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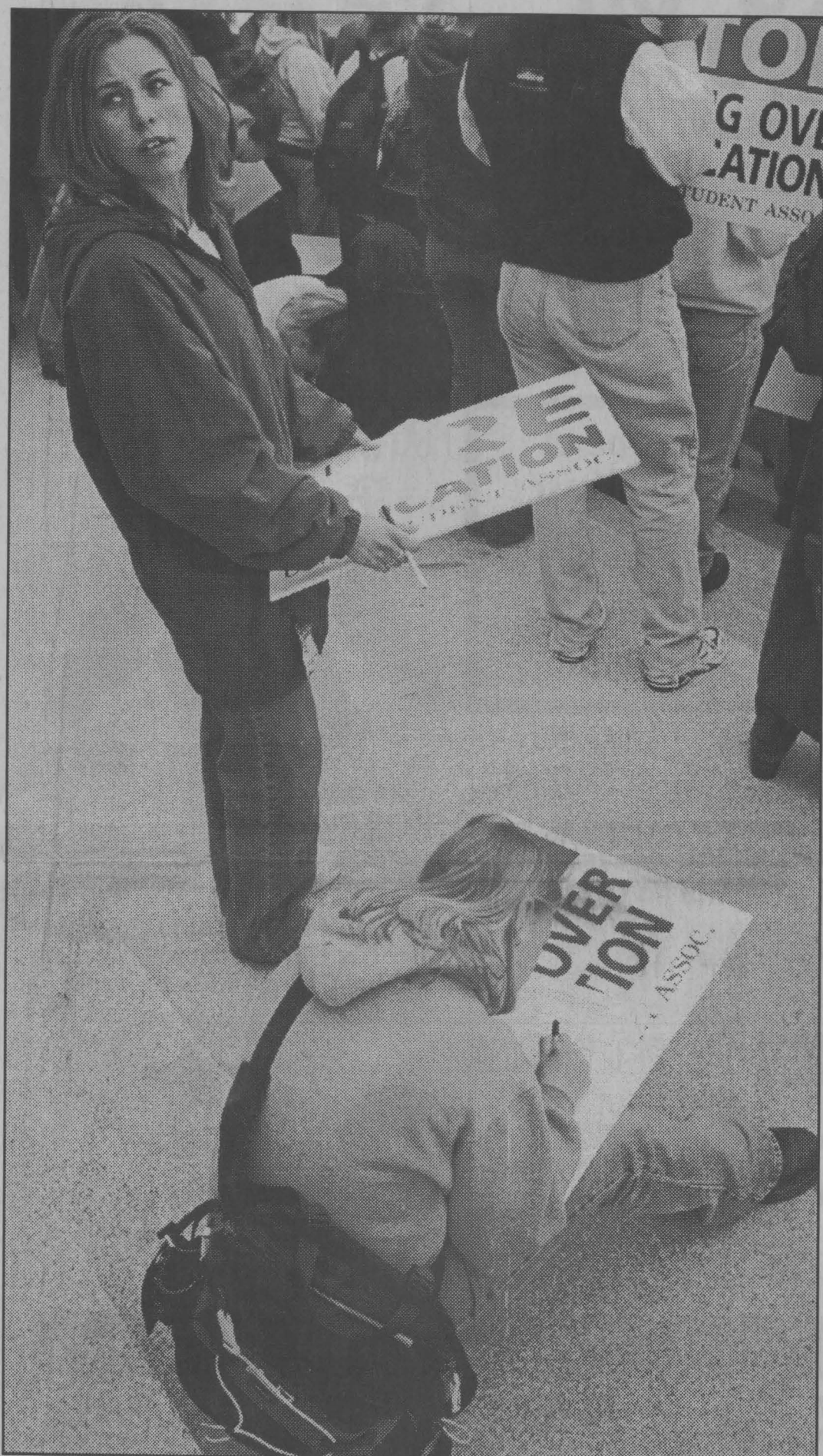
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Students: 'HIRE education'

Crowd at state capitol entreats legislature to bring professors' salaries up to par



Melissa Daney, standing, and Stacy Harden of Snow College as well as other college students from around the state wrote letters to their legislators requesting a pay increase for their professors.

LAURA BELLAMY
Senior News Writer

Editor's note: This article is the last of a three-part series concerning faculty equity in Utah.

Nearly 700 students from all nine of Utah's public colleges and universities gathered on the steps of the State Capitol building Wednesday to show the Utah Legislature they are serious about getting more money to raise faculty and staff salaries.

The rally didn't officially begin until noon, but by 11 a.m. most students had arrived and were chanting and waving signs that read "HIRE Education" and "Stop Paving Over Education."

Student body presidents from Utah colleges and universities drew an enthusiastic response to facts and stories illustrating the need for salary equity. Asked if they had known a professor who left the school for a better salary elsewhere, two-thirds of students raised their hands.

"Utah professors are underpaid by about 20 percent when compared to the salaries of peer institutions," said Kris Olsen of Southern Utah University. "SUU currently has 15 employees who are paid below the poverty line."

Local media and a handful of legislators were present for the press conference at noon, where Nate Anderson, president of the Associated Students of Utah State University, and two other student body presidents explained the students' platforms and offered solutions.

"If this problem (of salary equity) is not soon remedied, the repercussions will be many," said Anderson. "The

value of a college or university degree in the state will drop. Utah students will have greater difficulty competing in the marketplace and the economy of our state will invariably suffer."

The Utah Student Association spoke their support for Gov. Leavitt's proposal to extend the payment of the I-15 construction bond from seven to 10 years. This would free up money to go towards Utah's education system.

"Are we going to pave our roads and leave potholes in education?" asked Ben McAdams, president of the Associated Students of the University of Utah, and president of the Utah Student Association.

The Utah Student Association worked hard and put in many hours to organize this rally, McAdams said. Faculty and staff were impressed by the students' willingness to step up on their behalf.

'If this problem [of salary equity] is not soon remedied, the repercussions will be many.'

• NATE ANDERSON •
ASUU PRESIDENT

good thing. I think legislators will at least get an idea that this is something serious and it's not just going to go away."

Three representatives spoke to students during the course of the rally. Rep. Afton B. Bradshaw, (R), encouraged students to actively voice their opinions and concerns.

"You are voters," she said. "There are 20,000 higher education students in Utah — what a political lobby!"

Students were able to identify the representatives from

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NBC News producers offer insight

JESSICA WARREN
Staff Writer

Deciding what is best for each broadcast of NBC Nightly News is a process that is both drawn out and rushed through, according to Tom Brokaw, anchor and managing editor of NBC Nightly News.

Brokaw and the producers of NBC Nightly News were on an interactive satellite panel with universities across the country to discuss their work.

With new technology, producers are allowed to change broadcasts live on the air, change the order of segments and drop or add stories, according to the panel.

"We have a 10-pound bag and we're developing 100 pounds of material," Brokaw said. "We have to make these decisions on the fly."

In making these decisions, the staff looks at newsworthiness, new developments, and what they deem more important.

"There is so much news available to so many people. We're trying to give them context," David Doss, executive producer said.

Doss said they wanted to show people why things happened and what the impact might be on their lives.

The staff also looks at the competitiveness of the business. With MSNBC and CNBC, the news is running 24 hours a day.

"We have to have it right and we have to have it first," Doss said, in order to compete.

"It really gets you out of the gate fast," said M.L. Flynn, foreign producer.

With new technology, time is not as big of a factor as it used to be.

"There is no reason for us to be wrong," Doss said.

Brokaw said he is confident they can make last minute changes work.

The February 17 broadcast

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"Chicken Soup' author praises the power of positive, ambitious thinking in life pursuits

LARA GALE
Staff Writer

"You can be anybody you want to be right now — and every right now."

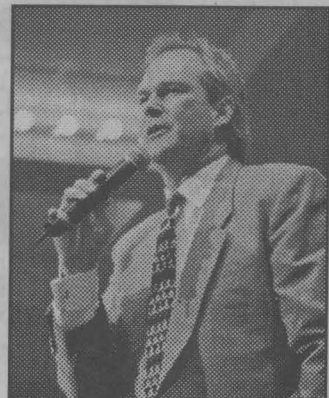
There was standing room only in the TSC ballroom as internationally recognized speaker, entertainer, songwriter and *New York Times* Best Selling Author Dan Clark brought this message to students at Thursday's Arts and Lectures Series presentation.

Clark spoke with students about making the most out of their lives.

He asked the audience who the most successful people they knew were and why the answer couldn't be themselves.

He said everyone has the potential to be successful. "There are 12 notes in music," he said. "You are a composer. You're made up of the same 12 boring notes as everyone else — approach every day as a new day to create a hit tune."

College students have a special tendency to live in the past, he said, using ath-



Dan Clark gives a motivational speech to USU students in the TSC Ballroom Thursday.

letes who still wear high school letterman's jackets as an example.

He said it's important for people to "stretch" themselves, to step outside the box of who they, and everyone else, expects them to be and become their best self.

"Self is not discovered," Clark said. "Self is created."

To build a firm foundation for the self to be created on, he said there are four building blocks that must be in place.

The first is to "believe in the power of stretch." You have to stretch before you

can strengthen, he said. He used as an example his experience with physical therapy after having snapped his Achilles tendon.

He encouraged students to allow experiences to affect them for the better, and to incorporate what they learn into their lives so they can be strengthened instead of "snapping back" to the same old way they were before.

The second building block is that "one moment in time can change forever," he said.

We have the opportunity to help other people, he said. People need to take the opportunities that come to help each other.

One of the most important things people can do to be successful, he said, is to be a person who other people want to be around.

"You want people to say, I like being with you. When I'm with you, I'm my best self," he said.

The third building block is to stretch not through technology but through personal contact.

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While students from across the state spent the early afternoon on Wednesday rallying for higher education, Gov. Mike Leavitt was busy preparing to sign a bill to bring funds to the Bridgerland Community Ice Arena.

\$1 million signature:

LEAH L. CULLER
Assistant News Editor

While students from across the state spent the early afternoon Wednesday rallying for higher education, Gov. Mike Leavitt was busy preparing to sign a bill to bring funds to the Bridgerland Community Ice

Leavitt signs bill allowing Cache Valley tax money to go to community ice arena

Arena.

At approximately 3:15 Wednesday afternoon, Leavitt signed SB34, a bill that allows each Cache County city to pledge their financial support to help build an Olympic-sized arena in Cache Valley. So far, 17 of 19 cities have signed a resolution to send 1/64 percent

of their sales tax to support payment of a \$1 million construction bond over the next 10 years.

Leavitt praised the bill as a "very good community effort" and Executive Director Janet Borg thanked the governor for helping to put the fundraising efforts over the halfway mark.

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Speaker: European Delagation insures the continent

BRIAN CARTER
Staff Writer

The European Union (EU) is an insurance company for a continent, according to Fraser Cameron, head of the Political Science Section in the Delegation of the European Commission in Washington, D.C.

Cameron, who spoke to a group of Utah State University political science students Wednesday, said on a recent flight to Los Angeles a lawyer sitting next to him asked what he did. Cameron said he worked for the EU and the lawyer asked if that was insurance.

"Yes, it is. We insure a continent," Cameron said he told the lawyer.

"A lot of what we do in internal relations is insurance to reduce the risk of conflict," Cameron said.

He answered questions from students on topics of EU cooperation with the United States to EU expansion and defense to budgetary matters.

"President Clinton takes a personal

interest in working with the EU," Cameron said. "Attention from the White House is quite a catalyst."

The areas of diplomacy and cooperation are "varied and deep" between the EU and the United States, Cameron said. One area he specifically mentioned was the pressure both governments are placing on North Korea to stop their missile testing program. Cameron said cooperation also exists on problems in Columbia, Sudan and Cypress.

Cameron said he thinks the United Kingdom will eventually adopt the Euro, the EU currency. Cameron said the public in the United Kingdom is about 65 percent against adopting the Euro because the mass media is skeptical.

"This can be changed. There needs to be more proactive leadership," Cameron said. "The United Kingdom will join; they always do in the long run."

On the east, Cameron said Russia only has a win-win situation to join the EU. Russia already conducts 70

percent of its trade with the EU as well as having a security zone provided, Cameron said. Within five years Cameron said Russia could have it's territory surrounded by the EU.

"Ultimately this will be good for Russia (to join). They can see the practical benefits," Cameron said. "People in the administration in Moscow basically share this view."

Cameron said the most difficult issue faced by the EU are the problems between Turkey and Greece. There have been several bilateral meetings between the two states, Cameron said, which are leading to cooperation in resolving their differences.

Cyprus should be a catalyst, Cameron said. The island country has been divided since 1974 between Turkey and Cyprus. Only the Greek-Cypriot government is recognized internationally.

"This is the most difficult outstanding issue. There is a new generation coming up that didn't know what an undivided island is," Cameron said.



LZ MURRAY / Utah Statesman

Fraser Cameron, of the European Commission, discusses security policies.

What Cameron calls "quake diplomacy" between Algeria and Turkey, the aid given for last year's earthquakes in the area, is remarkable.

"From my perspective it was a genuine feeling of grief," Cameron said. "I think it was a positive outcome."

RALLY

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their areas, and were provided with paper and envelopes to write letters. McAdams said the rally was a huge success as far as participation and enthusiasm were concerned, but soon after the rally ended he heard legislators were not responding favorably.

McAdams said he feels the road bond extension is a logical way to put more money into education, but legislators "have an aversion to debt."

He said in the long run legislators would reap far more than they lost by paying interest on the road bond for 3 more years, "but they don't like it because they can't sit with a pencil and calculate the numbers," he said. "The investment of education is real, but you can't put it into numbers."

The timing was purely coincidental, McAdams said, but after the rally Wednesday afternoon, the Executive Appropriations Committee (EAC), which makes the final decision of where state funds will go, announced its revenue projections. It then divided the funds between the various appropriations subcommittees, including the Higher Education Appropriation Subcommittee (HEA). Of the projected \$207.7 million increase in revenue, the HEA was given \$12 million to divide between all of higher education's priorities.

Salary equity is not included in



ZK LARSEN / Utah Statesman

State Trooper Guy Hood of the Utah Highway Patrol keeps an eye on Wednesday's rally from the steps of the capitol building.

this amount, but is part of a separate salary package being decided by the EAC. This package, which isn't final yet, would give K-12 a 5.5 percent salary increase, plus a nearly 2 percent one-time extra. State public employees would receive a 4 percent salary increase, plus about 1.5 percent increase for benefits. Higher education, under this plan, would get a 4 percent increase for both salary and benefits.

What does this mean for higher

education?

"It means no salary equity, that's what it means," said Rep. Patrice M. Arent, (D), a member of HEA. "We're getting the lowest increase, not even as much as state employees."

Lee Burke, USU's assistant to the president for government relations, said the EAC is looking seriously at increasing the numbers for higher education, and it looks promising. This might be due to the influence of the student rally, he said.

"It helped that the students were here," he said.

He said he thinks it may have softened the legislators a little toward higher education.

By taking an active stance, it is possible for people to influence the Legislature further, he said. People interested should contact all legislators to request that higher education receive at least as much as other public employees in salary and benefits, he said.

NBC NEWS

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of NBC Nightly News opened with the South Carolina republican primary, a short mention of inflation as a real threat, an in depth piece on the L.A. Police scandal, a small sound bite on a vaccine and a new development on the treatment of Chechnya refugees by the Russians, indicating war crimes.

The broadcast ended with a family look on the cars of the future.

"It depends on what the news is," Flynn said, to determine whether or not it gets on the air.

With Chechnya, Flynn had video footage which she said increased the value of the story.

The staff decided to lead with the primary because Brokaw said it impacted many people, and was "critical and exciting."

Brokaw said as stories emerge, they try to limit the number of stories and expand the length, asking, "Did we really fill in all the blank spots?"

Brokaw said he applies the "UFO theory: the UnForeseen will Occur," in the election.

"It's not just about McCain, it's about redefining the Republican party," Brokaw said.

Brokaw said as time moves forward, the type of stories covered have changed.

He said they do a lot with women's health issues, something rarely covered in

the past.

This "evolution" as he called it has changed the selection of news from primarily white middle-aged men when he entered the business in 1962, extending to women and other groups today.

"It really is much more diverse," Brokaw said.

He said one of the most under-reported issues of our day, however, is racial issues along with the effects of present economic trends.

Brokaw said he is confident in the continuation of his program as well as other evening newscasts.

"Thirty million viewers; that's a lot of people," Brokaw said.

"In the long curve of my career, I'm proud of what I've done," Brokaw said.

He said he is self critical in order to produce his best work, as he said all good journalists are, "otherwise we'll fail you and we become stale."

The staff encouraged students looking into broadcast journalism to get an emphasis in another area such as political science, history or health.

"Read the newspaper everyday, watch what we do, learn to write," said Jonathan Wald, senior producer.

Brokaw emphasized the ability to write. "You have to learn to express yourself coherently on paper."

Brokaw said the bottom line of broadcast journalism is as there is more news available in sound bites, and other short form., He said it is his job to provide context to the story.

ence in an entire organization. This attitude, he said can lessen one's life.

Clark also related lessons of endurance he learned while playing football, and during the struggle to overcome a semi-paralyzing accident that cut his career short.

"Your body can endure anything, it's the mind you must convince," he said. "Pain is a signal to grow, not to suffer."

He concluded with encouragement for students to live their lives so at the end there will be no regrets.

Clark signed copies of "Chicken Soup for the College Soul," which he co-authored. He is also the primary contributing author to the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series.

SOUP

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He summarized his story, "Puppies for Sale," about a young handicapped boy who chose to buy a similarly handicapped puppy because, "he needs someone who will understand him."

Clark said we need to take time to understand other people and appreciate that we are essentially all the same, he said.

The fourth building block is to believe one person can make a difference, and internalize that.

He said he honestly believes in the power of a single person to make a differ-

NewsBRIEFS

➤ Garbage men take Monday off, no pickup

There will be no residential garbage pickup, and the landfill will be closed on Monday in observance of President's Day.

Monday and Tuesday garbage will be picked up on Tuesday.

All garbage containers should be out by 7 a.m., as normal routes may not be followed.

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➤ 'A' lighted blue to honor students' efforts

The "A" on Old Main Tower was lighted blue Wednesday night in honor of students statewide in their support of higher education.

Students from Utah State University and other colleges across the state rallied on the steps of the state capitol as part of the statewide effort to further prioritize higher education in Utah.

➤ Body Awareness Fair offers free massages

There will be a Body Awareness Fair today from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the International Lounge on the 2nd floor of the Taggart Student Center.

The fair will include nutritional screenings, free massages and a keynote speaker at 12:30 p.m.

The speaker will be Cynthia Allen, who will be speaking about media influences on body images.

➤ Smooching students ruffle others' feathers

SEATTLE (TMS) — Some students at Seattle Pacific University have been so kissy-face with each other that other students are reviewing the campus' rules on public display of affection.

The public groping has embarrassed many students, who say they're tired of being confronted with it when they're walking down hallways or into other common areas, such as the student lounge.

Their complaints have prompted a student-led committee to review to consider posting signs reminding students what is and is not appropriate behavior.

One sign posted on the campus' chapel door already informs students that the chapel is "not for making out. Please be an adult."

Kimberlee Campbell, director of residence life for the university, told *The Falcon* she hopes students will use good judgment and resolve their conflicts before getting her staff involved in the issue.

"I think that common sense and respect for other members of your community should be the measuring stick (for judging intimate behavior)," she said.

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WORD on the street

How do you feel about going to your Monday, Wednesday, Friday classes twice in a row to make up for not having school Monday?

"I'm quite perturbed by the rearrangement of classes. It requires that I face the same boring classes two days in a row."

SARAH SHUNN
Undeclared



"It's good because one of my classes was canceled so I can sleep in."

MATT MILLER
Biology



"It's a good idea."

CRYSTA RASMUSSEN
Human Resources Management



"I'm going to pretend I didn't get it so I won't have to go to class."

SARAH DUTTON
Art



ENTERTAINMENT

USU Theatre department's production
nearly captures essence of "Our Town"NATALIE LARSON
Staff Writer

Theater REVIEW

OUR TOWN / Grade: B+

In every essence of the legacy left by Thornton Wilder, opening night of Utah State University's rendition of "Our Town" met the Pulitzer Prize-winning tradition last night.

Grover's Corners once again became every little town in "small-town America." George and Emily grew up and fell in love. The Morgan Theatre echoed with the cheers of the crowd.

The audience once more heard the stinging wake-up call about the brief, bitter-sweetness of life.

"Does anyone ever appreciate life as they live it?" Emily asked. The staged reply was "no," but the challenge was issued.

The cast was generally not rattled by opening-night nerves. There were some line lapses — as was expected — but quick recoveries controlled delay and distraction. Overall, it was well performed.

The one thing this production fell short on was sincerity. The performers were well rehearsed, the staging was excellent, the motivation in place, but they didn't feel what their characters were feeling. Many of the actors didn't reach outside of themselves.

Shannon Tyler and Eric VanTielen convincingly played the two leads, Emily and George. The chemistry worked well between them on stage. Tyler's closing performance was deeply moving.

Mitch Berntson did a clean job as the stage manager. His costume gave no definition towards any time period, so it was easy for him to operate



A man in the auditorium (left), one of Brian Bahr's four parts, and Mr. Webb, a newspaper editor played by Briant Hall, talk about the town of Grover's Corners in Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning classic "Our Town." The USU Theatre department's production of the play opened last night.

throughout the play. However, the small-town accent was not consistent and created a lack of believability.

Mr. Webb, played by Briant Hall, was hilarious during his advice scene. He captured hearts with his energetic antics. The only problem with his performance was that he didn't allow enough time for the audience to laugh before doing his next line.

The mothers, played by Andrea Koldewyn and Cassandra Orr, were stable but flat. Their performances didn't express the warmth of real motherhood.

Tyson Smith gave the most outstanding performance as the choir director, Simon

Stimson. The character is a depressed alcoholic who is often described as having a "heap of troubles." Smith captured this character completely and added new dimensions with his performance.

During the first scene — showing him conducting the choir — it was impressive to witness the depth he added to the character by showing the moment when Simon gives into his dream. He slowly stood up straight, and the choir became more than just town volunteers to him.

It was amazing to watch the light in his eyes change from a depressed stupor to a radiant expression of hope mixed with fear. In the final

act, the character's intense bitterness was almost tangible.

One of the key elements of "Our Town" is the absence of any props and dramatic scenery. Pantomime is used to distinguish all activity on stage, and only the bare outlines of buildings define the scenery.

The scenery used in this production didn't flow with the town's imagery. It was difficult to differentiate where people were in respect to the other buildings in town. It seemed that the road changed places on numerous occasions.

The main difference from this play and traditional stagings is the time line. The director chose to place each

act of the play in a different time period.

The play is called "Our Town" because it is every little town at any time. The change of time periods helped to emphasize this fact.

The lives lead by the characters are every life in their basic form. We grow up, fall in love and die. The beauty of this play is in its simplicity.

Detailed attention to the little things made these time warps believable. It was interesting to watch the milkman's horse, Betsy, become an old fashioned truck and then a modern refrigerated milk truck.

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Photographs document
20th-century pioneersCORINNE KATOR
Senior Features Writer

The new gallery space in Utah State University's Merrill Library is currently showing "A Landmark Journey: Photographs of the Sesquicentennial Wagon Train on the Pioneer Trail," an exhibit by Gary B. Peterson.

The exhibit is centered around Peterson's photographs of the 1997 wagon train that recreated the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints pioneers' 1847 trek to the West.

The photographs are accompanied by artifacts from the Latter-day Saints Museum of History and Art. The exhibit also includes a handcart built by local residents Brian and Nhora Anderson as an exact replica of one used by their pioneer ancestors.

The photographs in the exhibit are arranged chronologically from the point Peterson joined the train in Wyoming to the arrival of the wagons in Salt Lake City.

According to Rose Milovich, the library's exhibition program director, the photographs were not meant to make an artistic statement but to document the wagon train's journey. Milovich said Peterson has a background in geography and was especially interested in capturing the geographic landmarks of the trail.

One of the largest photographs in the exhibit is titled "The Prophet Brigham and the Prophet Gordon Salute in Passing." A press release from Peterson explains

the significance of the photo: Peterson was photographing a "particularly authentic" group of wagons when a private jet flew overhead and dipped its wings at the wagon train. Peterson realized the jet was carrying Latter-day Saint Church President Gordon B. Hinckley. Peterson felt as though two Latter-day Saint prophets, Hinckley and pioneer leader Brigham Young, were represented in the scene and photographed the juxtaposition.

Milovich said the library chooses exhibits based on their relationship to the strengths of the library's own collection. She said this exhibit relates to the library's emphasis on Utah and local history.

According to Milovich, the library has been sponsoring exhibits for years but now has a dedicated space specifically for exhibits. She said the library feels it is "important for students to be exposed to numerous sources of information."

She said the exhibits are part of the library's educational experience, supplementing the books, electronic media and other sources of information typically associated with a library.

Milovich said the response to the new gallery space has been "tremendous." She said the library has ongoing exhibitions planned for the next several years.

These exhibits will feature professional work like that currently on display, items from the library's special collections and work from USU students, she said.



Naoko Nelson from Japan helps her daughter Ariana make Valentine's Day cards with Carene Ye, Malaysia; Ivone B. Colombo, Brazil and Tricia Christense, United States. Every Tuesday the more than 30 members of the International Friendship Committee, or the International Wives, meet and discover American culture together.

Committee helps wives of foreign
students adjust to American cultureDEBBIE LAMB
Staff Writer

For some Americans, traveling outside the United States sounds like an adventure. But for someone moving to that country without knowing the people or language, it would most likely change from an adventure to loneliness.

The International Friendship Committee is designed for the wives of international students and scholars at Utah State University.

Their purpose, as outlined in their brochure, is threefold: to introduce interna-

tional women to American culture, to give the women an opportunity to meet others from their home country as well as from countries around the world and to allow women to share their country and culture with others.

"I've done a lot of things I would never (have) done at home," said Lotrta Saetre who is from Sweden.

Saetre's husband is a post-doctorate student at USU.

Meetings are held for the international wives weekly.

"We have a program every week," said Elizabeth Laron, one of the chairs of the committee. "It varies on the

amount of people we have — sometimes we have 15 or 25, so we never know how many will come. Our program is designed to demonstrate, not to give lectures."

The wives meet every Tuesday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Friendship Room behind the Aggie Village Laundry on the far east end of Aggie Village.

"When it's a cold day and only a few women show up we say they didn't come because it was a bad day," said Laron. "When it's a beautiful day, we say they didn't come because it was

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Home repair for dummies: Pay someone else to do it

LIFE SENTENCES / Bryce Casselman



Are you home-improvement-challenged? I am, and I would like to save as many people as possible the pain and suffering I have personally endured while coming to grips with reality.

It all starts in about sixth or seventh grade for many of us, entering into our first wood-shop class and building that stained wooden box which, with all honesty, my three-year-old could put together with a little help and guidance.

Then, if you moved onto the more advanced class, you might have even made a stained box with a shade that lit up, a box loosely referred to as a lamp, which some of you probably still display proudly by your bedside.

The next step is furniture that gives the false impression those cheap pieces of furniture you can buy at Wal-Mart can give. With the only requirements for assembly being a hammer, a screwdriver and a second-grade reading level, even Al Gore could look like he accomplished something.

The most evil of all, though, are the Saturday home

improvement shows, lead by the dark angel himself, Bob Villa. Shows such as "Home Again," "Home Time" and "I Can Convince Any Idiot They Can Do Anything With Their House If I'm Paid Enough Money" can give you the sense that adding on to a house is as easy as adding marshmallows to your cocoa.

Yes, these shows take months and even years of hard work and suffering and gloss them over with helpful advice, such as, "Remember to wear protective eyewear."

The best part is the useless money-saving tips, because you'll pay four times whatever you save in counseling later.

These programs show entire home renovations in a half-hour format that makes the creation of the earth in six days pale in comparison.

Some people are tone deaf and shouldn't sing; others couldn't draw a recognizable stick figure. And then there are those that need help replacing a light bulb. They are what I like to call fix-it deficient.

I am fix-it deficient. I came to this realization when, after purchasing a home, my wife and I decided to renovate our kitchen. I asked my father-in-law, a man that built his home from the ground up by hand, and a good friend

who has been in construction most of his life, to help with the kitchen.

I knew I was in for it as they strapped on their Batman-like utility belts and began babbling the language of Constructionese.

I could have been a dog and served them better.

I soon found myself crawling under the house with the snakes and spiders and doing any other brainless, dirty and painful act that required no real skill.

Before you buy a home and start tearing it apart with visions of vaulted ceilings dancing in your head, I would suggest you first answer the following questions.

Do you think a 16-penny nail actually costs 16 cents? Do you only associate words like "hammer," "tool" and "AC/DC" with musical artists? Do you think a two-by-four board is actually two inches thick and four inches wide? Have you ever taken a victory lap around your house after successfully programming the VCR? Has the thought ever crossed your mind that the color you are painting the walls clashes with the pants you have on? Do you need the how-to instruction booklet for your new socket wrench set? Is unclogging the toilet your idea

of plumbing? Has it ever taken you more than 15 hits to put a nail in, usually ending up with half of it bent and beaten into the wood?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, I would highly suggest that you not attempt any home improvement projects and simply fork out the cash for a professional to come and do it for you.

If you do have your mind set on fixing up your kitchen and you have no prior experience,

you can purchase my new do-it-yourself video "Remodeling the Kitchen While Arguing Profusely With Your Spouse for Two Years Straight." It is narrated by Satan himself and priced at a low \$34.99 with a five dollar rebate if you mail in your first bloody bandage or any portion of your body you cut off during the renovation.

Bryce Casselman, features writer for the Statesman, is a junior majoring in journalism.

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Between the scenes, sound effects characteristic of the era were played. The length of these sound clips generally distracted from the play itself.

The opening began in darkness with the musical sound effects bringing the audience's attention towards the stage in anticipation. The music ended too abruptly as the narrator made his appearance and the play began, losing some of the atmosphere created.

The first act, entitled "Daily

Life," showed the simplicity of everyday life at its most basic. People wake up, eat breakfast, go to work or school, come home and go to bed.

It was pointed out later in the final scene (showing Emily's death) just how much all of this is taken for granted. One of the major themes of the play is the fact that people rush about their lives in such a hurry they don't take the time to even see what's going on around them.

The second act is called "Love and Marriage." It depicts the courtship between the two main characters. VanTielen did

an impressive job with the scene where Emily is crying and George just doesn't know exactly what to do to console her. His expression of confusion was classic.

It was always amazing to see how simple falling in love and getting married appeared on stage. The play did include moments where the nerves and bad advice realistically took their toll.

The final act depicts the ultimate finale: death. It is in this act that the real intent of the play is revealed: to awaken the audience to the beauty of everyday life.

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such a nice day."

On Tuesday, only six international women — Ivone Colombo, Naoko Nilson, Suk Hi Roh, Lotta Saetre, Carene Ye and Young Sook Hong — and four children attended.

Ivone Colombo said her husband is working on his doctorate in water irrigation.

She said when she first learned that there was a group for international wives, she was afraid to go because of her lack of knowledge of the English language.

But she said the committee's second goal of allowing international women to meet other people proved worth the initial nervousness.

"I think this place is good for wives so we can come and meet people," Colombo said.

The wives also said they enjoy the committee because it allows them to share their cultures with each other.

"Next week we are going to have some girls from India. They are going to show the rest of us how to cook food. They are going to cook some Indian dishes," Laron said.

"Sometimes we have girls do a program. They talk about their country or they cook something from their country," she said.

The program first started in 1969 as faculty wives helping foreign student's wives.

The program was originally started to help the wives and the students, who probably would otherwise have just gone to an advisor like other students would have, Laron said.

But she said international wives had additional needs which necessitated the start of this program.

It has now extended to anyone who wants to come and help, she said.

"I started in 1969. I enjoy the girls and I feel like I'm doing a little service. My husband was in international work overseas," treasurer Lulu Anderson said.

"I lived in a foreign country for 14 years; I know what it is like to be lonely and not know anybody," she said.

People who help with the program don't have to have international experiences, although most have lived overseas, said Marge Whitaker, a committee chair.

She said the committee gives them a nice background on what it feels like to be living in a foreign country.

Whitaker said they welcome anyone who wants to join.

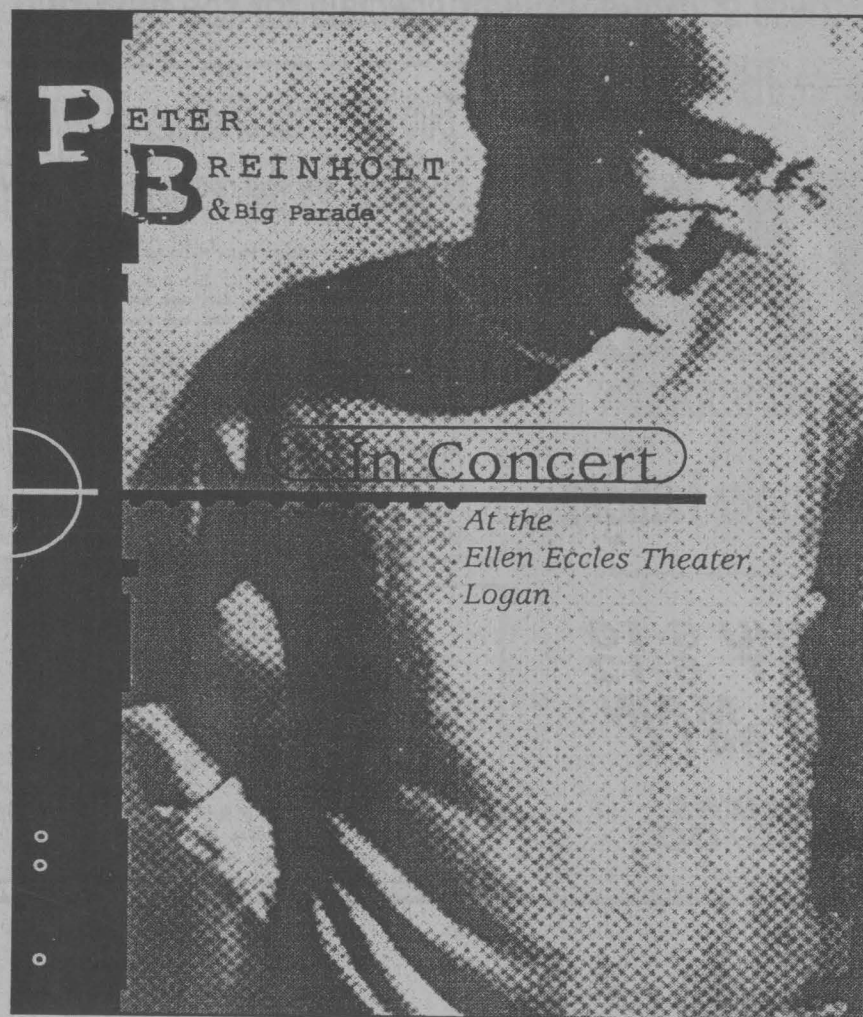
"We can hold twice as many girls that show up," she said.



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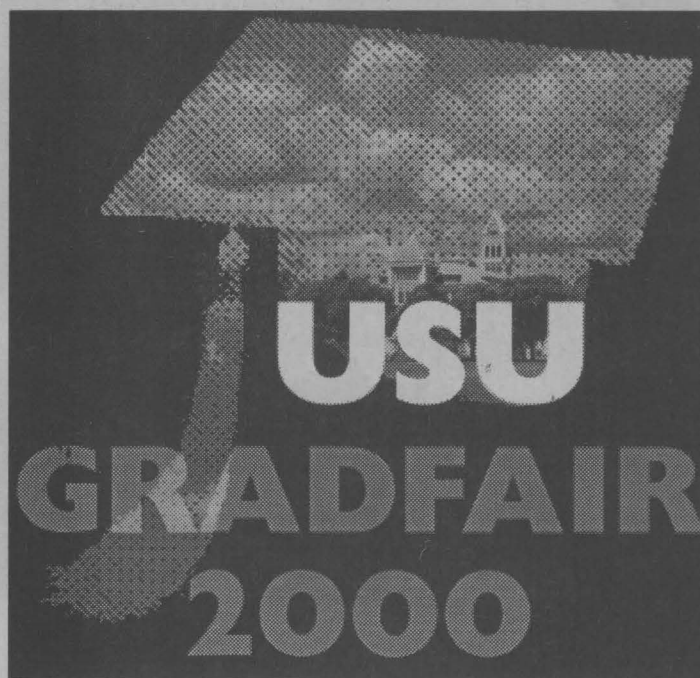
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'The Beach' offers nothing more than a drugged-out fantasy land

ANDY MORGAN
Staff Writer

Movie REVIEW

THE BEACH / Grade: D

Last time we saw Leonardo DiCaprio, he was sinking with the Titanic into a freezing black abyss, and Kate Winslet was watching him descend, rasping "I'll never let go Jack ... I'll never let go." Just thinking of that beautiful scene, especially with Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On" playing in the background, causes me to tear up and weep like an over-sensitive male for two hours.

What makes me want to cry worse is Leo's new film, *The Beach*.

Although DiCaprio parades tanned and shirtless through a good portion of the film, I do not subscribe to *Tiger Beat*, or think the former Jack Dawson is a real hunk. He is a talented actor, and I'll leave it at that. It's just sad that a quality performer like DiCaprio has to be caught up in a film that seems like a drugged-out tourism video for Thailand. Either that or *Lord of the Flies II: The Dope Years*.

The Beach could truthfully be considered an anthem for Generation X. Beginning and ending in Thailand's famed Khao San Road, the movie depicts the current herd of twenty-something men and women as selfish drifters who find responsibility and direc-



Leonardo DiCaprio plays Richard in "The Beach," a film in which Generation X and a group of hippies clash on a secluded beach in Thailand.

tion repugnant. Basically the kinds of kids that make grandparents want to puke.

DiCaprio is Richard, an American traveler who is crawling behind the boring, everyday tourist attractions in Thailand. Throughout the film we hear Richard (he acts as narrator) offer his musings on the human race, condemning normalcy and the status quo. Richard's dream comes true when a burned out drifter named Daffy (Robert Carlyle) gives him a map to a secluded island.

Trying to talk himself out of going to the island, Richard stumbles upon a French couple, Francoise (Virginie

Ledoyen) and Etienne (Guillaume Canet) who seem to be trying to "lose themselves," as well. Bewitched by Francoise's beauty, Richard invites the couple to join him on his journey towards Nirvana.

The three travelers follow the map and swim through shark-infested waters, but eventually make their way to the secret island. Thinking the tropical paradise will be deserted and theirs for the taking, the threesome is grossly surprised when they find a community of hippies living at "the beach."

Led by Sal (Tilda Swinton) and her brute companion, Bugs (Arentz Hansen), the group seems irritated that Richard and his friends have found their hideaway. Nevertheless, they invite the group to join their community and partake of the good life.

Unfortunately, the group of pot smoking beach bums start to agitate a band of marijuana growers that have residence on the other side of the island. The film suddenly turns cuckoo, slipping the characters into a demented roller coaster ride that meshes *Lord of the Flies* with MTV and the Backstreet Boys.

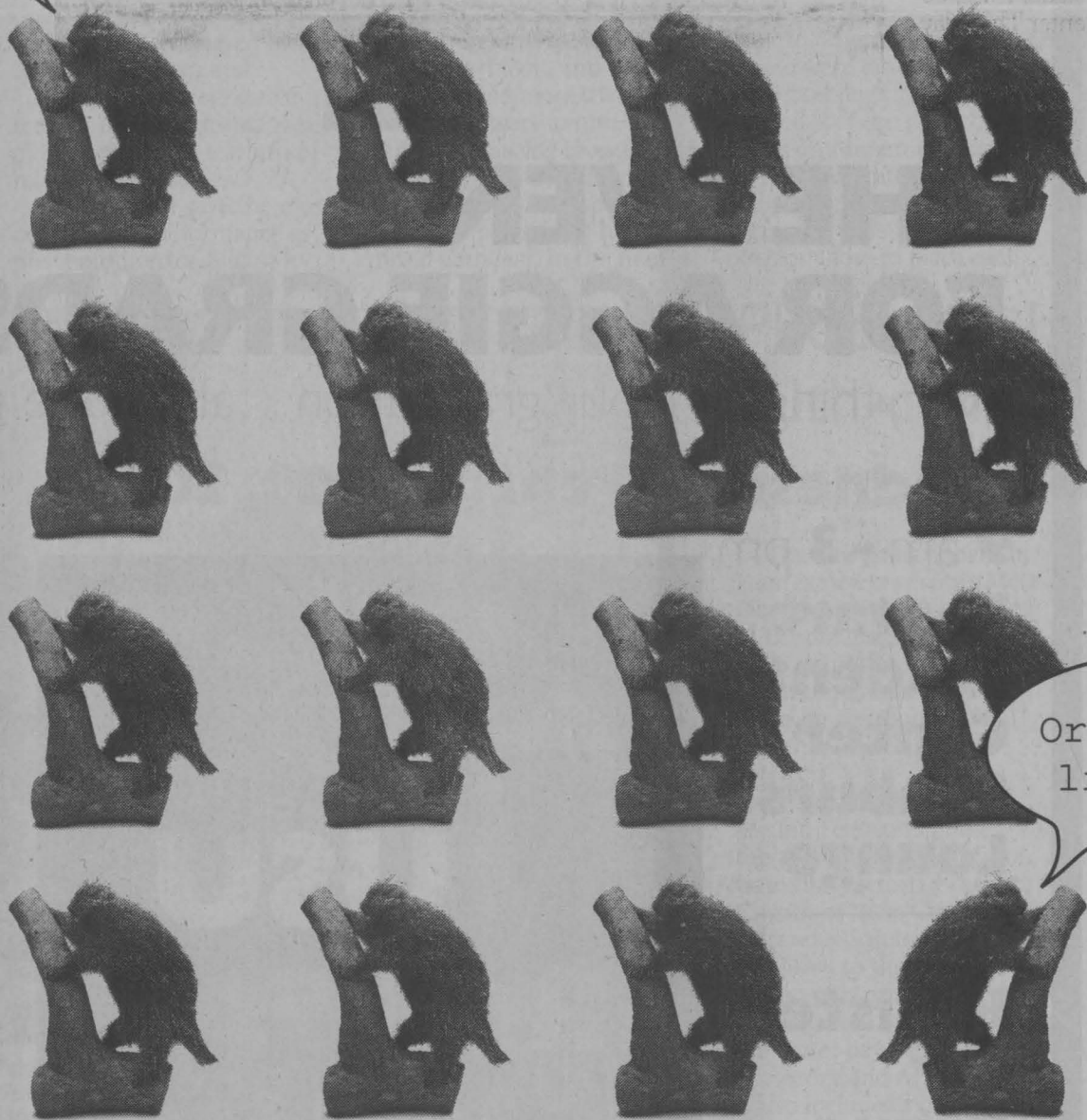
In the finale, the movie never really accomplishes anything substantial. The audience gets the feeling the filmmakers want to be preachy, but they never quite make the transition. A lack of directorial dictatorship is evident in Danny Boyle's (*Trainspotting*) helming of this big-budget, star-powered yawner.

The characters are shallow with weak dialogue, and hardly a step is taken to discover who they are and why they have removed themselves from society.

Essentially, the characters are superficial, being painted into an artificial landscape that, like the characters, offers no depth beyond initial beauty.

Don't even wait for the dollar movie. This one is no good. Instead rent *Titanic*. Again.

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STREAKIN' AGGIES:
Check Wednesday's *Statesman* to see if the basketball team kept its win streak alive against Pacific.

Murder? Rape? What's happened to sports?

THE HOBSON HUT/ Casey Hobson



The unthinkable has happened — the unimaginable even — and I'm not afraid to admit it.

I was stumped this week. I simply could not think of a good subject to write about. Charles Barkley isn't in the headlines, the NFL season is over and baseball is still just a little too far off.

Oh there's things in the news alright. There's plenty of news out there. You've got athletes hiring hit men to knock off thier pregnant girlfriends, beating up their wives, murdering people as part of their post-Super Bowl festivities and assaulting airline personnel.

I mean, the c-r-a-p today's athletes are involved in is flat out unbelievable, and who wants to write about it? I chose sports writing because it's different. Well, it's supposed to be different anyway. The sports section is supposed to report man's accomplishments, not his downfalls. But it seems that even the beloved sports section isn't immune from this garbage anymore. Sex, drugs and money scandals used to be things reserved for politics — now they're the staples of what we call the NBA.

And like I said before, no one wants to write about this garbage. It's depressing. Furthermore, no one wants to read about it. Who likes waking up in the morning and sitting down to a cup of coffee and a plate of hash browns and reading their team's best player choked his coach or hacked up his ex-wife and her new boyfriend?

I don't think anyone wants to hear about it — and maybe that's why so many people are ready to hang John Rocker. The whole Rocker saga is easier for people to digest; they follow it because it's clean and simple. He didn't kill anyone, he didn't rape any beauty contestants. There was no carnage involved. Yet sports fans across the world are ready to slit his throat for what he said, not what he did mind you, but what he said.

And as sad and sick as Rocker's remarks regarding minorities and New Yorkers were, it really isn't much compared to the carnage other athletes are leaving behind. Yet it's Rocker that's on everyone's hit list, while the true tragedies — the bloodshed, the beaten women and the drug offenses — slip past our eyes. We turn our heads and cover our ears, perhaps because we can't bear the thought of what sports has become.

We have entered an age when the world mocks athletes with standards like A.C. Green and praises cross-dressing freaks like Dennis Rodman.

Speaking of Rodman, someone proposed his return to the NBA as a column idea, especially since he was ejected in just his second game back. The only problem is it's not news. News by definition is that which is out of the ordinary, and Rodman getting tossed from a game is not out of the ordinary. He thinks it's his job description. Headlines that report his ejection are like headlines which report the sun still rises every day. News is when the sun *doesn't* rise, Rodman plays an entire game without a technical foul and President Clinton stays loyal to his wife (note I did not say loving wife).

Which brings us full circle. I guess it's not that I couldn't think of anything to write about today, but that I didn't want the painful assignment of reporting the sad affairs of sports today. Who would? Who likes to be the bearer of bad news?

Not I. This isn't what sports is supposed to be about.

But then again, maybe that's why today's athletes are yearning to make the cross into politics.

Casey Hobson, a junior from Boise, Idaho, is the sports editor for the *Statesman*. He is extremely excited spring training is starting and is probably in Sun Valley skiing as you read this. E-mail him at hobsonhut@hotmail.com

USU looking to end skid against rival Weber State

Aggies know three-game losing streak needs to end before RMCHA playoffs begin at the end of the month

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Sports Writer

Even after a three-game losing skid, Utah State University players are confident the club will rise to the occasion this weekend and play well against rival Weber State University.

The two teams will clash on Friday at the Ogden Ice Sheet at 8:30 p.m. USU will then play the Provo Icecats (Brigham Young University) Saturday night at the Sheet at the same time.

USU goaltender Eric Moldenhauer said the team started off the year with three goals: Be No. 1 in the RMCHA, reach the final four in the national playoffs and beat Weber.

If the Aggies defeat the Wildcats on Saturday, they will have realized two of those goals: the top spot in the RMCHA and an undefeated record against their closest rival. If they lose, their season record against Weber would become 0-1-1 and they might not receive the top ranking in the RMCHA, Moldenhauer said.

As it stands now, with a loss, they would still retain the No. 2 ranking in the American Collegiate Hockey Association's Western Division. Weber is No. 3 in the Western division.

Since 1996, USU is 6-9-2 against Weber. The Aggies defeated the Wildcats 8-4 and 5-2 last November and tied them 9-9 in the first game of the season. USU was winless against Weber a season ago.

Moldenhauer, who will start the game against the Wildcats, said his team should be fired up to play their RMCHA rivals.

"Everyone gets up for Weber," he said. "We want to beat them every time."

"We will be prepared," said USU assistant captain Alan Babicky. "We just want to win more. It's been four games since we've won."

Babicky said the team must pull together and he's confident they can.

Monday was one of the best practices of the year for Utah State, he said. Assistant coach Greg Gutterman returned to the team full time, which will be a good moral support and pick up for the Aggies. Babicky said Gutterman is a good motivational speaker.

"Gutterman will whip our butts into shape," said Moldenhauer.

According to Babicky and Moldenhauer, the Wildcats will be a tougher team now than when the Aggies faced them in November. Babicky said the Wildcats have acquired a new goaltender, forward and defenseman and have defeated Colorado State University (the team who beat USU two nights in a row just two weeks ago) twice this season at the Ogden Ice Sheet.

Babicky said the Wildcats benefited from a "reality check" when they were defeated by the sub-par Palmer University team in California a few weeks ago and ever since have been on the upswing.

Babicky said he thinks the two teams are well matched and expects a close battle. He hopes it will be a defensive, hard-hitting contest because he said running up the score leads to more penalties. The loser will come down to who makes the most mistakes, he said.

"If we play ahead in the first (period), we'll beat them," Moldenhauer said.

Moldenhauer said he thinks the first period will be tight, but his team should start rolling



USU's Ben Bombard slams his opponent into the glass during a victory at the Ice Sheet earlier this season.

after that point. Players on the USU squad are realizing their potential right now, Moldenhauer said. USU has confidence knowing Life University, the Division 1-AA national champion and current No. 1 team in the ACHA's Eastern division, lost to CSU recently.

Moldenhauer said the team is getting excited for the playoffs. USU's first playoff game will be next Wednesday against either the University of Utah or Provo at 4:45 p.m. at the Ogden Ice Sheet, Moldenhauer said.

Aggies' winning streak at 11

USU runs conference-best record to 11-0 with 62-53 win over Nevada

AARON MORTON
Assistant Sports Editor

It was real ugly, but Utah State University held on to fend off a fiery University of Nevada, Reno, team, 62-53 at Lawlor Events Center Thursday night.

"Whatever it takes," junior Shawn Daniels said. "We've been grinding them out all year."

Reserve Dion Bailey bailed out a stagnant USU attack that struggled with their set offense — especially outside shooting.

"We had a hard time getting some shots down," head coach Stew Morrill said. "You have to give these kids some credit on finding a way to win." With the Aggies (20-15 overall, 11-0 Big West Conference) down three points half-way through the second half, Bailey assisted Shawn Daniels inside and then scored eight of his 10 points. USU went on a 16-4 run, taking a 52-43 lead.

"Dion is giving us some real good looks at the basket," Daniels said.

Utah State, the worst free throw shooting team in the BWC, then made its last 15 free throws to hold off the Wolfpack.

"We tend to make them when the game is on the line," Morrill said.

The Aggies have now tied a school-record six-straight wins on the road and extended the second longest win streak in the nation to 11.

After leading by as much as 12, Nevada, which sits in the basement

USU	62
NEVADA	53

Game MVP:

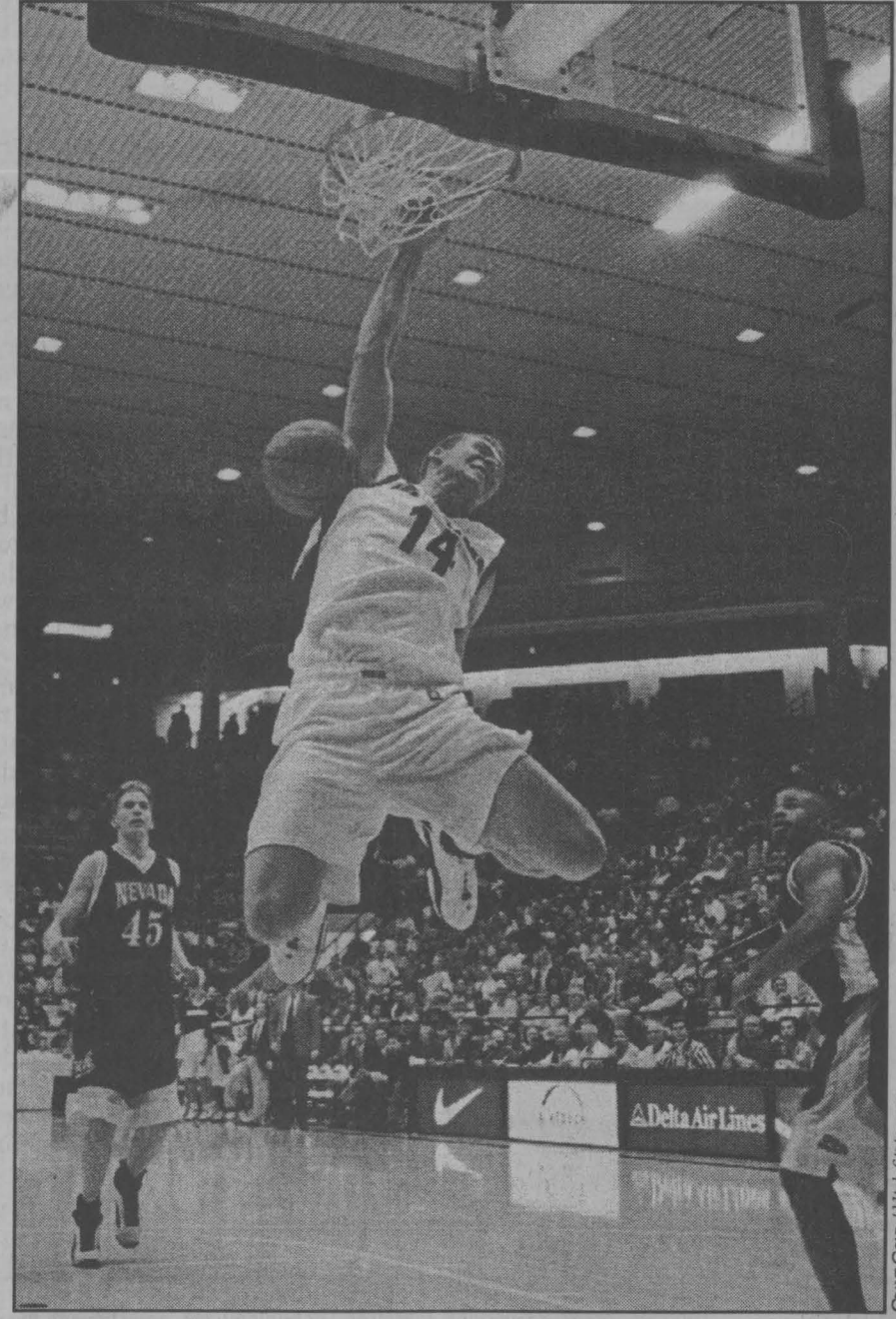
Dion Bailey scored 10 points to lift the struggling USU offense.

Key Stat:

USU hit 15 of their last free throws and 16 of 18 for the game.

Turning point:

Bailey hit Daniels down low for an inside shot that sparked an Aggie run that earned USU the lead back.



USU's Dimitri Jorssen (14) finishes off a fast break with a one-handed slam dunk against Nevada on Feb. 10 in the Spectrum. USU beat Nevada in Nevada on Thursday night, 62-53.

of the Eastern Division at 3-8 (5-16 overall) came back to lead by three in the second half.

Filling in for the foul-prone Dimitri Jorssen, Brennan Ray had a strong game, scoring a season high six points and hauling in six rebounds.

Early on, the play was choppy and faster-paced than the Aggies were used to, but USU came out with the 10-6 lead about four minutes into the first half. Tony Brown and Troy Rolle each hit a three in that stretch.

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Defense the constant in USU's success

WADE DENNISTON
Senior Sports Writer

Several things have helped lead the Utah State University men's basketball team to an 11-0 Big West Conference record (20-5 overall), but when head coach Stew Morrill was asked at Tuesday's Big Blue Luncheon what he felt was key to the success, one thing stood out in his mind.

"I think our constant has been our defense," Morrill said. "We're leading the league in fewest points (60.1), and we're leading the league in field goal percentage 'D' (38.9)."

And defense was a big reason Utah State was able to notch its 11th straight victory (second longest in the nation), sixth straight on the road (tied school record), Thursday night at the University of Nevada, 62-53.

The Aggies were able to hold the Wolf Pack to just 35.5 percent shooting in the game (16-for-45), and only 23 percent in the second half on 5-for-21 shooting.

And if that's not enough, USU was able to hold Nevada's leading scorer (15.0 ppg), freshman Terrance Green, to a mere seven points (1-for-2 from the field, 4-for-4 from the charity stripe), all in the second half.

But wait. There's more. In the two teams' first meeting at the Spectrum on Feb. 10, a 69-54 Aggie victory, the Big West's leading rebounder at 8.9 per

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Aggies IN ACTION



Thursday Basketball
Utah State 62
Nevada 53

Friday Hockey
Utah State at Weber State, 8:30 p.m.

at The Ice Sheet in Ogden

Gymnastics
Four-way tournament:
Utah State, Southern Utah, Denver and UC Santa Barbara, 7p.m. in the Spectrum

Saturday Basketball
Utah State vs Pacific, 7 p.m. in the Spectrum

Hockey
Utah State vs BYU, 8:30 p.m. at The Ice Sheet in Ogden

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STREAK

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but that would be it as the Aggies shot 15 percent from 3-point land.

Utah State scored a number of points on offensive rebounds and fast breaks, many of which resulted from USU's 10 steals.

Later in the first half, USU went on a 12-4 run to open up a 12-point lead, 27-15. Rock scored three layups off steals in that stretch. Rock had four steals on the night.

But Nevada scratched back into the

game, holding the visitors to two buckets in the last five minutes while going on a 10-4 run. Little-used Danny Guerinoni led the charge, scoring eight straight points on two 3-pointers and a layup. He helped cut the Utah State lead to just six at halftime, 31-25.

Guerinoni, who averages 2.2 points a game, scored a career-high 14 points — also a team-high.

The Aggies, who have already been guaranteed a spot in the BWC Tournament, will try to extend their streak to 12 as they come back to the Spectrum to take on the University of the Pacific.

DEFENSE

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game, Wolf Pack junior forward Richard Sturgus, grabbed a game-high 17 boards while scoring six points.

Not this time.

The 6-foot-6 Sturgus was only able to pull down five rebounds, grabbing his first with about a minute left in the first half.

"Troy (Rolle), Tony (Brown) and Dion (Bailey), and the guards, did a real good

job finding him, putting a body on him," USU junior forward Shawn Daniels told KVNU Radio. "In the zone, we found him a lot and put a body on him. He wasn't able to get to the boards and be effective."

However, Daniels, who is second in the conference in rebounding, was effective in going to the glass as he grabbed a game-high 13 boards while posting four blocks.

As a team, USU was able to out-rebound Nevada, 38-25, as well as force the Wolf Pack into 18 turnovers.

BASKETBALL SUMMARY

USU	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	TP
Daniels	34	7/11	1/2	13	1	15
Brown	34	4/6	4/4	1	2	12
Jorssen	15	1/6	1/2	2	0	3
Rock	24	2/8	2/2	3	0	7
Rolle	24	3/8	2/2	2	1	9
Stewart	6	0/0	0/0	1	0	0
Thomas	7	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Ray	24	2/4	2/2	6	0	6
Bailey	16	3/4	4/4	2	2	10
Bobb	16	0/4	0/0	2	3	0
TOTALS	200	22/51	16/18	38	9	62

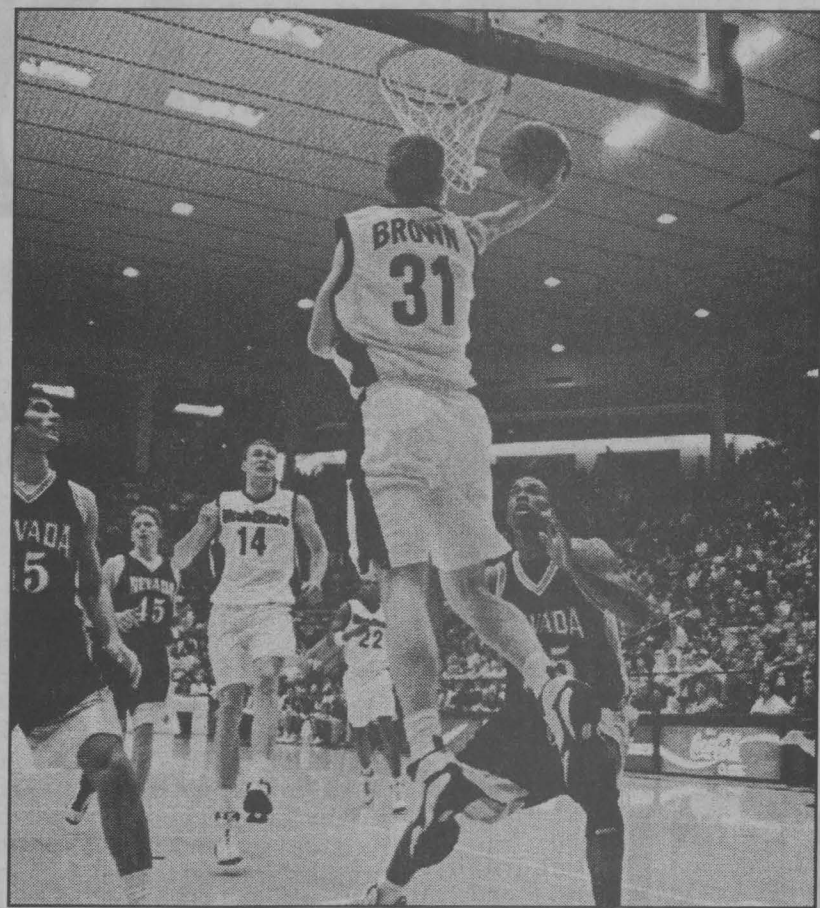
Nevada	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	TP
Green	35	1/2	4/4	3	3	7
McCullough	36	3/12	4/4	5	4	10
Santos	13	2/2	0/3	0	1	4
Sturgus	32	2/5	1/2	5	0	5
Ochs	40	2/8	6/8	8	1	10
Zapata	6	0/1	0/0	0	0	0
Guerinoni	24	5/11	1/2	1	0	14
Bayless	3	0/1	0/0	0	0	0
Criddle	11	1/3	0/0	2	0	3
TOTALS	200	16/45	16/23	25	9	53

3pt FG: USU 2/13 (Rolle 1/6, Brown 1/3). Nevada 5/16 (Guerinoni 3/8, McCullough 0/4).

Steals: USU 10 (Rock 4, Bobb 2). Nevada 10 (McCullough 3, Ochs 3).

Blocks: USU 4 (Daniels 4), Nevada 3 (three with one).

Attendance: 5,893



USU's Tony Brown goes up for a reverse layup on Feb. 10 in the Spectrum against Nevada. Brown had 20 points in that game and scored nine on Thursday in Nevada.

Lewis says he's innocent of murder charges

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — It took Ray Lewis only 1 minute and 40 seconds to tell the world he's innocent.

Speaking softly to a roomful of reporters, the Baltimore Ravens star linebacker made his first statement since being charged with the stabbing deaths of two men outside an Atlanta nightclub after the Super Bowl.

"You've heard many times before from my attorneys and a from a lot of other people, but now you get to hear it from me. I am innocent," Lewis said Thursday. "I'm looking forward to the day all the facts come out, everything is out front and my name is cleared."

Lewis also had a message for those who were close to Richard Lollar, 24, and Jacinth Baker, 21 — the two men killed in the Jan. 31 stabbings.

"I am sorry about the tragedy that occurred in Atlanta. I mean, my sympathy goes out to the families, the friends of both of the men that

died. I know their hearts are broken," he said.

As he spoke, Lewis was surrounded by team management, including owner Art Modell and head coach Brian Billick.

Lewis thanked God, his family, teammates and fans — "everybody who was there since me. I feel so sorry for them because it has been very hard for them."

Under a gag order in a murder case, Lewis couldn't say much more. And right after he said it, he left the Ravens complex, got into a car and went home for the first time since he headed for Atlanta in a rented limousine to watch the Super Bowl.

Lewis was released Tuesday on \$1 million bail from an Atlanta jail where he had been since he was charged. He flew home Thursday and came directly to the Ravens' training facility.

Lewis, 24, and two companions, Joseph Sweeting, 34, of

Miami, and Reginald Oakley, 31, of Baltimore, were indicted Feb. 11 on murder charges.

Lewis' lawyers say he tried to stop the fight and that he was at least 60 feet away when Lollar and Baker were stabbed. Police say Lewis drove away in a limousine and later lied when they tried to determine who was in his entourage.

Not even waiting for Billick to speak, Lewis immediately left the building and went to his home a few miles away.

Billick said Lewis' status with the team is unchanged.

"Ray Lewis is a member of this organization. He's a member of this football team and will be afforded all the rights we give members of this football team," Billick said.

Billick also stressed that any moves the team makes to sign or draft a linebacker should not be interpreted as being related to Lewis' legal problems. To conclude that "would not only be wrong, but it would be inappropriate," Billick said.

USU GYMNASTICS

Aggies hosting 4-way tourney this weekend

LYNNETTE HOFFMAN
Sports Writer

Aggie fans who missed Utah State University's display of nearly flawless gymnastics Friday night in the Spectrum have another chance to show their support tonight.

Last Friday the Aggies edged past No. 14 Brigham Young University by one-tenth of a point in a high scoring meet where neither team had to count a single fall.

Tonight the Aggies will face three opponents in tournament-style competition: No. 11 University of Denver, Southern Utah University and the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Denver has already beaten BYU this year and is on track to qualify for nationals. Last year they were defeated by the Aggies at the regional meet.

Utah State beat Southern Utah on the road Monday, but USU head coach Ray Corn said he was impressed with the Thunderbirds' gymnastics.

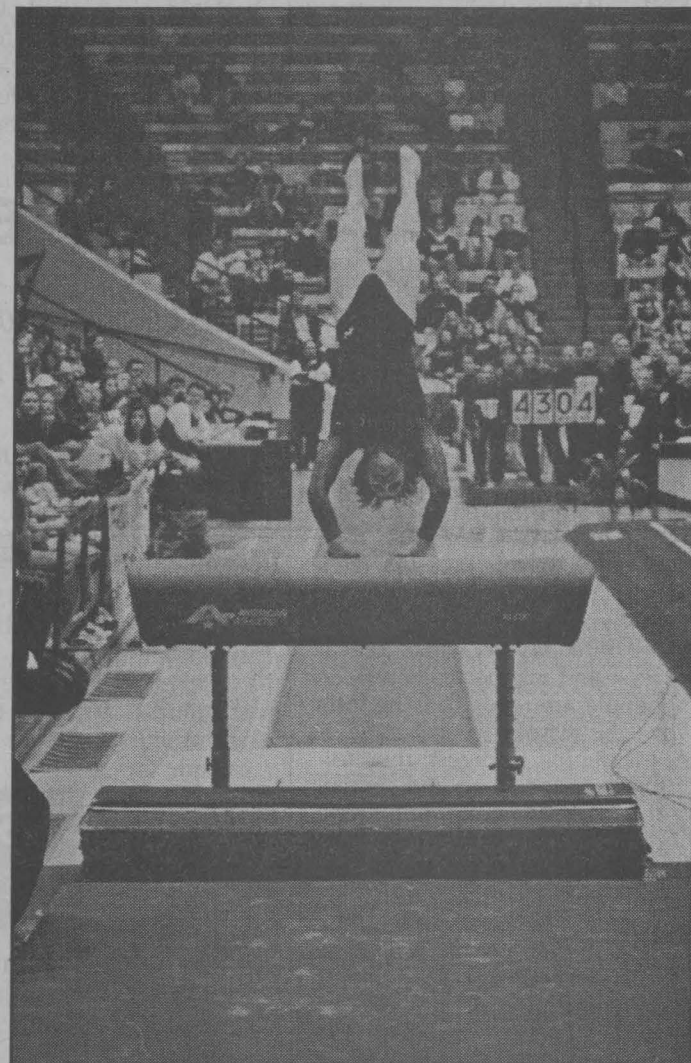
"They are a very, very good team. If they stay on the equipment they will challenge this field," he said.

Santa Barbara's record is 0-8.

This meet, along with two upcoming four-way meets, will provide a chance for the team to get accustomed to what they will experience at regionals, Corn said.

"The format is extremely tough," he said.

Corn said he anticipates a fast paced meet. With all four teams competing simultane-



USU's Christy Denson vaults in USU's loss to Utah on Feb. 7 in Logan.

ously it's important to stay focused and not get caught up in what the other teams are doing, he said.

"If our team comes out on the floor with a relaxed attitude and no fears of failure, (we) will challenge the top 10 teams," Corn said.

Corn credited USU's fans with helping the team narrowly defeat BYU.

"If they want to help USU

win again, they have another chance this Friday," he said. The meet begins at 7 p.m.

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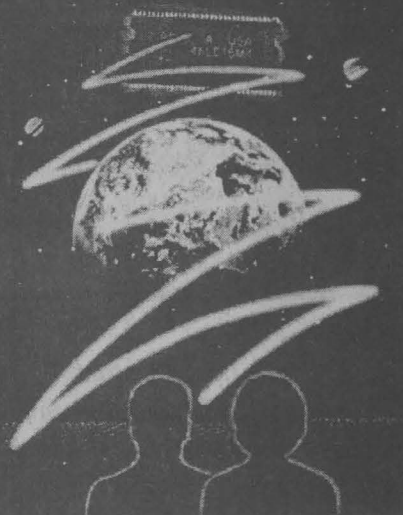
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Spring training in full swing

(AP) — All across Arizona and Florida, teams started breaking out bats and balls Thursday. Fifteen weeks and one day after the final out of the World Series, spring training began.

"We should be optimistic," Seattle Mariners manager Lou Piniella said in Peoria, Ariz., echoing the thoughts of his 29 colleagues.

Opening day is six weeks away, and all teams are 0-0 — even the New York Yankees, coming off their third World Series title in four years.

"This is as good as I've felt, to be honest with you," manager Joe Torre, who had prostate cancer surgery during camp last year, said in Tampa, Fla. "I never felt bad going into spring training last year, but I feel better this year."

The New York Mets and Chicago Cubs were given permission to open their camps five days early because they start the season five days ahead of everyone else — opening on March 29 with a two-game series in the Tokyo Dome.

For the hapless Cubs, without a World Series title since 1945, there was an extra reason to be optimistic Thursday: Kerry Wood, more relaxed than his first time out this spring, threw 32 pitches during a six-minute workout from the mound in his comeback from reconstructive elbow surgery.

Wood, the 1998 NL Rookie of the

Year, won't throw breaking pitches until next month. On Thursday, he estimated the velocity of his best fastballs in the low 90s.

"The biggest thing was that I was pain free and I let a few go and I had more velocity on it than I had Monday. I felt great," Wood said in Mesa, Ariz. "I haven't had a radar reading since the 1998 season, so it's been too long for me to be able to tell how hard I'm throwing. But you know, if I had to guess, I'd say 92 or 91 somewhere."

Even teams coming off bad stretches were feeling good.

While the Detroit Tigers finished 27 games behind the Cleveland Indians in 1999, new manager Phil Garner doesn't care about last year.

"We're going to beat Cleveland," Garner said Thursday in Lakeland, Fla. "They're vulnerable. I used to look at them and say, 'How does anybody beat them?' But we're better, and they're vulnerable."

Last year, the eight postseason teams all were among baseball's eight biggest spenders, but Cincinnati and Oakland showed the little guys have a chance by staying in races until late September.

The Reds are in the spotlight this spring following their acquisition of Ken Griffey Jr. from Seattle last week.

"Now that we have Junior, I think

expectations are going to skyrocket," pitcher Steve Parris said in Sarasota, Fla. "I think as long as we keep the same level head everybody had last year and do our jobs, I don't see any reason why we can't do the same thing again."

The Los Angeles Dodgers will be in the spotlight, too, after finishing 77-85, third in the NL West.

A year ago at this time, the Dodgers were talking big. They had signed right-handed ace Kevin Brown to a record \$105 million, seven-year contract and expected to finish first.

"The team's just real eager, I can tell that," Dodgers reliever Dan Naulty, who appeared in 33 games for the Yankees last season, said in Vero Beach, Fla.

In Jupiter, Fla., the St. Louis Cardinals were awaiting Monday's arrival of Mark McGwire, who had 65 home runs last season after hitting a record 70 in 1998.

"I predict we stink," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said, "because everything I say, the opposite happens."

Despite an overhauled pitching staff, a new leadoff hitter (Fernando Vina) and the return of a formidable infield, La Russa knows it won't be easy to win the NL Central.

"You have to respect the team which has won it the past three years," he said. "Houston has made this a tough division, and last year Cincinnati got 96 wins."



Holding down the fort Markean Neal (left) Aimee Johnson (middle) and Christina Conrad (right) share a laugh while standing in the parking lot outside LeRae and La Grand Johnson Field to protect cars and shag foul balls on Feb. 2.

NFL NEWS

Landry remembered for class and success

DALLAS (AP) — A gray fedora rested on the altar. An open Bible sat inches away. A portrait of a serious-looking Tom Landry stared at pews filled with Pro Football Hall of Famers and Super Bowl champions.

Those simple images of class, faith and success reflected the words spoken Thursday during a memorial service in honor of the former Dallas Cowboys coach.

"Tom Landry was everything the world believed him to be," said his son, Tom Landry Jr. "He was a man of virtue, of high moral character, a man whose talents and hard work propelled him to the top of his profession. "Tom Landry never strayed from his ideals. He remains a consistent, shining example to all of us."

Landry's 29 years with the Cowboys were only a backdrop for many of the stories told during an hourlong church service for relatives and friends. The focus instead was his faith and staunch principles.

"He was our rock, our hope, our inspiration. He was our coach," Staubach said. "Probably there were some players that didn't love him, but they all respected him. He was committed to us, and you don't find that type of commitment in life very often."

The mood was much lighter during a second service, a two-hour public cere-

mony at a downtown symphony center. A dozen former players and colleagues shared their Landry memories, often through humorous anecdotes.

Tommy Loy opened it with a trumpet solo of the national anthem, as he did so many of Landry's home games. The service closed with dozens of former players walking across the stage and placing yellow roses into a vase as a choir sang "Amazing Grace."

No Cowboys symbols were displayed at either ceremony. The closest was a photo of Landry inside Texas Stadium at one end of the public service's stage. At the other end was a blown-up photo of Landry wearing his trademark hat and his arms crossed. It's similar to the picture on the cover of his 1990 autobiography.

Speakers were asked to keep to a three-minute limit. Hardly any did.

Bob Lilly, Landry's first draft pick, remembered how he was awed the first time he met the coach. Randy White said one of his fondest memories was Landry consoling him after his father's death.

Drew Pearson suggested Landry was putting together the GFL, God's Football

League, and had a lineup that included Derrick Thomas and Walter Payton.

Former New York Giants star linebacker Sam Huff touched on a similar theme after recalling the days when Landry was the team's defensive assistant coach and Vince Lombardi was the offensive assistant. The two later became "Ice Bowl" adversaries.

"This is the vision I have: Vince Lombardi sitting in one hand of God's and Tom Landry in the other," Huff said.

About 1,000 people attended the service at Highland Park United Methodist Church, including the five Cowboys players in the Pro Football Hall of Fame: Staubach,

Lilly, White, Tony Dorsett and Mel Renfro. Other former Cowboys and New York Giants players and coaches also were there, as was NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

Several buses carried them and other to the second service, which drew about 1,200 fans. Thousands more watched on live television.

Landry died Saturday at age 75. He had been battling leukemia since May.

TOM LANDRY

- Dallas Cowboys coach from organization's first year in 1960 to 1989
- Led Cowboys to 20 straight winning seasons
- Cowboys won 13 division titles, went to the Super Bowl 13 times and won two championships with Landry at helm.
- Died at 75 after battling Leukemia since May.

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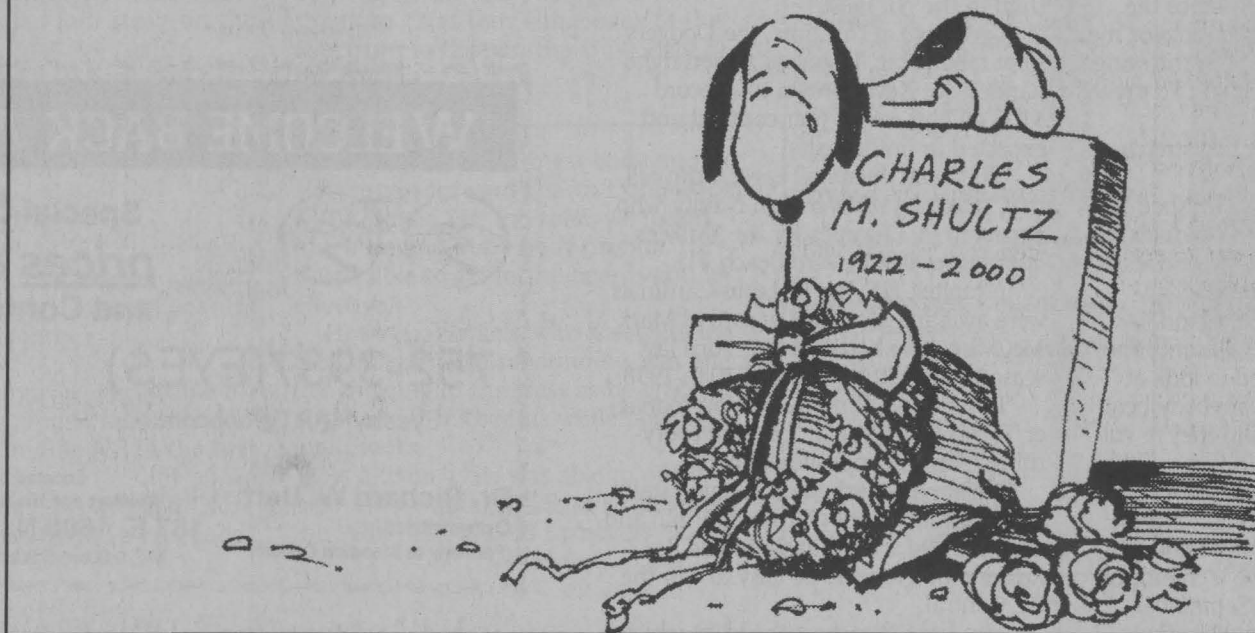
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HARDCASTLE
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SLW3QTo the
EDITOR

I like hearing people's opinions on things, but as soon as the hurtful things start being said then I begin to feel sick to my stomach. No one, no matter what they believe, deserves to be insulted or have horrible things said about them. All that results from this kind of debate is hate, pure and simple.

I realize that I live in a far-from-perfect society, and that people are not perfect either. Still, what right do I, or anyone else, have to call other people names or anything like that? Is it really necessary? Does name-calling, or mud-slinging make the facts any more true? I venture to say no.

In no way am I saying that people's opinions are not important, or that people's voices need to be quieted. In fact, I believe the opposite. Everyone is entitled to their opinion and everyone has the right to have their opinion heard, but are the hurtful words really necessary? Does anyone like to hear horrible things said about them and their beliefs? I highly doubt it. I just ask that people remember how it feels when someone "attacks" you and your beliefs with cruel things being said, when you decided to say something cruel and hurtful about others.

Failure of blue
jeans day should
be accepted

From my understanding, one of the goals of the Pride Alliance, and the homosexual community in general, is to promote understanding and acceptance of their people amongst the non-homosexual public. Here in Utah, as well as throughout the rest of the country, is a large number of heterosexual people that accept the homosexual lifestyle. On the other hand, there is also a very large number of heterosexual people who will never accept homosexual behavior, and that's just the way it is.

However, it is my opinion that progress can be made towards tolerance and that the gap can be sufficiently narrowed to allow for friendships to develop and for acts of tolerance and hate to significantly diminish. Unfortunately, "Blue Jeans Day" has failed in achieving these goals, as evidenced by the observed backlash. In fact, I believe that the opposite effect has occurred, which I think would be of grave concern to members of the Pride Alliance.

Though it may have seemed like a good idea in its conception, the failure of the experiment should be accepted.

Russell Allred

Snowmobile society
offers viewpoints on
skiers versus sleds

In writing a response to the editor on the article entitled "Conflict in the backcountry," my intent is to inform and establish the correct viewpoint of the snowmobiling society.

We as snowmobilers are not radical fanatics out to destroy anything we can run over (hitting rocks and trees are expensive). We are a society that has come to love the winter outdoors just as many other groups of people do.

Yes, it's true that snowmobiles are far better now than they were 10 years ago.

Yes, it's true we love to highmark as well as sidehill, bust through big drifts, float in the deep stuff, cut cookies and get major air jumping off a cornice, as well as playing in the trees. That's the sport! To all of us it's a family and friend activity.

Look at the amount of revenue we bring in for the state and county. From all the gas we buy, to the taxes and registration we pay to license the machines. Gas stations love us for the fact we buy the expensive stuff to run in our sleds. If you complain and want us to be equal then it's time they start paying taxes to license those skis and poles and paying a fee to ride/ski in another state as well as park your car in the parking lot and to put up with people who dislike the sport you have grown to love.

A few months ago, USU Snowmobile Club was contacted by a particular ski club that asked if we would be willing to groom some trails for the cross country skiing people. I have given many rides to skiers who have gotten too far back in and need help out. Also if one thinks pollution is the problem there are a MILLION more lawn mowers and automobiles out there than sleds, and they put out a lot of black stuff.

By the way, if one had a desire to ride a sled they would see why it is so addicting. We are not the enemy. Happy Trails.

Darin Noorda
President USU Snowmobile ClubOpinions can be
expressed without name
calling, mud-slinging

One thing can be said about the students at Utah State University — they sure know how to argue. Over the past two weeks, the letters to the editor has been filled with letters about gay, lesbian and straight relationships. I recall that this same subject came up about a year ago, and it all started with the idea of wearing blue jeans to support same-sex marriage.

I don't know about anyone else, but I am sick of hearing about this over and over again. Do not get me wrong,

Local Aggie fans found
other things to do

In talking with a lot of community people who used to go to the Aggie basketball/football games, one of the reasons (among others you have identified) for the continuing attendance problem is the significant increase in ticket, parking, and concession prices at the Spectrum/Stadium.

As Wade Denniston correctly pointed out, a lot of people were as a matter of fact seriously offended by the Bell-era of seating based on donation level, and then were additionally kicked in the pants to find that their free alternative parking for games was blocked off forcing them to pay to park, which has the ultimate effect of adding the additional parking dollars to the ultimate ticket price.

Later, with the advent of chair-back/donation level seating in the stadium, again many people simply disappeared from the west stands where they used to sit and did not reappear elsewhere in the stadium (except for a few who return for Utah and/or BYU games). People simply found other things to do than to come on campus to be mugged and have their pockets picked. It left a "bad taste" in the minds of a large number of former attendees.

Most of these people have been and are Aggie fans, but when the product and the way they are treated doesn't match the price of admission, they found quickly that they could listen on the radio and read about it the next day in the newspapers. Unfortunately, or fortunately, they also found that they could actually do without it and spend the money saved on something else.

While most of us understand that costs here are nothing compared to the "big" programs, remember this is Cache Valley (home of long lines to get free post-game frozen yogurt or fries) and Stephen F. Austin, Sam Houston State and North Texas are not what one could call great rivalries or even interesting intersectional games.

Thomas S. Johnson,
department head of Communicative Disorders and
Deaf EducationBasketball team deserves
student support

I live in San Diego and I am an alumnus of 1973. I remember seeing the last season in the Field House, and the opener in the Spectrum against Ohio State in a sold out brand new state of the art building.

My family and I decided to make the 90-minute drive to Long Beach to see a great game last Saturday. I just assumed Long Beach was a little apathetic and needed a marquee matchup to bring out 4,800 people. I did not think we had a similar problem.

I sure would like to see the students get behind this team as they are very well coached and fun to watch. Besides there still can't be that much to do in happy valley on a Saturday night.

Go Aggies!

Bill George

In our
OPINION from as
far as

The Utah Legislature

had a chance to see just how strongly students feel about improving their education. Wednesday.

Hopefully, they were paying attention — but not too much attention.

About 700 students from all nine of Utah's public colleges and universities rallied at the Utah Capitol at noon to show support for equitable salaries for Utah educators. It was an important message for the legislators to hear.

But if they were paying too much attention, they probably would have come to the conclusion that all Utah students are begging for fair pay for their hard-working teachers — all but the students at Utah State University.

The 700-or-so students chanting, holding signs and writing their legislators Wednesday had come

Southern Utah University and Dixie College. Snow College had an especially strong showing.

But from USU, there were probably only 15 or 20 present. So few, in fact, that the buses the Associated Students of USU had planned to send were canceled, and the few supporters of higher education hopped into a couple of cars and headed for Salt Lake City.

At USU, we are lucky to have some wonderful professors — far better than their salaries would let on. And if our teachers were paid fairly, as they are in other states, we could see even more improvement.

USU students have been accused of apathy before. Now, it looks like those accusations may be true. It's our education, it's our future. Let's show some support for it.

Blue jeans and
the Wranglers
of meanings

UNDERGRADUATED / Kevin Peel



Many people have wondered aloud (often while violating my personal space) why a column like this is in the opinion section. "Wouldn't it be better somewhere else, like in a junior high yearbook?" they ask. To which I reply that it is often accompanied by an article about the weather. But such a response is no longer keeping the critics at bay, so I will now address a TIMELY and CONTROVERSIAL topic of the day to appease those who thirst for "relevance" and "meaning" in a newspaper (cretins!) Okay, here goes.

This "wear blue jeans to support gay marriage" concept is quite interesting, don't you think? The way people wear Levi's these days, you might as well say "wear your epidermis on Thursday if you support gay adoption." It would be interesting (and a little gross) to see how many people would try jumping out of their skin. It would be just as interesting to see if ardent supporters would go naked (and perhaps even grosser).

What's funny to me is that many students paid attention on Monday, and made an effort to conform to what a small group says blue jeans meant. Trust me, blue jeans don't mean squat. Unless they're Wranglers, of course, which mean "I'm a cowdude or dudette, look at every fold and dimple on my butt." Or you are wearing Lee jeans on your head, which means "I'm drunk and you'd best let me lie here in the gutter, man." This has even greater meaning if they aren't YOUR Lee jeans.

But now people are actu-

ally listening when people randomly assign significance to fabric. So if a group REALLY wanted to have fun they should declare a Sunday "wear a dress if you support George Emert singing karaoke in the International Lounge every weekday at noon" day, or a female individual could declare that same Sunday to be "wear a suit and tie if you support marriage to me" day.

I say, why not use this new power to stomp out old Utah fashion foibles. How about a "wear socks with sandals if you support voting rights for sea cows" day, or a "wear shorts that are two inches too short for your underwear if you support abortion on demand" day. Such habits would hopefully end quickly.

But I guess it's not surprising that clothing would be such a big issue around here. The Pride! Alliance couldn't have thought of a better ploy to antagonize more USU students at once (that was the goal, right?), because, next to Big Blue himself, clothes are the biggest sacred cow on campus. The fact is (going opposite to my previous point and thereby showing my dexterity in dealing with HOT BUTTON issues), clothing is loaded with symbolism.

If you wear Airwalks, Sketchers or Vans, you are trying to say that you have an extreme personality — even if you weep like a baby on the Wild Mouse at Lagoon. If you wear army boots and a Marilyn Manson T-shirt, you are telling the world you are sick of it and would rather die a miserable death under a shuttle bus than go to another class with the disgusting worms known as your classmates. And if you wear Tommy Hilfiger jeans

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\$300 million set aside from settlement to cover Los Angeles police corruption

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mayor Richard Riordan recommended Thursday that Los Angeles set aside its share of the national tobacco settlement — up to \$300 million — to cover lawsuits brought by victims of the city's police corruption scandal. "This is the best use of these dollars," Riordan said at a news conference. "Though we have no way of knowing the dollar amount, we must expect and prepare for tens of millions of dollars of liability."

The mayor said the move would safeguard against possible cuts in city services or new taxes.

City officials have estimated that lawsuits associated with the scandal in the police department's Rampart Division will cost at least \$125 million. Lawsuits already have been filed on behalf of some

men wrongly imprisoned police.

Investigators say rogue cops planted evidence, made up testimony, staged crime scenes and in some cases shot unarmed suspects.

Under the national \$206 billion tobacco settlement, Los Angeles is to get up to \$300 million over 25 years.

Also Thursday, a judge agreed to throw out the convictions of nine more people whose cases prosecutors say were tainted by police misconduct. The dismissals bring to 40 the number of convictions overturned.

"We have dozens of more cases under review," District Attorney Gil Garcetti said.

As many as 20 officers have been relieved of duty, fired, suspended or have quit since the investigation started last fall. Police have

refused to say how many officers are still under suspicion.

Garcetti said he is doubling the number of prosecutors assigned to the investigation, with a staff of 19 expected to be on board within the next two weeks.

Former undercover officer Rafael Perez, convicted of stealing cocaine from an evidence locker, has detailed the corruption in his former unit and suggested it went beyond Rampart.

No charges have been filed against any officers implicated in the corruption, though police have recommended prosecuting three officers and Garcetti has said he expects his investigation to result in charges.

Four cities, including Los Angeles, and all 58 counties in the state will share in the estimated \$25 billion California will receive over the next 25 years from the nationwide settlement. The money is intended to repay states, cities and counties for health care costs associated with smoking.

'Though we have no way of knowing the dollar amount, we must expect and prepare for tens of millions of dollars of liability.'

• RICHARD RIORDAN •
LOS ANGELES MAYOR

Cyanide spill leaves masses of plants, animals dead

BAIA MARE, Romania (AP) — The European Union's top environmental official demanded to know Thursday how tons of cyanide contaminated two major rivers, killing masses of plant and fish life in its path.

The cyanide poured into streams from a containment dam at the gold mine in Baia Mare, passing through Hungary and Yugoslavia in the Szamos and Tisza rivers

before returning to Romania on the Danube.

EU Environment Commissioner Margot Wallstrom called the spill a "major environmental accident, and to the people living by the rivers, this is a catastrophe."

Speaking in Szolnok, Hungary, where she inspected the Tisza, Wallstrom said she wanted answers as to "what happened, how bad is the

damage, and what can be done to rehabilitate the environment."

Wallstrom also called for a task force to be set up to assess and control the damage and prevent future accidents.

Romania is a formal candidate for membership in the 15-nation EU and Wallstrom's visit was a sign that the EU will help in times of crisis if Romania continues to reform its economy.

However, Romanian Environment Minister Romica Tomescu said Thursday that the disaster came at a particularly bad time because Romania had just opened official negotiations with the EU last week. "We must show we are worthy of the trust invested in us" by the EU, he said.

Also Thursday, Tomescu acknowledged for the first time the magnitude of the pollution.

Affirmative action protest continues

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — With several hundred students arriving to protest, the State University System's Board of Regents convened Thursday to vote on Gov. Jeb Bush's plan to drop affirmative action in admissions.

Under the plan, the university system will ban consideration of race and gender and instead admit the top 20 percent of every high school graduating class in the state. It is called the Talented 20 program.

The regents were also voting on whether state universities should take into account such factors as socioeconomic status, whether a student's parents went to college, and the quality of the student's high school.

Florida's 10-school university system has about 219,000 full-time students.

The Republican governor has said the proposal — part of his larger One Florida plan to bar consideration of race and gender in admissions and state contracting — will increase diversity. Opponents dispute that.

Critics, many of them students, began filling the meeting room at the University of Central Florida more than two hours ahead of time.

Sylus Green, who was at the meeting to speak against Bush's plan, said he had a 1.7 grade-point average as a high school student from Chicago's South Side. The 20-year-old psychology major said he has a 4.0 at the University of Central Florida.

Under Bush's education plan, Green's low GPA might have prevented him from going to the university and receiving a minority scholarship.

"If I weren't given an opportunity to go to college, I wouldn't have had my chance to soar," said Green, who is black.

California cargo plane crashes killing three

RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif. (AP) — Moments before his DC-8 cargo plane crashed into an auction yard of junked cars, the pilot reported problems with the balance of the aircraft, investigators said Thursday. Emery Worldwide Flight 17 plunged into the yard Wednesday night, killing its three crew members and setting dozens of cars ablaze.

The pilot described a "center of gravity" problem shortly after leaving Mather Field in suburban Sacramento, investigators said. That could mean, among other possible causes, a shift in load, incorrect cargo weight or mechanical problems, Preston Hicks of the National Transportation Safety Board said Thursday.

Investigators were trying to locate the plane's flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder in the smoking wreckage, Hicks said.

The plane, carrying a load of transmission fluid, clothing and a small packet of detonators for auto air bags, was at 800 feet when it tried to return for an emergency landing. It crashed in a fireball about a mile east of the field shortly before 8 p.m.

One witness said the plane hit the ground belly first and was immediately engulfed in flames.

Those aboard were dead by the time fire crews arrived at the site, said Capt. Dan Haverty of the American River Fire Department. Firefighters were hampered by intense flames, which burned for several hours after the crash. Smoke was visible in the moonlit night several miles away.

"There was no chance of rescue," Haverty said.

The victims were identified as Capt. Kevin Stables, 43, of Berlin, N.Y., who had been with Emery for five years; First Officer George Land, 35, of Placerville, Calif., 3 years; and Second Officer Russell Hicks, 38, Sparks, Nev., 1 year.

Company spokesman James Allen said the crash was the first fatal accident in the company's 50-year history.

Nobody on the ground was injured. The crash at the Insurance Auto Auctions salvage yard set as many as 200 cars on fire, many with gas in their tanks, causing several explosions.

Motorist Scott Colyn saw the plane as it approached the salvage yard "at eye level."

"It looked like it was skipped like a stone," said Colyn, who saw the crash while he was driving home. "I looked in my rear view mirror and there were flames everywhere, sparks and a big old mushroom cloud."

uniform. Even the people in the most "alternative" get-ups all look the same in the right environment — like at a Tool concert, for instance. Years ago, my friend and I went to this concert/bloodletting and stood out like sore thumbs. We had black shirts, shaved heads and army boots (steel-toed, VERY important at a Tool show), but our hair was dyed blonde. Everyone else had braided or spiked hair the color of a traffic accident, or somebody's upchucked lunch at the scene of a traffic accident. We felt like Catholic

priests at a Harley Davidson rally — we were wearing black, but the collar (or in this case, the color) gave us away.

Well anyway, I've gotten way off the subject here, which was giving voting rights to sea cows. So I declare the first sunny day in April "Socks and Sandals for Sea Cows Day." And if they want the right to marry too, heck, why not?

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and a "Sigma Flinga Woo" sweater, you are telling the world you are a pompous Philistine who happens to support gay marriage.

Ha ha, I'm just kidding about that last one, so don't send piles of letters saying I should leave the country with that ROTC-bashing girl. Even I know the pompous Philistines at "Sigma Flinga Woo" wear LUCKY jeans.

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Chechen detainees tortured

MALGOBEK, Russia (AP) — Chechens trying to leave their war-ravaged republic are being tortured in Russian detention camps and subjected to severe beatings, rapes and other brutality, refugees and human rights groups say.

The allegations come on the heels of other complaints of human rights abuses in the Russian offensive in Chechnya, including reports of summary executions of civilians in Grozny, the Chechen capital.

Russian officials deny the allegations, but Chechens who have fled into neighboring republics tell similar, grisly accounts of their detention in camps that Russia says it set up to filter out rebels who are trying to escape disguised as civilians.

A 21-year-old Chechen, lying in pain in a bed in Malgobek in neighboring North Ossetia, said his ordeal began Jan. 22 when police dragged him off a bus of refugees and took him to a camp in the Chechen village of Chernokozovo.

The man, who asked that he be identified only by his first name, Ruslan, said he was forced to run a gantlet of masked policemen swinging truncheons, had his clothes torn off and was forced to

stand naked in a cold storage room.

"I asked what they were detaining me for, but they didn't answer," he said. He was released only after his mother paid a bribe to the camp directors, he said.

At least three such camps are operating, according to Peter Bouckaert, a researcher for the Human Rights Watch group in the region.

"Russia appears to have declared any Chechen male to be a suspected rebel, subject to arbitrary arrest and brutal treatment," he said.

The allegations were echoed by the World Organization Against Torture, which issued a statement in Geneva on Thursday saying, "We cannot ignore that the filtration camps are indeed concentration camps where Russian soldiers are committing the worst atrocities, in all impunity, against their prisoners."

In Washington, State Department spokesman

James P. Rubin said Thursday that "Russia has a clear obligation to investigate the numerous credible reports of civilian killings and alleged misconduct by its soldiers promptly."

Sergei Yastrzhembsky, who is acting President Vladimir Putin's aide for Chechnya information, on Thursday reiterated denials of torture at Chernokozovo.

The allegations are "the No. 1 topic in the information war the Western mass media have unleashed," he said on Russia's ORT television. "Routine work like in any other detention center is going on there."

He said that European Union observers would be allowed into the camp to see the situation for themselves, but gave no date of a possible visit. The Council of Europe's human rights commissioner, Alvaro Gil-Robles, is due to arrive in Moscow on Feb. 24, but his office could give no details of the trip.

Ruslan, the refugee, told of a routine of torment, in which detainees were often beaten in a hallway in the early morning, their cries awakening others in their cells.

Ruslan said guards told him "don't look me in the eyes, you black face," and then one hit him in the spine with a hammer. He says he has not been able to stand erect since then.

An investigator accused him of fighting on the side of the Islamic rebel groups that have battled Russian soldiers during the six-month war and demanded names and addresses of rebels, Ruslan said.

"Those who signed confessions, or said they could identify other men who were fighters, did not come back to the cells," according to another refugee who said he had also been at Chernokozovo.

The refugee, Eli, said a masked policeman once opened a peephole to the cell and said, "Who wants a smoke?"

When a prisoner approached the hole, the guard sprayed tear gas into the cell and those inside reeled and were racked by coughs for minutes, Eli said.

'Those who signed confessions, or said they could identify other men who were fighters, did not come back to the cells.'

• REFUGEE •
• CHECHNYA

WorldGLANCE

➤ Space opens for commercial business

LONDON (AP) — The so-called final frontier opened for business Thursday with the signing of a lease allowing a corporation to put the Russian Mir space station to commercial use.

RKK Energiya, the privatized Russian company that built and operates the station, signed an agreement granting Amsterdam-based MirCorp rights for commercial use for the rest of the space platform's life.

Ownership of the station remains with the Russian government, and Energiya will still operate it. Energiya is 38 percent owned by the Russian government and is the majority shareholder in MirCorp.

Describing the agreement as a "milestone in humanity's path to the stars" that would change the way people think about space and use it, the leaders of MirCorp said the space station was operational now — despite needing renovation — and clients theoretically could hitch a ride on the next flight.

Tourists who are both wealthy and healthy and have the time to train for the trip could travel to Mir with MirCorp, but that would not be the focus of the business, the company said.

MirCorp said its main goal was to open Mir to clients such as drug companies or metals businesses looking to use the micro-gravity conditions in space to learn how to perfect their products on Earth.

The platform also could be used as a base for repairing space satellites and beaming live color images of the Earth to the Internet.

For those willing to pay to go as tourists, the main impediment is the training required to prepare for life in space, MirCorp president Jeffrey Manber said.

"Space is something serious. It's not just a walk outside," added Yuri Semenov, chairman of MirCorp and general designer and president of Energiya.

Potential space tourists must be mentally, physically and psychologically fit enough to cope with the experience. "There are certain rules that cannot be overstepped," he said.

As for the price of a Mir trip, Manber said only that it would be "whatever the market will bear."

➤ North Ireland progress rests on IRA

LONDON (AP) — Confronting a deepening crisis just four months into his job, Britain's governor for Northern Ireland said Thursday that he still didn't know whether the Irish Republican Army would ever disarm — "and that is the problem."

Briefing American journalists in his London office, Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson defended his high-stakes decision a week ago to strip powers from the province's 2-month-old Catholic-Protestant administration and resume direct British rule.

Mandelson emphasized that if he hadn't made the move, the four-party coalition's key Protestant party and its leader, David Trimble, would have withdrawn within hours. That in turn would have crushed the Cabinet, whose creation was the key objective of the province's 1998 Good Friday accord.

"David Trimble would have resigned. If he hadn't resigned, he would have been sacked," Mandelson said.

He added that it was "an elementary fact of life" that without the Ulster Unionists, the Cabinet would be "a one-legged stool on its way to certain collapse."

Mandelson's candid assessment came as Northern Ireland's roller-coaster peace process faced a period of dangerous limbo, with the Ulster Unionists and the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party entrenched in mutually hostile positions.

Trimble — who agreed to form the Cabinet alongside Sinn Fein only with the expectation that the IRA would disarm — now insists the outlawed group make a cast-iron promise before he will share power with Sinn Fein again.

➤ Child commits suicide over poor grades

NEW YORK (AP) — A 10-year-old boy, apparently upset over his grades, hanged himself from his bunk bed with a belt, police said Thursday.

Anthony Richards was found Tuesday night by his mother after leaving a note apologizing for a bad report card he had brought home last week.

Police described the family as very stable and loving.

The fifth-grader's mother, Marvell Archibald, said Anthony's teacher had picked on him because he was short. "Anthony told me: 'My teacher doesn't like me. Please take me out of her class,'" Archibald said.

United Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten defended the teacher, saying the 14-year veteran had a good relationship with Anthony. She said the boy was a good student.

Microsoft unveils new Windows 2000 program

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Microsoft introduced its new Windows 2000 operating system Thursday, backed by cheering fans, celebrities and a giant mock-laptop computer.

Despite the hoopla, the company said it is marketing the software to businesses and operators of sophisticated networks — not consumers — and warned that home users may find it doesn't work with some games and other software.

"Today we unveil the future of computing," said Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, clasping his hands and smiling to his audience at a conference staged by the company to introduce the software upgrade.

Windows 2000 is Microsoft's latest effort to maintain its dominance in the worldwide software market.

However, despite its name, Windows 2000 is not a successor to Windows 98, which runs the vast majority of the world's personal computers. Rather it is supposed to replace the corporate system Windows NT 4.0.

The new operating system is designed to run powerful business PCs called workstations and servers that run computer networks and Web sites. It is considered more stable and reliable than Windows NT and has new features that help technology managers run large systems.

Young voters hold key to upcoming Iranian elections

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The electric blue words scrawled on a white sheet at a political rally captured the frustrations of Iran's youth: "20 years of ideological suppression is enough."

As Iran holds parliamentary elections Friday, young people have emerged as kingmakers, vowing to vote for those who will provide them the freedoms denied after the Islamic revolution.

In 1979, young Iranian grabbed at the chance to topple the dictatorial and corrupt regime of the U.S.-backed shah and join the revolution led by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Today, the sons and daughters of those Iranian are battling what they say is another kind of repression.

The hard-liners have "used Islam as a tool to fortify their power. They think they are messengers of God and can tell us what to do, what to wear. We don't like this," said Mehdi, a chemical engineering student at Tehran University who refused to give his last name. Outspoken students have been jailed in Iran.

Young people complain that 21 years of Islamic rule by Khomeini's followers and successors failed to bear the promised fruit: jobs and prosperity. Instead, youth were barred from mixing freely with the opposite sex, listening to pop and Western music or watching foreign television programs.

Women were told to cover themselves from head to toe and the clergy, in its role as the interpreter of God's will,

was deemed above criticism.

More than half of Iran's 62 million people are under the age of 25. About 20 million of them are in high schools and universities that have traditionally been the harbingers of change and the barometers of public discontent.

"The young people have needs, but they get nothing. It means they are very angry with everybody," said Saeed Laylaz, a newspaper columnist and political analyst.

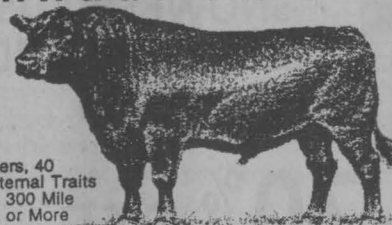
A frequent target of youth anger is former President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. A former moderate, he has riled many by leaning toward hard-liners in recent weeks.

At the Tehran University rally Wednesday where the handwritten declaration was held aloft, men and women chanted anti-Rafsanjani slogans, interrupting speeches by pro-reform candidates.

Iran's economy, a mix of free-market and socialism, has struggled with high inflation, a bloated public sector and unemployment. Joblessness is officially around 20 percent, but unofficially believed to be higher than 30 percent.

Iranian hopes were raised by the election of reformist President Mohammad Khatami in May 1997. He has relaxed many strict rules and allowed unprecedented press freedom. But Khatami's hands will remain tied as long as hard-liners control key institutions like the 290-member parliament, or Majlis.

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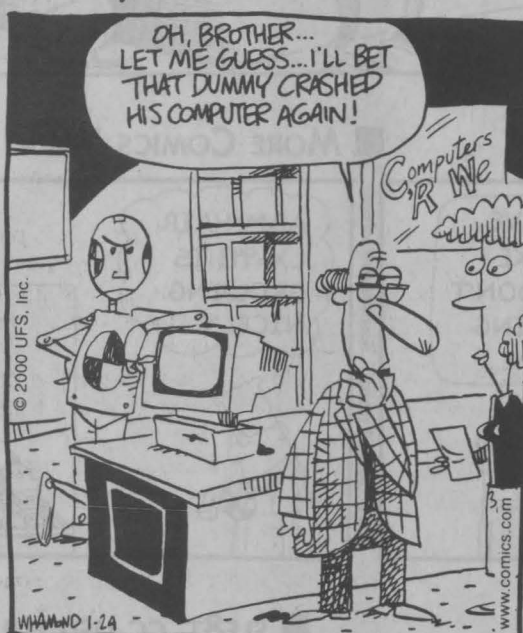
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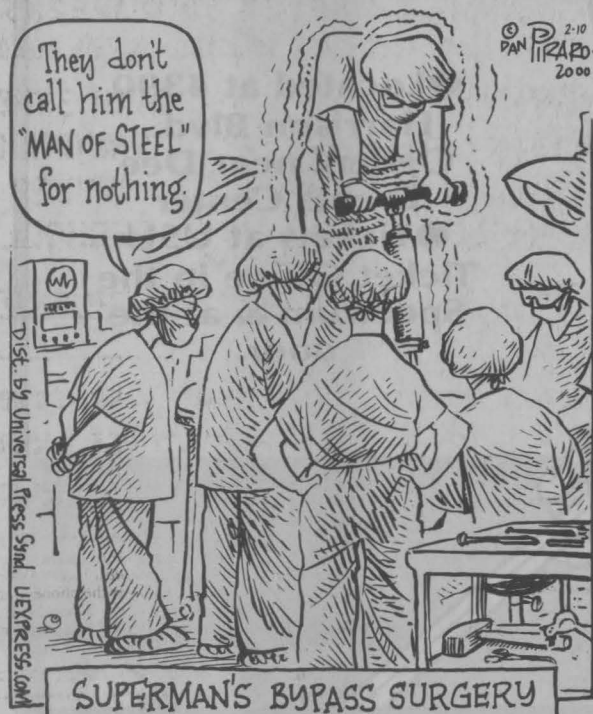
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Monday, February 21
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- The ASUSU Science Council is **looking for fun, dedicated, outgoing student** within the College of Science (Geology, math physics, chemistry, computer science, and biology) Contact David Duke 797-3785 or slb9s@cc.usu.edu or TSC 332D.
- The 58th annual **Loggers Ball and Game Dinner** will be held Feb. 18, Bullen Center. Tickets on sale CNR Room 112. Dance \$4, Dinner and Dance \$8. Sponsored by Forestry Club & Wildlife Club.
- Governor Leavitt** hold a press conference, Feb. 22, 9 a.m., Sunburst Lounge TSC.
- World War II Tribute Week** sponsored by Housing and Food Services and RHSA all activities at Lundstrom Student Center Main Office, 1295 E. 1000 North. Audio/Visual Presentation by Dr. Denise Conover (USU History Dept) Feb. 22, 7 p.m., Movie Presentation "Memphis Belle" (PG-13) 7 p.m., "Saving Private Ryan" (R) 9 p.m., Bring a pillow and a blanket, Feb. 23, Panel Discussion with World War II Veterans Feb. 24, 7 p.m.
- It's **publicity week** at the Institute. Look for a mystery letter each day in the advertisement. Figure out the mystery word and win a prize.

- USU Outdoor Recreation Center will sponsor **TWO African hand drumming classes** starting Feb. 23 for six weeks. The Congolese classes 6 to 7:30 p.m. and the West African classes 8 to 9:30 p.m. The classes will be taught by internationally known drummer Fred Simpson. Mr. Simpson will give a free demonstration Feb. 23, noon TSC Auditorium. Fee \$60.00, six-week class. Info. Outdoor Rec. Center 797-3264.
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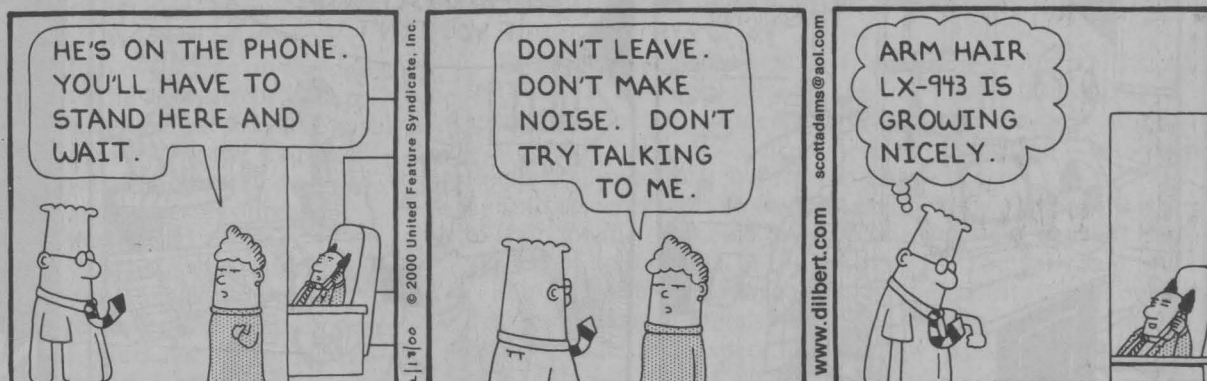
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