional students."

"Taxpayers are funding a portion of higher education, so the Board of Regents doesn't want students staying in school forever," Terrell said.

Registrar David Roos has requested the university take action to have the policy removed, Terrell said.

According to Terrell, 25 students were found in violation of the policy in either the Fall 1999 or the Spring 2000 semesters.

Of the 25, 18 were wrongfully charged because they either had their first undergraduate degree, were in a graduate program or were non-matriculated graduate students, Terrell said.

Seven of the students had already applied for graduation and two were extension students for whom the surcharge does not apply.

"That's right, only one student was actually accountable," Terrell said. "We've been asked to look into the effectiveness of the policy."

USU is looking into several other programs to help students who do want to graduate in the four-year time frame, Terrell said.

One program is a voluntary fast track program where students in the program would live together on campus, agree to follow the course outline from their advisers, meet certain academic requirement and would then be guaranteed to graduate within four years, Terrell said.

According to Terrell, the strategic planning committee is looking into implementing the program.

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students make from other big schools that USU may not be as close with.

"What we're hoping this will do is encourage more students to transfer to USU," Mortensen said.

According to the new agreement, students without an associates degree or certificate who say they've completed their general education requirements transferring from schools with whom USU does not have an articulation agreement will have their transcript "evaluated on a course-by-course basis and may be required to take additional courses."

Registration and Transition Services already has measures in place to help students transferring to somewhere else from USU, Mortensen said.

"If a student leaves USU they can get a letter from the Registrars office to say they've completed their general education requirements," Mortensen said.

Mortensen said the university will be working quickly to make the agreements available to students as soon as possible.

"The intent was that it won't be effective until fall, but I've had a lot of advisers call and ask me if this will be available for students this summer," Mortensen said.

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Carling said.

The center will also try to focus attention on proper prevention methods when dealing with sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), Carling said.

"The number of STDs contracted every year are highest among college-age people," Carling said. "Abstinence is the only truly safe way to prevent them (STDs)."

However, she said, for those who choose to be sexually active, condoms are the next best method.

According to Carling, latex condoms prevent most STDs if used properly.

"Many people don't use condoms correctly," Carling said. "It took 13 students in a health class over 15 minutes to put all the steps (for using a condom) in order, and even then they weren't all correct."

To try to remedy this problem, she said the center will pass out condoms and instructions on proper use at the table in the student center this week.

Carling said she hopes many students will stop by the table and receive information.

She said she also hopes the center can help educate students on how to recognize and maintain a healthy relationship, how to be sexually responsible and how to prevent a sexually transmitted disease.

## NewsBRIEFS

### ➤ Logging team prepares for event

The Utah State University Logging Team, an affiliation of the student chapter of the Society of American Foresters, will be participating in this year's 61st annual American Western Forestry Conclave.

The AWFCC will be held at Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif. April 2 to 9. The conclave tests the traditional logging skills of hundreds of students from institutions around the west. Activities include birling, pole climb, obstacle pole, double and single buck and the choker race.

The logging team will be holding practice every Monday at 2:30 p.m. at various sites around the valley. Today's practice will feature pole climbing and sawing. The team will meet in the Natural Resources Atrium at 2:30 p.m. and move on to the pole practice site at 3 p.m. The pole site is between the parking terrace and the military science building.

For more information on the logging team practices, contact Marni Goodridge at 755-0905 or at sl825@cc.usu.edu.

### ➤ Reform party to hold conference

The Reform Party of Utah will hold a press conference Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the Utah State Capitol rotunda.

The state chairman, Keith Ridgway, will announce that the Reform Party of Utah has obtained official recognition from the State of Utah and will appear on the ballot for the November general election. Utah is the first new state to grant the Reform Party ballot access for the 2000 election.

Utah's national committee members will also report on the proceedings and results of the Reform Party National Committee Meeting held last Saturday.

The press conference is open to the general public.

### ➤ Leavitt to host arena bill signing

Governor Leavitt will host an official bill-signing ceremony with the Bridgerland Community Ice Arena for SB34. This bill allows each Cache County city to pledge their financial support to help build an Olympic-sized arena in Cache Valley. So far, 17 of the 19 cities have signed a resolution to send 1/64 percent of their sales tax to support payment of a \$1 million construction bond over the next 10 years.

The ceremony will be held at the State Capitol in the Office of the Governor on Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. All ice arena supporters are welcome.

For questions, contact Janet Borg at 563-8640.

### ➤ Clarification

In the Feb. 7 edition of *The Utah Statesman*, an Associated Press article on the election in Finland recognized this year's election as the second presidential election since 1917.

Tarja Halonen is actually Finland's 11th president. She is however, the second president to be elected through direct election.

In the other elections, citizens have voted through representatives.

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USU AND STATESMAN STAFF



## Pucker up and give me a kiss, it's all for the love baby

DOUG SMEATH  
Assistant Features Editor

"You may conquer with the sword, but you are conquered by a kiss."

The Dutch poet Daniel Heinsius wrote this in the early 17th century, and indeed, people have been fascinated by the kiss for as long as they have been kissing.

But how long has that been?

The truth is, no one knows for sure.

Anthropologists think the custom of kissing may have started with our early ancestors, when mothers transferred food from their mouths to their babies, says William Cane, author of "The Art of Kissing," at his Web site [www.kissing.com](http://www.kissing.com)

Cane's site says anthropologists believe this affectionate lip contact was simply carried on by adults.

"But as I point out in other chapters (from "The Art of Kissing") on kissing from around the world, customs differ from culture to culture, and there are some places where kissing is really bizarre," Cane said in the Web site.

In fact, as recently as 1926 kissing was considered so "unclean, immodest, indecorous, ungraceful and likely to spread disease" in Japan that Tokyo's Prefect of Police removed about 800,000 feet of kissing scenes from American movies, according to the trivia Web site at [www.uselessknowledge.com](http://www.uselessknowledge.com).

And American culture has its own history of mistrust of the kiss.

In Riverside, Calif., there is an old law still on the books that makes it illegal for two people to kiss without first wiping their lips with rose water, the Useless Knowledge Web site says.

But while there are some cultures that don't even recognize the kiss as a valid form of

expression, others revel in the kiss. And that includes some non-human cultures.

According to the Useless Knowledge site, Utah prairie dogs "kiss" by touching incisor teeth together. However, rather than expressing love, they do this to identify members of their group, the site says.

But regardless of what a culture believes about kissing or where kissing first came from, most cultures recognize there are kisses for all occasions.

"There is the kiss of welcome and of parting, the long, lingering, loving, present one," wrote Canadian writer Thomas C. Haliburton in the 19th century. "The stolen, or the mutual one; the kiss of love, of joy and of sorrow; the seal of promise and receipt of fulfillment."

According to the Useless Knowledge Web site, the ancient Romans had three words for kissing — basium meant a kiss between two acquaintances, osculum was the kiss between two close friends and suavius was the way two lovers kissed.

India's classical erotic text, the "Kama Sutra," describes 20 different kinds of kisses, the Useless Knowledge Web site says.

All these kinds of kisses can be confusing. According to Useless Knowledge's Web site, what the English and Americans call a "French kiss" is called an "English kiss" in France.

But whatever the kind of kiss, whatever the origin, whatever the reason, today and in the past, and probably forever, kisses have been considered a

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## Roses, candy and all the love

IN MY WORLD / Heather Fredrickson



Valentine's Day: How do I love thee? Let me count the ways! One red rose, two red roses, three red roses, four red roses ...

OK, so maybe my feelings toward Valentine's Day aren't quite that warm and fuzzy. It's hard being single and getting into the spirit of the celebration of love — even if you're a girl, Justin.

It's even harder being the roommate of one engaged girl and another who's "involved" with someone, even if he is in Delaware. Where, you ask? That's right. Delaware. Lovely place.

Believe it or not, I'm not bitter at all about the day of love and warm fuzzies. There's so many good things to say about the day to override the negative "Singles Awareness" drawback.

First of all, the Singles Awareness Day term serves to remind those of us in this position of the wonderful freedoms we have.

If I was in a relationship with someone right now, I'd have to take their feelings, wishes, wants and desires into account before making any kind of decisions in my own life. No thanks. I'm too selfish at this point in my life to want to deal with that.

Second, look at the dollars spent on chocolate, candy, power tools, cards, flowers and balloons.

I firmly believe that if this great nation of ours didn't guilt itself into thinking it had to spend money during every recognized holiday, our economy would be in the toilet.

The biggest shopping day of the year revolves around a holiday, the most red dye is probably manufactured around a holiday, eggs experience a tremendous boom around another holiday and flowers are always a good choice for all.

Retail and service is where it's at! The makers of teddy bears, chocolate, sappy cards, candy, heart-shaped balloons and other such Valentine's fare, as well as flower delivery people, must love this day! Hallmark and FTD must be making out like bandits.

I just thought of something else fun about V-Day. In my elementary school, we spent weeks preparing for the event.

We made little cardboard boxes to hold all the cards we expected to get, we got to play with glue and scissors while making the boxes, and we spent most of the day eating candy, trading cards and swooning over the sweet little sayings, such as the classic, "I choo choo choose you." How can you not love that? I get a tear in my eye just thinking about it. Sniff, sniff.

Of course high school was quite a bit different.

We paid big bucks to send personalized cards attached to balloons or flowers (or both) to that secret crush in his third period class. What a great way to break the ice, and the news, to a crush! Of course, it never worked out for me the way it did on TV or in movies, but that's another story.

Now that I'm in college, I've dispensed with the backwards ways of telling crushes that I like them (ie. I don't tell them), but I've held on to the tradition of handing out those silly little cards that I used in grade four. New box, of course. Glue doesn't last that long. And I give them to friends, neighbors and co-workers. It's amazing to see how that little gesture can brighten someone's day.

And isn't that what it's all about?

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## Black Monday, a curse for men

MIXED NUTS / Justin Berry



A h h h h h, here we all sit as students at Utah State on Black Monday, Singles Awareness Day or in the sight of those very few souls who consider themselves lucky to find solace in love's arms — Valentine's Day.

But why, oh why, would I find this to be a positive day? Why do I have a need to celebrate? Does the candy industry really own the rights to Cupid? It is all just too much for my poor little brain to comprehend and understand.

I guess some would say it is due to my overt singleness, and I suppose that it may well be the case. But I still have no desire to find out otherwise. I think my father has the right idea — leave the frilly, heart-filled store aisles to the ladies.

This is how I look at it, and it is in no way meant to be the definitive view of this meager holiday. But it is MY view of the whole thing.

To start with, I have come to the conclusion that the real force behind the holiday comes from St. Hershey and St. Cadbury. Between the two, heart shaped chocolate exclamations of love have become a billion dollar industry.

Just to keep up with these two would require an entire arsenal of lip shaped gummy things and sugar-laden morsels of confectionery delights wrapped in white, pink and red foil. There is no real hope. We have become slaves to the need to offer a little sweet magic to our "lovie dovie."

And then there is the whole issue of the card giving ploy. What do we really want to gain from it in the first place?

I once had a friend who was asked on a date by a very "cute girl with a great personality." The part that blows my mind is this: she left him a card the morning of the big date that had a big red pair of lips on it. Inside, the message

simply read, "The VLC will fall tonight!"

He laughed.

The date came and went. At the end of the evening, a second card was placed in his hand and all it said was, "The time is now!"

Sweat running down his face, he reached out his hand, shook hers, turned and ran! He ran!

"Run Forest, run!"

A simple Valentine's expression turned sour and it was all the fault of a card! I tell you it is a conspiracy to destroy the heart of every man and make the eyes of every woman teary and sentimental.

I guess it is good to have holidays that at least part of society actually likes. Every woman looks forward to this day with hope and high expectations only to be destroyed when they don't get the roses, chocolate or cards. But year after year they tend to look forward to it.

We guys look forward to our own holiday — Super Bowl Sunday. Who needs the frilly hearts? Give me a bag of chips and a bottle of salsa and I am set. Forget the rest.

Then there is the little, winged, diaper wearing masochist who hurls sharp pointed objects at each of us in hopes that we will fall in love with the person on whom we dote. Yikes. Where did he come from? Why has he been left to determine our collective romantic fate? My question is simply this: if I wore Huggies and flew around wielding a crossbow loaded with heart tipped arrows, can I have his job?

I guess it all comes down to this, if I had a girlfriend on which to heap the flowers, chocolates and cards, I would, but I don't. I guess that is why I shall celebrate tomorrow as a single, white male. I will celebrate my singleness with joy. What else can you do on Black Monday?

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## Weight lifting, an addiction to strength

SARAH TUFT  
Staff Writer

With massive muscles, long intense hours in the gym, a strict dieting regimen high in protein, tanning lotions and oils and even the little red Speedo — body building has become not only a way of life, but an addiction for one Utah State University student.

Although body building is not only physically, but mentally taxing, Tyler Williams, a native of Cache Valley, says he loves the self fulfillment of pushing himself past what he thinks his limits are every day.

At the age of nine, Williams said influences from his older brother and role models like Arnold Schwarzenegger (before he was in the movies), helped him start weight lifting.

"I was really, really skinny — a

small kid," Williams said.

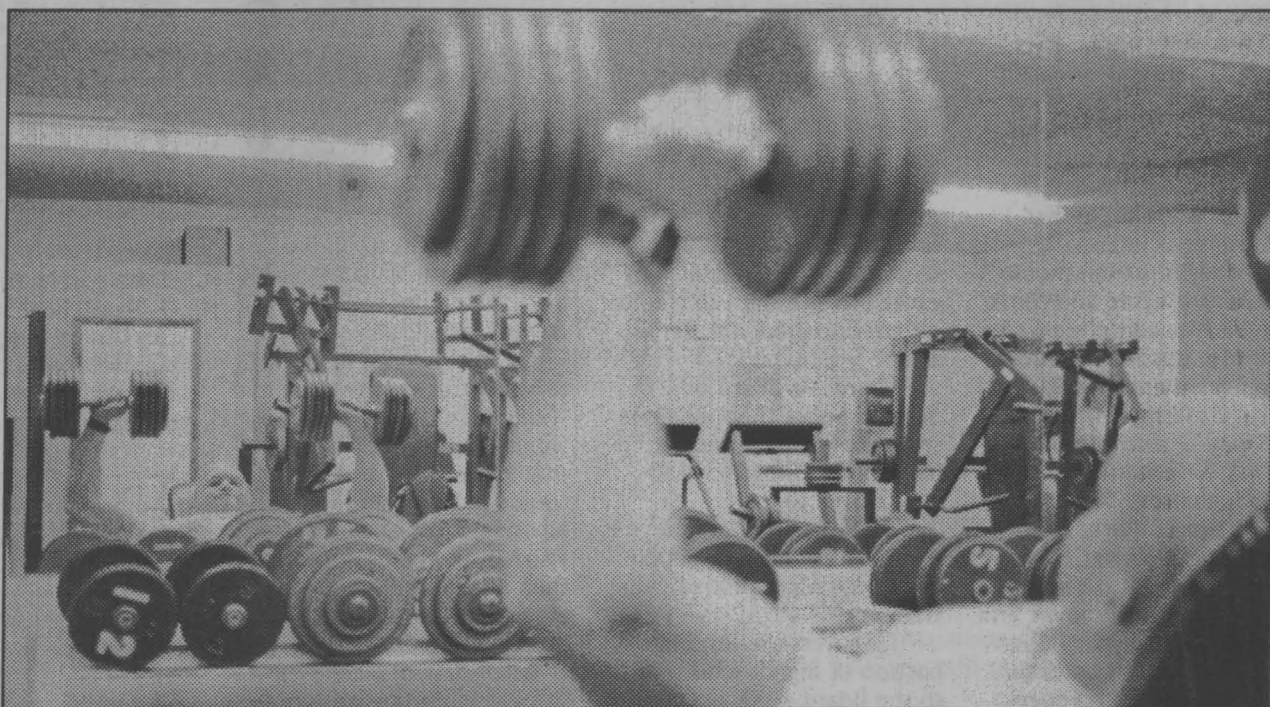
He said his first motive to get strong was to help him compete in other sports such as wrestling and football. By the time Williams was a junior in high school, however, bodybuilding had become an addiction of its own, he said.

"You do it for so long, it becomes a part of who you are. It's part of my personality," Williams said.

During his junior year of high school, Williams became a personal trainer for others. Later in college, he said he began working for a chiropractor doing physical therapy and rehabilitation.

He also said he began putting a lot of energy and time into learning about nutrition, eating five to six nutritional meals a day, planning both his sleeping and eating regi-

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Tyler Williams, a personal trainer at Jake's Gym in Logan finishes up with the last reps in his workout last Wednesday night.



# Cartoonist Schulz dies on eve of last comic

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz died at home following a battle with cancer, just as the last original cartoon of his half-century career was being published in newspapers worldwide.

The 77-year-old Schulz was diagnosed with colon cancer in November, and his spirits recently sagged as he battled the disease and pondered retirement, said Monte Schulz, his eldest son.

"I think maybe he decided that his true passion was in the strip, and when that was gone, it was over," Monte Schulz said Sunday. "He had done what he had wanted to do, and that was it for him ..."

The son said that while the cause of death Saturday wasn't known, "it appears he died in his sleep, almost between breaths." His wife, Jeannie, was with him when he died.

On news of his passing, fans and colleagues across the country hailed Schulz as an irreplaceable artist whose work over the years had become infused in American popular culture.

"I think 'Peanuts' has been for most of its existence the best comic strip in history, and nothing's ever approached it," said Mell Lazarus, who draws the "Mamma" and "Miss Peach" strips, and knew Schulz for 42 years. "He's going to be missed and will clearly never be replaced."

The famous strip — with its gentle humor spiked with a child's-eye view of human foibles — had one particularly endearing trait: constancy.

Year after year, the long-suffering Charlie Brown faced misfortune with a mild, "Good grief!" Tart-tongued Lucy handed out advice at a nickel a pop. And Snoopy, Charlie Brown's wise-but-weird beagle, still took the occasional flight of fancy back to the skies of World War I and his rivalry

with the Red Baron.

The strip was an intensely personal effort for Schulz. He had had a clause in his contract dictating the strip had to end with his death — no one could imitate it.

While battling cancer, he opted to retire it, saying he wanted to focus on his health and family without the worry of a daily deadline.

His last daily comic ran in early January, and the final farewell strip appeared in newspapers on Sunday. Old versions of the strip will continue to be published.

The last strip showed Snoopy at his typewriter and other Peanuts regulars along with a "Dear Friends" letter thanking his readers for their support.

"I have been grateful over the years for the loyalty of our editors and the wonderful support and love expressed to me by fans of the comic strip," Schulz wrote. "Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, Lucy ... how can I ever forget them ..."

It ended with his signature. Fans of all ages mourned his passing.

At the International Museum of Cartoon Art in Boca Raton, Fla., Schulz fans who came to see an exhibit featuring his comics became mourners.

Schulz was born in St. Paul, Minn., on Nov. 26, 1922, and studied art after he saw a "Do you like to draw?" ad.

"Peanuts" made its official debut on Oct. 2, 1950. The travails of the "little round-headed kid" and his pals eventually ran in more than 2,600 newspapers, reaching millions of readers in 75 countries.

In 1978, he was named International Cartoonist of the Year, an award voted by 700 comic artists around the world.



Charles Schulz, 1922 — 2000

The 1965 CBS-TV special "A Charlie Brown Christmas" won an Emmy and rerun immortality, and many other specials followed.

There was a hit musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," with Gary Burghoff, later Radar O'Reilly on "M-A-S-H," playing Charlie.

The book "The Gospel According to Peanuts" explored the philosophical and religious implications of the strip.

The characters also appeared on sheets, stationery and countless other products. Schulz several times was listed as one of Forbes magazine's best-paid entertainers, most recently in 1996, when his 1995-96 income was estimated at \$33 million, ranking him No. 30 on the magazine's list.

"Rejection is his specialty, losing his area of expertise. He has spent a lifetime perfecting failure," Johnson wrote in her 1989 book, "Good Grief: The Story of Charles M. Schulz."

Schulz himself left little doubt about the strip's role in his life.

"Why do musicians compose symphonies and poets write poems?" he once said. "They do it because life wouldn't have any meaning for them if they didn't. That's why I draw cartoons. It's my life."

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men and taking protein supplements. If he took a trip that would last more than two days, he would take exercise equipment along, Williams said.

"It (bodybuilding) gets in the way of stuff all the time. But at times it becomes so addicting, I would rather do it than anything else," he said.

Williams said there are times when his addiction to exercise can be bad. He began to experience lower back pain from lifting such high levels of weight, which he said is common among body builders, and he has also developed tendonitis. He said he thinks weight lifting at such a young age is the reason he has trouble with his joints.

When asked about steroid use, which is common among serious body builders, Williams said he has definitely been tempted to use them.

"At first you get hooked on the supplement hype, taking supplements to gain muscle weight, like the diet pill hype to lose weight," Williams said.

Williams, who has not used them, said he had reasons for never taking steroids. His reasons were mostly religious, but he also would have felt guilty, as if he had cheated, he said.

"It wouldn't be as rewarding to go to the gym and do less work, but still get bigger and stronger," Williams said. "It's a cop-out — cheating yourself, it's having something you're not capable of having."

All of the injuries and hard work became worth it this fall when Williams decided to compete in his first show. To prepare for the competition, Williams said he began working out twice a day. He reduced the amount of carbohydrates in his diet to almost nothing. He said he also had to start going to tanning beds, putting on fake tanning lotion and shaving his entire body.

"(It was) kind of a pain in the ass — literally," Williams said.

The strict diet and work outs, along with work and school began affecting his mental state, and he experienced some mood swings and depression, he said.

"There's lots of prep stuff that goes into doing a show. The gym's the easy part," Williams said.

Williams said the most irritating part of the preparation was putting the fake tanning lotion on the night before because he couldn't sleep normally for fear of rubbing it off. On stage, when he was oiled down and pumped up, he said it was very tiring because he had to flex every skeletal muscle in his body the entire time.

"My legs were cramped in a Charlie horse pretty much the whole time I was out there," William said. "But I felt like my poses were pretty good."

Williams said he really wasn't nervous. The competition wasn't between him and the other guys, he said he couldn't do anything more to prepare than he had done, it was just a challenge for himself to be better prepared for the next time. As far as being in a Speedo in front of a few thousand people, Williams said he didn't even think about it because he felt like he was just a number.

"To me, I'd rather do it with a big crowd than no crowd," William said. I kind of eat that stuff up. The bigger the crowd the better."

Williams scored in the top five of his weight division. He said he hopes to sweep the Uath natural body building show this spring.

Williams said he is wary of competing in a lot of shows, however, due to the image that goes along with it. He said he thinks most body building has a bad reputation, and his experience at the show was that body builders are "selfish, inflated personalities who think they are 'all that.'"

Williams said when his friends found out he was doing the show they were surprised, and most of them thought he was weird.

He said he has made body

building and personal fitness part of his life whether or not he continues to compete.

"Yeah, of course I get unmotivated sometimes, but I'm kind of addicted, and there's a lot of things I love about it," Williams said. "It's a way to challenge myself everyday, to develop something that is part of me."

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## Get into the outdoor classroom

DEBBIE LAMB  
Staff Writer

Bear River Institute of Experiential Education (BRI) is dedicated to hands-on learning in the landscapes; courses use the natural world as a classroom to explore many different topics said Darek Stabb cofounder and an instructor at the Institute.

"The goal of BRI is to promote field-based programs," said Stabb. "We want to get people outside the classroom and into the real world."

BRI was a collaborative project founded by Kevin Kobe, Cami McClure and Stabb.

"It was just seeing a poster for a similar idea," Stabb said. "The poster was for the Sierra Institute in California. Ever since we saw the poster the idea has just expanded."

The beauty of USU's extension programs is that they're designed to educate people in the masses, Stabb said.

Those people who might not have the time, money or energy to pursue an education through the university can take as many classes as they want, Stabb said.

"Most classes are two cred-

its," he said. "The courses can either be taken for credit or not for credit; this credit can also apply to students attending USU."

BRI currently does not offer many diverse courses, Stabb said. It would like to become more diverse and offer more courses, he said.

"Most of the time our courses have evening lectures where the topics are introduced," Stabb said. "Mostly the lectures are in the Eccles Conference Center."

"The shortest course is over a week-end and the longest is two to three months," Stabb said. "Most people taking them want to have kind of unique skills and explore general regions."

Because most of the courses taught are recreation based, they've received a lot of support from Recreation Resources within the Forest Resource Department.

According to Stabb the program lets students explore and

discover a variety of places.

"Because of geographics, we're located next to three unique areas: the Great Basin, Colorado Plateau and the Rocky Mountains," Stabb said. "The whole intention is to get diverse students to explore

regions together and learn about unique qualities."

If BRI becomes a community project, it will help Cache County become a community that is also a steward of the land, Stabb said.

"Currently there probably are 14 to 16 people on the faculty," Stabb said. "Mostly it is a mixture of graduate students, professionals and professors."

The BRI is a self-sufficient entity, Stabb said. There are course fees because the classes require food and transportation, he said.

"The classes are more expensive than most typical classes," Stabb said. "It is a lot like an art class with supplies."

*'We want to get people outside the classroom and into the real world. RHSA could be as effective as this year.'*

• DAREK STABB •  
BRI COFOUNDER

## Leonardo DiCaprio Returns In 'The Beach'

MAL VINCENT  
Knight-Ridder Tribune

The palm trees outside the window bend in the wind as a mist of a rain is fanned into a torrent. Monsoons in the middle of paradise are not unusual to Leonardo DiCaprio. DiCaprio, more than an hour late for the interview, muses: "Paradise is a strange concept. It involves sacrifices. It can't be a paradise unless there is a sacrifice. And, somehow, everyone thinks paradise has to be isolated."

During the filming of "The Beach," his first major film since "Titanic" and one he has waited two years to make, it rained every afternoon.

Things just haven't been the same for Leo since the boat sank.

"Titanic" made him arguably the most famous actor in the world and, at 25, he has become an industry, earning a salary of \$21 million per film. Just getting an interview with him required weeks of negotiations that rivaled a United Nations Security Council debate. Access to him was "limited." 20th Century Fox workers flurried around him with walkie-talkies that revealed just where he was in the hotel at the moment -- and how soon he would arrive for the interview.

As we speak, bodyguards are discreetly at a distance, but keeping watch. He's even backed up by a gray-haired "adviser" named Ken Sunshine, who used to be political consultant to former New York mayor David Dinkins. His job is reportedly to work on Leo's "campaign." It is the first time since "Titanic" that DiCaprio has granted interviews and, even now, one is cautioned that he wants to talk about his "art," not his personal life.

"I wanted to make a movie about something that involved me, that spoke to me," DiCaprio says. "Most of all, I didn't want to make another 'Titanic.'"

"The Beach," which will be released Feb. 11, has him playing a callow young American tourist who, while visiting Thailand in an effort to "find himself," inherits a map from a mysterious man (Robert Carlyle) who commits suicide. It leads to an island paradise that is seemingly free from the traps of civilization.

The movie is based on Alex Garland's eerie novel that suggests that paradise will only be ruined by the intrusion of man. Greatly influenced by "Apocalypse Now" (even to the

point of including clips from the film), "The Beach" is not an obvious choice as a followup to the most successful movie of all time. It is rated R. It is subversive rather than sunny. And it is commercially risky.

After all, the adolescent girls who created Leomania two years ago are older now. Are they over him? Do they still desire his self-effacing, blond vulnerability? Has he waited too long to cash in on "Titanic?" Does he care?

There are people who have seen "Titanic" several hundred times. His fans have hounded him to the point that he now registers in hotels under false names and wears baseball caps pulled down over his face. With at least five films rumored to be his post-"Titanic" outing, it is "The Beach" that will first make it to the screen.

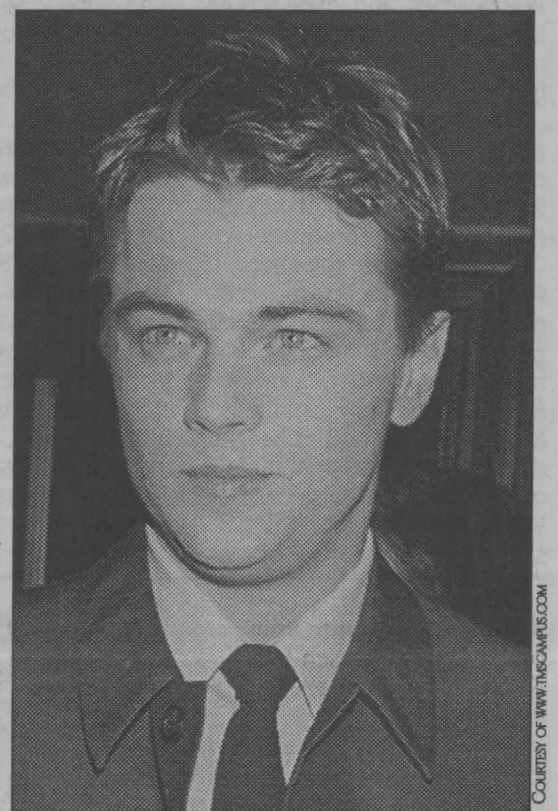
"The Beach," he says, "is the first script that touched me to the point that I wanted to do it."

Alternately, he's been reported to be playing a cowboy, a Hemingway hero, a yuppie murderer and a schizophrenic law student. He's also been reported to be a bad-boy party guy who travels with a pack to nightclubs.

"The surprising thing is that there has been no concern with the truth about what's been written about me," he says. "It doesn't particularly bother me. It's just a part of what I am now. I accept it."

He sports a black T-shirt and loose-fitting jeans that he wears low, with his Calvin Klein underwear worn high. At 6 feet, he is taller than you'd expect. He has obviously followed his grandma's advice and put on a few pounds.

"I worked out for four months before starting 'The Beach,'" he says. Director Danny Boyle (creator of the controversial British film "Trainspotting") held rehearsals in which "we were told to just go down to the sea, catch a fish



Leonardo DiCaprio

and cook it -- on our own."

His choice of dark, little films, everyone believes, is influenced by George DiCaprio, his 1960s hippie father, who drew underground comic books and worked on "The Nine Lives of Fritz the Cat." To this day, Leo collects underground comics (he calls them "deranged") and video games.

His fame, he says, has meant "new responsibilities and new commitments. Before, I could say the director messed up. Now, it's on my shoulders. Danny invited me to become a partner in 'The Beach.' But I don't want to be a total adult. Who would? I'd like to stay a bit of a kid."

A particularly unpleasant aspect of his fame surfaced during filming when environmentalists showed up to picket the shooting on park property in Thailand. They wore masks of Leo's face with blood-dripping fangs exposed.

"They used me as a symbol," he says. "In reality, we had the permission of the Thai government to film there and we left everything exactly as we found it. In fact, we hauled three tons of garbage off the island."

Andrew MacDonald, the producer of "The Beach," says, "I think we made the picture just so the world could see Leo grow up. It's a film they want to see. And, yes, he has grown up."

DiCaprio, an international commodity at age 25, doesn't agree. "I don't think I've grown up at all. I'm not sure I want to grow up. It's just that, now, life is a lot more hectic."

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## Kiss

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force to be reckoned with.

Cher once sang that there's only one way to tell if your lover really loves you -- it's in his kiss. (That's where

it is.)

Tori Amos sings that some kisses are worth giving up heaven for.

"The sound of a kiss is not so loud as that of a cannon," said the American poet Oliver Wendell Holmes, "but its echo lasts a great deal

longer."

An echo that can be for pleasure or for pain.

"... then I did the simplest thing in the world, I leaned down ... and kissed him," said American dancer and choreographer Agnes de Mille. "And the world cracked open."

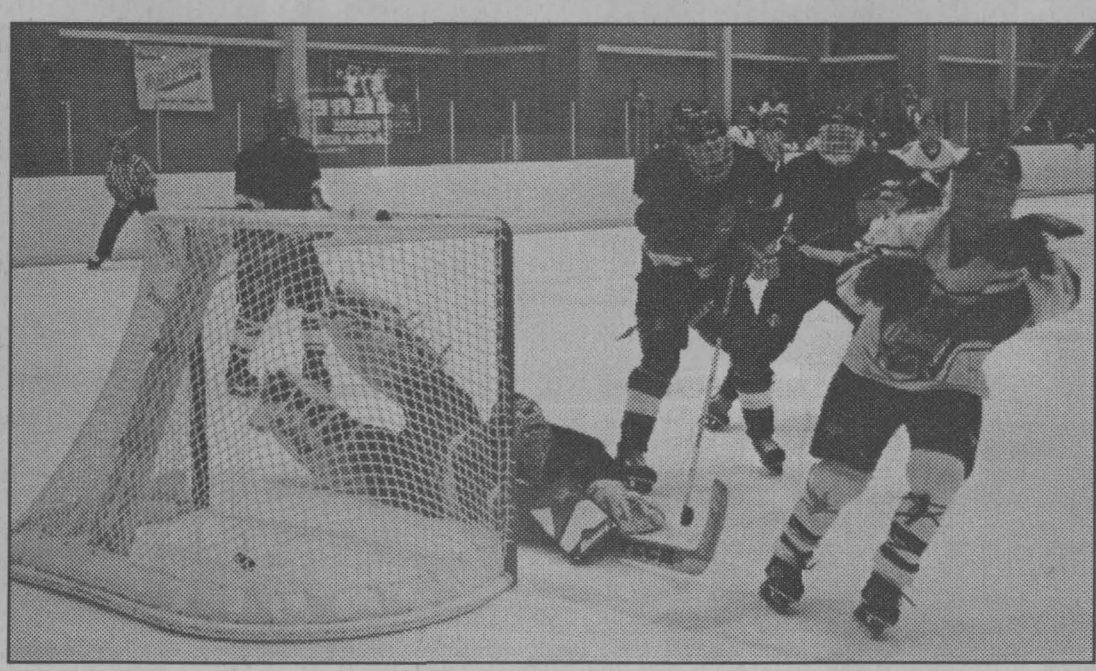


**Bloody Valentine's Weekend**

**RUGBY CLUB PUTS ROMANCE ON HOLD:**  
USU hosted the annual Blood Letting Valentine's tournament Saturday. See Page 8 for details.

# USU hockey club still struggling, drops third straight

USU's Ryan Froerer slides the puck past the outstretched hands of the San Diego State goaltender during the Aggies' victory on Nov. 19 at The Ice Sheet in Ogden. Utah State opened the season 19-0-1, but have fallen on hard times lately, losing their last three games.



**REUBEN WADSWORTH**  
Sports Writer

The Utah State University hockey team showed once again it is not invincible, especially with about one third of the team missing.

The University of Utah came to the Ogden Ice Sheet Saturday night and dealt the Aggies their first loss to a member of the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Hockey Association by a score of 7-4. The loss was USU's first of the season at home and their third straight after opening the season 19-0-1. The Aggies fell to 19-3-2 overall. They will be the No. 2 team in the American Collegiate Hockey Association's Western Region going into the playoffs.

USU looked on track in the first period, scoring the first goal of the game and leading by a score of 2-1 after the period. The second period, however, was a differ-

ent story as the Aggies gave up three goals and scored just one. USU trailed 4-3 heading into the final period. The third period was virtually the same as the second: three goals by the Utes and only one by the Aggies.

Forward Aaron Burrell scored two goals for USU — one in the first period and one in the second — while teammates Nate Anderson and Kelly Froerer had one apiece. Anderson scored his goal less than 10 minutes after dislocating his shoulder in the final period.

Utah's Ryan Snow recorded a hat trick in leading the Utes to victory. Snow had three goals, one of them unassisted. Teammates B.J. Van Waggoner and Stu Hennifer had two goals apiece.

"We're a team," USU assistant captain Anderson said of his missing teammates. "We need all our players. Together we're

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# USU improves to 10-0 in Big West action

## Aggies win battle of undefeateds with Long Beach State, run win streak to 10 games

**AARON MORTON**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Rolling, rolling, rolling.

The Aggies continued to roll right along Saturday night at The Pyramid, as they stopped Long Beach State University's 17-game winning streak with a 71-63 victory.

Utah State University now sits high atop the Big West Conference with a 10-0 record and is only one victory away from 20 wins (19-5 overall). The 49ers fell to 9-1 in the BWC and 17-4 overall.

"We didn't want to lose," center Dimitri Jorssen told KVVU. "The whole team is fired up."

Jorssen scored a career-high 16 points in addition to 11 rebounds.

After trailing 6-12 about four minutes into the first half, USU went on a 16-2 run sparked by fast break lay-ups by Bernard Rock and Tony Brown to take the lead for good. The closest LBSU got to the Aggies was four points late in the second half.

Down 13 with just under eight minutes to go in the game, the 49ers used a 7-0 run to close to 56-50. But USU senior Troy Rolle countered with a huge 3-pointer to stall the 49er run.

Down nine points with about three minutes remain-

ing, LBSU started to foul. For the most part it worked too. Jorssen, Rock and even Brown (who shoots over 90 percent from the line) went 1-for-2 from the line but the 49ers started to catch up, trading a free-throw for a basket.

The final two minutes of the game took forever as the Aggies were fouled immediately after they inbounded the ball.

"I thought it was 10 minutes," Jorssen said. "It was awful."

Awfully close as well.

LBSU's Mate Milisa, who led all scorers with 23, nailed a 3-pointer with 22.7 seconds left in the game that cut the lead to 67-63.

But the Aggies nailed the free-throws down the stretch; both Rock and Jorssen hit two to ice the game.

"We did what we had to do," Morrill said. "(This win) is a real feather in our kid's hat."

USU showed again that the team's effort — not just one or

two top scorers — would lead the Aggies to victory. All five starters scored nine points or more with Rolle leading the way with 15.

Even the small point contributions from the bench were key. Three minutes into the second half, the Aggie offense stalled and the 49ers hit back-to-back threes to slice the deficit to nine. Dion Bailey held off the home team's charge with 3-straight buckets — all of them off the drive.

"It was just unbelievable... how we made plays," Morrill said.

And then when LBSU cut the lead to under double-digits again, back-up point guard Rashaun Thomas nailed a 3-pointer to get the lead back to 12.

"He made a huge shot," Morrill said.

Utah State's usually tough man-to-man defense wasn't effective as LBSU burned the Aggies inside and outside, jumping to a six point lead. Morrill then switched to a zone defense, allowing them only two points in the next

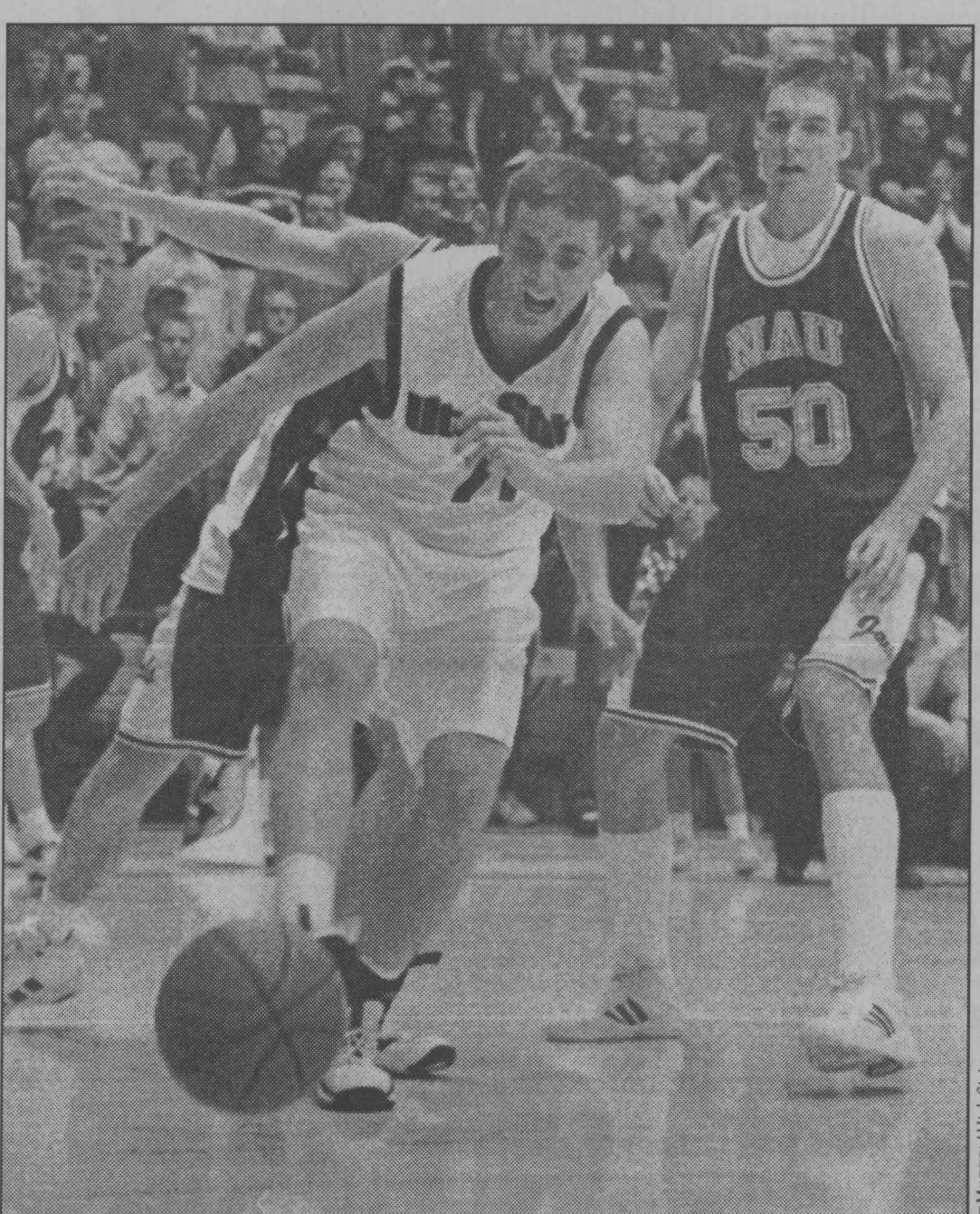
<b>USU</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>LBSU</b>	<b>63</b>

**Game MVP:**  
Dimitri Jorssen, who had a career-high 16 points and 11 rebounds.

**Key Stat:**  
10-0: That's USU's record in the Big West Conference.

**Turning point:**  
USU went on a 16-12 run four minutes into the first half to claim the lead for good.

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USU's Dan Stewart chases down a loose ball during USU's victory over NAU on Dec. 9 at the Spectrum.

# USU gymnastics edges No. 14 BYU in beam thriller



USU's Kirra Degener struggles to keep her balance during her beam routine on Friday.

**LYNNETTE HOFFMAN**  
Sports Writer

Beam was the event to watch, as the Aggies had struggled to stay on earlier in the season, nearly giving a victory to Boise State University and easing the challenge both times they met the University of Utah. This time the Aggies didn't give anything away.

No. 14 Brigham Young University was hungry to beat rival Utah State University after having lost both meets last year. But USU was starving.

The Aggies beat the Cougars with the fifth highest team all-around score in school history, ending their streak of frustration with a score of 195.55, just enough to edge out BYU's 195.45 Friday night in the Spectrum. Neither team counted a single fall on any event.

The coaching staff said the Aggies were throwing clean beam routines in practice, but faltering under pressure in meets. So the coaching staff made some changes to ensure beam would no longer get the best of USU.

"We've been doing this new work out thing. It's a real structured work out. We had a certain number of routines we had to stick as a team," said Sophomore Kirra Degener who got the momentum going for the team with a solid 9.625. "It put a lot of pressure on us."

Assistant coach Mark Heed had worked with the team throughout the week. Senior Jessica Porter credited him with helping pull the team together.

"I think our beam team is so much more confident now," she said.

Senior Christy Denson not only led beam with a 9.875, but also won the all-around with a 39.4 — good for the second highest score in USU history, behind the record Denson set last year. BYU's Kim Little and Kelly Parkinson scored 39.275 and 39.250, respectively. USU Freshman Kristen Bloom got a 39.1.

Denson has led the team all year, but what made the difference was the entire team pulling off every routine, head coach Ray Corn said, pointing out one fall would have knocked the Aggies out of the running.

"Everybody stepped up a notch and batted home runs," Corn said.

In the all-around, BYU was slightly ahead going into the final rotation, but the Aggies hit all six floor routines and didn't have to count a score lower than 9.8. Degener opened for the Aggies on floor for the first time this season. She earned a career high 9.8 for her performance.

"I was stoked to do floor," Degener said.

Kristin O'dell, and Trina Ewart also earned career high 9.8s, and Kristen 9.825 was her highest score ever.

"I could've cared less who was in here — I wanted my team to succeed by learning how to finish up a meet," Corn said. "And the fact that it was BYU just made it more fun."

The Aggies will compete at Southern Utah University tonight.

## Ewart's performance key in USU's victory

**AARON MORTON**  
Assistant Sports Editor

If one looks at the stat score sheet from Friday's gymnastics meet where Brigham Young University and Utah State University faced off in the Spectrum, they might have a hard time picking the outstanding gymnast of the meet.

However, if one would look a little deeper, the choice of senior co-captain Trina Ewart is an obvious one.

Sure, there were a lot of heroes in the Aggies' dramatic victory: Freshman Kristen Bloom cracked 39 points in the all around for the first time, Christy Denson won the all around, Kristen Fargo vaulted with a leg injury — hitting a 9.8 on the first and only try.

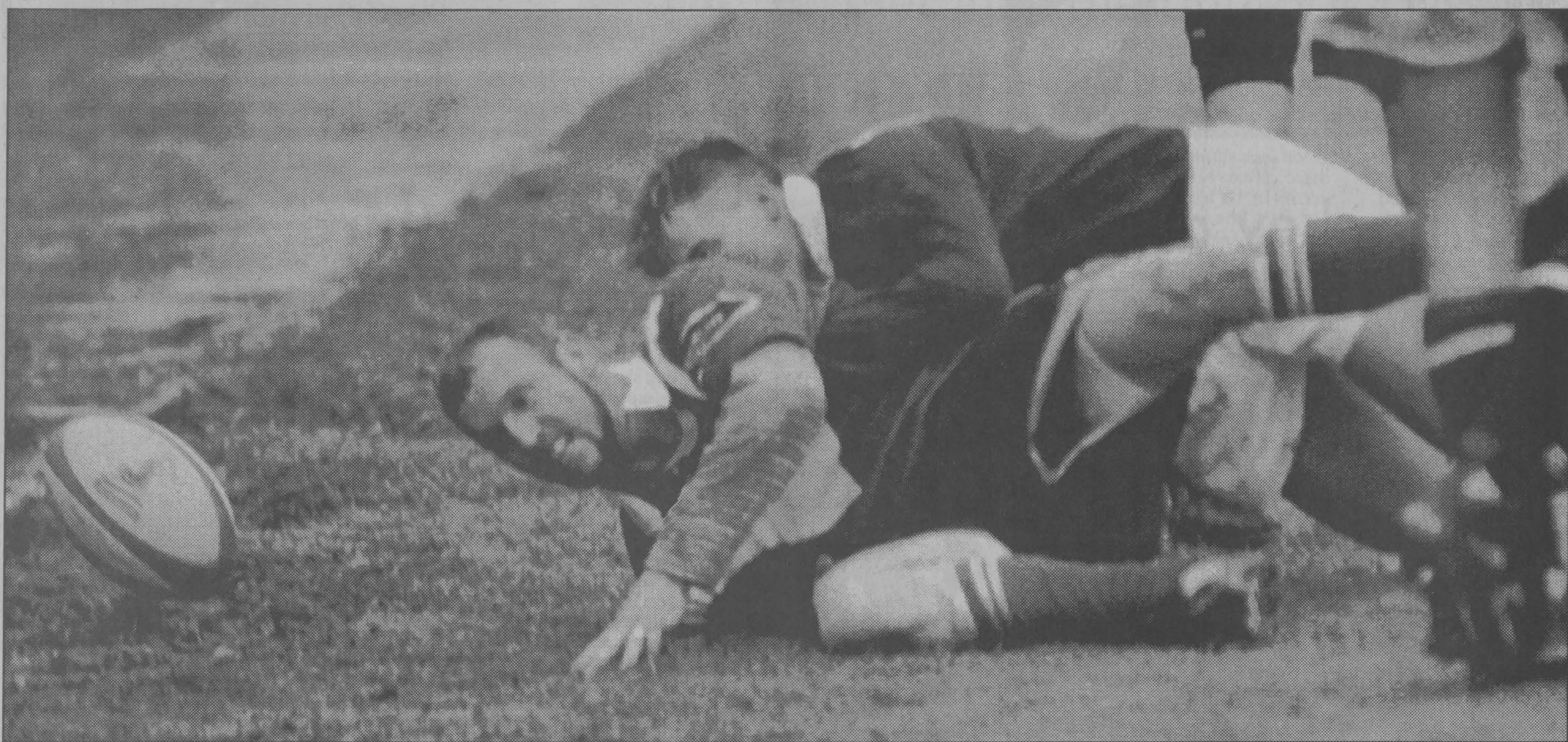
But Ewart's night was even more impressive.

"It's an evening that she'll always remember," head coach Ray Corn said.

Ewart, a bars specialist, was told she would fill in on the floor for Erin Maguire, who was sick with the flu, just

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USU's Kyle Overd tackles his Northern Utah opponent Saturday during the annual Valentine's Day Weekend Blood Letting tournament hosted by Utah State. The Aggies lost this game 15-5, but were in a position to win.

## USU brushes off cobwebs in Blood Letting

DAN CHASE  
Sports Writer

There wasn't a lot of blood, but there was plenty of mud on the Health, Physical Education and Recreation field Saturday afternoon, as an estimated 200 fans braved the rain and cold to watch teams from all over the state participate in Utah State University's Blood Letting Rugby Tournament.

And the Utah State men's team didn't waste any time making its presence known.

Pitted against Rocky Mountain in the first game of the tournament, the Aggies' Chris Ralph took a blow early from Rocky Mountain's intimidating front line, allowing the ball to

change hands temporarily. But the Aggies got the ball back and squeezed past midfield, charging to Rocky Mountain's 30-yard line. That allowed the Aggies to strike first after just two minutes of play, with a 3-point option kick from Esoa Toribau.

But Rocky Mountain answered just minutes later and made it into the try zone, taking a 5-3 lead. A second effort by Rocky Mountain led them into Utah State territory, but the Aggies booted the ball back 50 yards, making the visitors start back at their goal line.

Rocky Mountain then plowed past the Aggie defense for a 55-yard return. And just as USU seemed to be at their opponent's disposal, a big

defensive effort with just two minutes left in the half allowed Utah State's Wayne Ngaluafé to blow past Rocky Mountain for a try and provide the hosts with an 8-5 lead.

But Rocky Mountain would rebound. With just three minutes gone in the second half, Rocky Mountain took a 10-8 lead by making it into the try zone for the second time.

The Aggies charged back and had a chance to win with just under a couple of minutes to play, but their series of scrums and pushes were held back once again by Rocky Mountain's defense.

USU head coach Nev Pulotu said misunderstanding on the Aggies' part was what cost them the game.

He said players thought they needed to get the ball into the try zone for the win.

"We should have kicked it," Pulotu said after the Aggies' 10-8 loss. "All we had to do was kick it and win the game."

Misunderstanding cost us the game. "That was an easy win for us," he said. "It was our game all the way through. We should have had it. We made a big mistake."

And though he doesn't want to make excuses for his team's loss, Ngaluafé said the team's efforts were admirable.

"This was our first game, and we just tried to get the feel for each other," Ngaluafé said. "The other team was pretty good."

"We only played 15 minutes (each half). It's different from the 40 minutes we (usually play). We ran out of time."

Pulotu said he was still pleased with his team's performance.

"Overall, (Rocky Mountain) are really strong runners, but our guys matched them up really well," Pulotu said. "They played against a good team."

In their second game, the Aggies crushed Northern Utah 27-0.

Also playing was Utah State's women's team.

Led by Alisha Joseph's two tries, the Aggies were a powerhouse, easily taking a 29-0 win over Weber State

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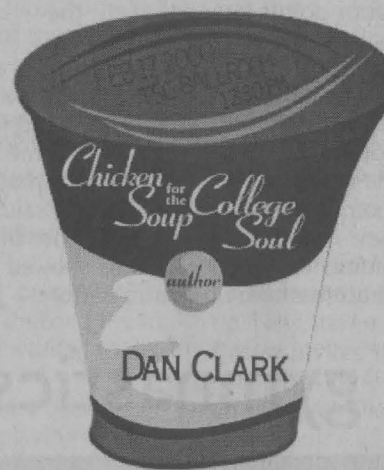
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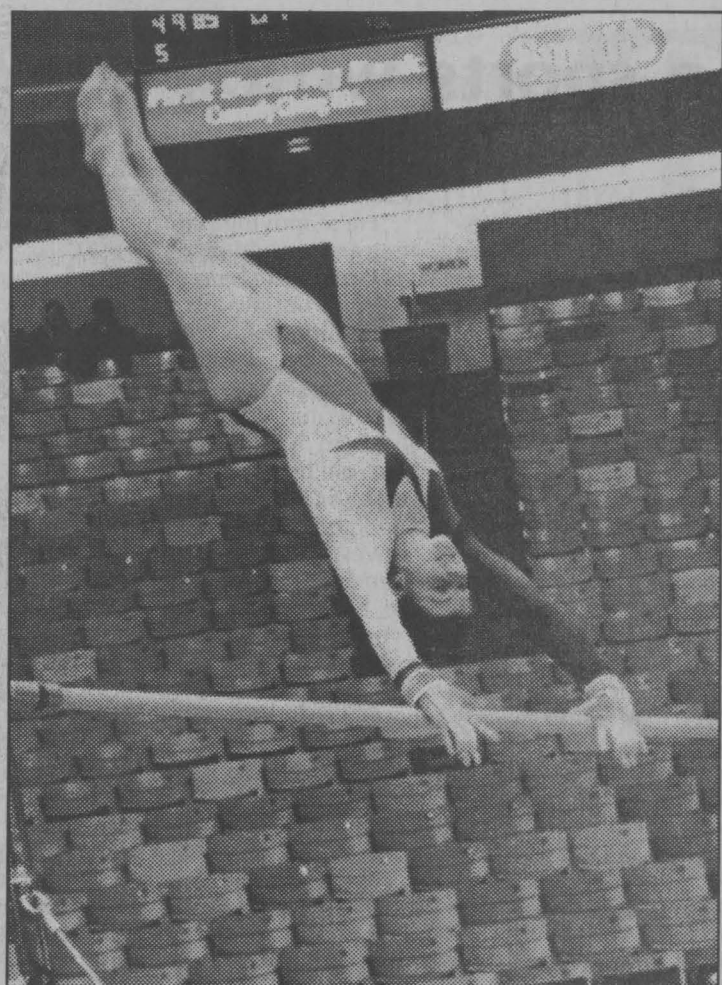
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USU sophomore Laura Swank reaches for the bar during her routine against Brigham Young on Friday night in the Spectrum. The Aggies edged the Cougars and take on SUU tonight at 7 p.m. in the Spectrum.

## EWART

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minutes prior to the event.

"That made me really nervous for some reason," Ewart said, "because I was not expecting to go."

Nervous or not, she pulled through, scoring a 9.8 on the floor — a career-high. That kept the momentum for USU and gave the Aggies the edge they needed for the 0.1 margin of victory. Utah State only counted 9.8s or above on the final rotation.

"I felt like I had to live up to all these scores right before me," Ewart said.

In addition to her help on the floor, the senior out of Glendale, Ariz., had another clean bars routine, scoring a 9.75. She has yet to have a fall in that event this season after struggling last year.

Despite her success, Ewart said she was surprised with the outstanding gymnast award and said there were several other teammates who deserved it. But the fellow senior co-captain, Denson backed her up.

"She won't admit it, but she did awesome," Denson said.

## ROLLING

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eight minutes.

"Straight man-to-man was not the answer," Morrill said. "Changing the defense worked for us."

The 49ers, who prior to Saturday's game were No. 2 in the nation in field goal percentage, was held to just over 40 percent.

The Aggies turned over the ball more than LBSU (15-13), but Morrill was still happy because of the 49ers' reputation for racking up the steals. And when they did get the ball, USU played good transition defense, he added.

Utah State will go back on the road Thursday to face the University of Nevada Reno before returning to Logan to take on the University of the Pacific for the only time this season. The Aggies have six more BWC games before travel-

ing on to Reno, Nev., for the BWC Tournament March 9

### BASKETBALL SUMMARY

USU	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	TP
Daniels	32	4/7	2/3	7	3	10
Brown	32	4/7	1/2	4	2	10
Jorssen	31	5/12	6/8	11	1	16
Rock	31	2/7	5/6	3	2	9
Rolle	27	5/8	3/4	2	2	15
Wilden	1	0/1	0/0	0	0	0
Ray	16	1/3	0/0	3	0	2
Bailey	13	3/6	0/1	3	2	6
Bobb	8	0/1	0/0	0	1	0
Thomas	9	1/1	0/0	0	0	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>25/53</b>	<b>17/24</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>71</b>

LBSU	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	TP
Lee	32	0/5	0/0	5	2	0
Williams	28	5/10	0/1	8	2	10
Millis	38	9/15	2/4	7	4	23
Johnson	16	0/3	0/0	0	1	0
Lloyd	28	6/12	4/4	4	2	18
Bryant	17	1/5	0/0	1	0	3
O'Neal	23	0/3	3/4	2	2	3
Stone	9	0/1	0/0	3	0	0
Smith	8	2/3	0/0	0	1	6
Small	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>23/57</b>	<b>9/13</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>63</b>

3pt FG: USU 4/9 (Brown 1/3, Rolle 2/2), LBSU 8/25 (Millis 3/6, Lloyd 2/6).  
Steals: USU 11 (Rock 5, Jorssen 3), LBSU 8 (Johnson 2, Lloyd 2).  
Blocks: USU 2 (Jorssen 2), LBSU 5 (Millis 3, Williams 2).  
Attendance: 4,805

## LOSS

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strong, individually we're weak."

Ten USU players were ineligible for the game, USU head coach Jerry Crossley said. He said the players learned how important it is to have a full team on the ice.

"We were winded," said Froerer. "We just ran out of gas."

Froerer said the team usually has four lines of five players each that sub in to keep everyone fresh. Saturday night four lines were whittled down to just two, which led to shorter breaks from the ice for each individual.

"It was like we were out there all the time," he said.

Froerer said he couldn't see the loss coming. Crossley thought otherwise.

He said his team wasn't mentally ready for the contest and thought some of that had carried over from a letdown after last week's losses to Colorado State. Crossley said his players need to be more committed and find a desire within themselves to perform.

The Aggies played a mistake-prone game. Crossley said his team was guilty of bad coverage in front of the net and Froerer said the team's passing embarrassed him.

Anderson thought Utah State was a little too hesitant and lost the "little battles."

Penalties were not as much of a factor on Saturday as they were the last time USU played Utah. This time it was the Utes that racked up the most penalty box time. USU was only in the box eight times compared with 20 the last time it faced the Utes. Utah was in the box on 15 different occasions.

"Hopefully this loss will change gears for us," said Froerer.

"It's time to dig deep and see what we're made of," Anderson said. "I think we're winners."

## BLOOD

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University.

Joseph credits her tries to the team.

"If the support wasn't there, the ball wouldn't have been there and I wouldn't have been able to do that," said Joseph. "I credit that to our forward pack. They're doing what they're supposed to do and

doing it well.

"We figured they're a new team and figured (a win) wouldn't be that difficult, but we knew if we didn't keep our heads in the game we could have easily lost the game," she said. "Weber's playing remarkably well. They kept us on our toes."

USU women's head coach Dennis Kohler said the cold weather had little impact on the team.

## Shaq, Duncan share MVP

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Shaq showed his power and glimpses of finesse, too. And Tim Duncan was his usual long-armed presence in the middle with great touch, reaching above the pack for inside baskets and stuffs.

Who was more important for the West in its 137-126 All-Star victory over the East on Sunday? It was a tossup, so much so that Shaquille O'Neal and Duncan shared the MVP award in the 49th game.

"Shaq's a force to deal with night in and night out," Duncan said of his co-winner.

"You don't see many MVP

guys who can go inside and outside," O'Neal said, returning the praise.

It marked just the third time in All-Star history there had been a co-MVP and first since 1993 when Utah teammates Karl Malone and John Stockton shared the award following the game at Salt Lake City.

In 1959, Elgin Baylor of Minneapolis and Bob Pettit of St. Louis were co-winners.

O'Neal didn't even play the fourth quarter because he had a sore shoulder. Before he left, he showed the versatility and the brute strength that on many nights makes him unstoppable.

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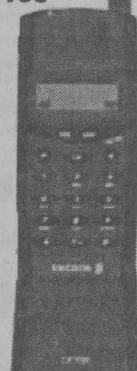
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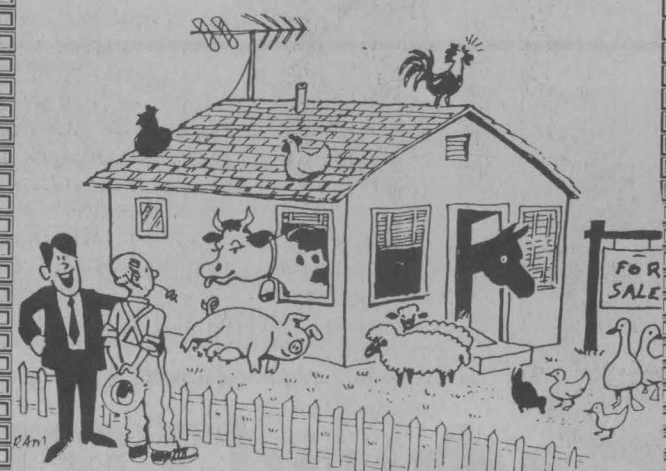
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## So, you want to be a sports writer, huh?

STATING THE STATS / Reuben Wadsworth



For the last year and a half, I have been looking at a quote in *The Statesman* office that says, "If you want to be a bum and get paid for it, write sports."

Sports writing may seem like a dream job to many. Receiving pay for attending sporting events sounds cushy, doesn't it?

I'm here to tell you that sports writing sometimes shapes up to be a little more or less than anyone bargains for. Watching a game is easy; it's trying to get somewhat relevant quotes from the players and coaches when the game is over that can sometimes make a sports-writer cringe.

If you have already built a good relationship with the player or coach, interviewing is a cinch. Such is the relationship I have with USU hockey assistant captain Nate Anderson and Mountain Crest high school girls' basketball head coach Art Erickson. These two guys are a sportswriter's dream when it comes to interviews. They will tell you their assessment of the game without too many questions. Even after a loss or a bad game, the two of them can put a positive spin on things. They always compliment teammates and players when it is deserved.

But, on the other hand, if you hardly know or just met the player or coach being interviewed, either you, them or both are a little uncomfortable. Moments of silence, wondering and anticipation become the norm.

As a sportswriter, you know you haven't done your job well when your subject answers your question with a question of his/her own such as "What do you mean?" or "I don't understand." After this happens, clarification is needed but is sometimes harder than one would expect.

Asking the right questions is a must, but more often than not it is easier said than done. Even when asking what you think is a good question, you might not get the response you desire. It's always hard when a player or coach responds to an open-ended question with a two or three word answer.

I too often find myself using cliché questions such as "How does it feel to ...?" or "How does this (win or loss) affect your confidence?" It's an unconscious thing, I swear. Sometimes I don't even realize I'm saying it. It just comes

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out for no reason.

When I can't think of a good question, I execute another tactic, which is the use of two words at the beginning of the first sentence, "Talk about ...". In my next sentence, I interject a statement reflecting my own assessment of a certain aspect of the game to see if the coach or player is thinking along the same lines with the hope a detailed explanation will follow.

For example, after a basketball game in which I thought the team I was covering was forcing up shots, I said to the coach, "Talk about your shot selection. I thought at times you were forcing up shots and weren't passing to players that were open."

While I'm using my cliché questions, coaches and players are reciprocating with cliché answers like, "We just need to come ready to play," or the highly overused, "We're just taking it one game at a time."

Once in a while, however, a coach or a player will give you a gem of a quote, or one that perplexes you for months on end.

*What I heard in  
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something I'll not  
soon forget.*

After the Utah State University basketball team's loss to Brigham Young University a little more than a month ago, I asked head coach Stew Morrill what I thought was a probing question — one from which I expected a straight answer.

I asked him something like "How does it feel to go 0-3 against in-state opponents this year?" I was curious. I really wanted to know.

What I heard in response still rings in my ears, now even a month later. It's something I'll not soon forget.

"What do you want me to do, go out and shoot myself?" he said.

Hmmmm, Stew. That wasn't the answer I was looking for. Incidentally, I don't think Morrill was quoted for saying that in any articles describing the game.

Another out-of-the-ordinary quote I heard recently was from Mountain Crest high school basketball head coach John Nielsen after his team defeated Roy. In the game, Nielsen gave significant playing time to junior varsity center Seyi Adeyemi, who hadn't seen much action before that time. Adeyemi performed well for an unseasoned reserve. He scored six points, had a few blocks and grabbed about four rebounds.

I asked Nielsen if Adeyemi's performance would warrant more playing time. A simple question, I thought,

## Malone ends All-Star weekend holdout with game-day arrival, wonders what fuss is about

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Karl Malone ended his All-Star holdout and then wondered what all the fuss was about.

The Utah Jazz star complained his desire for a week-end getaway with his family was twisted into three-day soap opera pitting him against everyone from league managers to the NBA's younger generation players.

"I have no battles to fight," Malone said Sunday.

Malone, a two-time league MVP and 12-time All-Star, arrived hours before the league's showcase at the Oakland Coliseum Arena.

He insisted the test of wills between him and NBA rulers and his distaste for the way the league is promoting its rising stars over more established veterans had nothing to do with his absence from most of the weekend activities.

"I'm here. I'm going to play. I'm fine," said Malone, whose initial attempt to get out of his All-Star obligations by claiming he had a sore back was rebuffed by league management. "I just want to go in and break a little sweat."

He barely did that, playing just three minutes and going scoreless in the first half and watching from the end of the bench for the rest of the game, won by the Western Conference 137-126 over the East.

"That was fine," Malone said. "I've been nursing some

injuries. I talked to coach (Phil Jackson) right before the game and he said you can play as much as you want or as little as you want. And that's what I wanted to play. I talked to the guys on the bench and I enjoyed myself. I knew I would once I got here."

Jackson said he honored Malone's request to play sparingly.

"He said, 'I don't know if I'm capable of more than 4-5 minutes. I just need to make the appearance,'" Jackson said. "So we pulled him."

Malone, whose Jazz played their last game Wednesday before the All-Star break, said he and his wife and children spent time on their Arkansas ranch and he also went to Louisiana to see his teen-age son and daughter from a previous relationship play basketball.

"And I wouldn't change a thing," Malone said. "I don't know what the big deal is. It's kind of amazing. We as pro athletes are criticized when you don't do things with your kids or spend time with your family and I was trying to do that. It was a great opportunity for me to see my kids play and spend time with my kids. But I'm here now."

Malone said he didn't watch any of All-Star Saturday's events, including the slam dunk contest won by budding superstar Vince Carter, who epitomizes the

deserved a simple answer.

"He's moving up the food chain," Nielsen responded.

What food chain?

While not always fortunate in receiving dignified and witty responses, I have a recent history of being abused at USU basketball games when posing as a sportswriter. During the game against Northern Arizona University on Dec. 9, I sat on press row and was hit by the game ball. That wasn't too extraordinary, considering press row is court side. However, the very next USU game I attended it happened again. A ball hit me, but this time I was in the press box.

I was chatting with Wade Denniston, the senior sports writer for *The Statesman*, over our soft drinks and popcorn during a time-out, when suddenly a mini-ball spoiled our conversation. It knocked my popcorn into the stands, then ricocheted off my chest and spilled Denniston's Coke all over his notes and shirt. The press box erupted into laughter, which is uncharacteristic because it is "a working press area." Those sitting in the press box are encouraged to be quiet, but it wasn't quiet that night.

Speaking of USU basketball, Coach Nielsen said his Mountain Crest team has emulated the Aggie's zone defense and it has worked well on occasion.

Apparently USU's defense isn't the only thing his team emulates.

After a recent game against Weber high school in which his son, starting center Micah Nielsen, scored more points than usual and grabbed a significant number of boards, the coach said of his son: "He mixes it up. I think Brennan Ray's his hero."

Micah Nielsen, like Ray, has a reputation for throwing elbows. He knocked one or two Logan players to the floor in a recent game against the Grizzlies. An elderly lady sitting behind me winced ever time the Mustang center subbed into the game.

"He's dangerous," she said.

Whenever Ray subs into any USU game, the crowd reacts as well — but in a positive way. I've thoroughly enjoyed attending the last two Utah State home games as a fan because I allied myself with the front four rows in chanting "Let's go Bruiser!"

If you were wondering who we're cheering for, Brennan, it's you.

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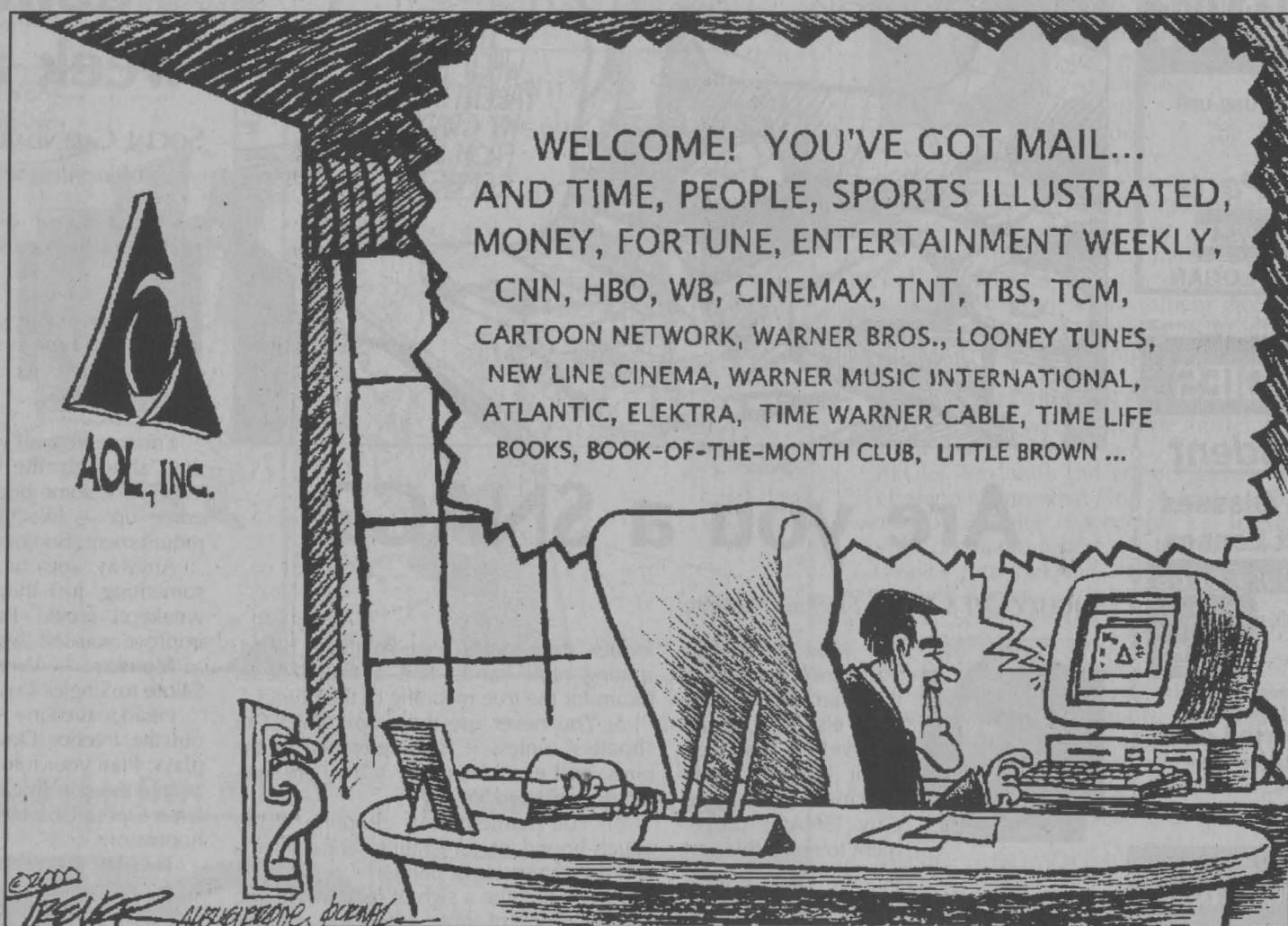
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**To the  
EDITOR**

**Express opinions  
without telling  
others to leave**

Normally I don't write into the Statesman. But after reading "Respect should be shown for country" and "Armed services protect, deserve respect," I felt the need to voice my opinion.

I served my country for five years as an active duty Marine. During that time I traveled around the world enjoying my great benefits and sipped gin on the beaches of four different continents. I also pulled refugees out of Africa and searched for MIA remains in Cambodia, flew blankets and food and water up to Kobe, Japan and did my best to defend my country and its policies all the while staying true to myself and my own morality.

I think I know better than most some of this country's problems and flaws, but after reading the above-mentioned letters, I have a couple of issues.

One, I don't agree with the statement that "citizens being 'bombed' by us would gladly pay for the freedoms" we have. I think those people would probably more appreciate not being bombed than having a university. Mostly because it's pretty damn hard to go to university when people are shooting at you.

Finally I have a real problem with both of the authors telling a person to leave. It is a person's responsibility, as a citizen of the United States to try to fix things they may feel are wrong with this country. Even if it's just complaining about the issues to raise awareness. I am glad that you both wrote in to express your opinions, but I have a couple of questions for you. What kind of country would we have if every time someone grew disenchanted or lost respect for our leaders they got up and left? Where would you be if every time you were dissatisfied you had left? What country would you be living in? Voice your opinions, draw attentions to the problems and issues that you have, and maybe together we can make this a better country. Just don't tell me to leave.

Mike Hansen

**Light rail research  
is research**

Matt Stevenson's letter accused me of being a "rent-a-scholar" who busily pieces "together anecdotal information to support a prior conclusion under the guise of research." Should he wish to actually come by my office we can examine EPA, Texas Transportation Institute, U.S. Census, and other state and federal agency data to see what claims about sprawl can be supported and which ones can be rejected.

We will find that the beneficiaries of light rail are not poor or otherwise disadvantaged. Commute times for the poor increase when cities build light rail because buses run to the tracks, not their former destinations. Buses are flexible, rails are fixed. Buses cost far less to operate per passenger mile. Rail lines typically go from rich neighborhoods to where the rich work. Harvard's Taubmann Center reviewed all of the published data

on light rail in the last several years. Their report concludes that rail does not reduce air pollution or congestion and has, at best, a tiny effect on sprawl.

Stevenson's 1960s wisdom that markets are "intrinsically exploitative and have an abysmal record when it comes to managing public goods and protecting the public interest" is old and incorrect news. Environmentalists have discovered ways to use markets to preserve and protect the environment. Some are purchasing grazing rights and retiring them. Others purchase water rights and leave the water in the stream instead of putting it on alfalfa fields.

Randy Simmons

**Pride Alliance  
increasing public  
awareness**

I am writing in response to David Bethers, and many others on campus who share his view regarding wearing blue jeans as support of gay and lesbian marriage.

No one in the gay/lesbian community actually expects that everyone wearing blue jeans on Monday is making a statement of support. Quite the opposite — I suppose that most people will get dressed with very little thought about what it may mean politically.

However, by posting announcements, though they may be controversial, Pride Alliance is increasing public awareness. We are calling for the kind of awareness that says we are not different from anyone else, and being such, we deserve equal rights.

Whether you know it or not, we are your friends, your aunts and uncles, your brother or sister, your professors, your tutors, your peers and maybe even your parents.

We live our lives everyday in blue jeans — just like everyone else on this campus and in this community. We profoundly influence your lives for the better as people, while the fact that we are homosexual plays an insignificant role in our relations with you. You will never know that we have our own families, with one person to whom we are happily devoted for the rest of our lives. It wouldn't make any difference to your personal life if we were able to legally marry our significant others.

David, I don't know if you are married. It makes no difference to me. I don't know what color pants you are wearing, though I can suspect they are probably not blue. Bridges are burned not when people raise awareness and try to educate the public, but when people make ignorant comments about leather and pink (I don't judge all white males based on the behavior of Sen. Ted Kennedy).

I guess my point would be that life is too short. Pick your battles wisely and make sure what you are fighting against really affects your everyday safety, happiness and well-being.

Lastly, please remember to smile at the people you walk past on Monday, no matter what they are wearing, because they are human beings who deserve respect.

Rachel B. Young

**Hockey needs  
solid hits not  
cheap shots**

There is no strategy in fighting.

When I played lacrosse (in Canada, played five-on-five in a hockey rink minus the ice-sheet, with almost identical rules to hockey except for icing and off-sides), I never fought. But I've nailed guys with clean, hard, legal hits, sometimes knocking them out of the game. I never received a penalty on them. When I stepped back out on the floor, the other team avoided me because they were scared of getting the same thing when I played defense. That is strategy.

Rarely do cheap shots hurt more than good, solid hits. When the other team gets a penalty and goes a man down, out comes the power play team, a good chance for the other team to score. When the coward is finally released, you line him up with a CLEAN, HARD check and drive him into next week.

If a hockey or lacrosse player can't inflict pain and make the other team look out for him by playing legally, then they are wussies. And I would love to play against them because that is a guaranteed win for my team.

I have played in many games where fights occurred, and they all had the same outcome. The team that instigated the fight will get penalized (heavier if both players are actually penalized), and the other team gets a free ride during the power play. Now, from what I understand, Utah State didn't suffer against the U of U due to penalties. Congrats. But think about what they did accomplish. If USU had played clean and hard, they still would have won. But they would have embarrassed the U by beating them clean. Instead, they did the hockey equivalent of beating the hell out of an elderly woman. The U wasn't in contention, they were never in the game. But Utah State's valiant (tongue firmly, painfully in cheek) warriors went out and BEAT UP the very helpless U.

Well done. Must be tough to kick a near-dead dog. You've done your school proud.

Graham Fredrickson

**Religion can't help  
in same-sex  
marriage issue**

I hate to play devil's advocate especially about something like gay marriages. I once sat through a lecture given by the ACLU on the issue. They sat and let us criticize homosexual marriages. Why can't gays marry? This was the question they asked us.

One person said, "It's because they can't contribute to procreation." An ACLU member replied, "Impotent couples can't reproduce either. Does this mean that people who can't have kids can't get married?"

Another person brought up the issue of tradition. Marriage is a bond between men and women. That same member quickly ate this comment up. She appealed to the tradition part of the argument. She said, "It was illegal for white men to marry black women, in the south

**Higher  
education an  
investment in  
Utah's future**

GUEST COMMENTARY / George H. Emert



Everyone in Utah higher education is working harder and our investment in education is paying off. Utah's unprecedented growth and prosperity is our strength and education has gotten us there. Despite these

accomplishments, state funding for higher education has dropped during the past 10 years, jeopardizing one of Utah's best opportunities for investing in the future.

Utah State University receives \$2,342 less on average than other comparable research institutions for per-pupil spending. At the same time, USU brought \$220,000 per faculty member in research money to the state in 1999 — a total of \$125 million. Clearly, higher education is a sound investment, even in the short term.

Our students are doing their part to fund that investment. But to shift this burden onto them is not fair. Already our students are taking out more loans as an investment in their future. They are also willing to work more hours in part-time jobs to help pay for their education.

In-state tuition and fees are \$2,300 a year at USU — \$1,000 less than the national average for doctorate-granting institutions. Still, it's difficult for some students to make ends meet. In addition to tuition and fees, students spend \$800 a year in books and supplies and \$6,800 annually for room, board and other expenses. One in five students works full time while attending college full time. One quarter of full-time students work 20 hours or more per week. More than half of all students also receive some sort of financial aid, but the average student debt is around \$12,000 by the time graduation rolls around.

Despite these challenges, Utah's college students believe strongly in the value of their education and they are leading the charge to keep education as a priority. On Feb. 16 the Utah Council of Student Body Presidents is holding a "rally for education" at noon on the south steps of the Capitol building.

Utah State University student body president Nate Anderson, who will be one of the speakers at the rally, says, "Of all the places that we as a state might accept mediocrity, it is not in the classroom. We believe that we, the students of our generation, are the intellectual infrastructure that will support our state in coming years. Just as we must hire qualified engineers to build our highways, it is equally imperative that we hire and retain top quality educators. We can no more allow faulty instruction than we can allow faulty buildings."

Utahans have a history of supporting education. They invest a higher percentage of their tax dollars in education than in all but two other states. Utah residents pay \$92 per \$1,000 of personal income for public and higher education, 44 percent more than the national average of \$64 per \$1,000.

That is an impressive number until you consider that these are dollars spent to educate children in a state with the highest birthrate and largest families in the nation. This means that already thin dollars are being stretched even thinner since Utah taxpayers are paying to educate more students than the national average.

We can address our high birthrate and large crop of young people as an opportunity or a burden. If we consider our children an investment in the future, then education needs to be our investment in the future of these children. Yet, during the past 10 years how committed have we been to this investment? Complacent, at best, considering that higher education is getting a decreasing share of tax dollars earmarked for education. State funding per full-time equivalent student at the state universities has actually decreased 25 percent over the past decade.

The Utah System of Higher education is one of the most efficient in the country, but it can only stretch dollars so far. While USU receives substantially less per full-time student equivalent from state and local funding than similar Carnegie Research I institutions, we continue to bring in significantly more in research grants which help fuel Utah's economy.

We have the youngest and one of the fastest growing populations in the country. This makes us an attractive work and investment climate, but it continues to put pressure on our educational facilities from kindergarten through college. The large, youthful population that may now seem like a tax burden is the future of Utah's continued prosperity and quality of life. Their hard work now may end up supporting us in retirement.

There is no way around it. The cost of education is high for everyone involved. But if we intend to meet the challenge of the new century we have to look at education as an investment rather than a cost. It is an investment that is less risky than the stock market and certainly pays a higher return than any money market fund these days.

Statistics from the Higher Education and National Affairs report state that college graduates' earnings have increased by 8 percent in real terms over the past 20 years, while wages

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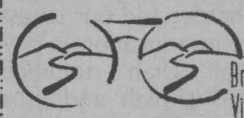


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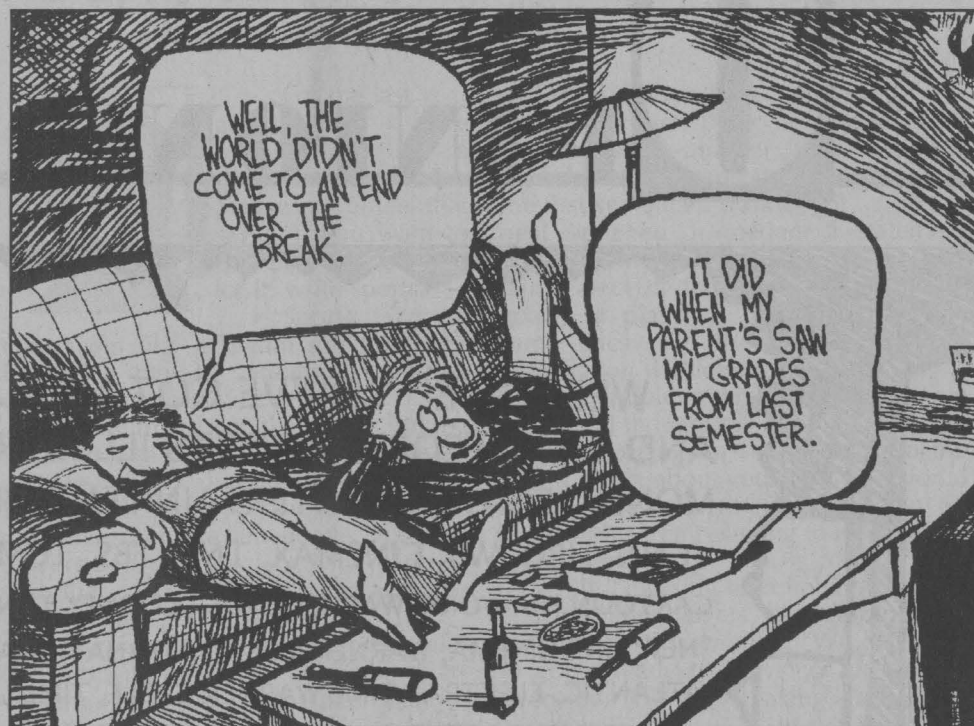
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## Are you a SNAG?

SLIGHTLY OFF CENTER / Dennis Hinkamp



How's your Valentine's Day going thus far? Like everything else cool, inane or trendy, it has taken a bit longer for the Sensitive New Age Guy (SNAG) movement to reach this part of the country. After all, most people moved to the West to get away from the androgynous decay and gender cold war stalemate that clouds the rest of the country.

Not so much the skinny wimp, the SNAG is the target audience for cotton Dockers. He is likely to be someone who drinks espresso after working out on his Bowflex machine. He may still want to hold Cindy Crawford hostage for a weekend, but he keeps it to himself. SNAGs are popping up all over the West faster than Wal-Mart franchises.

Check this list and see if you or a loved one has been affected. Early warning signs of being a SNAG are:

- 1) Have you said "you look like you could use a hug" or used the word "snuggle" in the last week?
- 2) Are you so conscious of being polite that you find yourself saying "excuse me" even when you walk into mail boxes and parked cars?
- 3) Have you ever described your clothes as "fun?" (as in "this is really a fun tie, don't you think?") or borrowed an item of clothing from your father to wear in public?
- 4) You think those unplugged CDs by

former drug-soaked, ear-splitting, blood-spitting rock bands "are a much better forum for the true meaning of their lyrics."

5) You never use the word "chick" or "hooters" unless it is in reference to the birds, and even then only if they are free-range or spotted.

6) You named your drooling, hairy couch-hound or fur-spitting feline after a famous impressionist painter.

7) You breathe a sigh of relief when you approach one of those automatic opening doors because heading towards a manual door with a woman throws you into emotional grid-lock. Do I open it for her to be polite? Is opening it for her condescending? Should I allow her to open it for me? What about the door, does it have feelings too?

8) You traded your pick up truck for a "sports utility vehicle."

9) You are confused by your conflicting impulses. You know that president Clinton was guilty, but you'd still like to know where he was able to buy Cuban cigars legally. Or, while watching "Baywatch" reruns you suddenly feel compelled to write a letter to the TV station complaining about their improper representation of CPR.

10) You are starting to use these words interchangeably: mow the lawn/landscape; fix stuff/carpentry; move stuff/remodeling; coffee/espresso; spaghetti/pasta; movies/films; Playboy magazine/sext exploitiv trash; nude photography books/artistic rendering of the female form.

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

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50 years ago. Does this mean we should never change existing traditions?"

Early evidence supports the claim that children in homosexual families are doing well if not better in school than other kids. What is the argument then? Most people like to appeal to their religion as a means to fight this beast. Unfortunately religion can't help in the fight against gay marriages. They also overlook the fact that the institution of marriage is often a religious ceremony but is acknowledged by law, this means it is subject to the separation of church and state. It is assumed that to be married it must be done under God. How would an atheist get married then?

Some see homosexual marriages as a defeat of their moral principle. They need to get a grip ... on reality. I think we need to prepare ourselves for our new gay neighbors. It is only a matter of time before every state has laws governing this.

In conclusion I think homosexual alliances should stop acting childish! Trying to get attention was something we did in fourth grade. Pictures of naked men in the entrances to our establishments can't resolve this peacefully.

Shawn McCune

## Blue jeans day for free press not awareness

We are writing in regards to the "supposed" issue brought forth by the Pride Alliance group, "wear blue jeans campaign."

We have come to the conclusion that the Pride Alliance is not increasing awareness, but are merely causing a controversy to gain free press.

Blue jeans are articles of clothing worn everyday by most people. The statement by the Alliance to wear blue jeans in support of the "supposed" increased awareness of gays and lesbians is an ignorant idea that will bring nothing but negative awareness. This is a very pitiful attempt to make it appear there is more support than there really is.

We declare Friday as Straight Day. All those wearing book bags or backpacks are in direct support of being straight "whether they know it or not."

Eric Sorenson  
Steve Christensen

## FUTURE

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for high school graduates without a college education have declined. When earnings were adjusted for inflation, average earnings of workers with a high school diploma fell from \$24,241 in 1977 to \$23,250 in 1997. Over the same 20-year period, average earnings of those with bachelor's degrees rose from \$38,210 in 1977 to \$41,106 in 1997. For workers with advanced degrees, average wages went from \$51,308 in 1977 to \$64,210 in 1997.

In South Carolina, Clemson economics professor Curt Simon released a report this spring on the value of a college education. "The Market for College Graduates in South Carolina" concluded that the return on a four-year degree compares favorably with long-term return on alternative investments, such as stocks and bonds, and has lower levels of risk than stocks. The study found the median income of a four-year college graduate in the Carolinas is 60-65 percent higher than the median income of a high school graduate.

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George H. Emert is president of Utah State University.

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MUSIC: DEEDEEDEEDEEDEEDEEE

FINALISTS (shouting over the music): Did you say "ear" or "rear"?

REGIS: Too late! The correct answer is: "(E) It depends on what kind of spider." Our winner is... Walter Gweemle of Toledo, Ohio! Come on out here, Walter!

(Walter runs out and shakes hands violently with Regis.)

REGIS: So Walter, tell us about yourself.

WALTER: Well, Regis, I'm...

REGIS: Nobody cares, Walter. What loved one have you brought along so that we can heighten the drama by showing his or her reaction as tension mounts?

WALTER: Regis, I brought my dog, Boomer. (Boomer wags his tail.)

REGIS: OK! Let's play for a MILLION DOLLARS!

MUSIC: DUMDUMDUMDUMDUMDUM!

REGIS: Here we go. For \$100, which of the following letters is NOT really a letter? (A) "A"; (B) "B"; (C) "C"; or (D) The Grand Canyon.

MUSIC: AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

(Walter frowns with deep concentration.)

MUSIC: OOOOOOOOEEEEEEEEEE

REGIS: God, this is dramatic, isn't it? (The reaction camera shows Boomer, who is engaged in an act of personal hygiene.)

MUSIC: OOOOOOOAAAAAAAAAAAAA

WALTER: Regis, I am just not sure what the answer is. But I am really getting off on

calling you Regis, Regis.

REGIS: As you know, Walter, you have three lifelines: You can poll the audience; you can make a phone call; or you can have me shout the correct answer out loud, like this: "IT'S 'D,' YOU MORON!"

WALTER: Regis, I'm going to call my mother.

REGIS: We're getting her on the line now. (Sound of phone ringing.)

WALTER'S MOTHER: Hello?

REGIS: Mrs. Gweemle, this is Regis Philbin, with ABC's "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire!"

WALTER'S MOTHER: I told you damn people a million times, we don't want MCI.

WALTER: Mom! It's me! Walter!

WALTER'S MOTHER: Walter?

WALTER: Yes!

WALTER'S MOTHER: You call your mother DURING 'THE X-FILES'?? (click)

WALTER: Mom?

REGIS: Walter, please give your final answer, so I can ask you if your final answer is in fact your final answer. I get paid \$25,000 for every time I say "final answer."

MUSIC: OOOOOOOOEEEEEEEEEE

WALTER: Gosh, Regis, I just don't... (He looks over at Boomer, who is drawing a "D" on the floor with his paw.) Regis, I'm going to say... "D."

REGIS: Is that your final answer? Final answer? Final answer?

WALTER: Regis, yes.

REGIS: "D" is correct! You've won \$100!

MUSIC: BOM BOM BOM BA-DOMMM-MM

(Walter collapses. The audience cheers wildly. Boomer makes the Weewee of Triumph on the studio floor.)

REGIS: Whew! Talk about drama! Only 14 more questions to go for a MILLION DOLLARS! Are you nervous, Walter?

WALTER: Well, Regis, I...

REGIS: Shut up. Your next question, for \$200, is: How many legs are there on a standard cow? (A) None; (B) One; (C) More than one; (D) The Grand Canyon.

MUSIC: OOOOOOOOEEEEEEEEEE

REMOTE CONTROL: Click.

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✱Craig Adams of Merrill Lynch will speak on financial planning and

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•**Operation Smile Swing Dance** with a live band, Feb. 18, 8:30 p.m. TSC Ballroom, \$3.

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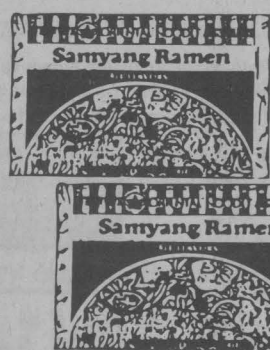
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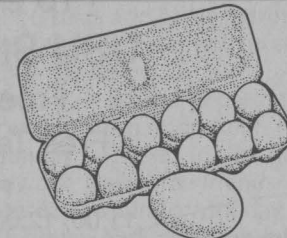


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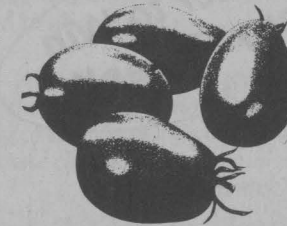
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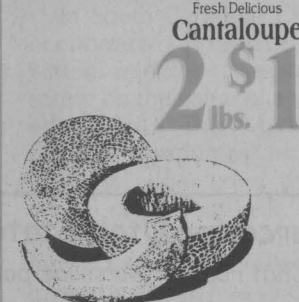
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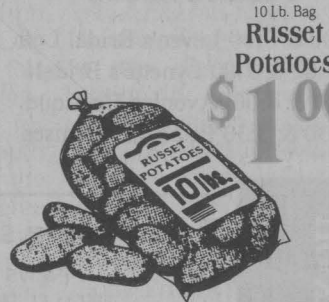
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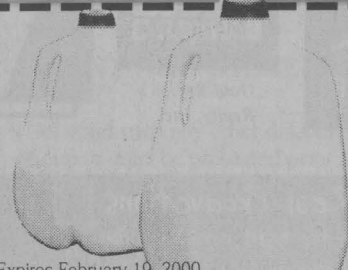
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