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Local teachers meet with Educators' Association, will do what it takes to convince state legislature

LARA GALE
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This article is the second of a three-part series concerning the current discussion of faculty equity in Utah. Read the third article in Friday's Statesman.

Utah's colleges and universities aren't alone in the fight for educational funding. Elementary and secondary education teachers are raising issues of their own and say they are prepared to do whatever it takes to convince this year's legislature they are serious.

Educators from Logan School District met with officials from the Utah Educators' Association Thursday evening to discuss the four basic needs of Utah elementary and secondary schools, and what they will do if those needs are not met, said Connie Morgan, president of the Logan Educators' Association.

Educators agree that it is time the Utah Legislature

grant funding for individualized instruction, up-to-date textbooks for every student, a safer learning environment and professional salaries to keep quality teachers in the classroom, Morgan said.

"Let's face it, what is our best asset in this state? It is our children," said Gary Dunn, president of the council of local UEA presidents.

And, is funding for the four basic needs too much to ask the state to invest in its greatest asset? "No," said Dunn. "Definitely not."

According to a recent study, Utah spends 61 percent of the national average to educate its students — the lowest per pupil expenditure in the nation since 1988, Morgan said.

Classrooms are short of textbooks, supplies and teachers, Morgan said. Under-funding has left Utah ranking last in the nation in pupil to teacher ratios for 19 of the last

25 years, Morgan said.

Recruiting new teachers to Utah's schools is becoming harder because other states offer more competitive salaries, Morgan said.

"People aren't afraid of going other places," she said, "and they will."

Utah educators aren't certain the Legislature will meet their needs, Morgan said. Gov. Leavitt proposed a 7.4 percent increase

in K-12 funding, but this increase may not hold with the Legislature, she said.

In the past, the Legislature has claimed it couldn't increase funding for public education due to the lack of funds. But the most important variable, according to Dunn, is not available money, but where the Legislature sets its priorities.

Educators understand the money must come from somewhere, Dunn said. They support Governor Leavitt's proposal to extend the I-15 construction road bond from seven to

10 years, and use the money freed up to help fund public schools, Dunn said. Legislators are wary of this plan, he said.

Wherever it comes from, educators are very serious about the need for increased funding.

The buzz has spread through Utah, and parents, community members, school district officials and teachers are dedicating time to lobbying their legislators, Morgan said.

The educational community will be watching very closely as this year's Legislature wraps up in March. If its needs are not met, job action may result, Morgan said.

"Our intent is not to strike," she said, "but we're prepared to do what it takes."

UEA is making preparations to minimize any detrimental effects on students should a job action take place. A letter explaining the situation will be available to parents through the mail and the news, Morgan said.

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Crunch

Physical Plant fumigates Ray B. West in attempt to evict Box Elder bugs

KEVIN PEEL
Staff Writer

The Utah State University English department is annually home to bugs. But, students and faculty who have classes in the Ray B. West Building are hoping the bugs did more dying over the weekend than resisting.

Due to an earlier than usual infestation of box elder bugs in the Ray B. West building, a Physical Plant pest control crew used pesticides Saturday to target the bugs around the writing lab and classrooms on the bottom floor of the building. The crew went to work early in the weekend hoping to kill as many bugs as possible while allowing the building to air out before Monday's classes.

Andrea Peterson, writing center director, said the bugs are getting into the computer lab, writing center and bottom level classrooms and leaving red streaks and blotches on the blinds and walls. "People have been picking them out of their clothes," she said. "I come in and every morning the floor is littered with little dead bodies."

Wayne White, Assistant Director at the Physical Plant, said there is a smell attached to the insect-killing agent, but it would pose no health risks to students.

The plan, according to Pest Control Operator Todd Hlavaty, was to walk around the building and "kill what I see." The bugs go into hibernation in the winter and once it starts warming up they come out, he said. Hlavaty also said the pesticide was non-toxic and not a threat to students.

According to biology professor and extension entomologist Jay Karren, many of

the bugs may also escape harm. According to Karren, most of the bugs are in hiding due to the colder time of year. The pesticide will have to circulate around to the bugs, and won't be able to circulate under rugs and in other hiding places, she said.

A lot of pesticides are ineffective because the box elder bug only has a sucking tube with which it ingests the juice from box elder leaves, and has no way to chew or otherwise ingest poison, Karren said. That means the best way to kill the bugs is through a contact poison, and, according to Karren, most of the more effective agents have been outlawed by the Environmental Protection Agency.

"I don't think it will be very effective," Karren said.

Box elder bugs hibernate through the winter, but every time there's a warm spell they think it's spring and come out, but another cold spell will kill them, Karren said.

Fighting the box elder bug is an annual problem that campus pest control workers have to deal with, Hvalaty said.

According to White, the problem is campus-wide, but more bugs are concentrated around the Ray B. West, Old Main, and Old Mitchell Motel Buildings.

The box elder bugs are the hardest to get rid of, White said.

The female bugs lay eggs on box elder trees and the nymphs feed on box elder leaves, Karren said.

"There are probably thousands of box elder trees in the canyon, and a strong breeze can blow them in," Karren said. "They are good fliers."

And, as proven in the past few years, good survivors as well.

'I come in and every morning the floor is littered with little dead bodies.'

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House approves ban on GHB, 'date-rape drug'

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A bill that would outlaw the date-rape drug GHB unanimously passed the House of Representatives on Tuesday.

Currently, GHB, the common name for gamma-hydroxybutyrate, can be bought in health food stores as a sleep aid and bodybuilding supplement. It acts as a depressant, creating symptoms similar to alcohol.

In larger doses, it can be incapacitating and cause amnesia, making it a tool for date rapists. Rep. Ron Bigelow, R-West Valley City, the bill's sponsor, said proving such cases of date rape is difficult, since it passes through the system in a matter of hours.

In some cases, GHB can slow the heart and breathing so much a user can become comatose and prone to suffocation. Bigelow said two people have died from GHB overdoses in Utah in the last year.

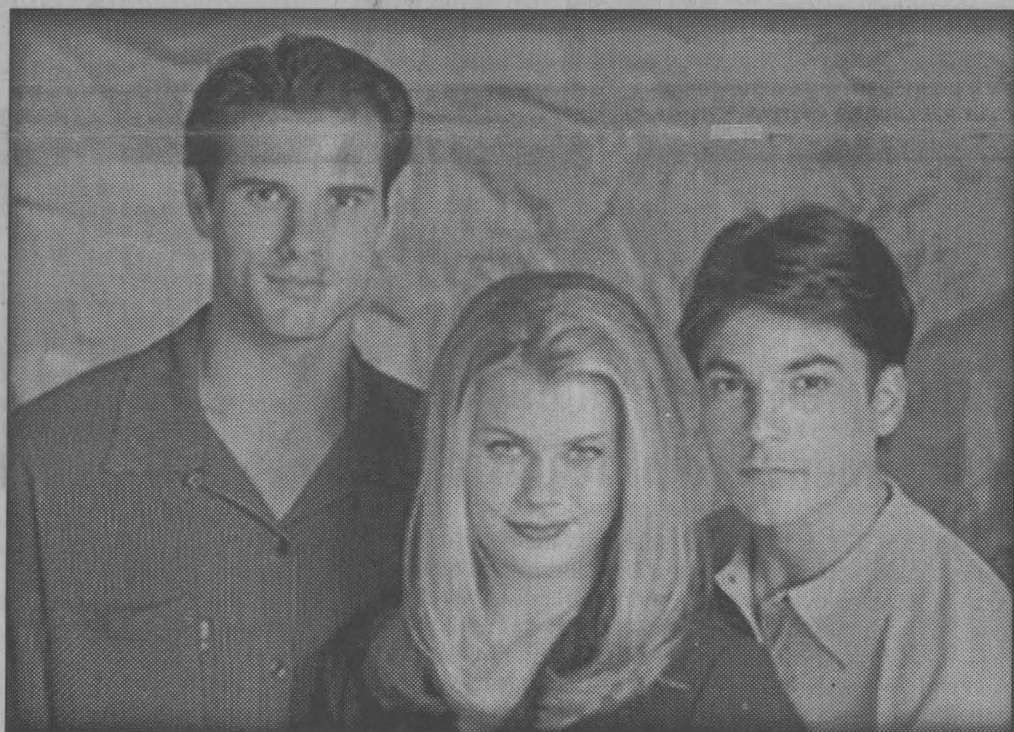
His bill makes the drug a Schedule I narcotic, like cocaine or heroin.

"If we do not take action, we continue to put people at risk," said Bigelow. "To not pass the bill) leaves many of our people in jeopardy to unwittingly suffer very serious consequences, not just from date rape but life-threatening results by using this over-the-counter energy drink."

Rep. Gary Cox, D-Kearns, a West Jordan police officer, said he has seen instances where GHB has been used in date rapes.

"On one single night, within a two hour period, we received two of these incidents attributed to the date rape drug and that's just from one particular jurisdiction," he said.

He said other incidents are not being reported or are reported after the drug passes through a victim's system.



Austin Peck, Alison Sweeney and Bryan Datillo as part of the cast of Days of Our Lives, were examined in a BYU study about lies in the soaps.

BYU students research lies told on soap operas

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Soap opera divas have no qualms about fibbing, lying or even concealing a long-lost twin sister.

So two graduate students at Brigham Young University decided to research just how many lies the characters on daytime soap operas tell.

EmmaLee Pryor and Suzanna Cragge, students in BYU's communications department, conducted the research project called "Lying for Power: The Ethics of Lying Behavior in Soap Opera Relationships."

They found during one week of viewing that shows averaged five lies per hour, most often between people with close relationships. They also found female characters lied more than male characters.

Pryor and Cragge analyzed six episodes of "Days of Our Lives" and "One Life to Live," watching each episode three times so they could catch the nuances of each plot twist.

Their chosen episodes included a week of "One Life to Live" in which Max pretended to be the son of Asa and Renee but then confessed that he wasn't, then had an aneurysm, which burst when Renee slapped him, and the only surgeon qualified to operate on him was the brother of a girl that Asa was accused of killing, but it turns out that Asa's son is the police commissioner so the case was dismissed, and then Max went into a coma.

"Days of Our Lives" was only slightly less complicated, but had a "higher lie-quotient," said Pryor.

The problem with soap operas, said Pryor — who admits to having been a fan of "General Hospital" when she was younger — is that their audiences are loyal. So the potential is there, she said, for all that lying to have an effect on viewers.



Victor Webster, Lauren Koslow and John Aniston play characters who, according to a study, can affect 'loyal audience' members.

Soap opera fans are what academics call "ritualistic" viewers, tuning in because they care what happens next.

"It's their show," Pryor said. "They think about it even when they're not watching it." And even though it's not a real relationship the viewer starts to think of the characters as friends and even turns to them for advice about how to live.

On both "Days of Our Lives" and "One Life to Live," she said, women generally lied to gain power, while men lied to maintain power. For the most part, the lies were believed, and the ethical implications of all that lying were almost never considered by the liars or others.

Only one or two of the liars seemed uncomfortable about lying, Pryor said.

"The others didn't seem to have a moral issue with it," she said.

IOC wins back key sponsor one year after bribery scandal

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — At the height of the Salt Lake City scandal last year, the IOC feared that a sponsor backlash could cripple the entire Olympics.

A year later, those fears were put to rest when the IOC's most vocal corporate critic — David D'Alessandro, president of John Hancock Financial Services — signed a new four-year sponsorship deal valued at more than \$50 million.

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch, a frequent target of D'Alessandro's barbs, said Hancock's contract renewal was a testament to the IOC's reforms and proved the Olympics were unscathed.

"This is very good news," Samaranch said Tuesday in Sydney, where the IOC is meeting and inspecting the city that will stage the games in seven months. "He (D'Alessandro) had some doubts whether to renew or not to renew. He was quite critical. I think he realized the changes we are making at the IOC are very much important."

John Hancock, a Boston insurance company, has been

an Olympic sponsor since 1993.

It is the fifth company to sign up for the IOC's global sponsorship program for 2001-04, which covers the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City and the 2004 Summer Games in Athens, Greece.

Three other current sponsors have already renewed: Coca-Cola, Visa and Time/Sports Illustrated. A new sponsor, the European computer company Sema, is replacing IBM.

IOC marketing director Michael Payne said the committee is on course to re-sign most or all of the five other current sponsors: Kodak, McDonald's, Panasonic, Samsung and UPS.

Deals have been reached with several companies and will be announced shortly, he said.

The IOC's target is to have at least 10 worldwide sponsors, and possibly 12, for 2001-04. The program is expected to generate more than \$600 million in revenue.

A few months ago, it seemed unlikely John Hancock and the IOC would be back as partners again.

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WORLD & NATION

FBI seeks hackers in Web attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI sought to question several hackers Tuesday in its investigation into last week's attacks against major Web sites, looking for people known by their Internet screen names "coolio," "mafiaboy" and "nachoman."

At a White House meeting on Internet security with technology experts, President Clinton described the electronic attacks as a "source of concern" but shunned a comparison to an "electronic Pearl Harbor."

He said consumers should not feel any "vast sense of insecurity."

"I don't think that the analogous loss was that great," Clinton said. "We ought to leave here with a sense of confidence that this is a challenge that was entirely predictable. It's part of the price of the success of the Internet."

Participants at the meeting said they discussed ways to improve security on the Internet, how to protect powerful "server" computers from hackers who install attack software and use the servers remotely to overwhelm major World Wide Web sites.

"It was a failure of security

at those companies that allowed that software to sit on their machines," said Terry Milholland, chief information officer at Electronic Data Systems Corp.

The FBI sought to interview several hackers known by their online nicknames, a Justice Department official said, requesting anonymity.

The one who calls himself "coolio" claimed responsibility during the weekend for hacking the Web site of one of the country's most prominent Internet security companies.

That hacker redirected visitors to the Web site of RSA Security Inc. — "the most trusted name in e-security" — to another hacked computer at a university in South America. There, a nearly duplicate hoax site proclaimed: "Trust us with your data! Praise Allah!"

The hacker left a message, "owned by coolio," and also derided RSA's earlier announcement that it developed a countermeasure to the types of attacks suffered last week at Yahoo!, eBay, Amazon and other major

Judge tightens hacker's no-computer sentence

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — A teen-age hacker sentenced to five years without a home computer will need approval to even touch a terminal for work or school, a judge ruled Tuesday.

Jay Satiro, 19, hacked into America Online's internal computers last year. When his sentence was imposed in December, employment and education were exempted from the no-computer rule.

But his probation officer, Diane Castiglia, said letting Satiro near a keyboard "is like putting a drink in front of an alcoholic."

Castiglia said Satiro's mother had tried to keep him from using her computer by removing the hard drive and locking it in the car overnight, but he would break into the vehicle.

Judge John Perone insisted that Satiro's mother use a portable computer that she either takes with her or locks up when she leaves the house.

Satiro's lawyer said the teen was released last week after serving eight months in jail for violating probation on an earlier offense: using bogus money orders to pay for computer equipment he bought on the Internet.

The lawyer, Robert Mancuso, said Satiro is being treated for "social phobia." Castiglia described him as "a social isolate who stays in his room. ... His only pleasure is the thrill he receives from being able to hack into the Internet."

commercial Web sites.

RSA spokesman Richard Mack confirmed the company was hacked early Sunday and was working with the FBI, but he added that RSA has not "drawn any conclusions there is a connection" between last week's attacks

and the weekend vandalism.

The Justice official also said the FBI wants to speak with another hacker known as "mafiaboy," and a second Justice official said the FBI is interested in talking with

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McCain, rival Bush face off in debate

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Facing their final debate before the make-or-break South Carolina primary, John McCain turned philosophical Tuesday while George W. Bush tried to trump him with a rival plan to overhaul campaign financing.

McCain told an audience in Irmo: "I'm as interested in how this campaign is judged as I am in winning or losing. I've always had a sense of history."

Bush used his own appearance in the town to roll out a six-point plan that repackaged some of his previous campaign finance proposals and included a new one: prohibiting federally registered lobbyists from donating to lawmakers while Congress is in session.

"I trust most people in Congress," the Texas governor told about 250 people gathered in a banquet center. "But I think it's important to

have reforms so the people do as well."

McCain, who has focused much more strongly on campaign financing, dismissed Bush's plan because it would still allow wealthy individuals to give unlimited amounts of "soft money" for political party activities.

The 90-minute debate, sponsored by the South Carolina Business and Industry Political Education Committee, also included the

third candidate left in the race for the Republican presidential nomination, radio talk show host Alan Keyes. It was being broadcast live on CNN with Larry King as moderator.

A USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll published Tuesday showed Bush leading McCain 49 percent to 42 percent, just above the margin of error. A Los Angeles Times poll had the two in a statistical dead heat.

Bradley welcomes unofficial endorsement from Teamsters

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — It was a sudden show of support, a standing ovation followed by an impromptu endorsement from the floor packed with Teamsters representing locals from South Carolina to Maine.

The backing was unofficial for Bill Bradley, who has walked picket lines in his campaign for union support. The national Teamsters organization remains neutral in the Democratic presidential race, and front-runner Al Gore carries most Big Labor support, including an AFL-CIO endorsement.

But searching for a crack in Gore's wall of labor backing, Bradley basked in the moment.

He had just addressed about 400 union leaders attending the 13-state Eastern regional meeting of the Teamsters at a casino hotel here.

"I know that the AFL-CIO has endorsed Al Gore,"

Bradley told the delegates.

"But that doesn't decrease my commitment to working people in this country."

As Bradley shook hands and prepared to leave, Teamsters vice president Thomas O'Donnell entertained a motion to endorse the former New Jersey senator. It passed by acclamation, although many in the audience were talking or crowding around Bradley.

"We did not know it was coming, and I think it's pretty significant," said Bradley spokesman Eric Hauser.

But Chip Roth, a spokesman for the Teamsters attending the conference, said the "spontaneous expression of support" carried no official weight.

"It's pretty obvious that this entire body would like to endorse Bill Bradley," O'Donnell declared, promising to communicate the group's support to his fellow national leaders.

Vatican, Palestinians condemn unilateral actions on Jerusalem

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican joined the Palestinians on Tuesday in condemning Israel's hold over all of Jerusalem as "morally and legally unacceptable," aggravating the Israelis just a month before the pope's visit to the Holy Land.

An agreement signed by the Vatican and Palestinian officials called for an internationally guaranteed statute to preserve "the proper identity and sacred character" of the city, which is holy to Jews, Christians and Muslims.

The text did not mention Israel by name, but the Jewish state has consistently considered Jerusalem its indivisible capital since it annexed the eastern section following the 1967 Mideast War. It has repeatedly ignored previous Vatican calls for such a statute.

The Vatican, like many states, has never recognized Israel's occupation of eastern Jerusalem. The final status of the city is to be decided in talks between Israelis and the Palestinians, acknowledged as one of the most difficult points in the entire peace process.

WorldGLANCE

➤ Shooting in Littleton opens old wounds

DENVER (AP) — Investigators worked to identify a suspect Tuesday in the killings of two Columbine High students at a sandwich shop, where a surveillance camera failed to capture the shootings.

A woman who works at the Subway shop noticed a light on in the shop about 1 a.m. Monday, three hours after it was supposed to have closed. She went inside and discovered the bodies of Nicholas Kunselman, 15, and his girlfriend, Stephanie Hart, 16.

Kunselman worked in the sub shop, and Hart, whom he had been dating, had come by the shop to pick him up, friends said. The Subway is about two blocks from Columbine, where two teen-agers fatally shot 12 fellow students and a teacher before killing themselves in April.

Jefferson County sheriff's investigators were trying to identify a motive and a suspect in the Subway killings. Spokesman Steve Davis declined to say whether a weapon was found but said the store's camera did not capture the crime.

Columbine classes met as usual Tuesday but attendance was down about 10 percent, said Tanya Spasev, a spokeswoman for Jefferson County School District.

"The mood is just trying to pick up and move on," she said.

A small crowd of mourners stopped in the parking lot outside the shop Tuesday, placing bouquets of flowers, messages and helium balloons.

➤ Teens charged with murder of firefighters

HOUSTON (AP) — Four teen-agers were arrested for allegedly starting a fire that killed two firefighters at a McDonald's. Three were charged with murder and charges were pending against the fourth.

Police said the blaze was started during a burglary, though it was unclear whether it was deliberately set.

Firefighters Lewis Mayo, 44, and Kimberly Smith, 30, died Monday after a roof collapsed and caused them to lose their bearings inside the restaurant.

Two murder charges each were filed against Pedro Israel Lored, 19; Juan Manuel Torres, 17; and Allen Gerome Davis, 17. Each was being held on \$25,000 bond.

Charges were pending against an unidentified 15-year-old who was being held in juvenile custody.

Investigators initially sought him out because he closed the restaurant Sunday night. He confessed to the burglary and implicated the others, Capt. Richard Holland said.

The suspects were due in court Wednesday. It was unclear if they have lawyers and their relatives could not be reached for comment.

"In the last 24 hours, I've been through all sorts of emotions," Fire Chief Lester Tyra said. "Certainly, whether it was an accident or whether it was arson, it doesn't bring back Kimberly or Lewis."

The victims were the first Houston firefighters to die in the line of duty since 1996.

➤ Intel creates 1.5 gigahertz microprocessor

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Intel Corp. took the wraps off the world's fastest computer chip Tuesday in its latest bet that consumers and businesses will feel the need for more speed.

The new chip runs at 1.5 gigahertz. It was unveiled at the twice-yearly Intel Developers Forum in which the world's largest chip maker shows new products.

Intel has been locked in a race with its main rival, Advanced Micro Devices Inc., to produce the fastest chip. The chip, code-named Willamette, goes on sale in the fall. It would far outpace the processing power of AMD's recently announced Athlon chip running at 1 gigahertz, or 1 billion bits of information per second.

Intel's fastest chip being sold today is a Pentium III running at 800 megahertz, slightly more than half as fast.

Intel's processors provide the brainpower for about 90 percent of the world's computers. Critics say the company's latest chips have far more processing power than the average consumer needs, but Intel executives said the increasing popularity of the Internet — for everything from video streaming to electronic commerce to realistic three-dimension games — will require greater computing power.

➤ Power cut to controversial goldfish blenders

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Ten goldfish were swimming safely in their blender aquariums Tuesday after power to the controversial art exhibit was disconnected, Danish police said.

The display at the Trapholt Art Museum in western Denmark had let visitors decide whether to turn on 10 blenders, each containing a live goldfish and water.

Police ordered the power cut after two fish were killed at Friday's opening and animal rights activists filed a complaint.

Authorities launched an investigation after five more fish were killed when the power was apparently left on over the weekend. The museum replaced the fish.

Deputy chief constable Birgit Nielsen said Tuesday that the blenders were disconnected from a power source Monday afternoon and it seemed the museum was following police orders. Museum director Peter Meyer still faced an undetermined fine for failing to do so immediately, she said.

Meyer welcomed the publicity Monday as the case made national headlines, saying the exhibit didn't encourage people to blend the fish but addressed ethical questions about death. He was not at the museum Tuesday and could not be reached for comment.

The museum in Kolding, 125 miles west of Copenhagen, is one of many smaller art exhibitors in the Nordic country. It usually draws about 80,000 people each year, but had 1,000 curious visitors over the weekend — a very high off-season number, Meyer said.

Authorities also will investigate whether Meyer can be held responsible for breaking animal protection laws, in which case he and artist Marco Evaristti would face other fines, Nielsen said. Police also could charge the visitors who turned on the blenders if their identities could be established, she said.

"But so far we have no names, that's why we at this point concentrate on the overall responsible, Peter Meyer," Nielsen said.

The display by Evaristti, a Danish artist, includes the blenders on a table, a nude picture of the artist with blackened eyes and a bazooka missile surrounded by tubes of lipstick.

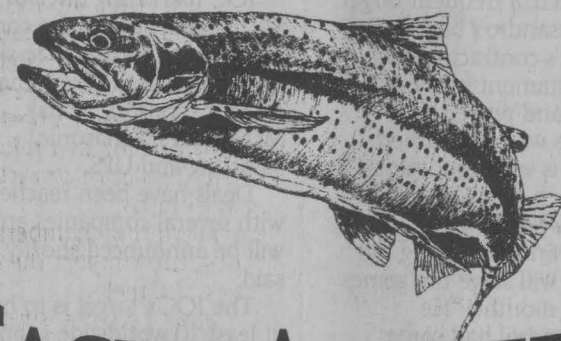


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Chamber of Commerce members sign on for Web page

The new site offers members increased advertisement and online sales opportunities

BRIAN CARTER
Staff Writer

Business Members of the Cache Valley Chamber of Commerce say increased business and public awareness are benefits to the new Chamber of Commerce Internet site set to start next month.

"We want to put the traditions of Cache Valley online," said Georgia Reeder, Chamber membership director.

The Chamber of Commerce is responsible for the support and promotion of local businesses. The new site will give members of the Chamber an affordable way to have a Web page, Reeder said. Instead of

spending the \$2,000 to \$4,000 it typically costs for a Web site, the Chamber businesses will pay \$25 per year for their pages. Digital Slant owner Cami Boehme is designing the Web pages for the Chamber.

"The greatest benefit is it is a really inexpensive way to get online," Boehme said.

The site is intended to allow the businesses to sell directly online or showcase their products for sale. It will also be a directory for local services and organizations, Reeder said. Habitat for Humanity, Lin Manufacturing and the Cache Citizen are among those signed up for the Web site, Reeder said. Boehme said over 30 businesses have expressed interest in having a Web site.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit domestic peace corp that

builds homes for those in need, Director Marilyn Carlsen said. Receiving the money to build homes from donations, Carlsen said they signed on to get the word out about the organization.

"The Internet is a necessary tool for us. I think it is important to have information out about Habitat," Carlsen said. "Any amount of getting the word out will help. Any."

Bonnie Groll of Clint's Bed and Breakfast in Richmond said when people want to find something they are turning to the Internet.

"I can see our ads will benefit us more through the Internet and that's where we should put our money," Groll said.

Last year Reeder said the Bridgerland Tourist Region Internet site was visited 15,000 times and expects the new e-commerce site to

have similar results. Many businesses want to do this, Reeder said, but don't know how. Several businesses renewed their membership with the Chamber because of the new Web site, Reeder said.

"We need to move with the times," Carlsen said. "Many people use the computer for information."

Groll said if the Internet will help people find their business and make reservations, that is what they want.

"I'm grateful we can do this," Carlsen said.

Reeder said the security to protect consumers' credit card information still needs to be completed before the site is available.

Boehme said the top Internet security providers, Thawte and Verisign, will provide the security for the Web pages.

"It will be 100 percent secure," Boehme said.

Poll shows Utah public would support a teacher strike

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The public would support a teacher strike if lawmakers refuse to give educators at least a 5 percent pay raise, a statewide poll shows.

Sixty-two percent of those surveyed in a Deseret News/KSL TV poll said they definitely or probably would support a teacher strike under those circumstances.

Thirty-four percent polled by Dan Jones & Associates said they would oppose such a job action, and 5 percent said they didn't know.

The telephone survey of 410 Utah residents, conducted Feb. 8-10, has a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percent, the Deseret News reported in a copyright story.

Phyllis Sorensen, president of the Utah Education Association, the state's largest teachers union, was both shocked and pleased by the results, especially considering resi-

dents responded to teacher pay, not just education funding.

"Do you see this big smile on my face?" she said. "I think the public understands the crisis in public education is real."

Lawmakers, under intense public pressure to give more money to schools, apparently have lofty plans for education funding. And they don't seem too worried about igniting a strike.

"I think the teachers are going to get more than 5 percent, so it's a moot issue," said House Speaker Marty Stephens.

The Farr West Republican would not elaborate on whether the increase would be to the weighted pupil unit, which is the state's basic per-student funding formula that largely pays teacher salaries, or the overall public education budget. He said specifics would come

Wednesday when lawmakers tell budget committees how much money they have to spend.

Last year, lawmakers gave a 2.5 percent weighted pupil unit increase, but many teachers received little or no additional money because of insurance premium hikes.

Talk of a strike has circulated since. The UEA last week discussed with teachers contingency plans for strike-induced school closures.

"This year, the teachers are very angry. In other districts, their presidents have had to hold them back" from a job action, said Elaine Tzourtzouklis, president of the Salt Lake Teachers Association, a UEA chapter. "We're giving all the chances we can to legislators to wake up and smell the coffee."

Teachers aren't the only ones seeking a big education funding increase. Gov. Mike Leavitt is

requesting a 6 percent weighted pupil unit hike. The State Board of Education has set the bar at 5 percent, and Democrats want a 7.4 percent boost — or

a long-term commitment to big annual infusions.

But Leavitt warned teachers against a strike last week. "It is not in the best interest of schoolchildren for teachers to strike," the governor told reporters. He also warned teachers to be careful with their political tactics.

"It's been my experience that if you push in a threatening way, sometimes things can go the other way."

Battle for EQUITY

She's back:

House measure restores attorney general's powers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Gov. Mike Leavitt could send his own lawyers to court if he didn't like the way Attorney General Jan Graham represents the state in civil matters.

For Republican Leavitt, that was the key part of a political compromise that restores the civil powers of Graham, Utah's only elected Democrat.

Legislative Republicans began to make good on the political accord Tuesday when the House Judiciary Committee voted to amend the law passed last year that stripped Graham of her civil authority.

The new measure restores Graham's mandate to "take charge" of civil litigation.

But it also allows Leavitt to hire and send his own lawyers to court if he disagrees with Graham on legal strategy or principle, meaning the state could be represented by two teams of lawyers at odds with each other.

Rep. Patrice Arent, D-Salt Lake City, said the governor's ability to intervene in court leaves confusion about

who really represents the state.

Leavitt argues he would hold sway as the state's chief executive officer.

"We worked it out, and it's a good compromise," Leavitt said at his weekly news conference Tuesday. "It provides the means for the governor to maintain control of legal policy in the executive branch, and it allows the attorney general to ... (act) as the guardian of the public interest."

The power dispute was resolved by intensive back-room negotiations last summer, when Graham threatened to sue the governor and Legislature to maintain the independence of her office.

The accord called for Republican lawmakers to amend the Public Attorneys Act, the law signed by Leavitt last March.

"There is a large element of politics involved," acknowledged Rep. Greg Curtis, R-West Jordan, who carried Leavitt's bill last year.

Curtis warned the House Judiciary Committee that the carefully worded political accord could not be

amended.

The compromise requires Graham to keep the governor informed on all civil suits she files on behalf of Utah, whether the governor agrees with the action or not, and he often has not.

But Graham doesn't have to take orders from the governor.

Leavitt counsel Gary Doxey said the compromise still provides a "long-needed clarification" for the role of an attorney general.

Some Republicans still argue Graham should not act independently in civil matters. But they voted for the compromise anyway.

Rep. Glenn Way, R-Spanish Fork, told Curtis he "spent an awful lot of political capital on this last year. I voted for public policy that made the absolute best sense. Why were we so wrong?"

The House panel endorsed the legislation on a unanimous vote.

"We worked on this compromise for several weeks. We're pleased it passed out exactly as agreed," said Jim Soper, Graham's solicitor general.

Ten-week summer session at USU

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Nonbusiness majors interested in earning a master's degree in business administration (MBA) can complete one year of pre-requisites in an intense 10-week summer session at Utah State University, according to Chalon Keller, MBA associate director and business graduate programs advisor.

The Accelerated Business Core (ABC) packs 18 credit hours into one highly integrated, fast-paced summer session.

"The ABC program is an effective, cost-efficient, time-efficient way for people to complete the prerequisites and begin the advanced courses," Keller said.

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complete an MBA from five or six semesters to three (a summer plus two semesters), which cuts expenses for housing, tuition and books, as well as being away from work for an additional year.

This is the third year USU has offered the demanding program.

Professors use the team approach to teaching; group cohesiveness, team projects and interdependence among core subjects reflect the real-world setting of industry. Students in the first two summer sessions

unanimously respond that the course gave them the skills they needed and they are competitive in the job market.

For details about the program, contact the Office of Business Graduate Studies, (435) 797-2360, or e-mail tfarr@b202.usu.edu

"The ABC program is an effective, cost-efficient, time-efficient way for people to complete the prerequisites and begin the advanced courses."

• CHALON KELLER •
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Mystery deepens as cops find no clues in student's disappearance

ROBERT L. KAISER
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — On a snowy winter afternoon, in a cramped and stuffy office on the second floor of Chicago's Belmont District police station, Detective John DeBartolo ripped a manila folder in half and tossed it in the wastebasket beside his desk.

Landing face-up in the trash, the tab on the folder bore the name of Brian Welzien.

Since Welzien turned up missing early New Year's Day, the investigation of his disappearance had outgrown its file, forcing DeBartolo to discard the original folder and find a bigger one. And still there was nothing in File No. FO01135 that provided a clue to the whereabouts of Stephany Welzien's only child. Welzien, a 21-year-old

finance student with a 3.8 grade-point average at Northern Illinois University, vanished early Jan. 1 after celebrating New Year's at a bar in Lincoln Park and being dropped off by a friend in front of a Gold Coast hotel.

Since then the story has spiked in and out of the news and public consciousness. Grasping at possibilities rather than an actual tip, police ran into another dead end one morning last week, after cutting a hole in the ice covering Lincoln Park's South Lagoon. German shepherds trained to detect the scent of a body found nothing. Divers searching Lake Michigan Jan. 15 also found nothing.

Earlier this month, days after the owner of a Chicago-area trucking company donated \$15,000 toward the reward Welzien's family has offered for information leading to his

return, bringing the total to \$25,000 — DeBartolo worked the phone in his office, fielding and returning calls from tipsters.

But though scenes and updates from the search have provided the city with fleeting glimpses of the eerie void where Welzien used to be, for those at the heart of the case — those who devote their days and nights to finding Welzien — it has been a constant and frustrating preoccupation.

"Nothing makes any sense," Stephany Welzien said. "I feel like I'm walking around with one shoe off."

Stymied investigators shake their heads and think of their own children as they work overtime to find the liberating clue, the ending that never comes: "Everybody we talked to couldn't tell us anything," DeBartolo said.

Though this is just one of many missing-persons cases — there are 25,000 in the city each year — it is unlike any DeBartolo has seen before, a mystery with a brand of drama and desperation all its own.

"There's always some reason. There's a reason a person is missing," DeBartolo said. "But this kid ..."

The story behind the story of a missing-persons case is one that the public never sees, one in which detectives check out hundreds of leads; field and return countless phone calls; watch hours of videotape from restaurants where someone might have seen something; rummage through trash bins and knock on doors; and listen patiently to crackpots, dreamers and fortunetellers.

"Another psychic," Sgt. Bill DeGiulio announced one afternoon recently as he

stopped in the doorway of DeBartolo's office waving a phone message.

DeBartolo leaned forward in his chair, took the message and rubbed his brow with stout fingers. High-profile mysteries — the final resting place of Jimmy Hoffa, say, or the fate of Helen Brach — typically bring a lot of calls from psychics offering tips. Most are too vague to follow, and virtually none pans out.

But how do you ignore a tip, especially in this case?

"We're hoping for just that right phone call," DeBartolo said.

One psychic called to say Welzien was being held captive in a building at Cabrini-Green. Another, citing Solomon, advised Stephany Welzien's private investigator, Don Johnson of VTS Inc., to check for Welzien inside pillars and smokestacks.

NewsBRIEFS

➤ Executive Council cancels meeting for rally

The Associated Students of Utah State University Executive Council cancelled its meeting Tuesday to prepare for today's "High Noon for Higher Education" in Salt Lake City.

A rally for teacher equity will be held at the state capitol. All nine of Utah's public universities and colleges will participate.

The Executive Council meeting is held every Tuesday at 5:48 p.m. in the Senate Chambers on the third floor of the Taggart Student Center.

➤ Pride! Alliance panel to answer questions

There will be a panel entitled "All You Ever Wanted to Know About Homosexuality — and Then Some" at the Junction today at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the Utah State University Pride! Alliance will discuss their homosexuality and answer questions from those in attendance.

The panel is being sponsored by resident assistants and the Junction.

All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact the Richards and Bullen Office at 797-5964 or Ben Oakley at 797-5703. Refreshments will be served.

➤ Luncheon, speaker to be presented Thursday

Fraser Cameron, head of the Political Section in the Delegation of the European Commission in Washington, D.C., will be speaking to the Political Science department at a luncheon Thursday at noon in the College of HASS Dean's Conference Room, Old Main Room 340.

Cameron, the author of a number of books and articles on European affairs, will be speaking about common foreign security policy of the European Union.

Since joining the European Commission in 1990, Cameron has been closely involved in the external relations of the union. He specializes in transatlantic relations, European security issues and enlargement.

Cameron's remarks will be open to the public.

➤ 'Chicken Soup' author to speak at USU

Dan Clark, an internationally recognized speaker, entertainer, consultant and author, will share his stories with the public at Utah State University at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the Taggart Student Center Ballroom.

As an author, Clark is the primary contributor to the *New York Times* best selling series "Chicken Soup for the Soul," and is also the author of 10 other highly acclaimed books. Clark's story and million dollar business have been featured on more than 300 TV and radio shows and in *Esteem* and *Entrepreneur* magazines.

➤ Delta Sigma Phi adopt 'The Challenge'

Utah State University's Delta Sigma Phi chapter attended the Las Vegas, Nev., Challenge Orientation Workshop earlier this month. The chapter, along with several other Western Region Delta Sigma Phi chapters, discussed the importance of "The Challenge," an initiative that sets higher expectations for its members, its chapters, its officers, its staff, its peers in the Greek world and its host institutions, according to a release.

The Challenge consists of five areas of focus:

- Recruiting members predisposed to support the core values of Greeks
- Build personal success through values-oriented leadership
- Promote healthy lifestyles
- Contribute positively to the campus and community
- Provide good guidance to members

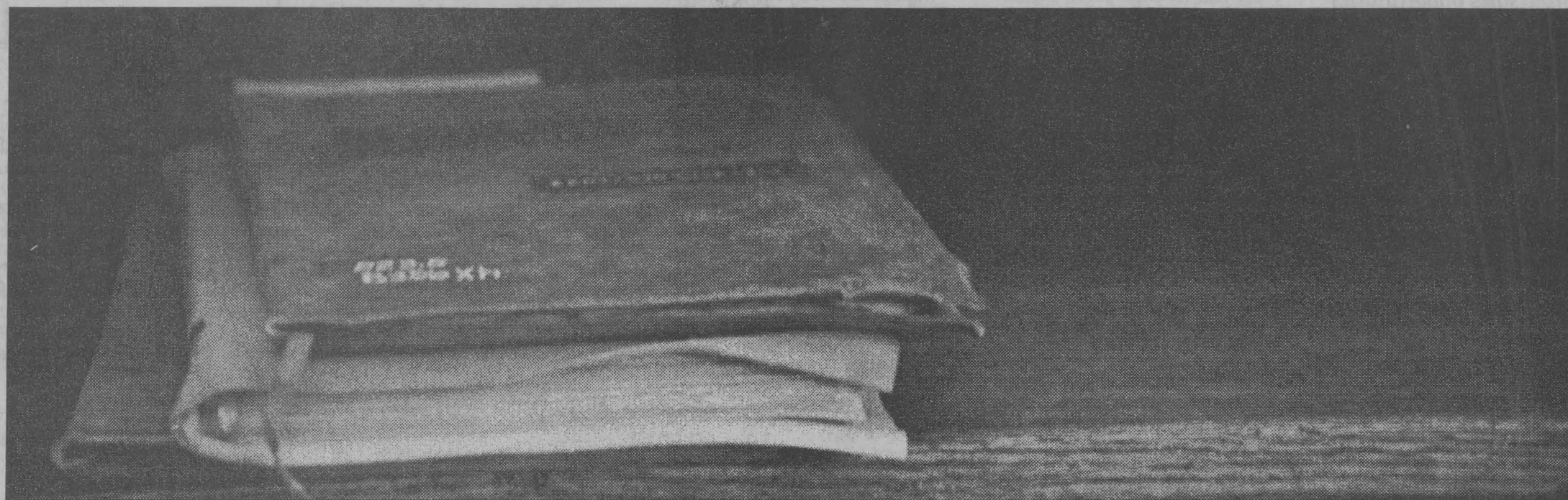
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Original leather bound books, such as the complete works of Shakespeare and an original copy of *The Book of Mormon* in the language of Deseret, line the shelves of the Hatch Library located in the Merrill Library.

Tucked away in the southwest corner on the first floor of Utah State University's Merrill Library is a quaint room filled with old books and furniture.

The Hatch Memorial library is part of the Merrill Library's Special Collections and Archives. L. Boyd and Anne McQuarrie Hatch donated the room to Utah State Agricultural College in 1953.

Before World War II, the Hatch family planned to build an estate in Providence, Utah, and fill the house with European furniture, decorations and art.

Because of the war they decided not to finish the estate.

They donated rooms to USU, the University of Utah and the Citadel in Charleston, S.C., said the Art and Book Arts curator Rose Milovich.

A 16th century table dominates the Hatch room. Behind it on the wall hangs an 18th century Flemish tapestry.

All of the walls are covered with carved oak linenfold paneling.

Old, rare books dating back to 1589 sit on the shelves in the paneling, some hidden by intricately carved doors.

This room holds "some of the libraries finest treasures, furnishings and books," Milovich said.

The books on the shelves cover a wide variety of topics. There are books on history, religion, natural sciences, botany, entomology, herbs, interior design, architecture, gardens, art history and English literature, she said.

Many of the books have hand-painted pictures in them. The illustrations were beautifully done, often by women and children, Milovich said.

"To us it's amazing because we would never think of doing it, (but) labor was cheap," she said.

Students can use the books in the Hatch room, but there are special precautions taken to avoid damaging them Milovich said.

To handle the books, people must either wear gloves or wash their hands so they are clean, she said.

She tries to educate people about how to handle books

properly and to cultivate an appreciation for the value of the books as historical and aesthetic objects.

"Anne Hatch wanted the room to be a normal reading room where people could study," Milovich said, but "most of it is not replaceable ... and we want it to last."

"This room will serve two purposes," according to a program printed in 1953 when the room was presented. "Here will be preserved many of the best expressions of our cultural heritage. Here the students of today and tomorrow may come to work in the intimacy of artistic beauty ... It will be a spiritual and cultural haven in our busy world."

Easy admittance like the Hatch's first envisioned is not possible, but Milovich was very careful to point out the room is accessible.

It is just supervised because the contents of the room are so valuable, she said.

Professors of some small upper-division history, interior design and art classes sometimes hold classes in the Hatch room, Milovich said.

Ninety percent of the books in the Hatch room are listed in the online catalog, Milovich said.

Other libraries have a problem with rare-book thefts, so USU librarians are very careful to make sure their

books stay in the library where they belong, she said.

Milovich's reverence in the presence of old and rare things was almost contagious. She lovingly fingered the edges of a book and talked in an awed voice about a special folding chair called a faldistorium from Italy, probably made in 1460.

"I'm sitting here in a room with something that is 550 years old," she said.

The Hatch room is not a "curiosity shop" for people to gawk at, she said. It has great educational value for the students at USU.

"We hope people come to see and learn to appreciate these significant artifacts," Milovich said.

Story by Kathryn Summers

Taking a step back in time at USU's Hatch room

Special Collections holds myseries of the past

CORINNE KATOR
Senior Features Writer

Students at Utah State University may wonder why the Merrill Library is so big. Those who use the library's east wing for studying and research might wonder what is in the other half of the building. The answer: USU's Special Collections.

The Special Collections office houses books, manuscripts, photographs and other records used by USU students and professors, the local community and researchers from around the world.

According to head curator Ann Butters, the collection has six sections: books/periodicals, manuscripts, photographs, art/book art, university archives and preservation.

The books and periodicals section contains rare books and books about the intermountain west, Butters said. This section includes a first edition of "The Book of Mormon," and a set of first edition Jack London books, each personally inscribed by London.

The manuscripts portion of the collection consists of manuscripts, diaries and journals, most of which deal with the history of Utah and Cache Valley. Butters said Special Collections recently added all of Utah historian Leonard J. Arrington's manuscripts to this section.

Butters said the "large and extensive" photograph collection contains mostly Western Americana pictures and many photos of Cache Valley and USU.

The art and book art section is a new and growing part of the collection that deals with books as objects of art, Butters said. This section includes a "Book of Hours" from the late 15th century. The book was hand lettered and illustrated by Catholic monks. Butters said it is a very unique book and one of the most beautiful books in the collection. Another interesting piece of book art in this section is a book bound in horse hide — hair and all.

Butters said the university archives contain "everything by or about USU." The archives include presidential papers, meeting minutes, documents from USU extension, old USU yearbooks and materials from every department on campus, Butters said the archives began as a box under her

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Above: The eastern wall of the Hatch Library is taken up with a hand-carved, stone fireplace dating back to the 17th century.

Left: A large oak door protects the Hatch Memorial Library's many treasures from the outside world. The library was presented to Utah State in 1953 by L. Boyd and Anne McQuarrie Hatch.

Photos by Zak Larsen

Conflict in the backcountry

BRIAN CARDALL
Staff Writer

Oil and water. Night and day. Backcountry skiers and snowmobilers.

For a long time now, these two groups of wintertime recreationalists have been involved in constant bickering said Roy Vance, the outdoor recreation planner for the Logan Ranger District of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

Over the past few years especially, as the number of snowmobilers and skiers has exploded, they have been in a constant battle for access to the white, winter wonderland that surrounds Logan, he said.

"The real conflict has lasted about six years," Vance said.

"Skiers tend to dislike snowmobiles for the noise and odor they produce," he said. "Also, they don't like the high marking (snowmobiles trying to reach the highest mark on the side of a mountain)."

"Snow machines now have longer tracks and engines that are bigger than those of some small cars," said Dave Kikkert, an avid backcountry skier and student at Utah State University.

"There are some machines built just for hill climbing. In fact, it's become a type of sport in its own for a lot of them," Kikkert said. "That is what we are up against. A couple of years ago they couldn't get into most of those bowls, but now they can track the whole thing out in just a few minutes."

Chris Brown, president of the USU Mountain Club said he had to deal with the new

machines on a recent trip.

"We hiked for over three hours to get to a spot where we thought there would be no snowmobilers only to find the slope we wanted to ski completely poached; full of tracks. It was a huge bummer," he said. "You know, it's not just that. Snowmobiles can be heard from miles away and it kind of ruins the whole experience when you go out and all you can hear is the constant drone of some far-off snowmobiler."

Snowmobilers, on the other hand, see it differently.

"Skiers complain a lot, but they don't have to pay a dime," said Rich Gladfelder, who has worked in the snowmobile industry for years and is a member of the High Marker Snowmobile Club. "We have to pay all sorts of taxes to have our machines. So when they try to close us out of certain public land because of skiers, you can see why we get mad."

According to Vance, the Forest Service has tried to ease the conflict by adopting a travel plan that designates specific areas for different user groups.

A few years ago, they got the two opposing sides together along with some professors from USU and other experts and formed the Bear River Recreation Task Force, he said. Over a process of weekly meetings that lasted about two years,

several compromises were made and a color coded map was published and made available free to the public, he said.

"We have a good travel plan, people just can't ignore it," said Vance. "Right now we are doing patrols to try and enforce the plan."

Education is key and Vance said local groups are doing a great job to inform their members. The majority of the violations, he said, are coming from people who know the rules but just don't care.

Kevin Kobe, who received a masters at Utah State University in recreation resources management has seen snowmobiles in the heart of both the Naomi and Wellsville wilderness areas.

"It is probably just a few people, but they have an obvious disregard," Kobe said.

These areas have been designated wilderness by Congress, and intrusions like these have a severe, negative affect on everything, especially wildlife, Kobe said.

The Forest Service is confident of the travel plan and don't see any need to change it Vance said.

"We need to get the current plan implemented first," Vance said.

The travel plan maps are free and can be obtained at the Logan Ranger District's office at 1500 E. U.S. Highway 89.

"We have a good travel plan, people just can't ignore it. Right now we are doing patrols to try and enforce the plan."

• RON VANCE •
LOGAN RANGER
DISTRICT

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desk and have grown to fill two whole rooms.

The preservation section of Special Collections is concerned with mending, cleaning and preserving books so they may continue to be used.

Buttars said the items in the collection are used most often by USU students for research or for class assignments. She said professors often give assignments that require students to go to Special Collections for research materials.

"History is our greatest user," Buttars said, but students in interior design, natural resources, art, English, sociology and other areas also use the collection.

Buttars said it is often difficult for students to find out about items in the collection. Because of a lack of funding, only about 50 percent of the collection is listed in the university's online library catalog, she said. If students wish to use materials from Special Collections, "all they have to do is come in and ask," Buttars said.

The Special Collections office is located at the back of the first floor of the Merrill Library. Students simply walk through the office's double doors and ask the employee at the information desk for assistance. Buttars said her highly trained staff can help students

find whatever they need.

"Meeting the needs of students and faculty is our main mission," Buttars said.

USU faculty and alumni also use the collection for their research. According to Elizabeth Walker's article in *Utah State University Magazine*, history professors Anne Butler and F. Ross Peterson have used photos and materials from the collection for books they have written.

The article said English professor Thomas Lyon used resource materials from Special Collections for his book on Utah, and USU alumna Susan Arrington Madsen quotes extensively from the collection's diaries and journals in her book "Growing Up in Zion."

While the collection is mainly for USU students and faculty, Buttars said it "wouldn't exist if it wasn't for the community."

Members of the local community donated many items in the collection, and the community uses the collection for family history research, she said.

Elementary school students also use its books, photos, journals and diaries to learn about Utah history. Buttars said students in the fourth and seventh grades often use materials from Special Collections for their history fair projects.

Use of the collection is not restricted to USU and the local community, however. Buttars said researchers from all over the world have used items

from the collection.

The Jack London collection, the nation's second largest collection of London's books and manuscripts, has been used in books and documentaries about the author, Buttars said.

The inscribed London books are kept with Special Collections' other rare and valuable pieces in a vault. This vault also contains the first edition of "The Book of Mormon," the "Book of Hours," papers from Cache Valley's earliest residents like Frederick Champ and Charles Nibley, the original blueprints for Old Main, one of Brigham Young's ledgers and the collection's most precious art books.

The remainder of the collection covers floor after floor of rooms filled with bookshelves.

"It is very much like a rat maze," Buttars said.

The collection began in 1916 when the library purchased a private collection of books about Utah and members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Librarians added this collection to their small accumulation of rare books, and Special Collections was born.

Since then the collection has grown to fill most of the Merrill Library's basement and the old library portion of the building, Buttars said.

Although it fills a large part of the lesser-known regions of the library, Buttars said the collection is "constantly growing and quickly running out of room."



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Plasma sale taps into students

TARA BONE
Staff Writer

Nathan Crane, a junior at Utah State University majoring in liberal arts and science, discovered an ad in the newspaper boasting a chance to earn some cash in downtown Logan. Job requirements included relaxing in a chair for an hour at a time with a needle in his arm. His work could even save someone's life.

The only cost to him was his plasma.

A growing number of USU students have been earning up to \$35 a visit by donating their plasma at Western Plasma, located at Bridgerland Square on Main Street, since its opening in August.

Crane is one of many USU students to become involved in the plasma donation process. Marie Leitman, Western Plasma's director, said approximately 60 percent of the center's donors are USU students.

Western Plasma acts as "the harvesters, just like farmers," in the plasma industry, Leitman said.

Facilities such as Western Plasma collect plasma, the protein part of the blood, from donors.

The fluid is then sent to plants to be manufactured into prescription drugs. According to the American Blood Resources Association (ABRA), this process affects 40 million people each year.

Crane and a friend began donating plasma twice a week in November.

Unlike blood donors that give once every eight weeks, plasma donors can give twice in one week because their

red blood cells are returned to their body Leitman said.

Crane said he took the opportunity to make some money while studying in the hour it takes to draw plasma.

"I got paid to study," he said.

Though students immediately think of economics, there are more benefits, Leitman said.

The donor's overall health condition is monitored as blood temperature and pressure is taken, and blood work is done at every donation she said.

'Safety factors are built in so we are not endangering anyone.'

• MARIE LEITMAN •
WESTERN PLASMA

Leitman said they can detect when a student isn't eating properly.

But students aren't the only group benefiting from plasma donations.

According to the "Plasma Donation Process" brochure, 120,000 burn victims, 20,000 hemophiliacs and individuals with immune disorders, viral infections and patients undergoing bone marrow transplants depend on products made from plasma.

Chris Healey, senior director of government relations for ABRA said "plasma is life-saving for a lot of people."

Leitman said there is a need for continual plasma donations.

"Plasma has a life expectancy of 10 years," Leitman said. "But it is used fairly rapidly. It takes a large amount of plasma to make one item. These products can't be man-made."

For someone to donate plasma, there are certain criterion that have to be met, Leitman said.

At a donor's first visit a series of questions are asked, veins are checked to make

sure they are large enough and a physical is completed along with blood work.

Drug and alcohol use "is a no-no," and those with a trace in their system are postponed, Leitman said. Donors are also postponed for using certain medications, or having tattoos, acupuncture and body piercing done within a year.

Someone could permanently be deferred if they lived in England for a long period of time due to mad cow disease threats.

Even after the plasma is drawn, it undergoes Hepatitis B & C, HIV antibody and antigen testing, Leitman said. "Nothing leaves this building until it is negative," she said.

These are "built in precautions to protect the plasma supply and to protect people," Leitman said. "Safety factors are built in so we are not endangering anyone. Money is not the issue here."

When a donor gives plasma, a machine centrifuges it, or divides the blood into plasma and whole blood.

The amount of plasma taken from a donor is determined according to body weight, she said.

The plasma is frozen until it goes to the fractionators. Fractionators are pharmaceutical manufacturers that separate the plasma proteins.

"It is a highly scientific and technical process where the temperature and pH levels are altered to extract protein," she said.

Crane said Western Plasma is a clean place and "it's just like giving blood." He even sees the staff around campus. Donating plasma can be entertaining. It is for Crane and his friend.

"We'd pump our arms to see who could fill up the bucket faster," Crane said.

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During the Service Center Fun Day in October, student these volunteers trick-or-treated for cans to donate to those in need.

Service Center hits mark

NATALIE LARSON
Staff Writer

Over 2,000 volunteers with the Val R. Christensen Service Center clocked in 14,582 hours of their time last semester towards helping people throughout the community said Amanda Reddinton.

There are 23 different programs done through the Service Center, she said. Nine of these projects are community partnerships.

The Friends of the Elderly and Adopt-a-Grandparent programs are two that combine to help fellowship the elderly in this community. While some volunteers visited the various homes of their individual adopted grandparents throughout Logan once a week, others visited multiple rest homes with an activity at least once a month. They helped carve pumpkins at Halloween, wrote cards at Christmas and had parties over the other holidays said secretary for Friends of the Elderly Cathie Owen.

"I didn't think we made a difference for a while," Owen said. "Then one day at a meet-

ing, we were told about one of the volunteer's whose adopted grandparent had passed away. She was so upset. I didn't realize how close people were becoming with their grandparents."

Last semester, the Service Center hosted the Special Olympics Fall Invitational. They had teams compete on the state level in basketball and swimming. This semester they will be coordinating the Area Games for Special Olympics.

"We are definitely making an impact on the community in so many different ways," Tawyna Lawton, service center secretary and historian, said.

This is Lawton's fourth year involved with the Service Center. Her first year she was on the Special Olympics Committee.

"Our programs reach out to thousands of people," she said. "It is very worthwhile. We have good feedback from our volunteers."

For those interested in volunteering but have tight schedule, there are activities happening with the service center daily.

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Rebounding on the diamond:

USU SOFTBALL:

The Aggies came back from two losses in one day to take the next two and almost beat ranked Mississippi State. Details on Page 8.

Time to
move on
Aggie
fans

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time to get
over it
Utah State
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blame, but if you are, then it is time to move on.

That's right, this is another column directed toward USU fans (as if we haven't already had enough of them), or the lack thereof. It was quite interesting to listen to the post-game call-in show after Utah State beat Long Beach State University Saturday night at The Pyramid, in Long Beach, Calif., to remain the only undefeated team (10-0) in Big West Conference play this season.

Rather than talk about the success the Aggie basketball program has had thus far, fans wanted to voice their opinions on why there aren't any people at home basketball games. One explanation offered for the lack of support shown for the first-place Aggies was because of the firing of ex-USU head football coach Dave Arslanian. People are apparently disgruntled not because he was fired, but because of the way it was done.

That was months ago.

Perhaps President George H. Emert and Athletic Director Rance Pugmire were wrong in the way they went about things (and I'm not saying they were), but you certainly can't blame Mick Dennehy and his new staff because they didn't have anything to do with it. They were brought in here to resurrect a program that has been down lately, and hopefully they can.

Perhaps the firing never would have taken place had more fans decided to show up to Utah State football games, which were all played with perfect weather conditions. Only 17,489 fans attended USU's home opener on Sept. 11 against Stephen F. Austin. It got better the next game when Brigham Young University came to town on Oct. 1, as 31,220 showed up to Romney Stadium. Unfortunately, there were as many fans cheering for the Cougars as there were for the Aggies.

The next three home games combined (Arkansas State University, Boise State University and New Mexico State University) drew a dismal 36,490, just 5,270 more than the BYU game. That's pretty pathetic to say the least.

Think about it: If you are the football team, and you come fired up out of the locker room for the game only to look up into the stands and see 8,129 people (attendance for NMSU game), how fired up would you be then? Would you want to give it your all, even though you're not getting any support for it? I'm pretty sure the Aggies did everything in their power to win more games than they did, but they certainly received little help from the often quiet Romney crowd.

Anyway, why should the basketball team get blamed for what happened several months ago? Coming off one of its most successful road trips in years (winning four in a row), USU returned to the Spectrum on Feb. 3 for a game with the University of North Texas. Instead of playing in front of a sold-out crowd, the Aggies defeated the Mean Green before just 5,933.

Great job fans!

Now that USU has improved its winning streak to 10, (13 out of the last 14) and hopefully it will be 11 in a row (14-of-15) after the game at the University of Nevada on Thursday, how many of you are going to decide to show up to the Spectrum Saturday night when the University of the Pacific

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Basketball takes streak on the line at Reno

BIG WEST STANDINGS

Eastern Division

Team	BWC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Utah State	10	0	1.000	19	5	.792
New Mex. St.	6	4	.600	15	7	.682
North Texas	5	5	.500	7	14	.333
Boise State	4	6	.400	10	11	.467
Idaho	4	6	.400	10	12	.454
Nevada	3	7	.300	5	16	.238

Western Division

Team	BWC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Long Beach St.	9	1	.900	17	4	.809
Santa Barbara	6	4	.600	10	11	.476
Pacific	5	5	.500	10	12	.454
UC Irvine	3	7	.300	10	11	.476
CS Fullerton	3	7	.300	8	13	.381
Cal Poly	2	8	.200	7	15	.318

WADE DENNISTON
Senior Sports Writer

With five straight wins on the road already in its bag, the Utah State University men's basketball team will be gunning for its sixth straight, which will tie the school record, Thursday night against the University of Nevada at the Lawlor Events Center, in Reno, Nev.

USU (10-0 Big West Conference, 19-5 overall) is coming off one of its biggest road wins of the season as it defeated Long Beach State University Saturday night (71-63) at The Pyramid in Long Beach, Calif.

Although it doesn't take long for

Aggie head coach Stew Morrill to relish any win longer than another, the win against the 49ers was enjoyed for a little more time.

"To go into Long Beach and win was special," Morrill said. "Long Beach is very, very talented and had won 15 in a row. To go in there and win was just special. It's the only thing you can say about that."

"I've enjoyed the Long Beach win a little bit longer than I have some, but now all of a sudden, there's Nevada."

The Aggies and Wolf Pack (3-7, 5-16) met last Thursday at the Spectrum with Utah State winning 69-54.

Since that meeting, Nevada has played just one game, losing 62-52 at

the University of the Pacific (USU's opponent Saturday at home), and have now lost four in a row overall.

Wolf Pack freshman sensation, Terrance Green, who is 12th in the Big West in scoring at 15.0 points per game, had just 11 points on 2-of-7 shooting from the field, 5-for-6 from the free-throw line the first time against the Aggies.

However, it could be a different story at home for the 6-foot-2 freshman from Portland, Ore., where he is averaging about 10 more points there, than on the road.

"Green's averaging about 15 on the

Jump to NEVADA, Page 9

Aggies whip SUU,
look to four-way
meet at SpectrumLYNNETTE HOFFMAN
Sports Writer

Road blues ended Monday night in Cedar City.

The Utah State University gymnastics team's 194.575-193.3 victory over Southern Utah University was the Aggies' first on the road this season.

Freshman Kristen Bloom won the all-around with a score of 39.05. The meet was not without mistakes for the Aggies, but strong performances on vault and beam helped pull the team through.

"We felt a lot more confident than we have at any meet on the road thus far," head coach Ray Corn said.

On bars the Aggies had to count an extra swing, which is a three-tenths deduction, and two veteran

athletes struggled on floor. Two missing requirements in senior all-arounder Christy Denson's routine cost four-tenths, and an uncharacteristic fall from sophomore Stephanie Huff cost half a point. But Bloom's 9.825 tied SUU's Suzie Clark for the event's highest score, and junior Kristin O'Dell tied her career high with 9.8.

"It's a lot of fun to go out there and be confident and have fun with the crowd," O'Dell said, who was out last year with a broken leg.

Denson added another 9.925 to her collection of wins on bars, while Kirra Degener and Bloom each earned a 9.8.

Corn praised the Thunderbirds, who had to count two falls on beam, but pulled together and scored 48.825 on floor, compared to the Aggies' 48.375.

"If we had not stepped it up on beam this could have been an entirely different outcome," Corn said.

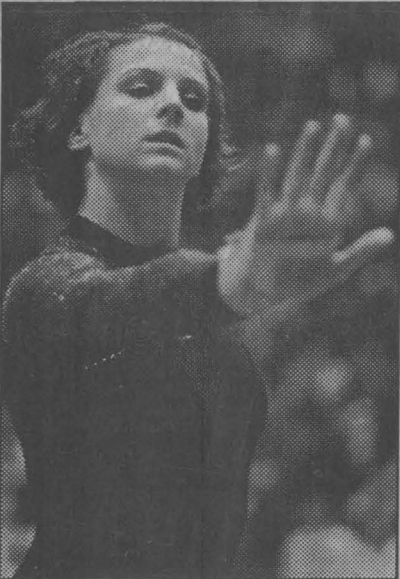
Senior Jessica Porter and freshman Tina Ellis tied for the highest beam score of the meet — 9.825. All six athletes hit their routines.

Vault was also key to the win. "We vaulted spectacularly," Corn said.

Sophomore Laura Swank tied Denson for the event title with a score of 9.75. Both gymnasts performed a layout Yurchenko, which has a start value of 9.8.

"I just felt really light on my hands. I landed straight up, it was so much fun," Swank said. "The vault team did really well as a whole."

SUU will have another chance against the Aggies on Friday in the Spectrum in a four way competition.



Christy Denson was awarded USU Athlete-of-the-Week. See story on Page 9.



Freshman Kristen Fargo performs a back flip in a meet earlier this season. She is part of an active freshman class. Against SUU in Cedar City, she scored a 9.075 on the vault Monday night. Fellow freshman Kristen Bloom won the all-around with a 39.05.

Duo patrols the Wellsville Mountain slopes

Wellsville
Mountain Ski
Patrol does the
skiing extremeHEATHER FEDRICKSON
Copy Editor

Thinking about heading up the Wellsvilles for a ski trip?

Cool.

If you get in some trouble, don't call the Wellsville Mountain Ski Patrol. They don't do first aid.

"We're not good enough for first aid," said Jason Wooden, a mechanical designer at the Space Dynamics Lab at Utah State University, and founding member of the two-man Ski Patrol.

"It's a stupid high school thing," Wooden said. "It was a tongue-in-cheek way of claiming (the Wellsvilles) for our own."

Wooden and high school friend Tim Watkins, now a graduate stu-

dent in the landscape, architecture, and environmental planning department at USU, began skiing in the Wellsville foothills in 1987, Wooden said. They drive up forest service roads from Mendon, Wooden said, and then hike to the peaks of the range.

"The total climb takes three hours if we drive part of the way," Wooden said. "Some routes take longer."

They usually ski down in 15 minutes, he said.

Watkins said part of the attraction to skiing the Wellsvilles is the quick access to the top. The Patrol can drive as far as the wilderness boundary, about three miles up the mountains, Watkins said.

"Conserve energy for the slopes," he said. "It's an intimidating looking mountain."

"It's intriguing," Wooden said. "You stare in awe at the ridge and cornices. It gets into your blood."

Wooden said he can see into Nevada, Idaho and the Salt Lake valley from the top of the Wellsvilles.

"(You) can see what it's like to stand on the edge of the world," he said.

Every weekend from the first snowfall of winter to late June, depending on the snow, Wooden said he and Watkins head up the Wellsvilles, or Logan Canyon.

"This year we've been going to Logan Canyon because snow is sparse in the Wellsvilles," Wooden said.

He added that 80 percent

of the Patrol's time is spent in the Wellsvilles.

"We have an annual goal of hitting the Wellsville summit,"

Watkins said.

If the conditions aren't right, the two back off quickly.

"If we hear the snow shift, a low-pitch wind sound, and the snow settles below, we turn around," Watkins said of the avalanche signs.

While both Watkins and Wooden say they call for the Avalanche report before climbing, they don't often heed the warnings.

"Our routes aren't as dangerous as other bowls or in Logan Canyon," Watkins said. "If

they give moderate to severe warnings, we'll go out to see for ourselves."

Wooden warns skiers with limited experience to attend a class or seminar on back country skiing before attempting the Wellsvilles.

"It's critical to learn before back country skiing, especially on the Wellsvilles," Wooden said.

So what's the attraction to back country skiing over downhill resort slopes?

"Everyone is on the slopes," Watkins said. "There's no adventure."

"No snowmobiles," Wooden said.

Watkins cites budgeting concerns as a factor in his decision to avoid groomed, resort slopes.

"Once you've got the equipment, that's it — no lift tickets," he said, "just gas to get up there."

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Wellsville
MOUNTAINS

- Slopes lie at 35-45 degree angle
- "Steepest free standing mountain range in the lower 48 states" (Encyclopedia Britannica)
- Range is 22 miles long and 5 miles wide
- Tallest peak is Box Elder Peak, southwest of Wellsville, at 9,372 feet

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Liz McCuey / Utah Statesman

Softball almost upsets Miss. State, takes 2 of 5 in Arizona tournament

AARON MORTON
Assistant Sports Editor

The Utah State University softball team recovered from two losses to ranked teams to win two on Saturday and almost upset No. 25 Mississippi State University Sunday at the Fiesta Bowl Tournament.

"It was a learning experience," head coach Pam McCreesh said.

The Aggies (2-3) started five freshmen and four sophomores and almost came out of the tournament — the first of the year for USU — with a winning record. USU had the MSU Bulldogs on the ropes in the final day of the tournament.

The Aggies had a lead of 4-1 before MSU crawled back to tie in the fifth inning and knock in the winning run in

the seventh and final inning.

One of those young starters, Stephanie Vaserhely, slammed a two-run home run in the top of the first inning. The Bulldogs countered with one run in the bottom of the first, but saw USU score two more as the first two batters walked and later scored.

Junior Kelly Warner pitched a complete game in the loss.

The young team opened the tournament Friday with losses to two nationally ranked teams, No. 11 Oregon State University, 9-3, and Arizona State University, 18-0.

Inexperience might have hurt the Aggies against the Beavers as OSU scored all nine runs in the first three innings, and USU only managed three runs despite taking 10 walks from the Beavers.

Amy Settlermier relieved

freshman Xachitl Ramirez to shut out OSU in the final four innings.

The Aggies held ASU scoreless for the first two innings before being rocked for 18 runs in the next three innings. Sophomore righthander Kristin Hommel pitched in the loss.

"It wasn't a bad pitching performance by Kristin Hommel," McCreesh said. "It was just that we didn't play any defense behind her."

The next day, the Aggies showed a lot of maturity, beating hosts University of Nevada at Las Vegas, 9-7, and the University of Kansas, 11-3, Sunday.

"They know they can battle and play with the best of them," McCreesh said.

Lone senior Sandy Taylor hit a two-run home run in the third to help USU to a 9-4



Sophomore Heather Curtis takes a swing during practice. USU beat UNLV and Kansas Saturday.

lead that held as UNLV could only manage one run in the top of the seventh. The homer was the 15th in Taylor's career, leaving her just four short of a school record.

Later in the day, Hommel recovered from the loss to

ASU to strikeout nine, including the first five outs in a complete game against Kansas. Her pitching was key as the Aggies came back from a three-run deficit for the win.

USU only had one hit in the first three innings, but

then scored five runs in the fourth and six runs in the sixth. The Aggies took advantage of Jayhawk mistakes, scoring 11 runs on eight runs.

USU will next be in action at the St. George Tournament, Feb. 25 through 27.

Panthers' Carruth to face the death penalty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Prosecutors made it official Tuesday: They want the death penalty for Rae Carruth.

With Carruth and his mother in court, the prosecution said special circumstances warrant the death penalty for the former Carolina Panthers player.

However, Assistant District Attorney Gentry Caudill

would not say what those circumstances were.

From the outset of the case, the prosecution has said it would seek the death penalty in the murder of Carruth's girlfriend. But the request was finally put before Judge Shirley Fulton on Tuesday.

Carruth did not speak during the brief hearing.

His lawyer, David Rudolf,

said Carruth is doing well, given the situation.

"He has faith and he knows he's innocent," he said, joined by Carruth's mother. "And he has faith that the system will work."

Rudolf asked the judge to encourage prosecutors to begin turning over evidence, such as witness statements and telephone records.

Ski Patrol

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The Wellsville Mountains are listed as the "steepest free standing mountain range in the lower 48 states" in the Encyclopedia Britannica, according to the Wellsville Mountain Ski Patrol's Web site at www.fortunecity.com/marina/salmon/668/mountain.html.

"There's a certain stigma

attached to (the range) being in the record books," Watkins said. "People hear you ski there and they go 'Oooh — the Wellsvilles.' It's an intimidating looking mountain."

Through friends and contacts with outdoor stores in Salt Lake City, Watkins said, one well-known back country skier has been in contact with Wooden to be led up the Wellsvilles.

"He travels worldwide and demonstrates Black Diamond

gear," Watkins said.

"Andrew McLean is the Michael Jordan of back country skiing," Wooden said.

The Wellsville Mountain Ski Patrol has led groups of three or four people up the mountains before, but is in no hurry to expand into a money-making operation.

"We do it out of fun," Wooden said. "We meet people, share techniques, swap stories. The mountains are for everyone."

DENNISTON

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comes to town? Just 4,000 or less?

Another person called in and said the reason nobody was showing up to the hoop games was because of an incident with the former athletic director at USU, Chuck Bell.

Now that is pretty ridiculous if you ask me. Bell hasn't been here for a couple of years, and people are still fuming over something that happened way back when? Give me a break! It's time to let bygones be bygones and support the Aggie athletic programs. After all, you're there to watch the players and teams, not the higher ups, aren't you? The players didn't do anything to you, did they?

The basketball team is great, and very exciting to watch, so come out and support them against the Tigers this weekend. How about trying to break the attendance record? But let's not just stop with the Pacific game. After that, USU has two home games left (Mar. 2 vs. the University of Idaho and Mar. 4 vs. Boise State University), which both start at 7:05 p.m.

For those of you that have read this column and are staunch Aggie supporters, then praise you. If not, come out, and start becoming a dedicated supporter.

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High and tight, with Wade Denniston Denson wins all-around, USU athlete-of-the-week

Christy Denson's season-high 39.4 performance in the all-around Friday night in the Spectrum helped upset in-state rivals Brigham Young University and earn her the Utah State University Athlete-of-the-Week.

The Statesman's senior sports writer caught up with Denson Tuesday to ask her about Lucky Charms, Texas and Italian men.



Denson

Wade Denniston: You, as well as the team, have had two great meets in a row now. Do you feel like the team is finally coming together now?

Christy Denson: Yeah, I feel like the younger girls are definitely stepping up in the last couple of meets and getting the results that we should've been getting at the beginning of the year.

WD: What is the best thing about Logan, or Utah State?

CD: I guess just the different atmosphere from Texas: the mountains and the snow. It's cool to live somewhere like that. If I didn't go to college here I don't think I would have ever lived in the mountains or the snow.

WD: Was it kind of a culture shock for you when you got here at first?

CD: Yeah. The cold was a big change. It gets way colder than it ever did in Texas, so that was way different.

WD: In Texas, it's kind of a humid-cold isn't it?

CD: Mm-hmm.

WD: Now before being recruited by USU, when was the first time you heard about the school? I'm sure it's probably not well known down there, is it?

CD: No, it's not real well known, but my dad does a lot of driving across the country and he came through here my junior year in high school and he liked this campus, and everything, so he had heard about it. But, he didn't know if they had a gymnastics program.

WD: So, do they have gymnastics in high school down

there?

CD: Not in my high school. I'm not sure if they have it in any high schools down there. Maybe, but I didn't do high school gymnastics.

WD: How do you get recruited in gymnastics if you're not competing in high school?

CD: We compete in clubs, so we have club meets. All the university coaches go to the big meets to see who they want to recruit.

WD: What's your favorite routine that you like to perform?

CD: I like floor. Floor is fun to perform on, but I like bars best in competition.

WD: Why is that?

CD: Because it's a higher scoring event for me.

WD: I'm better at and more confident at it, so it's just easier. Less worries on that event.

WD: What's your favorite color?

CD: Red.

WD: Right on. Why do you like that?

CD: I don't know...

WD: Ute red?

CD: No, not Ute red, just red, (laughing) I just like it, always have.

WD: What do you eat in the morning?

CD: (laughing) If I get early enough to eat breakfast, Lucky Charms.

WD: Lucky Charms, that's cool ... sugar. Yeah, Laurie Cannon (gymnastic's contact) said when she called you at 2:30 p.m. that you sounded like you were just getting out of bed.

CD: Yeah, I was. We didn't get back until five in the morning.

WD: That's a good excuse, though.

CD: That's my excuse. (laughing)

WD: OK, that's fair enough. If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go.

CD: Italy.

WD: Italy?

CD: Yeah.

WD: Why there?

CD: I just like the whole Italian culture ... Italian decorations, Italian guys. (laughing)

WD: That's good. Have you ever been out of the country before?

CD: Mexico, but that's all.

WD: Do you have any pets.

CD: Uh-huh, I have a cat.

WD: Really?

CD: Seven-month-old named Natty.

WD: Favorite TV program.

CD: Probably "Friends."

WD: That's a good one. I see more of the reruns because I never watch the prime time version.

CD: Yeah. It's a good show.

WD: What athletes from other sports would make good gymnasts?

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NEVADA

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road, and about 25 at home," Morrill said. "That happens a lot as the guy's career goes on, but the numbers tend to be more consistent as you get older. You get used to playing on the road, but for a freshman, that stat really makes sense to me."

But scoring isn't the only thing that concerns the Aggies about Green.

"I'll tell you what, when you're trying to guard that kid off the dribble," Morrill said, "I was amazed how quickly he went around anybody we had."

While Nevada will more than likely look to Green to help lead it to victory, Utah State will continue to do what has proved to be successful for it all yearplay good defense, and play unselfishly.

As of Sunday, the Aggies are ranked second in the conference in defensive field goal percentage (allowing 40.7), and second in scoring defense (giving up 61.6 a game).

The first time around, Utah State held Nevada to just 37.7 percent in the game on 20-of-53 shooting.

"Our constant has been our defense," Morrill said, "but you still have to go make some plays offensively."

On that side of the ball, USU ranks second in the league in field goal percentage at 46.5 per game, second in scoring margin at plus 9.5 and fifth in scoring at 71.1 points per contest.

All that, considering the Aggies don't have one player in the top-15 of the Big West in scoring. Utah State has three players averaging 11.9 per game (Shawn Daniels, Troy Rolle and Tony Brown), and two players at 9.2 (Dimitri Jorssen and Bernard Rock).

"We don't have a guy worry about how many shots he's going to get, we don't have a guy worry about how many points he's going to get, averages, any of that kind of stuff," Morrill said.

But, the Aggies do need one thing out of all their players in order for them to be successful.

"We have to have everybody do their job," Morrill said. "We can have a given night when maybe one guy doesn't play well. Actually, (against) New Mexico State we had three guys not play well offensively, and still won. That's unique, but...we really do rely on everybody doing their job."

Coming off the big win at LBSU, does Morrill worry about a letdown against Nevada, and Pacific for that matter, two teams that have struggled this year, combining for just 15 wins and 28 losses?

"I don't believe in letdowns," Morrill said.

This will be the 28th meeting between the two schools with the Aggies leading the overall series, 20-7.

The last time Utah State won at Nevada was on March 8, 1996, during the Big West Tournament, a 70-65 victory. The last time the Aggies won a regular season game against the Wolf Pack in Reno was Jan. 8, 1996, a 75-71 overtime victory.

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Sanders to pay \$1.8 million to Lions

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Lions were awarded some — but not all — of the money they wanted returned from retired running back Barry Sanders.

An NFL arbitrator ruled Tuesday that Sanders must pay back \$1.833 million, or one-sixth of his \$11 million signing bonus. For the Lions to get the remaining three years, they'll have to wait — and Sanders must stay retired.

The Lions wanted Sanders to return \$5.5 million of the bonus he got in 1997. He played two years of a six-year contract before startling the NFL by leaving football on the

eve of training camp.

"We are pleased the the ruling supports the principle that a signing bonus is contingent upon a player fully performing the services required under the contract agreement," Harold Henderson, the NFL's executive vice president, said.

Sanders was only 1,458 yards shy of breaking Walter Payton's NFL career record of 16,726 yards.

His agent, David Ware, thinks that more significant than the ruling by arbitrator Sam Kagel was Detroit's signing of running back James Stewart on Monday.

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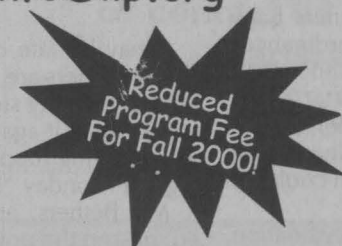


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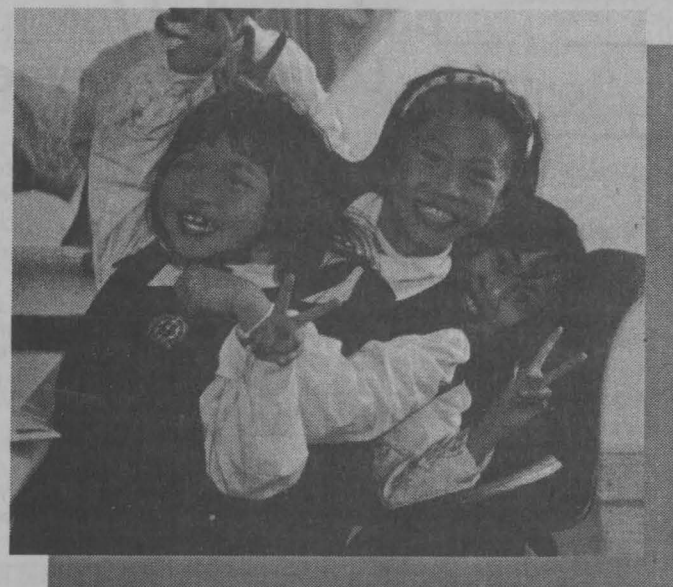
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To the
EDITOR

Leashless dog
park needed for
Logan dog owners

The City of Logan's Parks and Recreation Department generously provides its citizens with 34 beautiful and highly accessible city parks. However, the number one rule (according to an official Parks and Recreation Facilities brochure) boldly states "No Dogs Allowed!"

This over-generalization of dogs (and dog owners) does not fairly reflect the interests of many taxpayers and residents of Logan. Dogs and their owners have been alienated from city parks because of ordinances restricting dogs from being in parks, even when leashed!

The Logan City Council has tried to address this problem previously, yet discussion of off-leash dog areas was put aside until the city's Master Plan could be more fully developed.

The Logan City council has completed its evaluation of the Master Plan, and now has the time and resources to address this issue. Please let them know how you feel by attending one of three public meetings specifically addressing this "No Dogs" ordinance. The meetings will be held at the Cache County Fairgrounds Pavilion on Feb. 24, 28 and 29 at 6.30 p.m. Please try to attend at least ONE of these meetings to show your support.

The citizens of Logan are blessed with an amazing landscape; mountains and lakes are freely available to all who can access them. While many citizens have the ability to run, hike and jog, there are still many who do not have this mobility. For instance, when was the last time you saw a disabled access ramp on the Wind Caves trail?

The City of Logan has an obligation to provide places for the elderly and disabled to exercise their best friends — their dogs.

Why do we need a dog park?

- Socializes and exercises
- Promotes responsible pet ownership.
- Provides elderly and disabled owners with an accessible place to exercise their companions.
- Enables dogs to legally run off-leash.
- Promotes public health and safety.
- Provides a tool for realistic enforcement of dog control laws.

Molly Waters

Blue jeans sample not
accurate conclusion

I do not wish to state my standing towards the organization conducting a statement on Monday by means of those who will wear blue jeans. The attempt to prove support for anything by using something as common as blue jeans is by no means an effective representation of support.

In order for a sample to be representative it must be taken properly. The attempt to prove that people went out of their way to show their support must be proven by other means. Simply observing the manner of attire, which attire is the daily and most common attire of a population, cannot lead to any conclusion of support. This sample is taken from a non-representative population. If one wanted to prove that a certain attire is an uncommon display of support for an organization, the sample must be taken from a population of people who do not regularly wear this attire.

Many people will simply wear their blue jeans as normal attire because they are accustomed to doing this on a daily basis, and the conclusion cannot be drawn that they are wearing their blue jeans as any sign of support. Further, those who regularly wear this attire are inconvenienced by the fact that they must change

their regular attire to avoid giving a false representation of their support.

I am amazed that the leaders of any organization would actually try to rally support for their organization in a such an uneducated and nonrepresentative manner. No one in their right mind can draw an accurate conclusion from these results.

Ryan Soderquist

Hate based on sexual
preference is trivial

I may be late on this, but I'm sure the opinions of David Bethers are still firmly in the minds of many Utah State University students. He stated that the "homosexuals were at it again," trying to "trick" the student body into showing support for same-sex marriages by declaring last Monday "Blue Jeans Day."

Mr. Bethers, as close-minded individuals so often do, missed the point. The cause was not to "trick" us; it was to open our eyes. Blue Jean Day is a way of showing that hating someone based on their sexual preference is as trivial as deciding which pair of pants to wear when you wake up in the morning. David Bethers has obviously spent more time thinking about what he wears than why he hates.

He also compared Blue Jeans Day to an anti-Semite group declaring Monday "wear shoes if you hate Jews." Where should the comparison really lie? If you hate homosexuals, why not Jews? Or blacks? Or women? Is there really a difference?

Hate is hate.

I can think of something far worse than being "tricked" to show your support by wearing blue jeans. I could've accidentally worn khakis and been labeled a bigot like David Bethers.

Nick Pappas

Trickery an insult to
values of nation, school

After reading the article in Friday's statesmen informing me that I would be making a statement by wearing jeans on Monday, I felt an obligation to respond. It should be clear that I am all for freedom of speech and making statements, etc. But when the general people are unknowingly manipulated into "supporting" something they don't, I believe that is when the time comes to take a stand.

I am an Ag student and have worn blue jeans every day of my life. For any proud organization to turn a piece of my daily apparel into a symbol for their personal and repulsive life style is just plain and simply wrong.

It's appalling to me that I have to wake up wondering and worrying if what I wear is going to support something I am more than opposed to. If you want to educate people about yourselves, promote your lifestyle alone, together.

It is morally wrong to use uneducated individuals who don't keep up with the news for the support of homosexuals. I asked a fair number of people not to wear jeans if they do not support this act, and they had a dumbfounded look on their faces wondering what I was talking about. This goes to prove how intimidated and how willing you are to be as clever as possible in gaining support for your generally unacceptable way of living. In essence, this is merely an excuse for you to use ignorant people as a supporting statistic for homosexuality.

I find it an insult to the values which this nation and university were founded upon, and an insult to my heritage. My second great grandfather was one of the main

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In our
OPINION

This week is Healthy Relationship and Sexual Awareness Week at Utah State University. The Student Wellness Center will have a table set up in the Taggart Student Center and is distributing materials about healthy relationships, fun dating ideas and proper condom use. Despite the fact that some believe students at USU aren't having sex, they are. And it's wonderful that the Student Wellness Center is making the effort to encourage those who are having sex to do it safely. It was mentioned in an article about the week that many students aren't even sure about proper condom use. It's great that there is an effort being made to educate students in this area. And for those students who actually aren't having sex, this week also serves to increase awareness about the importance of healthy relationships. Most college students date and all college students have relationships of some sort.

Thank you to all those associated with this week and the work they have put into it.

Who can exorcise
the ghost of Bill
Clinton?

KADE'S KORNER / Kade Minchey



I know there are a lot of you out there that are sick of politics. You

Carter had the correct final answer. He exorcised Nixon's ghost by saying, "I would not tell a lie ... I would not mislead the American people ... and I would not betray your trust." That statement exorcised the Nixon ghost and put Jimmy in the Oval Office.

Now John McCain is looking for that final answer by saying, "It is the beginning of the end for the truth-twisting politics of Bill Clinton and Al Gore ... you will always hear the truth from me."

Upon that statement George W. Bush enters the scene by pointing out numerous occasions where we haven't heard the truth from McCain.

So, let me break this down for you: Bush is running against McCain and McCain is running against President Clinton, so really Bush is running against both McCain and Clinton. Even more, H. Clinton is running against Clinton, and I haven't even mentioned Gore's and Bradley's anti-Clinton tactics. So, everyone is literally running from President Clinton.

You know, this reminds me of childhood fights I had with my older brother. We would fight it out and I usually ended up crying. When my mom came to solve the problem, nine out of ten times she found us both guilty. It didn't matter that I was the one crying. And then to avoid guilt, we both tried to blame our fight on our older sister or a friend or anything that could be used as a scapegoat.

So it is with politics. If there is a fight between candidates, they both end up looking guilty. Unless they can blame their fight on Clinton, then everyone comes out looking better. And why not?

So for those of you sick of politics, sit back and blame all of your frustrations on Bill Clinton. Believe me, it will make you feel better.

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

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founders of this school, and he would never have tolerated this sort of action.

I am proud to be straight, and I am publicly asking homosexuals and anyone in support of you, to stay away from me. I don't want anything to do with you.

John Christian Olson

Blue Jean campaign should have been better advertised

I'd like to thank the *Statesman* for

informing the students about the "Wear Blue Jeans Campaign" since the USU Pride Alliance didn't make much of an attempt to. The *Statesman's* article was the first I'd heard about it. Since reading the article, I've only seen one sign informing people of the event.

It's interesting that the Alliance seems to have waited until the very last minute to advertise this event. Is that in the hope few people will know about it and inadvertently wear blue jeans? Is this just an attempt for the Alliance to feel like they have more support than they do through trickery? If the Alliance wants to make people aware that they support same sex marriages, then they can print up T-shirts that say "I support same-sex marriages."

Don't get me wrong. I don't hate gays or lesbians. I don't approve of their actions, but I don't base my like or dislike of a person on their sexual preference. My complaint is that even though I have never done anything to the Alliance, the Alliance has chosen to step on my toes. I've worn blue

jeans nearly every school day for 16 years, but on Monday I can't because the Alliance has made it known (well, the *Statesman* has made it known) that if I wear blue jeans, I'll be showing support for same-sex marriages. Have I worn blue jeans all those years to show my support for anything? No! I wore them because they're comfortable and because I didn't feel inclined to walk around half naked.

Perhaps the Alliance is trying to help people become aware of the hardships that homosexuals face, but everyone faces hardships that come because of who they are or who they think they are. Race, religion, sex, class, talents, handicaps and day-to-day decisions determine who we are. We all have trials, but we need to do the best we can with the cards we are dealt. Be understanding of others' trials. Don't argue that your trials are worse than their trials and don't try to force your trials on anyone else.

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Most NFL players belie thug stereotype by giving generously of time

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Parents in America have every right to be horrified that two NFL players have

been charged with murder — criminals are terrible role models for their kids. So it's easy to forget that the NFL has hundreds of stars who set good examples by helping others, including at-risk youngsters.

The athletes work with thousands of needy people, and their commitments run deep. Hall of Famers Doak Walker and Tom Fears, who died recently kept their charitable commitments right up to the end even though they suffered severe paralysis and Alzheimer's disease.

It's also worth noting that much of the volunteer work is done by former stars who already have all the fame and money they could possibly use and now concentrate on helping kids.

For example, there's Rayfield Wright, the six-time Pro Bowl tackle best known for his exploits with the Dallas Cowboys, who runs "Kids 4 Tomorrow" in the Phoenix suburb of Scottsdale.

His organization is dedicated to keeping school-age young people from becoming addicted to drugs and alcohol and encouraging them to stay in school. Founded by Wright and Andy Livingston (former Chicago Bear and New Orleans Saint), this highly successful program pairs retired athletes with at-risk children.

Kids 4 Tomorrow is so successful that a fledgling company that provides international online business directories for Internet users, OnLineNow.com, recently gave the program \$1 million worth of Internet advertising.

"From our very first day, one of our guiding principles was to give something back to the communities we served," said OnLineNow.com founder Bracken Cherry.

"The kind of work that Rayfield and Andy are doing is not only inspiring; it's absolutely vital to the future of our country," he said.

"We chose Kids 4

Tomorrow because the athletes get down in the trenches and come into a community and work one-on-one with individual kids and their peers," Cherry added. "It is one thing to meet a sports star, but another to actually become friends with one ... it has the potential to change a lot of lives in the right direction."

In addition, the online company and Kids 4 Tomorrow are developing a program to use pictures of the athletes and audio files to spread their message of hope and redemption on the Web.

Meanwhile, more than 100 former NFL stars, some with terminal conditions, have been working each day to provide financial help to former teammates who've fallen on hard times.

This effort started several years ago when former San Diego Chargers tackle Ron Mix learned that many of his fellow members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame were trying to live on not much more than Social Security and a modest NFL pension. For some of the former stars, that means a total family income near the poverty line.

Determined to help, Mix asked each of the 130 members of the Hall of Fame to sign 2,500 trading card specially designed for them. The cards would be sold in sets for \$1,675 to help the now-forgotten members of the Hall.

More than 90 percent of the Hall members agreed, including big names such as Joe Namath, Tony Dorsett and Dick Butkus.

Those former stars, Mix says, "Saw it as a way to give back to guys who loved the game as much as they did. This wouldn't have worked without those guys."

Mix shipped the card sets for signing two years ago. But before Mix sent Doak Walker's set, he discovered that the Hall of Fame running back had been paralyzed from the neck down in a skiing accident.

Even with that disability, the former star was still ready to help, Walker's wife, Skeeter, assured Mix. With Skeeter's help and using neck

and hand braces, Walker labored slowly for hours every day to sign "Doak." Before his death, Walker had signed 2,000 cards.

"Signing was the highlight of his day," Skeeter remembers.

Fears, an All-Pro pass receiver with the L.A. Rams also worked every day to sign as many cards as possible before he died.

Fears, who suffered from Alzheimer's, had the purpose of the project explained to him each day by his wife, Luella.

Then he took pen in hand. Fears signed about 1,600 cards before his death several weeks ago.

"He made the decision 50 different times to help his fellow Hall members," says Mix. "Imagine that."

The work done by Walker, Fears and their colleagues is expected to raise more than \$16,000 each for the needy NFL retirees.

"For many, that's more than annual salaries as a player in the early days of pro football," Mix observes.

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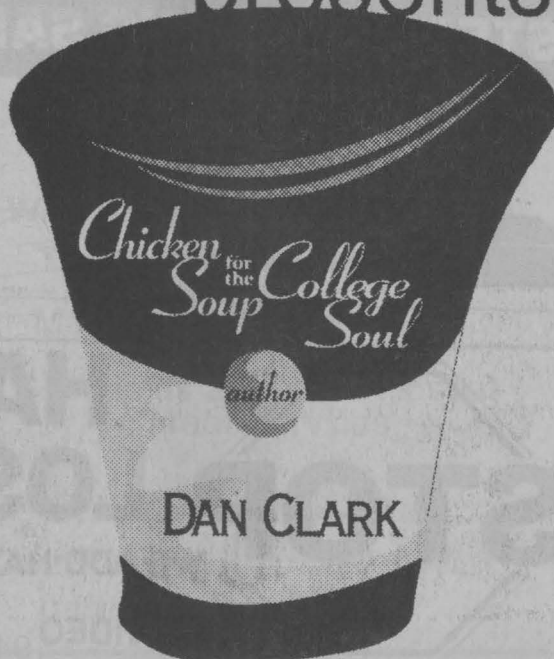
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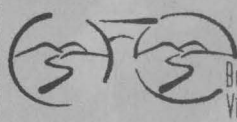
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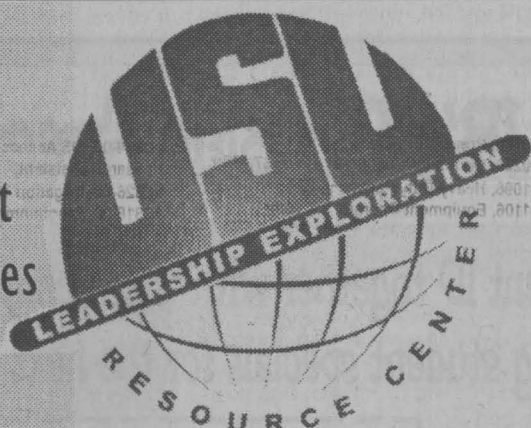
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Anti-smoking group pulls two commercials

NEW YORK (AP) — The organization created to mount the biggest U.S. anti-smoking campaign ever has pulled two of its first four commercials after hearing complaints from the world's biggest cigarette maker, CBS and some state attorneys general.

One of the pulled ads showed young people stacking "body bags" on the sidewalk outside a tobacco company building. The other showed teens equipped with a lie detector trying to get into a tobacco company's offices to quiz sales executives about how addictive smoking is.

The building was not specifically identified in either ad but the commercials were filmed inside and outside the Philip Morris Cos. headquarters in Manhattan.

The ads are part of a \$1.5 billion anti-smoking campaign being financed with proceeds

from the industry's huge 1998 settlement with the states over claims for reimbursement for treating sick smokers.

Philip Morris, the maker of Marlboro, pointed out that the settlement agreement specified that the fund would not be used for personal attacks on an individual or company.

The ads came from an organization called the American Legacy Foundation, which was created to oversee anti-smoking advertising and educational efforts. The commercials, which began running last week, were developed by a team of agencies led by Arnold Communications of Boston.

In one of the pulled ads, which ran on the USA Network over the weekend, 1,200 body

bags stuffed with paper are stacked near the tobacco offices to stand for people who die each day from tobacco-related illness.

The teen-age interrogators in the "Lie Detector" ad that ran on Comedy Central late last week wind up being escorted to the door by a security guard.

CBS refused to run both ads because "we feel they crossed the line," spokesman Dana McLintock said Tuesday. Attorney General Christine Gregoire of Washington, who led the states in the 1998 negotiations with the tobacco industry and chairs the American Legacy Foundation, said through a

spokesman that several attorneys general had also raised objections.

"This is a distraction from the goal: to stop 3,000 kids a day from becoming addicted to tobacco," she said. "It was not worth being distracted by one or two ads with others in the arsenal."

Cheryl Heaton, the president and chief executive of the foundation, said the foundation would try to rework the ads.

"It is obvious we pushed a number of buttons and we are going to keep pushing buttons," Heaton said.

The two remaining ads in the series parody soft drink and sneaker commercials, showing one of three product users being unexpectedly vaporized. The message: "Only one product actually kills a third of the people who use it. Tobacco."

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Freed hostages say hijackers belonged to one large family

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — While most passengers on the hijacked Afghan plane cowered in fear, dozens of others — many of them women and children — laughed, tossed aside their veils and received the choicest food and drink from their captors.

They were the relatives of the hijackers, according to some of the freed hostages who returned to Afghanistan. Seventy-three passengers returned home; 74 freed hostages stayed in Britain either seeking asylum or considering it.

Mohammed Shamsullah said the hijackers' goal was to seek asylum for themselves and their families. He said more than 30 of the people on the plane were relatives of the hijackers. Some passengers said as many as 40 were related.

The Ariana Airlines Boeing 727

was hijacked Feb. 6, shortly before arrival at the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif after a flight from Kabul.

The hijackers gave preferential treatment to their families, giving them food and water first and even handing out Pepsi — prized because they're so expensive in Afghanistan — to their children, Shamsullah said.

Another passenger, who identified himself only as Rokhai, said there were 35 to 40 family members traveling with the hijackers. They sat throughout the aircraft, he said.

"They divided their people among us. Everyone was afraid, but their women and children were laughing, they threw off their burqua and showed their faces. I thought they are very bad," Shamsullah said.

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"It's too much to say they're suspects. We want to talk to them," the first justice official said.

The FBI would not say Tuesday whether its agents have talked with any suspects, but it appeared some interviews have begun, hacker sources said.

Police in Hillsboro, Ore., said Tuesday a computer believed to have been used in last week's attacks was seized by federal agents.

The FBI is now analyzing the computer, which was seized within the last two days from a home business near Portland, a federal official in Washington said. Its owner apparently was unaware the computer was used as a middleman in the attacks, this official said.

Meanwhile, FBI spokesman Bill Carter said the bureau has sent investigative leads in the Internet attacks to four countries. He

would not name them, but government sources said they included Germany and Canada.

In Germany, a 20-year-old programmer known as "mixer" who created the software tools believed to have been used in some of last week's attacks wrote Tuesday in an e-mail to The Associated Press that he will cooperate with the FBI but hasn't been questioned.

"I just wrote them that I'd be happy to help them with technical and background information pertaining to (the) software and its use," he said. He included a single message he claims to have received from the FBI, saying an official there was "forwarding your e-mail to our technical support people and members of a team of people who are investigating this matter."

The FBI declined to say whether it received or solicited help from the programmer. Indeed, a government official said investigators working on the case were told Tuesday that news leaks were hampering the investigation and that such leaks should stop.

IRA withdraws from disarmament talks

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Stung by the British government's decision to suspend Northern Ireland's power-sharing agreement, the IRA broke off disarmament talks Tuesday, dealing a damaging blow to hopes of resurrecting Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic administration.

In a hard-line statement, the IRA also formally withdrew from the table its latest hint that it might someday disarm. The outlawed group accused the British government and the province's major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, of pursuing "a military victory," something that "cannot and will not happen."

The development underscored the failure of a 3-month-old deal brokered by American diplomat George Mitchell.

Mitchell had persuaded the Ulster Unionists to establish a four-party coalition alongside the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party. In exchange, the IRA was supposed to begin negotiating the gradual destruction of its hidden weapons stockpiles, a goal of the province's 1998 peace accord.

Instead, Britain suspended the 10-week-old administration's powers Friday after confirming that the IRA had made no commitments to the disarmament commission. The commission is charged with securing the IRA's total disarmament by May in line with the Good Friday accord.

The British and Irish governments still intend to hold separate talks Wednesday in London with Northern Ireland's key parties. But the odds against transferring powers back soon to the Belfast administration look greater than ever.

Tuesday's IRA statement came after an ill-tempered meeting between Sinn Fein leaders and Peter Mandelson, Britain's secretary of state for Northern Ireland, who took the decision to resume direct control of the province.

"It was a bad meeting, quite frankly," said Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, a reputed former IRA commander. "And this Sinn Fein leadership has now no further room to move. We have seen the failure of politics."

Adams said he blamed Mandelson for rejecting the IRA's last offering to the Belfast-based disarmament commission.

Canadian Gen. John de Chastelain, head of the disarmament commission, reported late Friday — hours after Mandelson revoked the local Cabinet's powers — that the IRA had for the first time said it might put its weapons "beyond use" in the event of unspecified political progress.

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Wednesday, February 16

■Blackjack dealers wanted for STAB activity, Meeting 9 p.m., TSC 3rd floor, info. 797-2912.
■Partners in Business, 16th Annual Management Information Systems

Seminar, Free to USU students, ECC, also on Thursday
■Banff Mountain Film Festival, today and Thursday, 7 p.m., Kent Concert Hall, \$5 students/\$7 non-students

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Thursday, February 17

■Convocations with Dan Clark, "Chicken Soup for the Soul", 12:30 p.m. TSC Ballroom
■Hispanic Student Union Meeting, 5:30 p.m. 3rd Floor TSC. Everyone

Welcome!
■USU Gymnastics /four way meet, 7 pm Spectrum
■"Our Town" by USU Theatre Dept. 8 pm. Feb. 17-19. USU Students free with ID.

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Friday, February 18

■Body Awareness Fair, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., TSC International Lounge.
■The 58th annual loggers ball and game dinner will be held Bullen Center.

Tickets on sale CNR Room 112, Dance \$4, Dinner and Dance \$8.
■Operation Smile Swing Dance with a live band. 8:30 p.m. TSC Ballroom, \$3.

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- Confidential Unwed Pregnancy Group meeting — Everyone welcome. Feb. 17, 5 to 6 p.m., Walnut room TSC. Refreshments served.
- Governor Leavitt hold a press conference. Feb. 22, 9 a.m., Sunburst Lounge TSC.
- Additional hours for the Academic Resource Center. Drop in Math tutoring Monday through Thursday 6 to 9 p.m., TSC Room 304A. Stop by for a complete list of other tutor times.
- Do you want to know what Social Work is all about? Are you undecided on a major? Come meet the faculty and find out. Feb. 23, 12:30 p.m. HASS Deans Conference Room Main 338. Refreshments.
- "Laugh out Loud!" Dinner, Dance and Quick Wits, Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m., \$6 per person. Institute Super Activity.
- International Banquet is coming! Feb. 26, 6 p.m., TSC Ballroom. Everyone is invited. Come and enjoy foods from all cultures and performances. Tickets at TSC card office or Spectrum ticket office.
- The Family Life Center is offering a free workshop on how to buy a home Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To get more information or to register call 753-5696 or 753-5426.
- Applications for the 2000/01 reentry financial assistance from the USU Women's Center are now available. Undergraduate reentry women and men with a five year

gap in their education and a minimum 2.5 GPA are eligible. Contact Women's Center. TSC Room 310 or 797-1728. Former recipients are eligible.

- Wilderness First Responder course May 9 through 18. Upon successful completion of practical and written exams you will receive a two year SOLO Wilderness First Responder certification and a two year American Heart Assoc. Heartsaver CPR certification. Contact Sonya 797-0462 or ECC Room 103.
- Cache Anglers annual banquet February 17, Copper Mill Convention Center, 55 N. Main St., 6:30 to 9 p.m. Jack Dennis, prominent author, fly angler, and lecturer will speak.
- Cache Valley Soccer Referee Association is looking for new referees for youth and competitive leagues. Pay per game ranges from \$6-\$25. A new referee clinic will be held in USU EDUC Room 282, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Feb. 19. Contact Hal Potter for more information at 753-7664.
- La Leche League is a breast feeding support group that has been around for years. Bring the kids to play! You don't need to be nursing right now to come. The topic for February is "Take a Holiday From...". We meet the second Friday and fourth Tuesday of every month. Come join us Tuesday, February 22 at 10 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church, room 3/5 (take basement door) on 12 S. 200 West, Logan (on the corner of Center and 200 West).

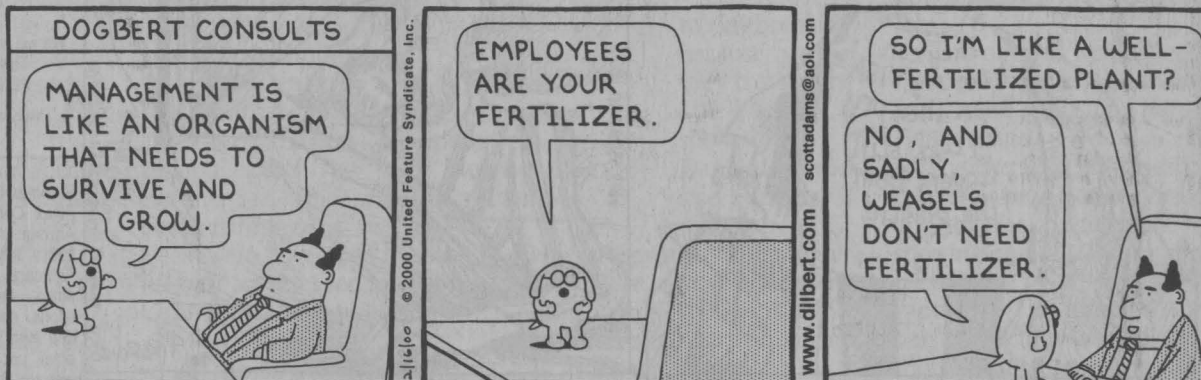
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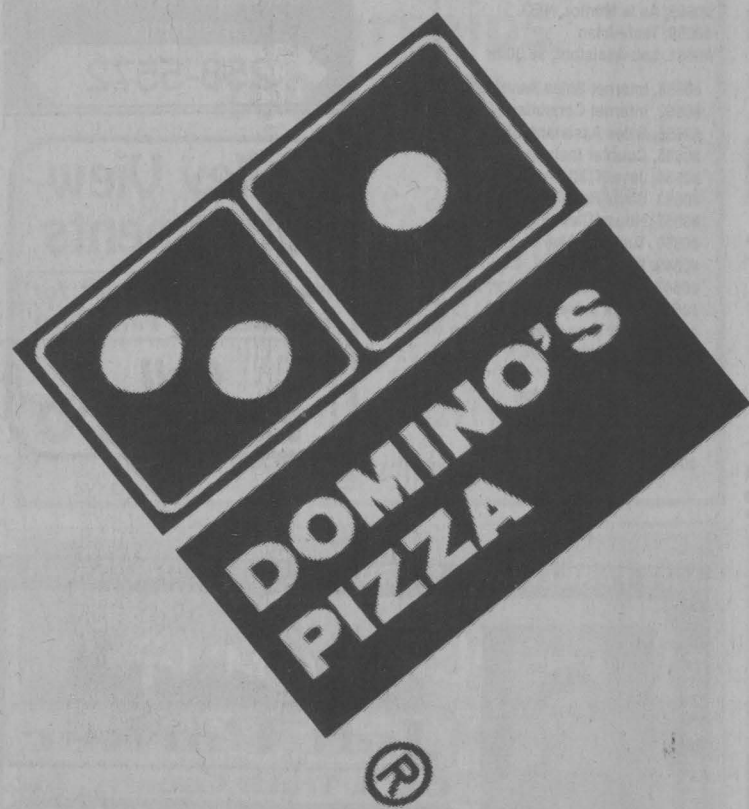


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