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Career Services offers internship help

LAURA BELLAMY
Senior News Writer

With snow still on the ground, most students aren't even thinking about what they are going to do this summer.

According to Assistant Director of Career Services Melissa Scheaffer, students in all majors should consider doing a summer internship, and Career Services is the best place to go for assistance.

"It's probably one of the most important things a student can do not only for their academic preparation, but also for their career," Scheaffer said.

According to Scheaffer, Career Services, on the first floor of the University Inn, has several different resources to help students in their internship search.

"We provide a kind of cradle-to-grave guidance," Scheaffer said. "However, we don't get an internship for you because an employer is not hiring me, they're hiring you. But we do assist you."

Scheaffer said one of the best resources for students is the Career Services Web page at www.usu.edu/career.html

"The Web site is a really good place to start because it offers students a chance to look at different opportunities by college," Scheaffer said. "It is also at the student's convenience. They can check the Web site at one in the morning if they want to."

Students are also assigned a career adviser to help them in their internship and job search, Scheaffer said.

"All students need to do is walk into the center and say, 'I'm a biology major,'" Scheaffer said. "We take it from there and meet one-on-one with the students to personalize their needs."

Scheaffer said students can find internship positions on the Internet, but should work with their career adviser to help them get the position.

"In applying for any internship, students should visit their career adviser to help them with their resume and follow-up," Scheaffer said. "We teach students how to write effective cover letters and to write proper thank you notes after an interview also."

According to Scheaffer, an internship makes students more competitive as well as helping them to secure permanent employment.

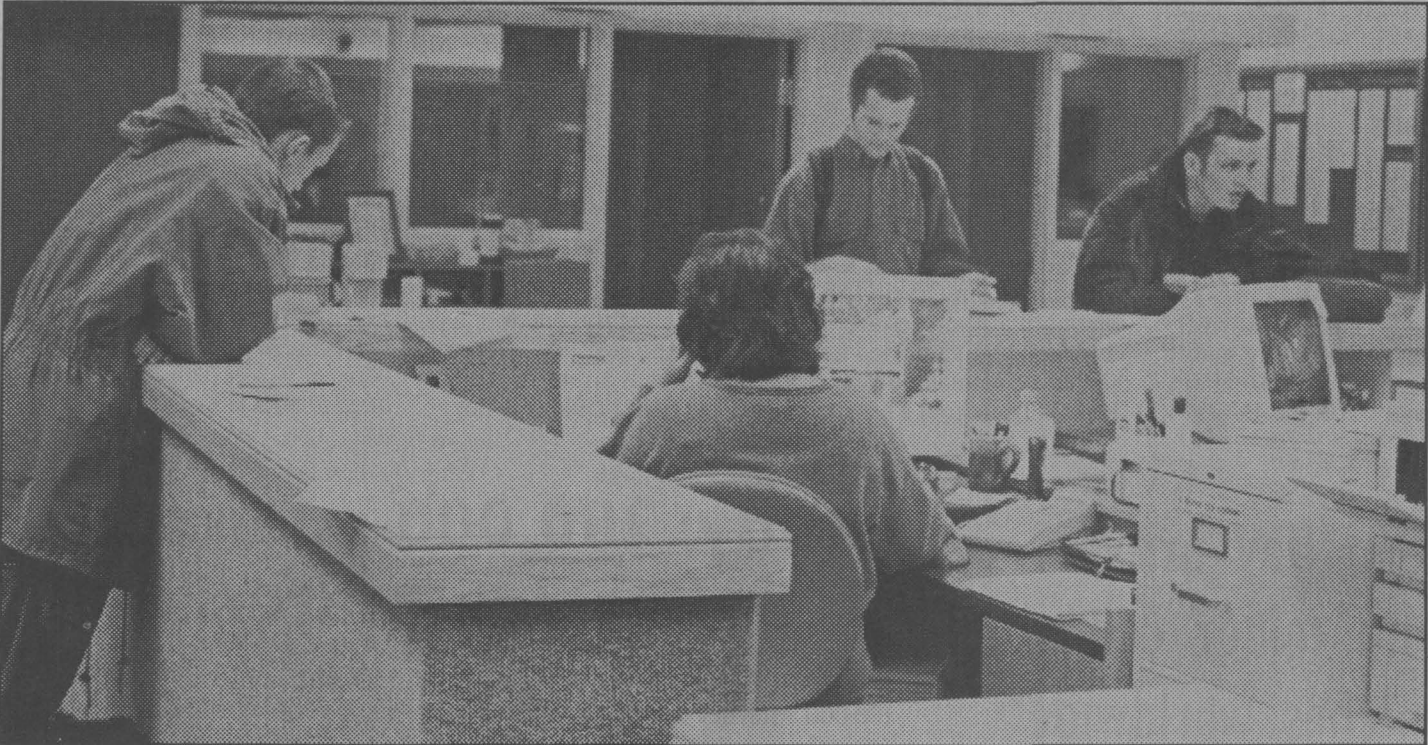
"Nationally, about 70 percent of students that do internships get job offers from the employer," Scheaffer said. "As far as career strategies, internships are a great idea."

According to Scheaffer, the average starting salary at graduation for students who have completed an internship is 9 percent higher than those who do not.

Scheaffer said internships are becoming more highly regarded as several schools, like Westminster College in Salt Lake City, require them of every graduate.

"There are some departments, such as the Business Information Systems, that do require students to complete

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Aaron Smith, Rex Todd and Richard Lambert, all USU students, look for internships at the Career Services office located on the bottom floor of the University Inn. Trisha Glowinski, an administrative assistant, provides them with job listings and other assistance.

Fair provides job opportunities

LAURA BELLAMY
Senior News Writer

Seniors looking for job opportunities and other students looking to get a jump-start on the job market will have the chance to talk with more than 190 companies from government and industry that will be represented at the Utah State University Career Fair.

The Career Fair, today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Taggart Student Center Sunburst Lounge and Ballroom, is meant to give students a chance to network and learn more about some big name compa-

nies, said Assistant Director of Career Services Melissa Scheaffer.

"Employers come for a variety of reasons," Scheaffer said. "Some come to get the name of their company out and some come to look at potential applicants. They basically come for the same reasons students do — because they want to see what's out there."

According to Scheaffer, networking is one of the best ways to find a job or an internship.

"A lot of times students are intimidated by it, but it speaks volumes to employers," Scheaffer said. "It tells them that you

have initiative, courage and confidence."

Scheaffer said students can do several things to prepare themselves for meeting with a company representative.

"Make sure you do your homework ahead of time," Scheaffer said. "Have a resumé prepared that you can go and talk to the business about. Then make sure you leave it with them."

"Dress appropriately and use the opportunity to talk to the employer about any possible internships," Scheaffer said. "Follow-up is the key issue here. Make sure you get their card and then contact them."

Netscape VP gives advice, talks on future of Internet

JEN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Randy M. Favero, Vice President of Netscape Enterprise Group, AOL, told Utah State University students to make sure they enjoy what they do.

"Life is too short to not enjoy it," he said.

Favero spoke to students in the Eccles Conference Center Tuesday as part of Business Week.

Favero, a native of Utah, worked for IBM and started Integrated Systems Solutions Corporations (ISSC) prior to working for Netscape. Favero spoke to students about change in business and the future effects it will have.

"Never before have we seen change like we do today," Favero said.

The impact of change on the work force cannot be underestimated, he said.

According to Favero, the workplace has moved from a physical to a virtual environment

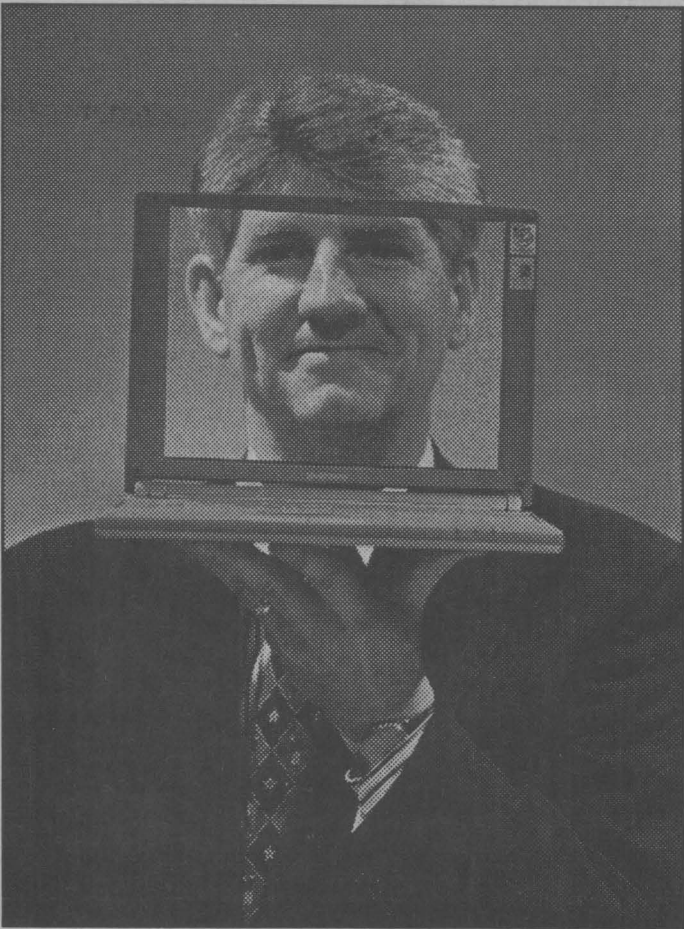
"The key is how to respond to the change," he said.

Continual change will allow success, Favero said.

He advised students to take their job definition and expand it immediately by being flexible, adaptable and by learning new skills.

"There is a crying need today for ethics and integrity," Favero said. "A stellar reputation is important because the business world is getting smaller and smaller. Relationships are key."

He also advised students to seek insight from participants in whichever field they choose



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to pursue.

"Decide what's important to you," he said. "Recognize what you don't know and be willing to change and go with change."

Favero told students to look for opportunities to give back.

"The main thing I want to leave with you is: Stay focused," Favero said. "Understand what it is you want and decide how to accomplish it."

In the future, the growth of the Internet will explode with

over one billion projected online users by 2010, Favero said. He discussed exciting changes in the future of technology.

"By the end of the year, PCs will no longer be the main way the Internet is accessed," Favero said.

Soon there will be an increase in services being offered over wireless devices, he said. Personal portals will be made possible by intelligent home devices and smart cars will become the norm.

ASUSU council to meet twice a week

DOUG SMEATH
Assistant Features Editor

In a long-running meeting that ended before all items on the agenda had been completed, the Associated Students of Utah State University Executive Council voted last night to make two basic changes to the council's procedures.

The council voted 9-6 to approve a motion that would change the council's meeting structure from one weekly meeting to two as well as requiring ASUSU college senators to revise their charters.

The motion was actually a substitute motion, made by ASUSU Student Advocate Matt Malouf, replacing another committee's proposal.

The motion passed after a meeting full of the intricacies of parliamentary procedure.

The council had been divided into two committees — one to create a proposed change to the ASUSU charter, and another to propose a change to the constitution.

At last night's meeting, each committee presented its proposals.

Much of the discussion was over motions to amend previous motions, recount previous votes and agree to adjourn no later than 8 p.m.

Somewhere among these procedural discussions, each committee's proposal was discussed.

The charter committee's proposal focused on clarifying the vision of the council.

"Our whole idea behind the change is not so much a

change in structure but a change in vision," said College of Business Senator and member of the charter committee Allyson Luekenga. "Maybe not a change in vision, but a clarification of vision."

The committee's proposal differed from the constitution committee's proposal in that it did not aim to restructure the council as to voting rights and the basic layout of the council.

"We feel like every individual contributes to the quality of student life on campus," she said. "It's

important that we keep this diverse representation."

The constitution committee's proposal, on the other hand, would restructure the council, creating three basic bodies in the council — the ASUSU Senate, the Programming Board and the President's Council.

Currently, the council is made up of senators, legislators and programmers. Each member of the council can vote on legislative items.

Under the constitution committee's proposal, only the ASUSU Senate — made up of the eight college senators, the chair of the Programming Board and the ASUSU Executive Vice President, who would serve as chair of the President's Cabinet — would vote.

"I don't think it diminishes anybody's responsibilities or authority because you can still carry out your duties," ASUSU Graduate Vice President Dan Ward said.

Ward was also a member of

the constitution committee.

Some members of the council, however, expressed concern that losing voting rights would leave some on the council with weaker voices.

ASUSU Athletics Vice President Sam Winward said he has sat on committees this year with students at large, students who have no vote in Executive Council.

"Sad as it may be ... I feel the administration listens" to voting council members more than non-voting students, he said.

ASUSU Extension Vice President Steve Palmer also served on the constitution committee. He said the Programming Board and the President's Cabinet would serve students by lobbying for them in the council. He said that would serve as a representative voice for the students, while each student would be represented with a vote by his or her college senator.

Palmer said when students vote for non-senator positions, they usually vote for someone they feel would do a good job in that specific office. He said they don't necessarily realize that person would also represent the students to university administration or vote on such things as tuition issues.

"I think a senator is there to represent," Ward said. "I think an Arts and Lectures vice president is there" to bring arts and cultural events to campus, he said.

But ASUSU Activities Vice President Mandy Saunders said students need to be represented in areas other than just the academic issues senators are there for.

"I have been better represented by someone serving in

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WORLD & NATION

6-year-old shoots classmate

MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — In a school shooting made more shocking by the age of the youngsters involved, a 6-year-old boy pulled a gun from his pants and shot a little girl to death Tuesday in front of their horrified first-grade teacher and classmates.

The boy fired a bullet from a .32-caliber gun inside Buell Elementary near Flint, 60 miles from Detroit, striking 6-year-old Kayla Rolland in the neck. She died a half-hour later.

The boy, whose name was not released, was taken into the custody of the state child welfare agency after the shooting.

Prosecutors did not say how they think the boy got the gun, though they said it had been reported stolen in December and was in the

boy's home.

Genesee County Prosecutor Arthur A. Busch said there may have been "some sort of scuffle or quarrel on the playground" between the boy and girl a day earlier.

He said five pupils were in the classroom preparing to leave for the library when the shooting occurred. The teacher was standing in the doorway when the boy, who had the gun tucked in his pants, pointed it at a pupil, Busch said. The boy then turned toward the Kayla and fired the only bullet in the gun, the prosecutor said.

The boy ran into a bathroom and dropped the gun into a trash can, Busch said. School personnel held the boy until authorities arrived.

A girl who identified herself as a classmate, 6-year-old Haili Durbin, told The

Associated Press that Kayla had yelled at the boy because he spit on her desk and stood on it. She was interviewed with her father present.

School Superintendent Ira A. Rutherford told reporters at the police station that the girl's version of events was inaccurate. Police Chief Eric King said he had not heard of the girl or her story. He said investigators had interviewed the children who were in the class at the time of the shooting, and she was not among them.

Regardless of what the investigation reveals, it may be impossible to bring charges against the boy, the prosecutor said. But he said someone may face charges for enabling the boy to obtain the gun.

"There is a presumption in law that a child ... is not

criminally responsible and can't form an intent to kill. Obviously, he has done a very terrible thing today, but legally, he can't be held criminally responsible," the prosecutor said. "We will get to the bottom of how that gun got into that little boy's hands."

The boy is by far the youngest gunman in a series of deadly school shootings that have rocked communities around the country over the past three years. In 1998, two boys, 11 and 13, opened fire at a middle school in Jonesboro, Ark., killing four girls and a teacher.

"Where does it stop? First-graders shooting first-graders. The culture of violence is manifesting itself here with what occurred," said Sam Riddle, a

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WorldGLANCE

➤ Diallo protest leads to police scuffle

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A crowd of protesters angry with the acquittal of four white New York City police officers in the shooting death of an unarmed black man scuffled with police and blocked rush-hour traffic Tuesday.

The scuffle broke out as police tried to clear a path for the car of Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne M. Abraham. Protesters surrounded her car after she gave themets were marching in support of Amadou Diallo, the West African immigrant who died a year ago in New York when he was struck by 19 bullets in a barrage of 41 police gunshots.

The officers who were acquitted Friday testified they thought Diallo was reaching for a gun when they confronted him in the vestibule of his Bronx apartment building. Diallo actually was clutching his wallet.

Meanwhile, Diallo's parents, their attorneys and the Rev. Al Sharpton plan to meet with Department of Justice officials in Washington on Thursday to discuss possibility of civil rights charges being brought against the officers.

➤ 15-year-old gets lengthy murder sentence

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (AP) — A 15-year-old boy, believed to be the youngest person ever tried for two separate murders in Maryland, learned Tuesday that he would likely spend the rest of his life in prison.

"In both of the deaths, both juries agreed," said Prince George's County, Md., Circuit Court Judge Graydon S. McKee before sentencing Travis Lionel Savoy to life in prison, plus 40 years for crimes committed within two months of the ninth-grade dropout's 14th birthday.

Savoy was sentenced to life in prison plus 20 years for the robbery and murder of Javier Eduardo Castillo, 33, a pizza deliveryman gunned down moments after he made a delivery to a Bladensburg apartment where Savoy was a guest.

"All Mr. Castillo ever wanted was to live free in the United States," said Peter Torres, a brother-in-law of the victim. Castillo first came to the United States in 1994, seeking political asylum from his native Peru.

McKee also sentenced Savoy to 20 years in prison for the murder of Dominick Elliout Hiers, 16, a former classmate who witnesses say drew Savoy's wrath when he failed to return a borrowed handgun.

Although Hiers' mother and other relatives were in the courtroom they did not address the court, opting instead to have the prosecutor voice their support for the maximum penalty.

He is a young man who really has "a lack of conscience," said Assistant Maryland State's Attorney, William M. Manico.

"Mr. Savoy will probably serve the longest life sentence ever in the state of Maryland," said defense attorney Antoini M. Jones, contending the consecutive sentences, looming decades into his client's future represent "cruel and unusual punishment," moments before pulling a notice of appeal from his briefcase.

Jones said the evidence was insufficient to warrant a first degree murder conviction in the Castillo case, and a flawed verdict of second degree murder in the Heirs' case are grounds for appeal. Savoy should never have been tried as an adult, he added.

Members of Savoy's family expressed anger following the sentencing.

➤ Rain sops San Francisco a record 21 days

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco set a soggy record Tuesday, the 21st day in February that rain has fallen on the city. Of course, the record will go into the books with an asterisk, because this February had 29 days.

The city's rainfall total is 23 percent above normal levels for this time of year, thanks to a series of storms that have drenched the California coast relentlessly throughout February.

"They're just zinging along straight across the Pacific," said Shane Snyder, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

The heavy rainfall combined with a 29-day February broke the record of 20 days of rain set in 1915 and 1998. The rainfall total was 8.62 inches for the month as of 4 a.m. Tuesday. That's well above the average of 3.36 inches for February, but far below the record of 14.89 inches in 1998.

"In December and January we had a big (high pressure) ridge over us. It wasn't allowing us to get any of the storms we usually get," Snyder said. That high pressure weather system subsided in early February and resulted in torrents of rain for the San Francisco Bay area.

In Southern California, where rainfall also has been steady, some business owners lamented the showers.

"It's a seasonal business for us, and February is usually our worst month anyway in terms of revenue. We've been closed about 13 or 14 days out of 29 so far this month because of rain," said Bobby Bae, manager of Circle Marina Hand Car Wash in Long Beach.

Roofing businesses, however, have experienced a mild boost since last week's strong storms stripped roofs of buildings in the Los Angeles area.

"Right now our business has about tripled as far as phone calls and giving out estimates. But actual revenue has about doubled than in other, drier months," said Jay Yu, an accountant for A&B Roofing Company in Los Angeles.

➤ Bra magnet opens secret drug compartment

ENON, Ohio (AP) — A magnet hidden in a woman's bra led state troopers to 22 pounds of cocaine hidden in a van.

The State Highway Patrol said the van had been stopped for a traffic violation on Interstate 70 on Friday, and a police dog smelled drugs.

Where were the drugs?

A female officer found a magnet in Eunice Santana's bra during a patdown search. The magnet aligned with a device in the van's center console, providing access to a secret compartment holding the drugs.

Santana, 24, of New York City, and the driver, Giberto Nunez, 32, of Fairview, N.J., were arrested.

Leap Day arrives
with minor computer
glitches worldwide

NEW YORK (AP) — Lines grew at a Washington-area airport and some Caller ID and paging devices displayed the wrong date as Leap Day confused computers Tuesday.

Check-in congestion at Reagan National Airport was blamed on a curbside computer system used by skycaps. Passengers had to use regular check-in stations until the skycap system could properly recognize Feb. 29.

John Koskinen, President Clinton's Y2K czar, described the airport error and other scattered glitches around the world as minor. He said Leap Day was even quieter than New Year's Day.

"At this juncture, as we expected, we have received no reports of any major problems," he told reporters in Washington. "This does not mean that no one has had a computer problem, but in many cases they are minor problems that can be fixed immediately."

Some problems dealt with display. Some Caller ID and paging devices, for instance, displayed March 1.

Michel Daley, a Bell Atlantic spokesman, compared the Caller ID glitch to the confusion brought by daylight savings time. The display is automatically corrected the first time callers receive a phone call.

More significant was what went right. The North American Electric Reliability Council declared all power systems in the United States and Canada "in green status." The U.S. airline and banking industries also had no problems.

"Even our oldest computer came up with the 29th of February," said Jim Van Dongen of New Hampshire's Office of Emergency Management.

The federal government will monitor the transition until at least Wednesday, when some computers may treat March 1 as Feb. 30.

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Study: 200,000 addicted
to online sex material

NEW YORK (AP) — At least 200,000 Internet users are hooked on porn sites, X-rated chat rooms or other sexual materials online, researchers say in one of the first studies to estimate the number of "cybersex compulsives."

"This is a hidden public health hazard exploding, in part, because very few are recognizing it as such or taking it seriously," the researchers said.

The study, conducted by psychologists at Stanford and Duquesne universities, appears in the March issue of the journal Sexual Addiction and Compulsivity.

The researchers classified users as "cybersex compulsives" if they spent more than 11 hours a week visiting sexually oriented areas and scored high on a 10-item questionnaire about relationships and attitudes toward sex.

The study was led by Al Cooper, clinical director at the San Jose Marital and Sexuality Centre and Stanford's training coordinator for counseling and psychological services.

The researchers found evidence that compulsives have more problems with relationships and jobs than Internet users who visit X-rated sites casually.

Past studies examined how many people visited porn sites

and how much time they spend there. But very few studies attempted to estimate the number of compulsives, said Mark Wiederhold, a professor at the California School of Professional Psychology in San Diego.

He called the conclusions conservative, but significant, "pointing to a huge number we can't ignore."

Wiederhold and Cooper raised caution about how participants were picked. For the survey, conducted in the spring of 1998, more than 13,500 visitors to the MSNBC news site were asked to answer a questionnaire.

Because of such self-selection, it is impossible to tell whether the group accurately represents all Internet users.

Plus, participants may have lied or denied they had a problem.

The researchers tossed out incomplete responses or multiple questionnaires that appeared to come from the same individual. They kept 9,265 surveys from respondents ages 18 to 90.

Only 96 of these people, or about 1 percent, fit researchers' definition for being cybersex compulsive.

Applying that percentage to 20 million people visiting sexual sites each month, the researchers came up with the figure of 200,000.

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In the treetops

Eric Hale, a Physical Plant employee, drug a chainsaw up some of the trees on campus in order to prune away the dead branches. The Physical Plant has kept busy getting the grounds on campus ready for spring.

Cache Citizen to go weekly

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — After five months as a thrice-weekly newspaper, the Cache Citizen newspaper will return to a weekly publication schedule immediately, the paper announced Tuesday.

Publisher Kathy Heninger said the

move stems from unrelated financial losses one of the paper's investors has suffered.

Heninger said she still hopes to make the newspaper a daily publication if more financial backing can be found.

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an activities position or ... athletics" than by senators, she said.

ASUSU Public Relations Vice President Christina Domichel said the voting so far this year has been consistent: Legislators vote one way and programmers another, while the senators are often split.

She said the proposed change would end up being basically the same, with the same representation, just boiled down to the senators.

ASUSU Academics Vice President Emily Croshaw said she was also concerned that a smaller number of voting voices would interfere with the balance of powers the current setup provides.

The parliamentary procedure started when ASUSU Student Advocate Matt Malouf made a substitute motion. He moved to vote on two specific aspects of the charter committee's proposal, rather than vote on each proposal as a whole.

He said many members of the council seemed concerned that if the proposal of one committee passed, the other would fail. He said they were concerned their own stance would lose.

So instead, he moved that two aspects of the charter committee proposal — the creation of two separate weekly meetings and the requirement that each senator revise his or her charter to include the ASUSU vision and the individual role of each office — be accepted by the council.

The two separate meetings would be used to improve council efficiency, Saunders said. She said the first would be only for legislative issues and would follow strict parliamentary procedure.

The second meeting would be more

informal and would meet immediately after the legislative meeting. It would be a "housekeeping" meeting, devoted to announcements and issues specifically related to the council, such as retreats, banquets and ASUSU shirts.

Many council members had been concerned that last night's meeting was too early to vote on the proposals.

Palmer said the council usually has at least three weeks to consider any legislative item before making a final vote.

Malouf said his substitute motion would single out two fairly simple aspects of one of the proposals, which could go into effect immediately and could therefore be tested before next year's officers are elected and brought into a meeting to observe.

Still, some members of the council brought motion after motion before the council, motions about agreeing to adjourn by 8 p.m. or motions to amend motions that had been brought concerning other parliamentary issues.

Some members of the council called it a filibuster.

In the end, Croshaw said Malouf's two proposed changes were not a big deal and could be voted on and tried out immediately.

The motion almost didn't make it to a vote.

Eight p.m. came before the vote. However, the motion was made to extend the meeting until the issue was voted on. That motion passed.

After the vote, the council adjourned, about an hour later than typical council meetings. A legislative item on the agenda concerning capital and support for computers was not addressed and will be discussed at next week's legislative meeting, the first meeting in the new two-meeting structure.

are sophomores before they begin to search for an internship because as freshmen, they might not have solid career goals. They also might not have enough course work experience to be competitive, she said.

"I would look closely at your career goals to decide what kind of internship is right for you," Scheaffer said. "Then proceed by contacting

your adviser."

The more internships students have, the more competitive they will be, Scheaffer said.

"As many as you can get," Scheaffer said. "One is great. More than one is even better."

Scheaffer said a big key to getting a good internship is to begin searching early in the year. She said, however, it isn't too late for students just

Area church leaders show support for gays and lesbians at USU

LEAH L. CULLER
Assistant News Editor

Representatives from six churches in Cache Valley showed their support for members of the Utah State University Pride! Alliance by attending their Monday night meeting and encouraging them to feel welcome to attend any of their services.

Each individual spoke to the members about what their church is as a religion, their view of homosexuality on a denominational level and view of the particular church of that denomination here in the valley.

The denominations represented at the meeting were Cache Valley Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, Logan First Presbyterian Church, Metropolitan Community Church-Bridgerland, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) and St. John's Episcopal Church.

David V. McFarland, a minister from the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, emphasized that they are not a denomination, but rather an association of congregations. The focus of the religion is that God is simple unity.

In 1973, a general resolution was passed affirming the inherent worth of all people. At that time, an office for gay and lesbian concerns was established.

"We have a 30-year history of involvement in gay and lesbian issues," he said.

McFarland said ministers in the fellowship have performed union ceremonies for gay and lesbian couples for some time, but the association as a whole affirmed gay and lesbian marriages in 1996. He said there are a couple of congregations that don't agree with the association's stance on the issue.

"You go out into the world and some people are going to agree with you and some people aren't," he said.

Here in Cache Valley, McFarland said there are openly gay couples and individuals in the congregation and they are accepted just like anyone else.

According to John McGarey, a pastor from Logan First Presbyterian Church, his religion centers around the fact that God is sovereign and involved in the world and the lives of people.

The denominational policy for the Presbyterian religion, McGarey said, is to welcome and include anyone who wants to worship. However, homosexual individuals are not allowed to be ordained as officers of the church, he said.

McGarey said there has been much debate about the ordination of gay and lesbian individuals. He said he believes there is no real difference between being baptized and being ordained.

"(An individual is) baptized into the ministry that Christ began," he said. "This is the same ministry that a person is ordained to. They are so closely knit."

According to McGarey, a similar argument took place in 1958 about why women shouldn't be allowed to be ordained.

"I don't see how it can not eventually end up as an inclusive thing," he said.

McGarey said he tries to make the church here in Logan a welcoming and friendly place.

"You're all welcome to come to anything we do," he said.

The Metropolitan Community Church was started in 1968 by a 26-year-old man who had been excommunicated from his religion for confessing his homosexual tendencies, said Pastor Kelly Byrnes of the church.

According to Byrnes, the religion's founder was married with children and was completely ostracized from the religious community when he confessed his feelings. He decided the organization did not speak for God and wanted God's appreciation of who he was, Byrnes said.

The religion today is a little of everyone, Byrnes said.

"We have to be something that sort of relates to all people," he said. "We have everything from high holy drag to sweet grass and smudge pots."

Byrnes said there is an effort to make everyone feel welcome.

"Just about everyone is gay," he said,

"because that's where we come from."

The mostly gay membership can be a good thing and a bad thing, Byrnes said.

"We can be too gay," he said. "That can scare people off."

The church, not yet a generation old, is still learning how to be a universal fellowship, Byrnes said. They are still learning how to relate to each other and support each other, he said, but the important thing is acceptance.

"Salvation belongs to everybody,"

Byrnes said. "It's God's to give and ours to receive."

Barry Neese, pastor from the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, said the main belief of the Lutheran religion is "there is nothing we can do that will make God love us more and we believe there is nothing we can do that will make God love us less."

Neese said he doesn't think any churches have been on the cutting edge of gay and lesbian issues. His church, along with many others, has struggled with the issue of sexual minorities.

The Lutheran church ordains gay and lesbian individuals, but they must submit to being celibate, Neese said.

"At this point in time," he said, "they are requested to remain celibate."

Neese said he is not sure what the future holds for this particular issue, but feels it is a blessing that this issue has forced the church to address the

general issue of sexuality.

At Prince of Peace, Neese said there is a large group of people who accept sexual minorities with open arms. There is a group that is fearful, he said, and even some who would jump into Biblical reference which he said is often overstated and overused.

"Unfortunately," he said, "the world affects communities of faith. But my hope would be people would be welcome."

Pat Bohm-Trostle from the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) said the Quaker belief is that the light of God is within each person. This automatically calls for equality of all persons, she said.

"Equality for any person would of course include lesbian, gay, (etc.)," she said. "To me it seems like a non-issue because it's so obvious."

The Quaker religion believes in simplicity, Bohm-Trostle said. There are no sacraments and no priesthood.

"They're downright revolutionary is what it is," she said.

She said she joined the church because "they walk their talk."

The Religious Society of Friends is an Unprogrammed Meeting congregation of the Quaker religion. Other branches of the religion have pastors or worship according to the Bible, but the local branch is one that bases worship on the individuals in the congregation and their beliefs.

In Logan, the Religious Society of Friends is positive on the side of same-sex marriages and performs these marriages, Bohm-Trostle said.

Members of the Episcopalian religion all share a certain sense of the goodness of the world, according to the Rev. Ruth Eller of St. John's Episcopal Church.

The issue of sexuality has caused considerable conflict and debate, Eller said.

"So far, we have refrained from legislating," she said. "We talk a lot and make resolutions, but they're not laws."

Eller said there are some extreme voices in the religion, but they speak for themselves. The majority of the Episcopal church is receiving and welcoming, she said.

At St. John's, Eller said she believes they are friendly to everyone who comes. There are some gay members of the congregation locally, she said.

The Episcopal Church has been accused of being "wishy-washy," Eller said.

"We don't make a law against or for," she said. "We just let people work it out at the local level."

Byrnes said it is important to remember that churches are communities of people and every community is different.

"Look beyond the label," he said. "There are good people in every church."

NewsBRIEFS

➤ Fair offers job opportunities

Students and community members looking for a career are invited to Utah State University's 10th Annual Career Fair today in the Taggart Student Center.

The fair will be held in the Sunburst Lounge from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sponsored by Career Services, the fair brings together prospective employees and technical as well as non-technical employers.

Career Services recommends those interested in attending bring their resumes to submit. For more information, see www.usu.edu/career

➤ Free activities at HPER Saturday

The National Intramural and Recreation Sport Association is celebrating a birthday. Students and the general public are invited to enjoy a free day of activities at the HPER Saturday.

Live bands will play from 1 to 3 p.m. and free hotdogs and popcorn will be served from 11 a.m. until supplies run out.

Free games of volleyball, badminton, basketball, table tennis and racquetball will be available as well as free swimming between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Free outdoor events will also be available.

Soccer will be at 10 a.m., flag football will be at 11 a.m., ultimate frisbee at noon and softball at 1 p.m. Horse shoes, tug-of-war battles and croquet matches will be at the cage.

There will also be special presentations by the Karate club at 1 p.m., the Ballroom Dance team at 1 p.m. and the Rugby and Lacrosse teams with times to be announced.

Free instructional classes in gymnastics, water polo and swimming from 12 to 2 p.m. will also be available.

Water aerobics instruction will be given at 10 a.m.

There will also be a free 5K run starting at 9:30 a.m. in front of the HPER.

For more information, call 797-1503.

➤ Painter to visit USU next week

Painter Alan Magee is the next guest to travel to Utah State University as part of the Visiting Artist Program in the Art department.

Magee works in a number of diverse media, but is most usually recognized as a painter known for his detailed, representational paintings.

Magee will be at USU March 6 through 8 and will offer a public lecture March 7 at 7 p.m. in the Chase Fine Arts Center Fine Arts Visual, Room 150.

The lecture is free and open to the community.

A reception will follow the lecture in the Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art.

"Object as Subject" is the theme for this year's Visiting Artist Program, and a number of nationally and internationally recognized guests have traveled to the USU campus for a series of lectures, discussions and critique sessions.

For more information about the Visiting Artist Program, call 797-3040.

*Briefs compiled by
USU AND STATESMAN STAFF*

INTERNSHIPS

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an internship before graduating," Scheaffer said. "I don't know if every major should be required to do an internship, but I think it is certainly a good idea for every student to consider doing one."

According to Scheaffer, students should wait until they

beginning their search.

"The internships are still going to be out there," Scheaffer said. "You may have missed out on some valuable opportunities though."

She said some years Career Services even has too many internships and not enough applicants.

"Some years we have too many internships and the positions go unfilled,"

Scheaffer said.

Scheaffer said students should also check with other resources in their department to meet with advisers who can help them find a position.

"Students who use Career Services and work closely with their advisers are going to have better chances, but it really comes down to a student's initiative to get the internship," Scheaffer said.

FEATURES

Jazz, blues and funk

In One Ear will be playing two concerts at Utah State next week. Find out more about them in Friday's Entertainment section.



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Gliding into flight

USU student Zaxh Haddenham gets some big air at Beaver Mountain Saturday afternoon. Haddenham and others have been taking advantage of the spring-like weather, enjoying Utah's snow while it lasts.

Making tracks

Student takes unconventional way to school

DEBBIE LAMB
Staff Writer

For some people getting to school during the winter can be a long cold trip. But for Dalin Tidwell it is a longer, more enjoyable experience riding on a snowmobile.

"It's who I am. My wife fits into it and has a great time too," Tidwell said.

Tidwell is a junior at Utah State University majoring in Natural Resource with an emphasis in Fisheries and Wildlife. Tidwell and his wife are the managers at Rocking C Ranch — a family ranch with activities such as horseback riding and greased pig chasing.

"My plan is to work with the Division of Wildlife," Tidwell said. "A lot of things I'm doing here at the ranch are going to be a part of my whole life."

Rocking C Ranch is located 15 miles south of Hardware Ranch on Antflat Road. Tidwell leaves the ranch at 6 a.m. each day to snowmobile to Hardware Ranch, where he parks his snowmobile and gets into his pickup truck to drive the rest of the way to school.

"We park it there in where the barns are, where the Division of Wildlife keeps their equipment," Tidwell said. "The rangers keep track of it. They are good to watch out for my stuff."

When you add everything up, it is not any cheaper for him to snowmobile in, he said.

"I drive a big sled that doesn't get very good gas mileage and neither does my truck," Tidwell said.

"We are at the mercy of Mother Nature," Tidwell said. "It's kinda crazy when it

is five degrees below zero or in a blizzard, it gets real exciting. I grew up in this area so I'm pretty familiar with the trail."

Tidwell and his wife were married last December.

When they had the opportunity to manage the ranch, they felt it was too good to pass up. But Tidwell also knew that his education was too important to give up.

"On her days off Jennifer comes down with me, once or twice a week," Tidwell said. "Sometimes she comes with me to class or otherwise she does the shopping and pays the bills. It's a pretty good deal," Tidwell said. "We're having a fun time. You can't beat that."

Tidwell does not see any people in the morning, and when he returns he will occasionally see other snowmobilers.

High adventure for college credit

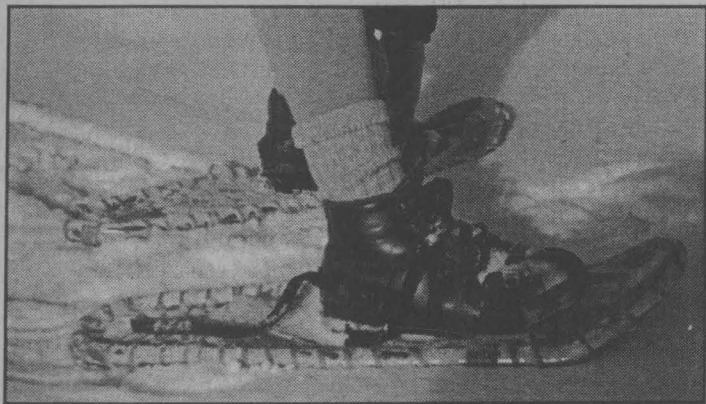
NATALIE LARSON
Staff Writer

The Continuing Education Travel Study Program provides a way for students to develop, through hands-on experience, skills not taught in a traditional classroom.

According to information available from the program, this is accomplished by offering inexpensive one- to two-week trips to students. These trips incorporate many different areas of focus to accommodate as many interests as possible. This gives students a wide range of activities to choose from, said Stanford Smith, the program coordinator for Travel Study.

These focuses include discovery, history, adventure and educationally oriented travel opportunities. Whenever possible, university staff or professional members of the community help with these trips to ensure a quality experience and to help build ties between students and these individuals, Smith said.

One of these trips was an activity held last Saturday with the Mountain Man



Through Continuing Education students live in the outdoor classroom.

Tracking and Snow Shoeing, Smith said.

Eight mountain men and women set up camp Friday night and students were brought in Saturday. Participants learned mountain man lore, fire making, animal tracking and snowshoeing up Juniper Trail during the trip.

"All the participants had a good time," Smith said.

"I think these programs are really valuable because you get to participate in the learning," he said. "You get real-life skills that are very applicable. They offer something unique to the university."

"You get to have a classroom outside and the topics are not traditional," he added.

"Many times students will go to one of these trips and then immediately after sign up for several more because they've enjoyed it so much," Smith said.

The program offers a wide range of activities through various sponsors such as the Bear River Institute (BRI), Utah Tours and Global Touring, Smith said.

The next activity with spots still available is a Spring Birding in Cache

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Leaping past a possible bad day

MIXED NUTS / Justin Berry



So this has to be the year of adventures and special occasions. Think about it — first we had the mock millennium starting, and now we have endured a Leap Day.

I guess the point is this:

We only get one every

four years and we should celebrate, right? Wrong. The way I look at it, it's another day I have to deal with.

The real point of the issue is this: I have heard a lot of rumors about the whole Leap Day thing so I was excited about it. I mean I was looking forward to it, and do you know what happened? Not a darn thing! Nada. Nothing. I went about business as usual. I guess I was expecting too much. What else is new?

Ok, the rumor I have been hearing is this: Once upon a time, long ago, women could ask men to marry on Leap Day them without feeling like they had broken the very structure of society in a flash of unfeminine glory. But that was a million years ago, and now the whole thing is just a distant memory.

But the point here is I heard this from a friend of mine. It was then that I had the stroke of genius that I always seem to get when something is really a bad idea. I decided that I would wait to be proposed to and then if it seemed like a viable proposal, I would make off like Fox's "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire," but without the prenuptial agreement, hype and lawsuits.

Fine, the money (I'm not going to marry a millionaire) would not have been an option either, but I guess when you wait for the girl to ask you out then you can't be overly picky.

Now before I get everyone on campus in an uproar over this, I have to defend myself.

I ... er ... I thought it would be OK if some random girl on campus walked up to me and said, "Hey, you. Do you want to get married?" It's not like I want the girl to do all the work, I just get tired of playing this whole dating game. I guess it is more that I don't want to wear my

heart on my sleeve every time I ask someone out and then watch as it becomes a door mat for the high heels of disappointment.

In the end, I'll end up joining the down-and-out club again. Hey, I think I may even run for president. I think I may have a shot at it too. But that is a whole different story to deal with, so I will spare you the gory details.

So, back to the topic at hand. I waited all day for Miss Right to make her way up to me. I even wore a suit on campus so I would be a little more prepared for the blissful moment.

Every time I passed a female on campus, I tried to smile that "hey look at me" smile, but I failed to really connect. Gee, the story of my life.

Don't get me wrong, I have a ton of friends I just don't have a wife. Not that it is necessarily bad, it is just when you grow up in Utah and are not married by the age of two, something just has to be wrong with you.

After a long, disappointing day, I have decided that it is not the best tradition. I currently think I could go for arranged marriages. It would be like going to McBurger Place and ordering the usual. But then again, do I really trust my parents to make that choice for me?

I will give you three choices and the first two don't count.

Ummm ... nope.

It's not that my parents wouldn't make a good choice or anything. I guess it is more the fact that I really want to be happy.

I guess it goes back to a Smash Mouth song that says, "Just when I thought everything would be OK, just when I started to believe everything was going my way, out came the cloud from under my feet — crashing back down to reality ... from here on out, my pet name would be ex — your ex."

So maybe I am happy that it was a normal day. I guess some things are just better left to fate. Who needs Leap Day anyway?

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Jazz concert to swing into March

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
Media Relations

Two jazz ensembles at Utah State University will present their annual winter concert March 1.

The USU Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Todd Fallis, and the USU Jazz Orchestra, under the direction of Larry Smith, perform Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Kent Concert Hall of the Chase Fine Arts Center at USU. Tickets are available at the door. Adult tickets are \$3 and USU students with current ID are admitted free.

Many of the musicians in the concert are participating

at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Idaho this weekend, Fallis said. This annual event draws jazz musicians from across the country.

Fallis promises a good variety during the evening, from swing numbers to some 80s selections. The Jazz Ensemble's program opens with "Doin' Basie's Thing" by Sammy Nestico. Three student soloists are featured next in "Three and One" by Thad Jones. David Defa is on trumpet, Megan Bates on baritone saxophone and Matt Redd on bass.

The ensemble features a guest performer in the next selection, "Tribute to Miles,"

arranged by Mark Taylor. The guest artist is Lou Campbell, a trombonist from Salt Lake City.

"Lou is a great jazz trombonist and we are glad to have him in Logan for our concert," Fallis said. "He's active in a number of groups and has played with the ballet orchestra; I've been involved in several recording sessions with him in Salt Lake."

Campbell is also featured in the next selection, "Bye Bye Blues" by Rob McConnell. Nathan George joins as a featured soloist on tenor sax.

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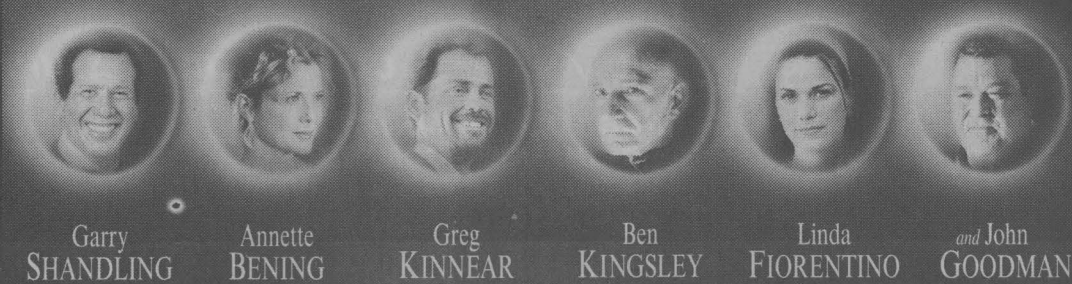
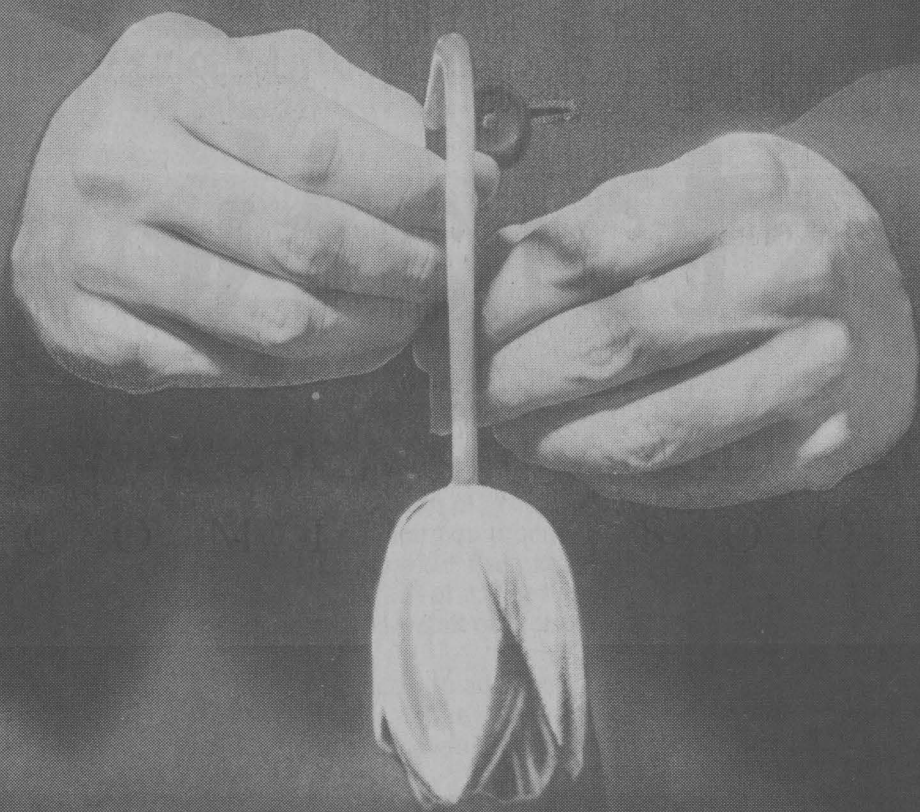
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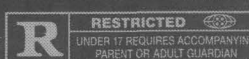
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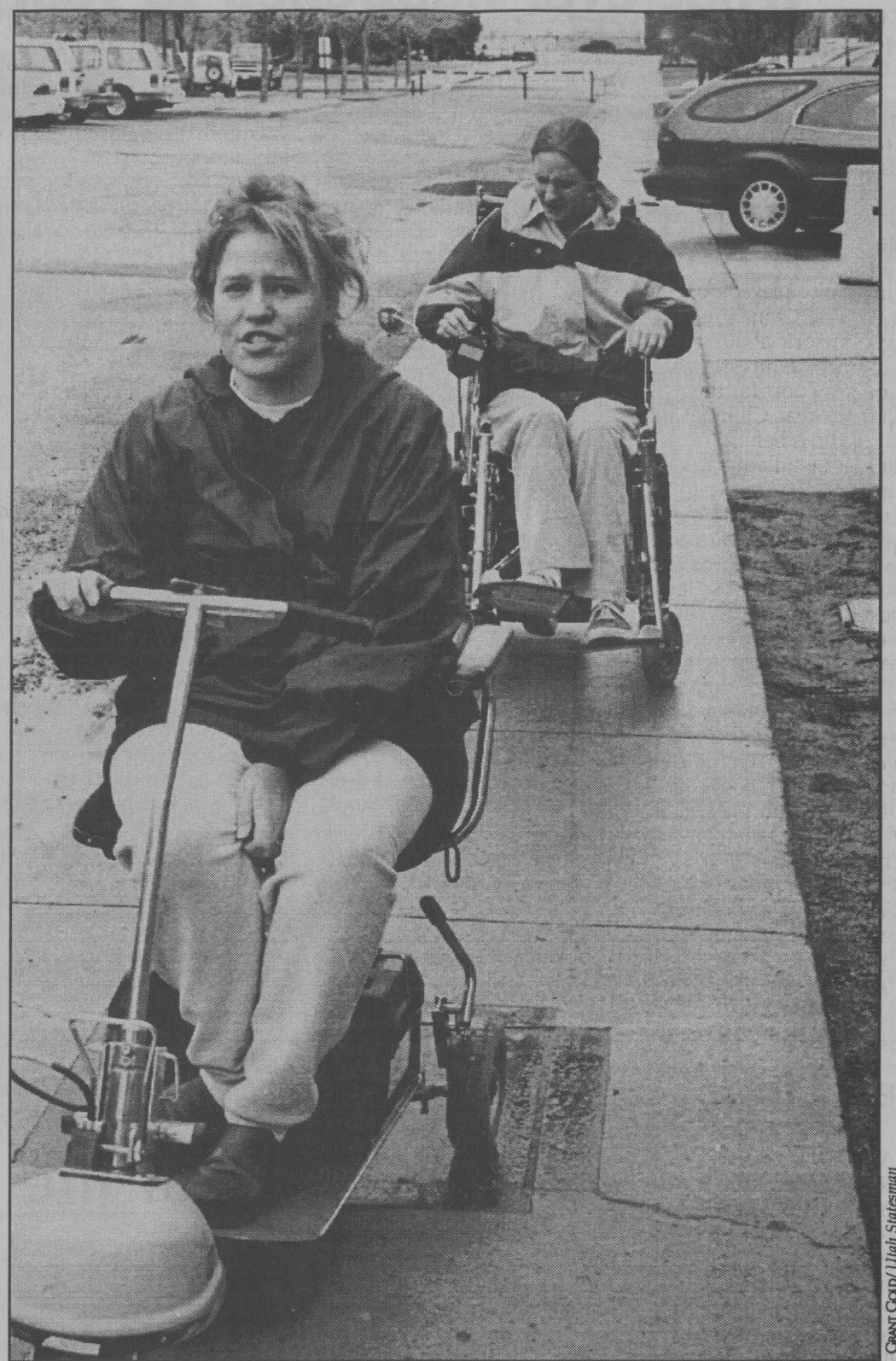


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COMING SOON



Keepin' pace

Jami Peterson (front) and Tiffany Johnson, both majoring in special education, spend time using alternate forms of mobility in an assistive technologies class. The exercise was designed to give students a better understanding of challenges students with disabilities face.

GARY COOK/Utah Statesman

JAZZ

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Another Sammy Nestico selection is next. "Broadway" features students Seth Nueffer on trumpet and Nathan Baker on trombone.

The evening's guest artist returns for his last selection, "A Time for Love" by Johnny Mandel, arranged by Nestico.

The Jazz Ensemble concludes its portion of the concert with a Kenny Wheeler arrangement of "Country Road." This piece, Fallis

promises, will be a lot of fun. Smith and members of the Jazz Orchestra will present the shuffling, rocking "Friday Night at the Cadillac Club" by tenor saxophonist Bob Berg, Smith said. The work features USU soloists Brittain Barber on tenor saxophone, Pat Rose on trombone and Jesse Shafer on guitar.

Alto saxophonist Tyler Farr is soloist on Bill Holman's arrangement of "Stella by Starlight" and Stan Kenton's "Waltz of the Prophets" features Barber, this time on bass saxophone.

Matt Bell on guitar and Jeremy Lundberg on trumpet. Lionel Hampton's bluesy "Red Top" showcases several soloists.

Vocalist Katy Proudfit was a huge hit in an October Jazz Orchestra concert and she will be back for this concert, Smith notes. She'll return to sing Gershwin's "Someone to Watch Over Me" and Diana Krall's hit "Peel Me a Grape."

"As you can see, a wide variety of jazz styles will be performed," Smith said. "I hope everyone can join us for this night of swinging music."

TRIPS

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Valley course offered in conjunction with BRI. The registration date for that is on March 9.

Other trips available this year include: Canyons of the San Rafael Swell, Climbing in the West Desert, Tracking and Nature Awareness in the West Desert and Peaks and Meadows of the Bear River Range: A Backpack.

The next Travel Utah tour is Body, Mind and Soul: Philosophies of Healing. This is one of their spring and

summer programs.

Planned topic also include: Creative Cuisine & Delectable Desserts, The Essence of Herbs and the Body Mind Connection, Canoe Cache Valley Wetlands, East Meets West: An Iron Footprint Joins a Natio, Gold Medal & Gondolas, Zen & the Art of Trail Maintenance, Flora, Fauna & Fossils and Exploring the Old West.

Promotional information states the costs for these trips range from \$83 to \$115. All offer one semester credit.

Exploring the Globe offers tours outside of Utah. These

range in price from \$579 to \$2999. Up to 10 credits are available for some of these trips.

The next Global Tour available is Grand Tour of Germany with a due date on March 24.

The other Global Tours scheduled for this year include a London and Paris Theatre Tour and Trekking in Nepal.

For questions or registration, contact the USU Travel Study/BRI office at 797-0423 or toll free at 1-800-538-2663 or visit their office in Eccles Conference Center Room 103.

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Clinton takes WTO fight on the road

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said Tuesday he is not losing the fight to bring China into the World Trade Organization.

"I do not sense that this vote is slipping away," Clinton said of his effort to persuade Congress to grant permanent normal trading status to China.

Clinton also played down the effect that China's recent bellicose rhetoric about Taiwan might dampen congressional support for the China trade deal. Clinton said Asian politics is behind China's "fairly inflammatory statements."

"I understand that this is the political season over there, as well," Clinton said before leaving the White House for a political trip to Florida.

The trade vote would end the yearly fights in Congress over Chinese trade, human rights and other policies, and is a key step toward bringing China into the WTO, the global trade regulating body.

Both China and the United States want WTO membership for China, and the Clinton administration argues that China is offering a good deal to America in return for its support.

On Wednesday, Clinton will travel to the heart of the burgeoning high technology corri-

dor outside Washington to make the point that the fast-growing U.S. high-tech economy stands to benefit from vast new markets available in China.

He will tour the campus of UUNet, an Internet service provider based near Dulles International Airport in suburban Virginia.

The company, which is part of telecommunications giant MCI-Worldcom, operates a global network in North America, Europe and Asia, and is eager to expand more broadly in China.

"We want to demonstrate to Congress and to the American people that this is an agreement that has enormous benefits for the high-tech industry, which is one of the fastest-growing segments of the entire U.S. economy," White House spokesman Jake Siewert said Tuesday.

The visit marks the first time Clinton has taken his

China-WTO argument on the road. So far, the White House lobbying effort has been limited to meetings with both supporters and skeptics from Capitol Hill, where some of the strongest opposition comes from Clinton's fellow Democrats.

The White House will probably arrange other backdrops to argue that the trade deal is a good opportunity for U.S. farmers and other producers to sell their wares in China, Siewert said.

China has long said it would attack Taiwan if it declared independence or foreign forces intervened. But in a significant escalation, Beijing announced last week it might wage war if Taiwan indefinitely puts off negotiations on unification.

And Tuesday, China's defense minister told the commander of U.S. Pacific forces that while Beijing wants peaceful reunification, China would never relinquish its right to use military force to recover the island.

"They're having a presidential election in Taiwan, and I have noticed, not only in this

'They're having a presidential election in Taiwan, and I have noticed ... sometimes things are said in political season that may not be said at other times.'

• **BILL CLINTON** •
U.S. PRESIDENT

Navy loses track of weapons records

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy wrote off as "lost in transit" \$3 billion in missile launchers, night vision goggles and other military equipment between 1995 and 1998, but in nearly every case reviewed by congressional investigators the shipments had actually been delivered.

The General Accounting Office, Congress' watchdog agency, said the Navy is exposing itself to "waste, fraud and abuse" because it is not accurately tracking shipments.

The issue is important, the report says, because secret equipment could fall into the wrong hands if the military's system for tracking inventories doesn't work. Moreover, a broken supply system may lead the services to buy more than they need,

it says. The GAO did not do the audit work to prove such double-ordering happened, but no one knows that it didn't, the report adds.

"This lack of accountability could cause the inventory to become vulnerable to theft or loss and could cause managers to implement inefficient, ineffective decisions and practices regarding purchases that could lead to waste," the investigators said in a report issued in late February. Navy officials "acknowledged that it is possible that purchases could have been made as a result of items being written off," the report says.

Rear Adm. Keith Lippert, commander of Naval Supply Systems Command, said in a statement that the problem is largely due to "disconnects" between financial-

and material-management computers, problems he expects will be fixed by November.

The GAO reported the \$1 billion per year in Navy losses to Congress a year ago. In a follow-up report, the agency disclosed that the majority of materials were in fact delivered as planned — but that the Navy didn't know it.

In almost every case examined, the Navy's supply command had not been notified whether a shipment had been received, though such notification is required by Navy regulations to confirm that weapons and other materials are not lost. But only when the Navy or the congressional investigators probed particular cases did anyone learn that delivery had occurred.

LEAP

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The government may also announce the fate of the Y2K crisis center, which cost \$50 million for staff and equipment.

Other glitches were reported Tuesday with inventory computers at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska; a Coast Guard system that archives electronic messages and a data retrieval system at Schneider National Trucking in Wisconsin.

"It is an irritation to the clerks, the accountants, the

bookkeepers, internal support staff," said Tom Kempen, senior member of technical services for Schneider. But "the business is moving along just fine."

Overseas, a computer in the Netherlands could not transmit weather information to the media, and merchants in New Zealand had trouble verifying banking transactions.

The Jakarta Stock Exchange was closed as a precaution, and the Singapore subway system rejected some riders' cards. Passport agency computers in Greece and Bulgaria issued passports with incorrect dates.

At Japan's Meteorological

Agency, weather monitoring stations reported double-digit rainfall even though no rain fell, and 1,200 automated teller machines at post offices shut down.

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STREAKIN' AGGIES:

Check Friday's *Statesman* to see if the basketball team kept its win streak alive against Idaho.

Swinging for the fences

Aggies looking to improve on last season's 8th place, 8-16 finish in the Big West Conference

AARON MORTON
Assistant Sports Editor

The Utah State University softball team has a lot to look forward to this season. After a strong showing at two of the premier college softball tournaments, the young team looks to improve on last year's 17-33 record. Six of the nine starting positions will be filled by new players this season as only Tiffany Pugmire, Sandy Taylor and Breanne Nickle return from last year's starters.

The empty spots will be filled with freshmen and sophomores — 13 players are in only their first or second year at USU, and some people might consider this to be one of the reasons USU was picked to finish last in the Big West coaches preseason poll.

But that apparent weakness of youth could be one of the Aggies' biggest strengths. "It's a real fun bunch," head coach Pam McCreesh said. "The chemistry is tremendous."

This is McCreesh's third year at the helm of the Aggie softball

team after spending two years as an assistant coach at USU in 1993 and 1994. In her first two years, she has compiled a 33-58 record (18-34 in the Big West Conference).

The Aggies are already 4-6 after competing well at the Fiesta Bowl Tournament in Tempe, Ariz. and the Red Desert Classic at St. George. Four of those six losses were to ranked teams. The four wins are a good sign, as USU only notched one win in their first 15 games last season.

McCreesh said she still sees a lot of room for improvement.

The team should continue to gel as they keep playing on the road until April 1 when they open against the University of the Pacific. During Spring Break, USU will be on the road in California, competing in San Jose's NIST Tournament as well as the Sacramento State Tournament and a stop at St. Mary's College — all in 11 consecutive days on the road.

They will have no choice but to gel, McCreesh said.

After opening the Big West season at New Mexico State University in back-to-back games, USU returns home against Pacific (ranked 31st in the preseason coaches' poll) for their opener at LaRae and LeGrand Johnson Field.

The team has been together since September when they practiced for four weeks. Most of the team lives in the dorms, and they all lifted weights together during

the winter.

The lone senior on the young squad is Taylor, who has been a mainstay at first base for USU over the last three years, batting .316. She already has a .357 batting average this year with two home runs, putting her within two of the USU career record.

But even those stats are not indicative of what she can do, McCreesh said. Look for her to carry the infield, she said.

Voted as team captain in only her sophomore year, catcher Nickle is the team's vocal leader, McCreesh said. She and Taylor were the only players to start all 50 games last year. Nickle will try to improve in catching base stealers this year. She has already hit two homers this season.

Back-up Amanda Carlson is injured and will redshirt her freshman year.

Third baseman Stephanie Vasarhelyi already looks like one of USU's top players coming out of the freshman class. In Tempe, she batted .385 — second-best for USU.

"She filled a big void for us at third base," McCreesh said.

Sophomore Heather Curtis will start at shortstop for USU. Only batting .175 in 48 games last year, the Aggies will rely on her glove which is the best in the infield, McCreesh said.

A starter at second base is still up for grabs. Freshman Eva DeJarnette and

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USU's Heather Curtis gets jammed on this pitch during batting practice at LaRae and LeGrand Johnson Field on Feb. 2. The softball team does not play at home until April 1.

Pitching staff both young and old, primed for season

STEPHANIE HALL
Sports Writer

Control, speed and intelligence.

These are a few of the attributes that make a quality pitcher, and Utah State University assistant softball coach Kim Oelschlager said she thinks the Aggie pitching staff has many of them.

The USU pitching staff consists of five pitchers: one senior, one junior, two sophomores and a freshman.

Oelschlager said she thinks pitchers need to have more than just a good arm and accuracy to compete in Division-1A softball. She said they need to throw off-speed pitches, have excellent ball movement and knowledge of the batter to keep her off balance.

Oelschlager said this season's pitching line-up is much stronger and has more mental toughness than last year's squad. They are also much healthier. Last year's pitching staff suffered from various injuries, some of which required corrective

surgery during the off-season.

Oelschlager said she expects good things from the staff this season and gave a brief scouting report on each pitcher.

Amy Settlemier, senior from Kelso, Wash., is excellent at keeping the batter off balance with her curve and change-up.

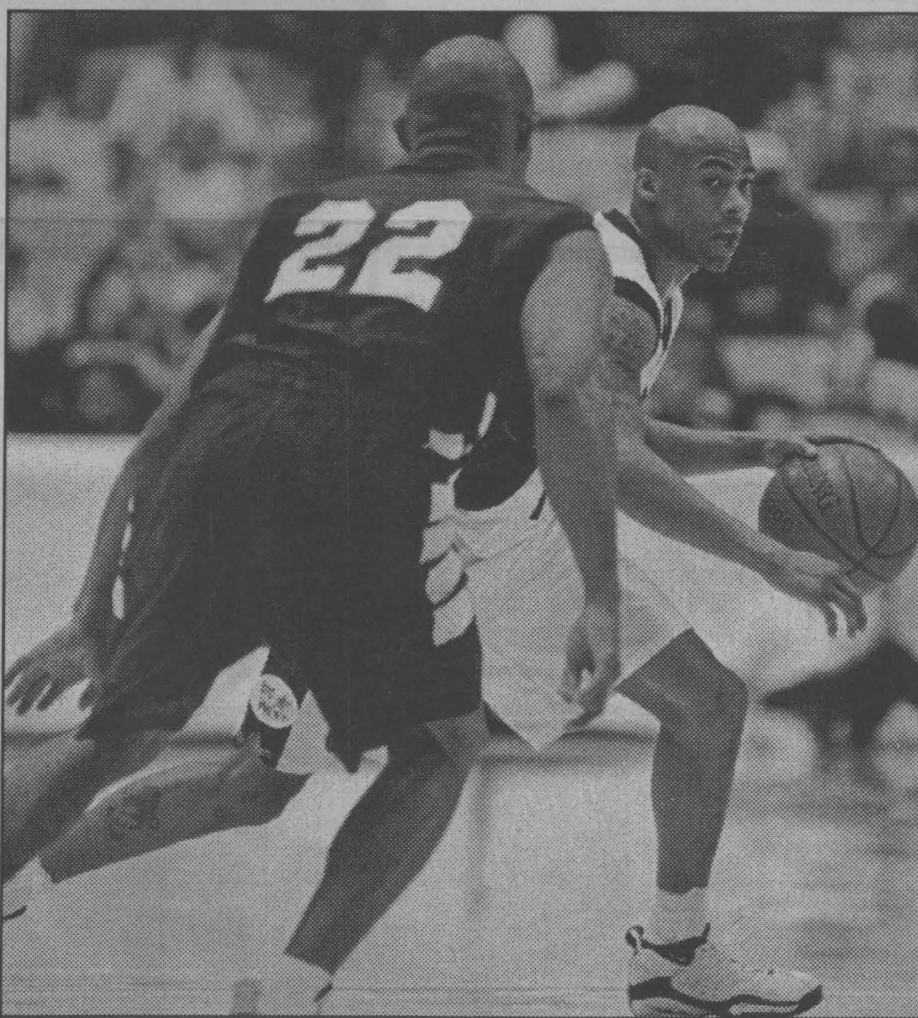
Kelly Warner, junior from San Diego, Calif., is good at keeping the ball low which should help her in a league like the Big West Conference — a league with hitters who thirst for high pitches.

Kristin Hommel, junior from Prescott, Ariz., is the fastest thrower on the staff. Hommel averages 62 mph and has a reputation for hitting her spots. Her control allows her to set-up batters and pitch out of jams.

Candee Bowden, sophomore from Salt Lake City, has great accuracy and a strong curve-ball.

Xochitl Ramirez, freshman from Diamond Bar, Calif., has great control and is smart with the batters.

USU just shy of perfect conference record



USU point guard Bernard Rock (with ball) looks for an open man during the Aggie's victory over Global Sports on Nov. 5. Rock has led the Aggies to a 23-5 record overall this season.

WADE DENNISTON
Senior Sports Writer

The Utah State University men's basketball team will be looking to make some more history this weekend in its final two regular season games at home.

The Aggies (14-0 Big West, 23-5 overall) have set school records this year for best start, quickest team ever to win 20 games, most road victories in a row (currently eight) and the best February month ever (8-0, breaking the 7-1 mark set by the 1993-94 team). USU could become just the third Big West team to go through conference play without a loss.

The other two teams to accomplish that feat were the University of Nevada at Las Vegas (five times under the direction of Jerry Tarkanian) and Long Beach State University, which accomplished it twice with Tarkanian and once with Lute Olsen (1973-74), who is now the head coach of third-ranked University of Arizona.

In order for USU to do it, it will have to contend with its two Eastern Division foes of the BWC from the Gem State: the University of Idaho (Thursday night at 7:05) and Boise State University (Saturday night at 7:05). Both games are in the Spectrum.

Saturday night's game against BSU will be senior Troy Rolle's final home game.

But for right now, the Aggies are solely keying on the Vandals (6-8, 12-14), who are looking forward to the challenge of

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Three words Dick Vital must learn: Utah State University

FINALINE / Wade Denniston



school record.

With two more straight wins, the Aggies can wrap up their first perfect season in the Big West Conference at 16-0.

Five more consecutive victories (three coming in the Big West Conference Tournament) will ensure Utah State as being the outright conference champions and earn it an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament.

However, because of their strong play throughout the season (23-5 overall), many people, including those at ESPN.com, say the Aggies are already guaranteed a spot in the Big Dance, even if they don't win the conference tourney in Reno, Nev., March 9 to 11.

Don't believe me? Here's what ESPN.com's Andy Katz had to say on

Monday in the Weekly Watch, where he breaks down the week that was and what will be coming up:

"OK, enough already. Put the Aggies in the field of 64 if they win their final two home games against Idaho and Boise State. Utah State (14-0 Big West) is one of three teams (Cincinnati and Penn are the others) that has a chance to go undefeated in its conference. If the Aggies finish 25-5 and 16-0 and don't win the Big West tournament title, they should still get a bid. If they don't, it will be a crime, regardless of their final RPI."

And if the Big Dance began today, Joe Lunardi, in an article special to ESPN.com, has Utah State listed as the 11th seed in the Midwest Region (March 16, Minneapolis, Minn.) going up against No. 6 Kansas University.

While it is very likely the Aggies will get into the NCAA's without winning the Big West tournament, who

wants to see them lose anytime soon?

For the fun of it, let's say USU runs the tables and wins the next five, assuring it a spot in the Big Dance. After that, if the Aggies won six more in a row (giving them 25 consecutive to end the season), they will be the NCAA champions!

Let's look into the crystal ball and see what the Aggies will have to do to become national champs, as the brackets are currently broken down, beginning with the Jayhawks. Granted, it's still a little bit of a fantasy, but just roll with me here.

Utah State's tremendous defense spoils the title hopes of Kansas, 65-59. The Jayhawks are held to just 37.8 percent from the field, while the Aggies shoot 47 percent, and repeat their performance at the free-throw line from an earlier game (at the University of Nevada) and hit 15 in a row.

Up next for USU will be Maryland, a rematch of the 1998 NCAA

'Put the Aggies in the field of 64 if they win their final two home games against Idaho and Boise State.'

•ANDY KATZ•
ESPN.COM

Tournament game between the two teams in the first round.

Revenge is sweet as junior guard Bernard Rock shuts down the Terps' Juan Dixon, and the Aggies are able to pull away for a 77-66 victory.

In the Sweet 16, Utah State is pitted against Michigan State University, which was considered a favorite to win it all at the start of the season.

With Magic Johnson on hand to cheer on Mateen Cleaves and the rest of the Spartans, Aggie senior forward Troy Rolle and sophomore guard Tony Brown combine for 13 3-pointers and lead USU to a 72-69 upset.

Rolle buried a 3-pointer at the buzzer to beat MSU, erasing the disappointing memories from the University of Florida game at the Maui Invitational, when he was clearly fouled going up for a game-winning three, but no call was made and USU lost.

Suddenly finding themselves in the Elite Eight, the Aggies have the honor of taking on Kenyon Martin and the rest of the Bearcats from Cincinnati.

The game is a slugfest right from the get-go, with Martin and Aggie junior

forward Shawn Daniels trading baskets and blocks. The turning point in the game comes when USU sophomore forward Brennan Ray enters the game and gets into the heads of the Cincy players, who crumble after that.

Final score: Aggies-83, Bearcats-70. On to the Final Four, where Utah State upsets Tennessee, 79-77, after junior center Dimitri Jorssen tipped in a shot at the buzzer.

After Indiana pulled off an upset over Duke in the other semifinal game, the Hoosiers and Aggies meet for all the marbles.

Star Hoosier A.J. Guyton can't do much of anything following a 37-point performance against the Blue Devils.

Utah State's bench is able to outscore IU's 24-21, with junior forward Curtis Bobb leading the way with a career-high 16, including four 3-pointers.

The five Aggie starters each score in double figures, with Daniels leading the way at 21, Rock following at 13, Rolle and Brown each with 12, and Jorssen at 11. USU connects on an

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playing the hottest team in the nation.

"A championship team has a coach's philosophy and a team philosophy, and they happen to be the same," said Idaho head coach David Farrar. "When they get sideways, they work and fuss and do everything they have to do to get back on the same page. I think (Utah State) has done a better job of it than anybody in the league ... I'm tickled that they continued their unbeaten streak.

"(USU) certainly deserves a big hand and compliments for uniting and being together. Their coach and coaching staff have done an excellent job with that group."

Farrar also said he knows the Aggies could be beat.

"It's a beatable team — not necessarily by us, but by someone," he said. "We will relish the opportunity to go into a very difficult circumstance — perhaps the best in the league — and see what we can do."

Morrill, like Farrar, knows USU can be beat at any given time, including at home where the Aggies are 13-1 this season (51-3 vs. the last 54 opponents). USU's one loss was against Brigham Young University on Jan. 8. The Aggies have not lost since.

"I agree wholeheartedly, and I have all along," he said. "We can get beat any night out, and I think that's what Dave was saying ... I heard Rick Majerus say earlier this year, when we were playing (the University of Utah), and we had beaten them the year before so we had their attention. 'We don't automatically win because we have Utah on our chest.'"

"I think the same thing's said, 'You don't automatically win because your at home.' That would be a really poor assumption."

However, playing in Logan has been a difficult task for the Vandals, who have never won here (0-3), unless they did so prior to the 1958-59 season.

Idaho nearly won on the Spectrum floor last year, as USU was able to escape with a 68-67 victory.

The Aggies lead the overall

series with the Vandals, 11-9, including a 67-60 victory Jan. 30 at the Kibbie Dome in Moscow, Idaho.

Morrill knows how close USU came to losing the first contest with Idaho and how important it will be not to overlook the Vandals the second time around.

"I watched the Idaho tape (Monday) and with two and one-half minutes to go, they score and go up one," Morrill said. "The thing that we need to do that we'll talk about ... is just because we are playing at home, (we can't) automatically think that's a W. We need to know better than that. We need to know that we're going to have to play to win."

And one of the things the Aggies will have to do to ensure their 15th straight victory is guard against the Vandals' athleticism, especially senior guard Gordon Scott, who had a game-high 19 points in the first meeting this season.

"I think Idaho has as good of athletes as anybody in the league," Morrill said. "I mean explosive-type athletes."

Utah State will also look to overcome its disappointing finish in the University of North Texas game last Saturday, which saw the Mean Green erase a 20-point second half Aggie lead and cut it to three points on several different occasions before the Aggies finally put the game away.

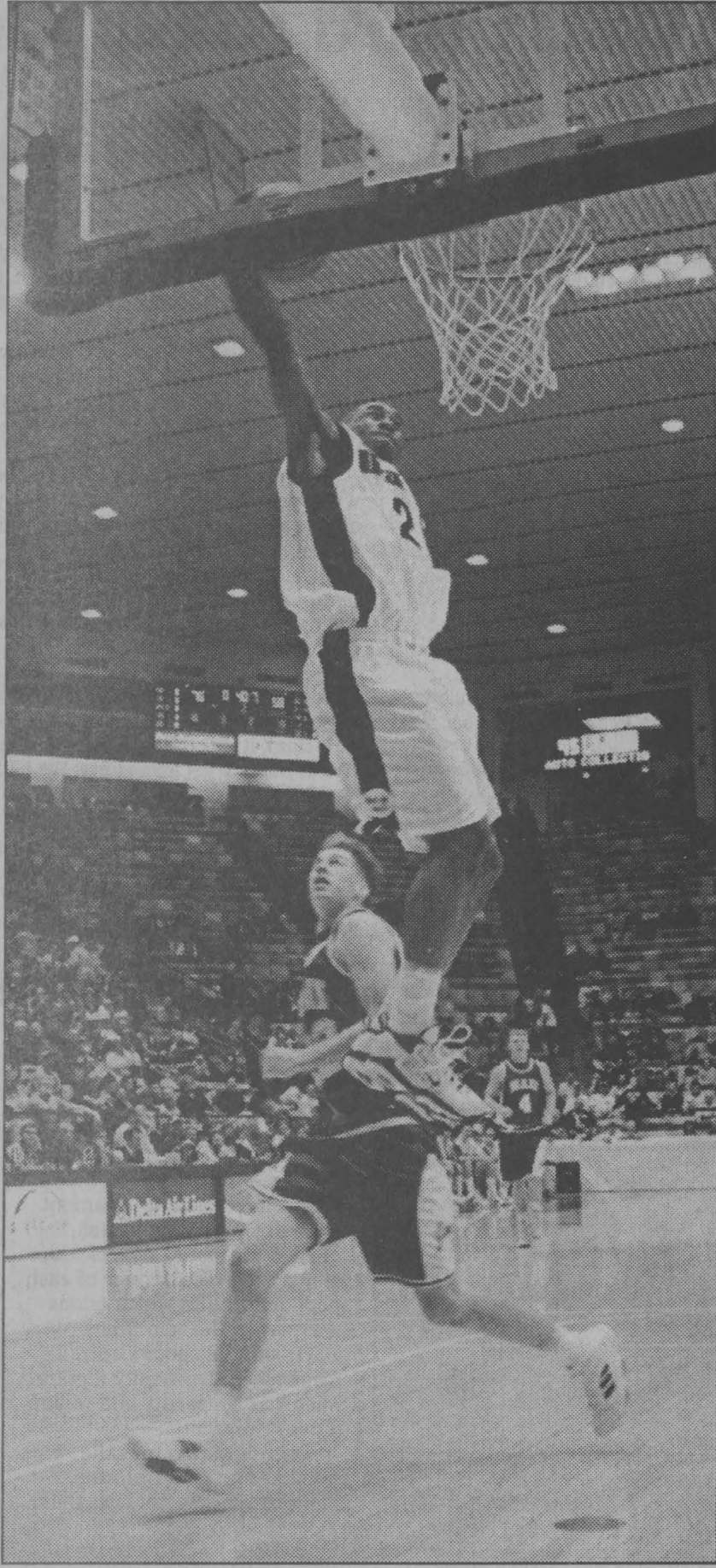
"Some of our best basketball was played last weekend," Morrill said. "And that's exciting to me. We sure need to learn from that relaxing period where we did some really stupid things."

"We will not quit trying to get better, and we will not quit showing our guys the things we need to do better. We do that every week, we show them good and bad. There will be some bad clips from last weekend, as far as the end of that North Texas game."

Morrill said the team is still paying attention to him and his coaching staff, trying to improve on the things they need to do better, which has been one of the keys to their success this year.

"They've continued to listen," Morrill said.

And execute as well, which is



USU's Dion Bailey lays it in with NAU defenders on his tail on Dec. 9 in the Spectrum.

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Danielle Rodriguez will battle for the final position in the infield. Rodriguez is nursing a shoulder injury and did not practice this week, but she will play this weekend at St. George. DeJarnette is currently second in batting average (.320) for the Aggies.

The only veteran in the outfield is sophomore Pugmire. The lead-off batter and starter at center field, Pugmire struggled at Tempe, but she should be a force at the plate as she had the highest batting average of any returning player.

"She runs like a deer," McCreesh said. "She does an awesome job at center."

The rest of the outfield will be filled by freshmen. Aimee Johnson (converted from third base) will start at left field and Christina Conrad and Markean Neal will battle it out for right field.

USU will call on five pitchers this season. The most experienced two are senior Amy Settlemier and junior Kelly Warner, who pitched an eight-inning shutout against Tulsa Saturday. Rounding out the list are sophomores Kristin Hommel and Candee Bowden as well as freshman Xochitl Ramirez.

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amazing 13 3-pointers, en route to the 88-81 victory.

What a season!

But do you think the Aggies are looking that far into the future?

Nope. Utah State head coach Stew Morrill will have the team focus solely on the next game at hand, which is Thursday night at 7:05 at the Spectrum against Idaho.

In fact, since the start of the season, the Aggies have always focused on playing their next opponent instead of looking past them, which is assuredly one of the many reasons the team has had so much success this year.

"We've done a pretty good job of just trying to play our next opponent, and that is kind of the way I prefer to approach it," Morrill told the local media prior to USU's game at the University of Nevada earlier this season. "You look in our notebook, and we have one goal, and that is to win our next game. That is what our goal is."

Congratulations on a successful season Aggies, and keep it rolling!

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Time to Rolle: USU guard to bid farewell this weekend

WADE DENNISTON
Senior Sports Writer

He's done it all for the Utah State University men's basketball team during the past two seasons.

Whether it be electrifying, high-flying, acrobatic moves or burying long-range bombs from the perimeter, senior forward Troy Rolle has given Aggie fans many a reason to cheer. And though he has only been in Logan for three years (sat out as a redshirt in '97-98), the 6-foot-2 Rolle will be playing in his final home games this weekend when Utah State hosts the University of Idaho on Thursday and Boise State University Saturday.

"I just want to come out and treat it like any other game," Rolle said of playing in the Spectrum two more times. "I just want to come out and play hard, maybe look to do a little more on the offensive end to try and get my team going."

"I'm just going to go out and try to have fun these last two games. I'm not looking to do too much. I'm not looking to show too much, either."

While he has had his share of memorable experiences at USU, Rolle said

there were two things that stuck out the most.

"One is it's something I'll probably never forget," he said. "My room is facing this mountain, and I just sit in my chair and look at the mountain, and see how beautiful a structure it is. It brings a peace over me."

Another thing Rolle said he'll always remember about his time as an Aggie will be the fans.

"The fans have been good to me," he said. "They have been real supportive in cheering us on and doing all those great things that players love. Anybody should love to come and play here because this is a good atmosphere."

"You have good people, too, ... that just want to come and watch the game and have fun."

And the people he has met while in Logan are who Rolle will remember most, he said — especially his pastors.

"It's been a blessing for me because they showed me a lot of things (such as) how to have a relationship with God," Rolle said. "That's been one of my main things that I've really thanked God for, is to have men of God here in Logan. That's been a blessing for me."

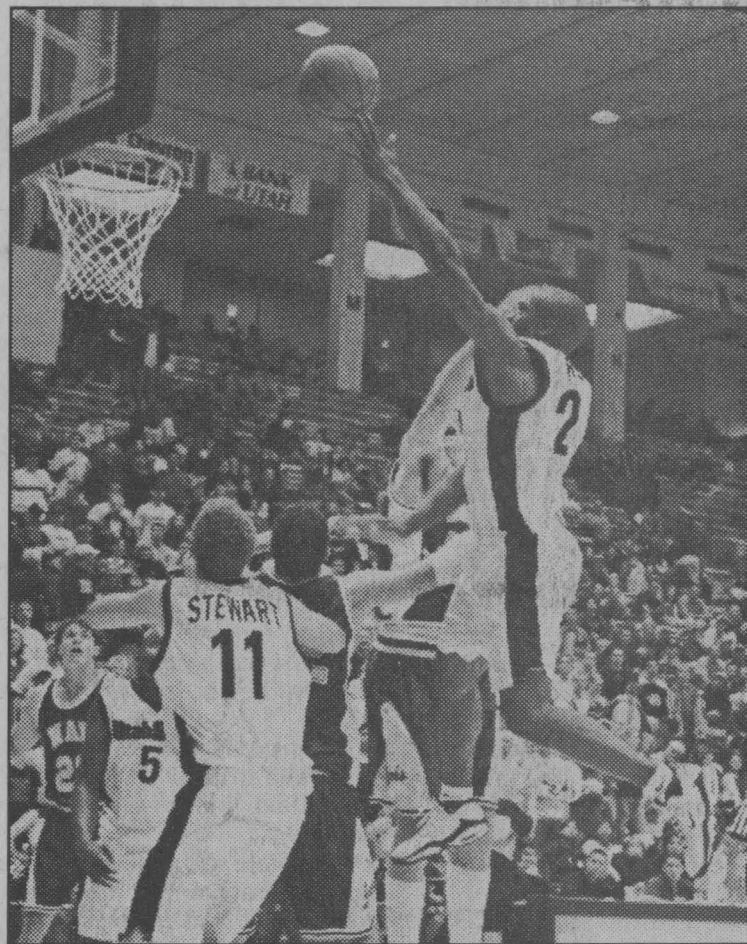
"This whole state has actually been a blessing for me because I've learned more about other people's religions, and I've learned more about how to be sensitive to other people's thoughts and how they feel about the things that they do."

In his two seasons, Rolle has started every game he has ever suited up for. He was second on the team in scoring last year at 13.4 points per game and has helped lead the Aggies to 14 consecutive wins this year, as well as the Eastern Division championship of the Big West Conference — something no one expected them to do.

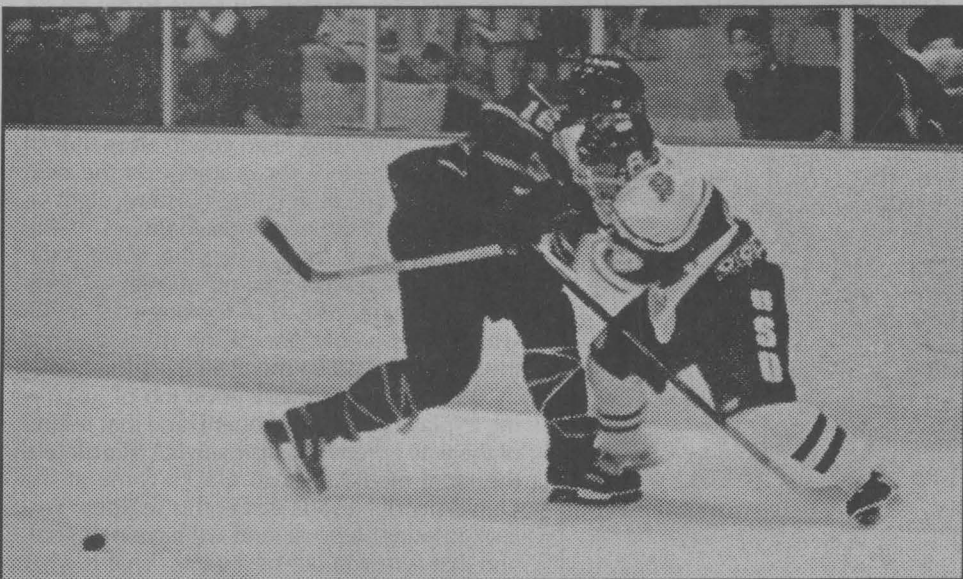
"That's nothing but Jesus," said Rolle, who would like to get into the ministry after graduation. "I don't care how you look at it, Jesus has his hands on this team, and I'm just so grateful to be a part of it — grateful to have guys that are willing to come out and play hard and put forth an effort."

Rolle said it was USU's trip to the Maui Invitational at the beginning of the season that helped the team finally gel.

"I think it was the weather," he said. "We seemed to get a lot closer. We had a lot of fun just running around. (When) stuff like that goes on, you get to start liking each other, and you want to help each other out on the court too. It's a good thing. I've come closer to the guys since then — on the court and off."



USU's Troy Rolle goes in for a finger-roll against NAU Dec. 9 in the Spectrum.



USU's Scott Hancey pushes off of his defender in pursuit of the puck against Weber Feb. 18 at the Ice Sheet in Ogden. USU defeated Weber on Saturday in Ogden to win the RCHMA championship.

USU competing in NCAA tourney

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Sports Writer

The Utah State University hockey team is in Indianapolis this week to compete in the NCAA Division II tournament.

Teams participating are divided into four pools of four teams each. The winner of each pool determines which teams will play in the semifinals. USU's pool includes Central Connecticut University, Central Michigan University and Miami (Ohio) University.

Central Michigan is the number one seed from the Midwest. The Aggies beat them

two years ago in the tournament.

"No one knows what to think of the other teams at nationals," USU assistant captain Nate Anderson said.

Teams will play opponents in their pools Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with the semi-finals Saturday morning and the championship game Saturday night.

Anderson is confident his team can reach the semifinals if it plays like it did against Weber State University on Friday, incorporating a good attitude, sound passing and solid defense.

Catchers break bones in spring training

(AP) — It was a bad day for catchers at spring training, with Brook Fordyce of the Chicago White Sox and Tom Lampkin of the Seattle Mariners learning injuries will sideline them for 4-6 weeks each.

Fordyce broke a bone on the top of his left foot during an intrasquad game Tuesday in Tucson, Ariz., feeling it crack when he tried running from first base to second on a pitch in the dirt.

"I don't know what happened," Fordyce said. "I felt a crack and then it felt like my foot split in half."

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Students aren't a part of student government

I would like to commend Laura Bellamy for her article urging students to run for office and vote in student elections. ASUSU is an important part of the university and does a good job. But, the student body overall is not really part of the decision making processes that go on in legislative meetings. This is one of the reasons why there is a consecutively low voter turnout every year.

Every other week, it seems that there is an article in the Statesman about how elected student body officials have voted to increase fees to fund some project or to raise tuition. If funds need to be raised, there are other options. Why not expand Aggie Ice Cream interests to places outside of Cache Valley?

All I am saying is there are other ways to finance certain interests. These increases are small, but they add up, especially for those of us without full scholarships or monthly stipends who work just as hard.

Besides dedicated professors, the students at USU have no friends. Have you ever waited in the registration line or tried to use the touch tone system? I almost did not get into graduate school because, after making numerous requests, my transcripts were not sent to the schools I was applying to until after a month from when they were requested.

I had to transfer to Weber State for a year, and I was able to see a lot of differences between the two universities. The administration was easy to work with and very friendly, printouts at the computer lab were free, the ladies at the cashier's office were very nice and transcripts cost nothing. WSU, sorry to say, was a very student-friendly environment.

What I am trying to say is that student government should be for the people, by the people. I personally would not want to be a representative, but I respect those who are ambitious enough to campaign in hopes of being elected. I am just asking that we give the students the voice they deserve. If this happens, then participation in government will follow.

Chris Packard

Grammy's are a complete joke

I am merely writing to say that I wholeheartedly enjoyed Doug Smeath's article on the Grammys. I also enjoyed the fact that the subject of Tori Amos resurfaced multiple times throughout the article. As a self-professed Tori-freak, I would say she deserves every award in the world. But of course no one in a position to give her one realizes that.

As a gigantic fan of Tori, Nine Inch Nails, Pearl Jam,

To the EDITOR

R.E.M., Radiohead, etc., I agree that the sort of vapid teeny-bopper fodder that these posers vainly attempt to pass off as music is an embarrassment to the industry. The day I received my issue

of Rolling Stone with the Backstreet Boys disgracing the cover as the reader's poll artist of the year for 1999, I decided once and for all that I would not be renewing my subscription.

The Grammys are a complete joke, and a bad one at that. We may as well face it. I mean, who picks the Grammy winners? A group of 12-year-olds? I don't even watch the Grammys anymore because I know that the true musical talent of this age will not be making an appearance or taking home a statue. And if this is what it means to win a Grammy, then it is almost an insult. I would say that the music gods of good music have been kind to us.

Natalie Hart

College weeks integral part of campus life

It was disheartening to read in Monday's paper that the college weeks may be phased out next year. Although I'm not keen into Aggie athletics, I've always enjoyed Utah State's unique campus life — something which markedly distinguishes it from other schools in Utah. I feel that the college weeks are an integral part of our school's campus life.

I've known a couple of people who transferred here from BYU because not only did they want an education, but they wanted to enjoy their college experience too. Likewise, four friends of mine transferred from Weber State because they were tired of the "commuter school" atmosphere.

Granted, there are many different activities and traditions other than the college weeks which contribute to our school's culture. However, I hope our ASUSU officers seriously weigh the effects of the proposed alternatives to the college weeks.

Ryan Stewart

Quiet respect necessary in libraries

Students use libraries to do research as well as to read and study. However, I often find myself unable to concentrate in the libraries on the USU campus. Too many students speak too loudly and socialize with friends without regard to those who need a quiet atmosphere. Please respect others when using libraries by talking softly or going elsewhere to socialize. Thank you.

Jennifer Lynch

A clarification of imploding political tactics

KADE'S KORNER / Kade Minchey



It seems my article last week generated some uncertainty about what I was trying to claim. So, in an effort to clarify my point, because I think it is an important one, I am going to give the topic one more week.

For those of you who missed last week's column, I will give a brief overview. I compared John McCain's political tactics to an imploding bomb and George W. Bush's tactics to an exploding bomb. As proof of McCain's implosion tactics, I showed how most of the Republican politicians are against him.

Thus, McCain will have to create change by an inward or outside collapse of energy or an implosion.

My main concerns, which generat-

ed uncertainty, came from two capitalist family members. First, from my cousin and mentor in Cedar City. He asked me, "What political persuasion are you?" I can only guess he may have thought I was happy that Al Gore is sitting back smiling, or he disagrees with the conclusion that the Republican Party is tearing itself up. Regardless, his question can be easily answered by reassuring him that I support the Republican Party.

However, I suspect he may have some of the same concerns as my brother-in-law in Riverton, where my other concerns came from. My brother-in-law had a three-part question.

First, he felt that I centered my article on McCain's "woes" and didn't give support for Bush's "strengths."

Second, he disagrees with my premise that McCain is too polarizing.

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Of news stories, travel agencies and trips to Ireland

IN THE HEADLIGHTS / Bryce Peterson



Instincts should sometimes be given a little more weight. I called

the number and expressed my interest in writing about experiences and places in Ireland.

I said I had been there before and would be there again. I asked if I could help their agency in some way.

The man's smile and selective hearing showed right away.

"You're a young person, a self starter, who likes to travel," he said. "I can meet you and discuss what we can do for each other this afternoon."

Jack Kerouac wrote, "Sociability is nothing but a big smile and a big smile is nothing but teeth. I just want to sit up here and rest and be kind."

Oh, how I wished I had heeded his counsel that day.

"The American Dream is to get out of debt, buy that new house or boat or car and retire independently wealthy," he said through enormous, pointy, smiling teeth.

My car cost \$250. It is perfect, it has taken me more than 10,000 miles. I have no debt, excluding one more wedding ring payment. I have no illusions of ever retiring independently wealthy.

"Can you believe that only one percent of Americans retire independently wealthy?" he asked. "Isn't that sick?"

I tried to tell him I just wanted to write about Ireland this summer and asked was there anything I could do to help them while they helped me pay for it. But he was busy.

"Do you like golf?" he asked.

"No," I said.

"Oh, well I do, and some people buy this package just for this feature, it gives you a 50 percent discount on green fees and boy, that can really add up" and five minutes later he took a breath. He was in his own world.

What I said made no impact on him or his prepared speech, just as what he said made no impact on me.

I dreaded every click of

the space bar.

A new picture would come onto the screen and a whole flood of lines would come back to him. Once in a while I would force myself in between his words.

"Do you need pictures, do you need descriptions of places and people and things, ideas on how to save money or nice places to go?" I asked. "I know the place better than some and have practiced with the written word more than others."

"Um, it would be nice to get an article about us in the newspaper," he said.

"How much pull do you have over there at the newspaper?"

"By the way, we also have 20 percent discounts on five-star hotels."

It was like we were shouting to each other from discount cruise ships sailing in different oceans.

"Are you asking me to write an ad for you and try to pass it off as a news story? No, you would have to figure out what to do with what I wrote," I said.

"And I'm going to rent an apartment, I don't need any five-star hotels." "Have you ever been to one of those time-share meetings?" he asked. "Heavens no," I said.

"Well, average time shares are a rip-off, they will take you for an average of \$40,000 over a 15 year period," he said.

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As Bob Dylan once said, "Oh my go(sh). Am I here all alone?"

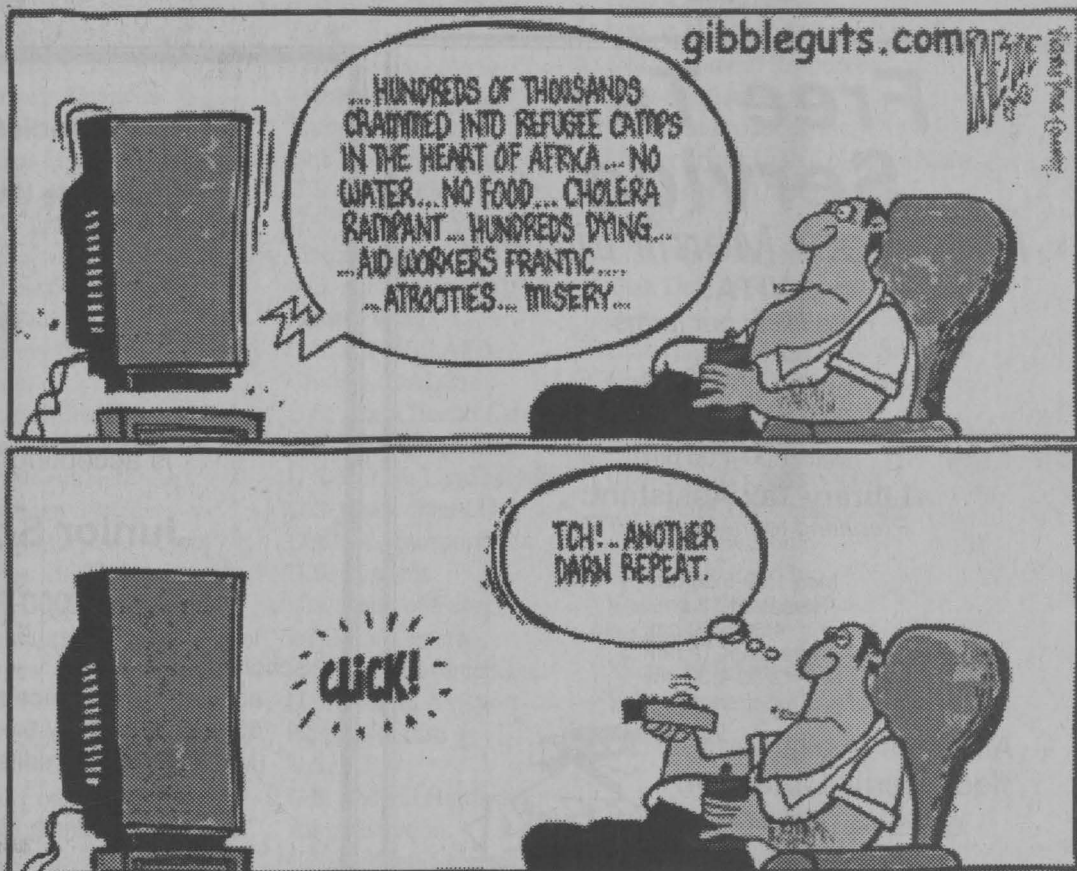
"That's more than two plane tickets to London," I said. "I would have to stay here and work all summer to pay for that."

"How much pull do you have over at the newspaper," he said. "I'd really like to see an article about us in the newspaper."

"Okay," I said. "I'll see what I can do."

It's not exactly a news story and it's not exactly an ad but it's the best I could come up with on such short notice. Send me a check for whatever it's worth.

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Oscar categories need an update

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contrary to everything this country stands for, that your first reaction might be to brand the writer a heretic.

But remember: The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is not a religion. Changing its rules would require neither a papal bull nor a constitutional amendment — only the acknowledgment that after 70-some years, Oscar is due a face-lift. This is Hollywood, after all.

Though the Oscar nominations won't be announced until

Feb. 15, it's easy to predict who and what is going to get slighted. Eddie Murphy, for one. He gave his best performances yet in a dual role as a superstar and his dim-witted brother in Steve Martin's *Bowfinger*, but the Academy overlooks comedy.

Just ask Martin, who was cheated out of an Oscar 16 years ago for a brilliant performance in *All of Me*. So maybe it's time for the Academy to consider the lead of various critics associations and — dare I admit it — the Golden Globes. It should split the major categories — best picture, best actor and actress — into dramatic and comedy-musical divisions. Were that in effect this year, films almost sure to be ignored (*Toy Story 2*, *Topsy-Turvy*) would at least be invited.

Even if the Academy can't

bring itself to take that giant leap, there are two incremental improvements it could make that would reflect the way film has changed in the last century.

First, it can add an ensemble acting category, to accommodate films such as *Magnolia*, *Cradle Will Rock* and even *American Beauty*, in which every actor contributes to the film's overall impact. The plethora of excellent performances in pictures like *Magnolia* make it all but impossible to single out one or two for the supporting actor and actress categories, but if the Academy voters do, the nominee inevitably will be a star like Tom Cruise or a veteran like Jason Robards.

Subsequently, the studios become understandably reluctant to campaign for someone

like *Magnolia* player Philip Baker Hall, who stands little chance against Cruise. On the other hand, Hall also was excellent in *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, *The Insider* and *Cradle Will Rock* — which brings us to the second improvement.

The Academy could permit actors and others to be nominated for all the work they've done in a single year. While this means the weight of Julianne Moore's work in *The End of the Affair*, *Magnolia*, *An Ideal Husband* and *The Map of the World* might overwhelm Hilary Swank's astonishing performance in *Boys Don't Cry*, isn't that what "best actress" connotes anyway?

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McCain

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He said, "... how is it that his wins are coming on the votes of independents and moderate democrats? He seems to be attracting neither party's extreme votes, which to me represents true polarization."

Third, he does not feel the Republican party is tearing itself apart. He said, "The real issue in a presidential election is the moderate swing vote, and according to you those are exactly the voters McCain is attracting."

I believe many of you, the readers, also have these concerns, so please take into consideration my explanation and clarification.

First, Bush's strengths. Surely one could itemize the pros and cons for both candidates and perhaps even come to a conclusion of who is better by so doing. In a large part that is what the politicians themselves are doing.

However, that was not the intent of my juxtaposition.

Rather, I was trying to show that on a rational level it is illogical to suppose that McCain can carry out the agenda he purports to have.

McCain's political platform is REFORM and it is asinine to presuppose he can do this when the political venue in our government is centered on sycophantism, which is to say that politicians are self-serving.

Thus, McCain's political implosion efforts will not reform the self-serving, sycophantic political system, or he can not initiate reform from the outside and expect it to collapse in.

Rather, political power to reform, pass a bill into law, etc., comes from within. Political power consists of how many other politicians looking out for his or her own political agendas are in support of another politician. In this case, how many political friends does the President have that will help him initiate change? Surely, this sycophantic process needs reform. I will not argue with that.

The question is: Does

McCain have the support to do it once he is elected? I worry that he does not and it seems that Bush does have the support needed to create his political agenda. Thus, the reason for my distinguishing between implosion and explosion.

Second, is McCain too polarizing? My brother-in-law has the definition correct, but he is missing the point. Yes, McCain is attracting moderate votes, which is not "polarizing."

However, my point, as is Sen. Bennett's from which I got the idea of polarization, is not that McCain is too polarizing to be a presidential candidate. On the contrary he is quite a good candidate. My, and I believe Bennett's, point is that McCain is too polarizing to be president.

The reason why McCain is too polarizing to be president is also the same reason why he can't produce reform. See, to polarize means to divide into two groups and that is what has happened in Congress. Democrats on one side, Republicans on the other.

The problem is that McCain as a senator is currently some-

where in the middle because senators on both sides have distanced themselves from him. So, seemingly he will only further polarize the two parties if he is given the highest office in the land, because both sides will be against him. Therefore, McCain will create more gridlock then currently exists.

Third, perhaps my brother-in-law is right about the Republican Party not tearing itself apart. I guess seeing that quirky smile on Al Gore's face just worries me, like he knows something that the rest of us don't.

For your information, the current standings of the candidates are: Republicans — Bush has ninety-three delegates, McCain has ninety-six, Keyes has four. 1,034 delegates are needed to win the Republican nomination. Democrats — Gore has forty-two, Bradley has twenty-seven. 2,170 delegates are needed to win the Democratic nomination.

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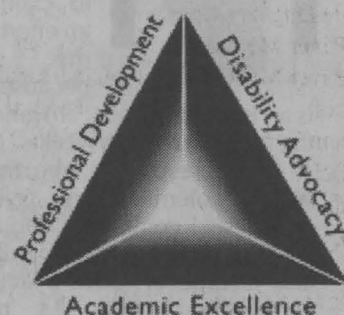
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Study: Avoiding breast-feeding could cut mother-to-child HIV infections

CHICAGO (AP) — The number of infants who get the AIDS virus from their mothers could drop by more than 40 percent if infected women avoided breast-feeding, a study in Africa suggests.

The authors, led by researcher Ruth Nduati in Nairobi, studied 401 HIV-infected women and their infants in Kenya. Their findings appear in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

The mothers were randomly assigned to breast-feed or to use formula. The authors found that formula use prevented 44 percent of infant infections.

The frequency of breast-milk transmission of the virus was estimated at 16 percent, though the authors said the rate was likely higher since more than one fourth of the women in the formula group admitted they also breast-

fed their infants.

United Nations' figures show that 590,000 infants got HIV from their mothers in 1998, 90 percent of them in Africa. The study's findings suggest that if infected mothers used formula instead, that number would fall to about 260,000.

Like previous research, the study found indications that the biggest risk for transmission occurs in the early weeks of breast-feeding.

Younger infants might have more immature immune systems, and, the researchers noted, exposure to infected milk "diminishes as weaning foods are introduced and milk intake declines."

While breast-feeding was clearly linked to HIV infection, both the formula and breast-feeding groups had similar death rates at 2 years — about 20 percent.

That finding illustrates one of the drawbacks of formula-feeding in developing countries, where tainted water can cause fatal diarrhea in infants and breast-feeding is more affordable and culturally accepted.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that infants of HIV-infected women not be breast-fed, a standard adopted in the industrialized world. But the World Health Organization has said that even HIV-positive mothers should breast-feed in areas where infectious disease and malnutrition are leading causes of infant mortality, the authors noted.

United Nations guidelines suggest that infected women in developing areas be told of the risks and benefits of breast-feeding, and the authors say their findings will help

such women make better choices.

"Now that we have a good estimate of the risk, our goal should be to put knowledge into practice," said Dr. Joan Kreiss, a co-author and infectious disease specialist at the University of Washington.

A CDC report in the same issue of the journal said better understanding of the timing of HIV transmission related to breast-feeding is needed to determine the best way to prevent infection in children.

The authors note that previous research has suggested that breast-feeding exclusively may be less risky than alternating breast-feeding with formula in very young infants.

"Exclusive breast-feeding followed by early weaning" is among prevention strategies that need further research, the authors said.

Implants show early promise for treating hemophilia

NEW YORK (AP) — Thimble-size implants let guinea pigs and a monkey churn out a protein that can treat hemophilia, suggesting a new approach to treatment.

The animals did not have the bleeding disorder, so the study didn't directly test whether the implants could reverse the disease.

Blood samples showed that the implants converted a natural protein from the animals into useful amounts of an activated form, called Factor VIIa, that is now used in hemophilia treatment.

The work was reported in the March issue of the journal Nature Biotechnology by Dr. Harvey Pollard of the Uniformed Services University School of Medicine in Bethesda, Md., and colleagues.

Hemophilia is caused by the lack of a clot-promoting protein, usually one called Factor VIII. Patients can be treated with infusions of that protein. Some 15 percent of such patients develop antibodies that inactivate the infused protein. They can be treated with infusions of Factor VIIa instead, but that is expensive and the protein disintegrates quickly.

The implants could avoid both those drawbacks, as well as the antibody problem, the researchers said.

The implants are porous chambers containing a substance that converts Factor VII to Factor VIIa. The monkey, which had three implants in its abdomen, generated Factor VIIa for a month before the implants were removed for inspection. However, the production petered out over that period, and Pollard said it is not clear why.

Pollard said he hopes human testing can begin within a year or two.

FDA approves testosterone gel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Men who suffer low testosterone until now have been treated with hormone shots or testosterone patches. Tuesday, the government approved a new option — testosterone gel.

Manufacturer UniMed Pharmaceuticals called AndroGel, a clear gel rubbed into the skin, an "easy, effective, invisible alternative" to current testosterone therapy.

But prescription-only AndroGel must be used carefully, cautioned the Food and Drug Administration.

Men rub AndroGel into the skin of the abdomen or shoulders — not the genital area — where it absorbs into the bloodstream.

Men must be careful not to spread the gel from their hands or bodies to women, especially pregnant women because testosterone can harm a developing fetus, the FDA said.

So they should wash their hands immediately after applying, and "do not allow other persons to contact your skin where you have applied AndroGel, especially pregnant or nursing women," an FDA patient-instruction leaflet warns.

Let the gel dry a few minutes before dressing and wait five to six hours before showering or swimming so it absorbs properly, the FDA said.

Illinois-based UniMed said AndroGel, like other testosterone therapy, can restore men's hormone levels to a normal range. It will be available by midsummer. A price has not been set.

Cell transplants reverse diabetes in mice

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists have reversed diabetes in mice by generating insulin-producing cells in a laboratory and transplanting them into the animals, an indication of how useful so-called stem cells might be.

The mice had a version of Type 1 diabetes, which occurs when the body mistakenly destroys insulin-producing cells in the pancreas. People with this disease must inject themselves with insulin daily to survive.

NEW YORK (AP) — Philip Morris' suggestion that it could accept some new government regulation of the tobacco industry was praised Tuesday by President Clinton, who said he was "heartened" by the comments.

Former Food and Drug Administration chief David Kessler called it "a very big step."

"If even Philip Morris is saying the time has come to regulate this product, then the time

Patients have been treated with transplants of islets, the insulin factories of the pancreas. The success rate has been low, apparently in part because it's hard to get enough islets from a cadaver's pancreas.

The new work suggests a way to overcome that problem: prodding immature stem cells from the pancreas to make abundant quantities of islets in the laboratory.

The mouse study by researchers at the University of Florida College of Medicine

and elsewhere is reported in the March issue of the journal Nature Medicine.

In one set of experiments, eight diabetic mice received the lab-generated islets and then were weaned from insulin injections over a few days.

Within a week after injections stopped, they showed a decline in blood-sugar levels. They remained healthy without insulin injections until they were killed for examination of the implant, a period of up to 55 days from implantation.

President is 'heartened' by Philip Morris' comments

has come," Kessler said Tuesday.

But tobacco critics said the nation's biggest cigarette company was too vague about what might be acceptable and viewed its comments as an effort to buy time for an embattled industry while burnishing its own image.

"They have conceded nothing, they have agreed to nothing," said Paul Billings, an executive with the American Lung Association. "This is in the time-honored tradition of

tobacco: appearing to give a little in exchange for more time."

Philip Morris accounts for one of every two cigarettes sold in the United States, including the top-seller Marlboros.

The tobacco companies have long opposed new regulations.

Philip Morris has been trying to remake its image in recent months, conceding that cigarettes are addictive and committing \$100 million to a campaign to discourage youngsters from smoking.

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Thousands in Mozambique left to die

Several in Mozambique wait in trees for rescue or death

LIONDE, Mozambique (AP) — Thousands braced Tuesday evening for a third terrifying night stranded in trees and on rooftops surrounded by swiftly flowing muddy water that stretched for miles in every direction.

Most people trapped near the submerged village of Lionde had not eaten since early Sunday, when they fled a 6-foot-high wall of water that surged through Mozambique's already flooded Gaza province.

South African helicopters working from dawn to dusk for three days seemed by Tuesday to only have made a dent in the numbers needing rescue.

The helicopters had rescued 550 Mozambicans by noon Tuesday, in addition to the 4,800 plucked from

floodwaters the previous two days, said South African air force Capt. Hugo Weich.

From one tree alone, a helicopter hoisted an old man and six women with their babies on their backs to safety onboard, where they sat staring blankly ahead, still in shock. Some frightened victims hid when the helicopters approached. Others refused to be rescued.

Uhle Sithole said the helicopter terrified him, but that he was very glad to be brought away from the water.

"But now I may die because my stomach is empty," he said, adding he had not eaten since Saturday night.

Some people managed to build platforms in the trees, and tied bicy-

cles and other belongings to the branches.

Some managed to get their goats up into the trees, slaughtered them and cooked the meat over fires made on metal sheets.

Others had only the clothes on their back.

The helicopters dropped their human cargo on a stretch of road just feet above the rising flood waters, where many milled around in shock, looking for relatives.

Aid workers, who estimated about 1,000 people had been brought to the road, tried to usher the crowd to a village on higher ground. Trucks drove those who could not walk.

Simon Mthembu said 13 of his family members were missing. He said he had seen hundreds of people being swept away by the water as it rushed through Chokwe, the main town in the region that was submerged early Sunday.

The town of Chaqualane, about

35 miles south of Chokwe, was expected to become ground zero for relief operations, said UNICEF spokesman Ian Macleod. About 15,000 victims had already congregated there.

On Tuesday, the water surge that hit Chokwe continued down the flooded Limpopo River and drenched most of Xai-Xai, a coastal town of 130,000 that had been ordered evacuated earlier.

By Tuesday afternoon hundreds were stranded in Xai-Xai on rooftops, inches above the floodwaters, which were expected to rise. Three or four rubber rafts collected people from rooftops, but could transport only a half-dozen people per trip. Drowned cattle floated among clusters of survivors.

President Joaquim Chissano and South African Defense Minister Mosiuoa Lekota, whose own country has also flooded, flew over Mozambique on Tuesday in separate planes.

Fewer than a dozen helicopters were participating in the rescue operations, and more were desperately needed, said World Food Program spokeswoman Michele Quintaglie. Most were from the South African air force.

"We've got families who are not going to be able to hang on much longer," Quintaglie said. "We should be flying helicopters in, if necessary, from Europe."

With flooded areas cut off by road and helicopters being used mostly for rescue missions instead of food drops, no hunger relief was in sight.

The World Food Program said up to 300,000 people needed immediate aid nationwide. The Mozambican government estimated that up to 1 million people have been affected by the floods.

Chissano said it was impossible to estimate the death toll, but Quintaglie said it would run into the thousands.

More people donating organs while still alive

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people donating kidneys and, increasingly, sections of their livers, while still alive has more than doubled over the past decade, as transplant patients facing years on a waiting list look for other options.

Much of the increase comes from donations by donors who are not related to the transplant patient — usually a close friend, according to a report released Tuesday by the United Network for Organ Sharing, which runs the nation's transplant system. These donations more than tripled between 1989 and 1998.

"It's just something anyone in my group would do," said Kyle McNamara, 32, of Braintree, Mass., who donated part of his liver to a co-worker in January. "After talking to the surgeons and really getting the information, it really wasn't a hard decision."

Nationwide, there were 4,273 living donors in 1998 — up from 1,918 a decade earlier, the organ-sharing network said. In 1998, one in five donated organs came from a living donor.

Of the living donors, nearly 18 percent were from people who were not related to the patient. About 40 percent were siblings, 20 percent parents, 16 percent offspring and 7 percent other relatives. Just a few donors are complete strangers.

"At first I said no," said Maureen Kennedy, 62, of Niverville, N.Y., who had only six months to live so it was my turn to repay it."

Four months after the surgery, both Kennedys are doing well.

Donations from people who have died — called cadaveric donors — have also increased, though not as dramatically, and only because there's been an increase in the number of older donors. Donors over age 50 now account for 29 percent of all cadaveric donors.

All together, there were 5,798 cadaveric donors in 1998, up about 6 percent from 1997 and about 45 percent since 1989.

Still, in 1998, 4,860 people died waiting for a transplant, triple what it was a decade earlier. The number of people on the waiting list also tripled, to 64,373 by the end of 1998.

Germany highway stonings result of American mischief

DARMSTADT, Germany (AP) — With thousands of U.S. military personnel in Germany, police are used to dealing with the occasional Army brat who runs a red light or lifts beer from a supermarket.

But three teen-age Americans who allegedly spent their nights hurling rocks at cars from a pedestrian bridge are facing something far more serious — murder charges for the deaths of two drivers.

This community was on edge Tuesday as tabloids blared demands for justice. Military families worried about anti-American backlash.

"They were American soldiers' sons — the killer kids from Darmstadt," screamed a banner headline in Bild, the nation's top-selling daily, which devoted half the front page to the story.

On television, German psychologists and commentators tried to explain the mindset behind the attacks. They focused on the sense of isolation felt by U.S. military personnel in Germany and a lack of direction among today's teen-agers.

"Germans get their main

perception of American soldiers when they go into town, get drunk and get out of hand," said Army Spec. Richard Tennant, who has been based at the Cambrai Fritsch Barracks in Darmstadt for 2 years. "Now they'll think their kids are just as bad. I'm definitely ashamed."

The three teen-agers, whose names were withheld by authorities, were arrested Monday night by German and U.S. military police at the U.S. Army's Lincoln housing area near Darmstadt, a sleepy suburb of 140,000 just south of Frankfurt.

Darmstadt police say the three confessed to hurling volleyball-sized stones — some weighing 20 pounds — late Sunday from a pedestrian bridge at cars on the four-lane highway underneath.

They had met regularly for the last four to six weeks to do so, developing a "tradition," police said. But things

turned deadly Sunday, when stones shattered the windshields of two passing cars, striking their drivers in the head and killing them.

The boys allegedly threw stones at four other cars, injuring five more people.

One of those killed, a 41-year-old mother of two, was on her way to the train station to pick up her husband. The second victim was a 20-year-old Darmstadt woman riding with her grandparents. Both the grandparents were injured.

A German judge ruled Tuesday that the boys — ages 14, 17 and 18 — will sit behind bars until the prosecutor officially charges them with murder and causing an accident with intent, which could take weeks.

In Washington, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin expressed the department's condolences and said it would offer full cooper-

ation with German authorities.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the victims who have experienced this terrible and senseless loss," he said.

The Pentagon said it had no statistics on murder charges against dependents of U.S. military members. But such cases have been rare.

U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen called his German counterpart, Rudolf Scharping, to express regret and condolences to the families of the victims, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said. He said Scharping assured Cohen that the incident "would not have an impact on U.S.-German relations."

Cohen also issued a written statement saying "I am shocked and saddened" by the "senseless loss" of life.

The three suspects have lived in Germany for at least 1 year and reside in Darmstadt, where Americans had prided themselves on friendly relations with the Germans — from the city's annual German-American Festival to the pickup basketball games at off-base parks.

Census forms in cyberspace for first time

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Census Bureau this year will give Americans the choice of answering their census questionnaires over the Internet, and hopes the new option will prompt more people to respond to the once-a-decade survey.

With the click of a mouse, respondents will be able to log on to the Census Bureau's Web site and answer the government's questions — How old you are? What ethnicity are you? — without having to drop the form in the mailbox.

It's unclear whether allowing forms to be returned for the first time through cyberspace will get more people to respond.

Mail response rates have declined in each of the last three surveys, from 78 per-

cent of households in 1970, to 70 percent in 1980, to 65 percent in 1990. Officials estimate that rate will dip to 61 percent this year.

Census Day is April 1, meaning all the information requested by the government concerns the people living in the home that day.

The data is critical for the reapportionment of congressional seats as well as distribution of federal and state funds. In general, the more people a city or town has, the more money it gets.

"We'd be happy if everybody mailed back their questionnaire. It would make the census more accurate," said John Thompson, director of census operations. "This will be a first, determining the individuals who use the mail and people who use the

Internet."

Worries over privacy and confidentiality that make some people wary about returning forms in the first place may be just as prevalent when submitting answers over the Internet, especially in light of recent hacker attacks against popular Web sites such as Yahoo! and eBay, said Martha Farnsworth Riche, a former Census Bureau director who helped develop its Internet-response system.

"My one concern is people's concerns about privacy, and people are particularly concerned about the broad use of the census information," she said.

Census officials stress that all information is kept confidential and not shared with other government agencies.

SHOOTING

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spokesman for the family of Isaiah Shoels, who was among 12 students killed by teen-age gunmen Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris at Columbine High School in April. Riddle grew up in Flint.

At Buell Elementary, Freddie Booth arrived after the shooting to look for his 8-year-old daughter, Fredricka.

"I don't believe this is happening," Booth told The Flint Journal. "A first-grader shoots another first-grader. First-graders shouldn't be able to get a gun. I just want my daughter out of here. She has been traumatized, I'm sure."

About 500 children attend Buell Elementary, which is in an area of neat, small single-family homes. Other parts of the Flint suburb, which has a population of about 25,300,

are more run-down, with dilapidated homes and boarded-up storefronts.

"I moved out here because I'd thought it'd be safer for my grandkids," said Katherine Sutton, who has lived in the area for five years. "I thought things would be better, but I see it's not."

Classes Wednesday were canceled, but the school will be open for anyone in the community who wants counseling.

Third-grader Corey Sutton, 9, said he heard a bang and thought a desk had fallen. Then, "the principal came over the PA system and told teachers to shut their doors and lock them," he said. "I was scared, my heart was pounding."

The teacher told students to line up and get their coats on, and when the kids were lined up "she told us what happened. A girl got shot, and the teacher started crying."

President Clinton, in Florida for a Democratic fundraiser, said: "Why could the child fire the gun? If we have the technology today to put in these child safety locks, why don't we do it?"

The tragedy of young killers was highlighted in November in the Detroit suburb of Pontiac, where a boy who gunned down a stranger at age 11 was convicted as an adult of murder. Nathaniel Abraham, one of the youngest murderers in U.S. history, was sentenced in January to a juvenile detention center until he turns 21, after which he will be a free man.

He was the first youngster charged with murder under a 1997 Michigan law that allows children of any age to be prosecuted as adults for serious crimes. His lawyers argued that he did not have the mental capacity to form an intent to kill.

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• March 1 is the application deadline for the **National
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• **Founders Day essay contest.** Write one page on
"Why I Love USU" to win a \$300 tuition waiver. Due
March 1, David B. Haight Alumni Center. Winner
announced March 7.
• **Natural Resource and Environmental Policy
Program present "Recreation, Tourism, and
Economic Development in Rural Southern Utah
Communities"** by Brooke Williams, March 2, 7 p.m.
Fine Arts Visual 262. Refreshments prior to seminar.
• **Get on the bus for the Reno bus trip to the Big
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dations, game tickets \$120 per person or \$110 w/Big
Blue Crew membership. Sign up and pay in TSC
Room 326 by March 3.
• **"Sustainable Landscapes"** Conference March 3,
8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Speakers on the topics of land
and resource planning and design. FAV Fee \$10.
Must preregister by calling 797-0512.
• **Drs. Susan Dawson and Gary Madsen of Sociology,
Social Work and Anthropology Dept. will present
their research findings** on current worker-related
radiation compensation reform. March 7, 1:30 p.m.
ECC Room 305.
• **Eleventh Annual Cowboy Poetry Roundup,** March
4, Bear River High School Auditorium. Two sessions
each with new and different poetry. 4 & 7 p.m. For
info, call 257-5542. A Dutch Oven Dinner will be
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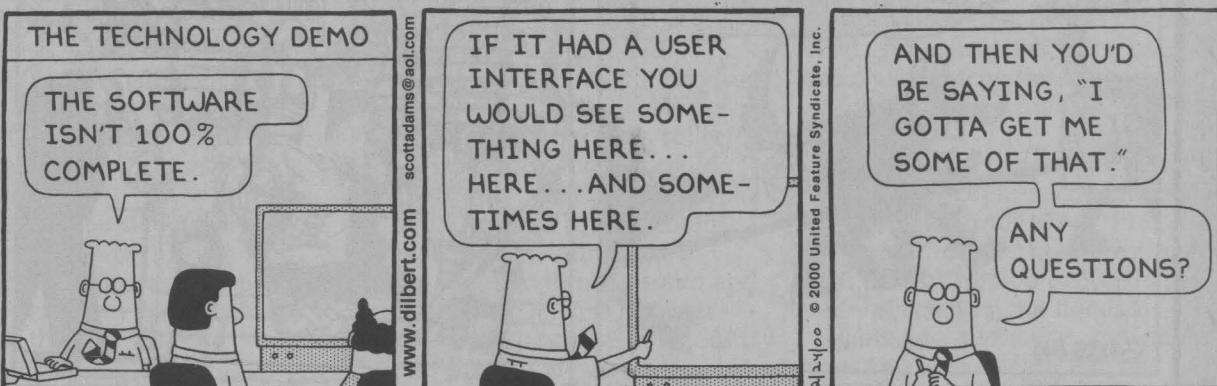
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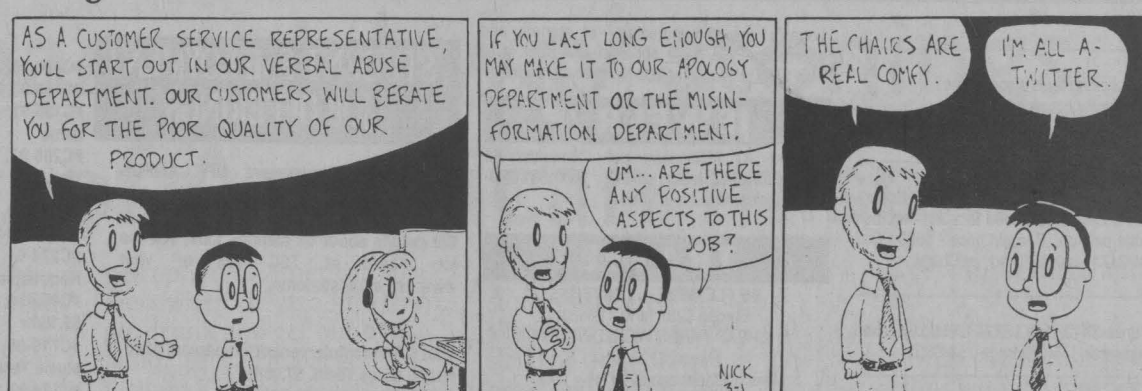
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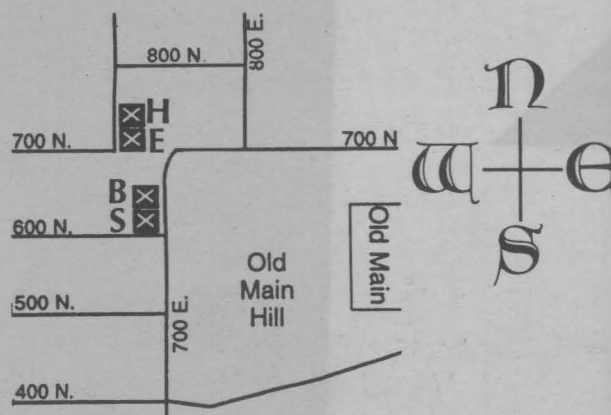
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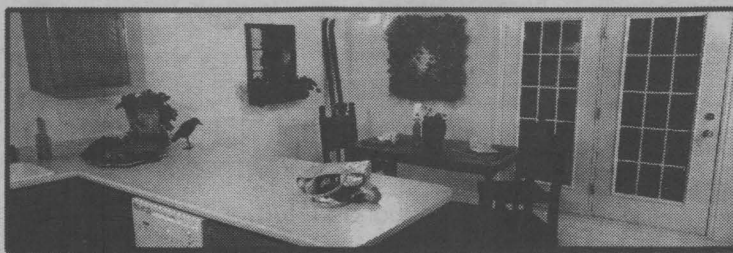
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•Do not pay your rent in cash without getting a receipt signed by your landlord or representative. If possible, do not pay your rent by money order unless you deliver it personally and get a receipt. If a money order is lost in the mail, it takes up to six months to trace. In the meantime your landlord will want the rent that is legitimately due. This can result in your having to make two rent payments or being evicted for nonpayment of rent.

Payment of rent by check gives you an automatic receipt when the landlord cashes it. You can stop payment on a check if it gets lost in the mail. You can also write on the check which month the rent is for to avoid confusion later.

Lessor's/Landlord's Lien

•When you move into an apartment, your landlord automatically has a claim or lien on some of your personal property if you should fall behind in your rent. However, the landlord cannot just walk into your apartment and take things.

•The landlord must get a court order which orders a law enforcement officer to take and hold some of your property until you pay what you owe. Property that can be taken includes such things as televisions, sporting goods, stereos, etc. Property that cannot be taken includes your refrigerator, stove, sewing machine,

laundry equipment, musical instruments, bedding, professional tools or books (up to \$1,500 in value), food storage, clothing and most furniture.

•The landlord cannot seize your property, only a sheriff or constable who is following a court order can.

Deposits

Generally, when you rent a place to live, the landlord will ask you to pay a deposit to protect the rental property against damages. If any part of the deposit is not refundable, you must be informed of this in writing when the landlord receives the deposit.

When you move, your landlord must return your deposit or explain in writing why they have not done so. Legitimate reasons for your landlord to keep part or all of your deposit would be

- if you owed rent
- if you damaged the property,
- if your lease or rental agreement stated that when you moved, money could be deducted from the deposit for cleaning or other maintenance costs.
- if your rental agreement stated that the deposit was non-refundable.

Notification

If your landlord keeps apart or all of your deposit, he or she must provide you with an itemized list of any deductions made. The landlord must send

this list and any remaining deposit money to you within 30 days of your moving out or 15 days after receiving a forwarding address, whichever is later. It is your obligation to give your landlord a forwarding address.

Small Claims Court

When you move out of a place that you have been renting, if your landlord does not voluntarily return you deposit to you or provide you with the itemized list of deductions within 30 days, you may sue the landlord or manager for the deposit plus a \$100 penalty in Small Claims Court.

Read It Before You Sign It.

Whether you sign a rental agreement or lease, READ IT BEFORE YOU SIGN IT. Find out what it really says. If you don't understand it, ask the landlord to explain. If you understand the explanation, ask the landlord to write down what was said; then sign the explanation you understand,

NOT the agreement you don't understand. If you do understand the agreement but don't like it, Don't Sign It. Tell the landlord what you don't like; negotiate to change what you don't like.

Before you sign, make sure the document includes the following information:

- 1) Names, addresses and phone numbers of persons who are signing.
- 2) Location of the property you are going to rent.
- 3) Amount of rent agreed upon.

4) Persons responsible for utility bills.

5) Extent of landlord's obligation to repair and maintain the place.

6) Statement that notices are to be given in writing and where to send them.

7) Description of the premises before you rent them and a list of furnishings, if any, that are there.

8) Reasons for any deposits you pay and the conditions under which they will be returned to you.



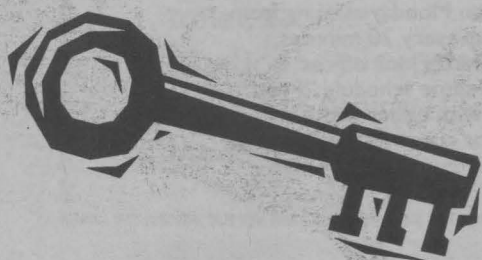
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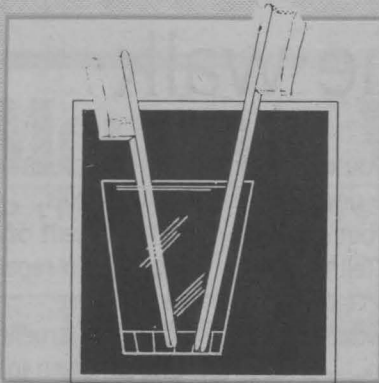
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When you call to hook up your phone, you will need the following information:

- *Social Security Number, or ID and copy of lease agreement.
- *Roommate information, their names and jobs, if you want them to be authorized to make changes on the account.
- *If you have had prior service, you need to know your former phone number.
- *Note: You will be billed a month in advance, so your first bill will be larger.
- *The number to call for the phone installation is 1-800-244-1111.

CABLE T.V. INSTALLED

To have your cable installed, just call, or go to their offices at 1350 North 200 West. They will make an appointment for someone to come to your apartment and install the cable. They will need your name and address. You will need to be at home when the cable installer comes to hook it up. At the time of installment a \$16.69 hook-up fee plus one months service will be collected.

1350 North 200 West, 752-9731.

HOW TO....

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HOOK-UP ELECTRICITY

To get power and other utilities hooked up, you will need to bring the following items to the Logan City offices on 255 North Main (an individual has to go person):

- *A picture ID;
- *Four references: (just four people who know you and their addresses.)
- *Employment information
- *Information about the owner of the house.
- *You will need a deposit of \$100 to get electricity and gas hooked up. (Questar Gas will have to hook up gas.)
- *If you can provide a letter of credit (electricity or gas) for a 12-month period. Deposit can be waived.
- *Logan City 750-9855, 255 North Main

HAVE GAS TURNED ON

There is no deposit required to have the gas hooked up if you have good credit, but there is a non-refundable connection fee. Initiating costs \$8 if the gas service is on and \$30 if the gas is off. Questar Gas does require your signature and ID but you can do the original installation over the phone.

When you call you will also need your roommates names.

Questar Gas 752-7751, 45 East 200 North, www.questargas.com



NUMBERS YOU NEED TO KNOW!

EMERGENCY

- Fire, Ambulance, Police (Off Campus, non-emergency)750-9900
- University Police (Office) .797-1939
- USU Student Health Service797-1660
- Logan Regional Hospital .752-2050
- Any Emergency (On Campus) 7-911
- Emergency (Off Campus)911

- Poison Control ... 1-800-456-7707
- Cache County Fire/Sheriff752-4103

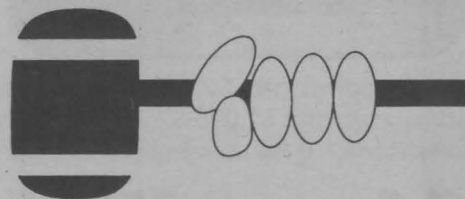


USU NUMBERS AND OTHERS

- ASUSU Offices797-1716
- Academic Support Services797-3373
- Admissions Office797-1079 & 797-1096
- Career Placement797-7777
- Counseling797-1012
- Financial Aid Office797-0173
- Housing Office797-3113
- USU Operator797-1000
- Information Desk, TSC ...797-1710
- Parking and Visitor Information797-3414
- Registrar's Office797-1101
- Student Legal Counsel ...797-1716
- Statesman797-1759, 797-1742
- Road Conditions ...1-800-492-2400
- Cache County Roads752-0045
- Your Landlord

GET FREE LEGAL HELP

Do you have questions about your contract? Are you having any legal problems or disputes? If you can answer yes, then you can take your problems or questions to Scott Wyatt or Don Linton,

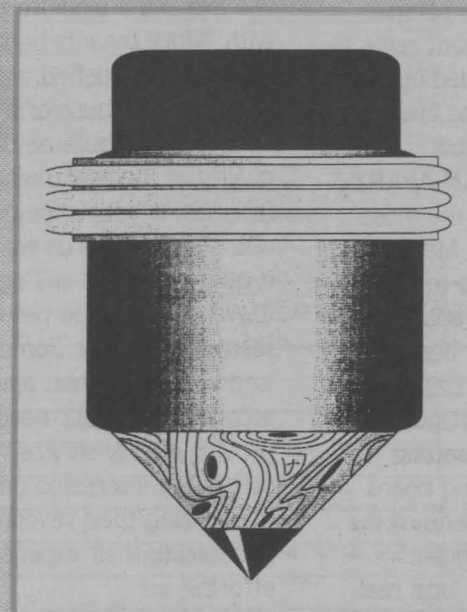


the ASUSU attorneys. Their counsel is free to Utah State University students and this is a great service because so many students cannot afford to go to a private attorney. Their services are funded through the office of the ASUSU Executive Vice President.

Scott Wyatt is available on Monday evening from 5-10 p.m. with appointments every 20 minutes. Don Linton is in the TSC Third Floor offices Thursday evenings with the same schedule. If you would like an appointment with either Scott or Don, please call 797-2912 or come to the Office of Student Activities, TSC 326.

Make an Inventory

This is an important document. Proper application may prevent you from being held responsible for pre-existing damages. One copy should be retained by the tenant and one by the landlord.



It is recommended that this form be completed before moving into the premises.

1. Kitchen & Dining Area

- a. cupboards, table, chairs
- b. floor covering, window coverings
- c. walls and ceiling
- d. plastic and tile surfaces
- e. appliances
- f. sink, faucet fixtures
- g. other _____

2. Living Room

- a. walls and ceiling
- b. carpet or rug, window coverings
- c. electric fixtures, lamps
- d. sofa, chairs, end tables
- e. desks, tables
- f. other _____

3. Bathrooms

- a. shower, glass, curtain
- b. tub, toilet, sink
- c. toilet, cabinets
- d. plastic and tile surfaces
- e. walls and ceiling
- f. other _____

4. Bedrooms

- a. walls and ceiling
- b. carpet, rug, floor, window coverings
- c. closets, door tracks
- d. electric fixtures, lamps
- e. beds, mattresses, covers
- f. desks, chairs, dressers, tables
- g. other _____

5. Hallways Within Unit

- a. walls and ceilings
- b. floor coverings
- c. closets, shelves, railings
- d. electric fixtures
- e. furniture
- f. other _____

6. Other Areas & Fixtures

- a. doors, windows, locks, screens
- b. heating and air conditioning
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____

Renting an apartment from the tenant's point of view

From the tenant's perspective the landlord/tenant relationship can be divided out in six steps. These steps are explained briefly below.

1. SELECTING AN APARTMENT. This step is the most simple and obvious. Many sources are available to assist you in selecting the apartment most suited to your needs. Sources include the classified ads in various newspapers, The Utah Statesman's Renters' Guide, the advertising board located at the west end of the basement of the Taggart Student Center and local realtors. Inspect the apartment thoroughly. Be aware of hidden costs such as utility expenses. An older apartment is likely to have higher utility costs than a new apartment. Look for parking availability-remember you cannot park on the side of city streets during winter months because of snow removal problems. Know who your roommates will or can be.

2. SELECTING A LANDLORD. This step is largely overlooked, but is the most critical step. Be aware that when you shop for an apartment you are purchasing a place where you

will live and a landlord to deal with. More tenants become seriously dissatisfied with their apartment because of a lousy landlord than because of the quality of the apartment or its facilities. If your oven goes out, some landlords will repair it quickly; others will never fix it even though you pester them for months. Some landlord will go to great lengths to accommodate your needs and provide quality service while others are interested only in maximizing their revenue and minimizing their expenses and efforts.

Here's some advice. Find several apartments that seemed acceptable to you. Then question other people who live in the same complex or former tenants who have moved out. Find out what the landlord is like and how he or she responds to various problems. How long did it take him or her to fix the toilet? Did you get your full deposit back? etc. Another advisable thing to do is inspect the apartment inside and out. Ask yourself the following questions: Does the building appear to be properly maintained? Are the yard and grounds cared for? Are

the sidewalks cleared of now? The answers to these questions will give you a feel of how conscious the landlord is.

3. NEGOTIATING A CONTRACT. A rental agreement or lease is a contract. Never sign a contract without reading it and understanding it because you will be bound by what you sign. Assume the landlord drafted the contract, not to protect you, but rather to protect his or her interests. You do not have to sign the contract as the landlord wrote it. If there are provisions in the contract you dislike, talk about it with the landlord and negotiate a change in the language of the contract. Add provisions. Take provisions out. Think about the consequences of what you are signing. Have both you and the landlord initial the changes and date the contract. Keep a copy for your own records. If you have questions about the contract, see a lawyer before you sign it.

4. MOVING IN. The most important part of moving in is collecting evidence that will help you get your deposit back when you move out. Before you move any of your personal property into the apartment, record the condition of the apartment. Go from room to room and take careful note.

Take pictures. Use an video camera. Look for damaged screen doors or windows, nail holes in the walls, water damage, scraped walls and paint, dirty carpet, broken appliances. Everything. Mail a copy of your list to the landlord or seal a copy in an envelope and have it registered at the post office. When you move out your landlord might try to make you pay to repair something that was actually broken before you moved in. You might be required to have the room professionally cleaned when you really left it cleaner than you found it. Your proper



inspection of the apartment will take less than an hour and it might save you hundreds of dollars (your deposit). It is worth the time.

5. DEALING WITH PROBLEMS. Some of the common questions asked about problems with the landlord include the following. If you have any further question see a lawyer.

A. Rent Payments. Always pay rent and deposits with a check or get a receipt. If the landlord disputes a rent payment you will likely have to prove you made payment.

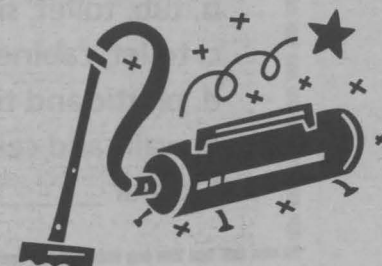
B. Repairs. You cannot refuse to pay rent until the landlord repairs a problem. You usually cannot force a landlord to repair problems unless they are serious, such as no heat, no hot water, no working toilet.

C. Eviction. The landlord cannot evict you without following a technical legal process and a judge must order the eviction.

6. MOVING OUT. Moving out means getting out with

your deposit. After your property is moved out of the apartment, collect evidence of the condition the apartment was in when you left. Because you followed the advice above in number 4, you can now show the landlord, and a judge if necessary, that you left the apartment cleaner than you found it. That you did not break the kitchen window. That the bathroom tile was chipped before you moved in. That you deserve your deposit back.

The landlord MUST send you your deposit back or a written itemization of the reasons he is withholding the deposit or a portion of the deposit. This must be sent to you no later than 30 days after you move out or 15 days after you provide him or her with the address of where to send the deposit to, which ever is later. If the landlord does not comply with this see a lawyer and take the landlord to small claims court.



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Complex	Address	Phone	Number of Students
Aspen Cove	334 N 500 E	753-0720	144
Avocet	930 N700 E	750-5525	24
Brentwood	736 E 900 N	753-0720	156
Brooklane	645 N 900 N	755-6016	52
Cambridge Court	590 Canyon Rd	753-8288	140
Cobble Creek	756 E 1000 N	753-6376	96
Continental	729 E 900 N	752-6874	191
Cresthill	564 E 400 N	752-7217	64
Crestview	646 N 600 E	245-5150	40
D's Bridgerland	956 N 600 E	753-8219	248
Darwin Ave	655 N Darwin	753-4670	80
Edgewood	738 E 800 N	753-0720	22
Elm	772 N 750 E	563-0631	24
Evergreen	828 N 500 E	753-0720	16
Forest Gate East	441 N 500 E	752-1516	64
Forest Gate West	441 N 500 E	752-1642	96
Garden Court	935 N 800 E	752-4870	60
Garden View	337 1/2 E 400 N	753-0720	32
Glenwood	649 E 800 N	753-0720	36
Hillside	658 E 800 N	750-5563	36
Kampus Komer	800 E 900 N	752-5003	130
Lynwood	880 N 650 E	753-0720	36
Nottingham	536 N 600 E	755-3510	24
Oakridge	1355 N 800 E	753-6555	600
Old Farm	777 E 1000 N	752-7501	529
Old Main	755 E 700 N	753-4670	72
Park Place	442 1/2 E 400 N	753-0720	24
Pineview	780 E 1000 N	752-9325	276
Snow Crest	527 E 700 N	753-4670	46
University Pines	500 E 400 N	752-5003	64
Valley View	640 E 900 N	787-2100	80
Willow Way	365 1/2 N 500 E	753-0720	16
Wood Rose	780 N 700 E	752-5003	30

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MVT (men)	350	\$780s-\$1275p	7		2	1	x	2	x	x	x	2	x	x	B	x	x	x	C	C	x
VVT (women)	350	\$780s-\$1275p	7		2	1		2	x	x	x	2	x	x	B	x	x	x	C	C	x
Richards	236	\$780s-\$1275p	3	1		3		2	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	C	x
Bullen	144	\$995	3	1		3		2	x	x	x		x	x		x	x			C	x
Merrill	216	\$995	3	1		3	x	2	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x		C	x
Moen	68	\$850s-\$1275p	3	1.5		3			x	x	x		x	x		x			C	C	x
Greaves (women)	68	\$850s-\$1275p	3	1.5		3		1	x	x	x		x	x		x			C	C	x
Reeder	68	\$850s-\$1275p	3	1.5		3		1	x	x	x		x	x		x			C	C	x
Davis	80	\$940	4	1.5		3	LSC	LSC	x	x	x	1	x	x	LSC	x	x				x
Jones	80	\$940	4	1.5		3	LSC	LSC	x	x	x	1	x	x	LSC	x	LSC	x			x
Morgan	80	\$850	4	1.5		3	LSC	LSC	x	x	x	1	x	x	LSC	x	LSC	x			x
Rich	80	\$850	4	1.5		3	LSC	LSC	x	x	x	1	x	x	LSC	x	x				x
Wasatch	80	\$995	4	1.5		3	LSC	LSC	x	x	x	1	x	x	LSC	x	LSC	x			x
San Juan	80	\$995	4	1.5		3	LSC	LSC	x	x	x	1	x	x	LSC	x	x				x
Summit	80	\$995	4	1.5		3	LSC	LSC	x	x	x	1	x	x	LSC	x	LSC	x			x
Snow	239	\$1,075	5	2		3	LSC	LSC	x	x	x	3	x	x	LSC	x	LSC				x
Aggie Village																					
Singles	216	\$990s-\$1190p	2	1		2	LSC	LSC	x	x	x		x	x	LSC	LSC	LSC				LSC
Upperclassman	72	\$1250p-\$1350p	2	1		2	LSC	LSC	x	x	x		x	x	LSC	LSC	LSC				LSC

Generally speaking....

RENTER'S

Responsibilities

You lose all of your rights as a renter if you are legally evicted. You can be legally evicted when you do not live up to your responsibilities as a renter.

- Pay your full rent on time. However, under certain circumstances, you have the right to withhold your rent. (See "Dealing With Bad Housing.")
- Take "reasonable care" of the property you are renting. It is, after all, the landlord's property and you are paying for the use of it. When you move out of the property, it must be in the same condition as it was when you moved in, except for normal wear and tear.
- Let your landlord know when you are going to be out of town or away from home for a period of time. If possible let them know how to contact you. If they notice you are gone, but haven't been informed ahead of time, they may think you have abandoned the property. (See "Abandonment.")
- Comply with local board of health rules for tenants.
- Keep the place clean.
- Inform the landlord, in writing of needed repairs as soon as they are needed. (See "Dealing With Bad Housing" for details on how to do this.)
- Be considerate of other renters and neighbors. They have the same rights as you do. Keep the noise level in your home down, so as not to disturb others.
- Abide by all the terms of your lease or rental agreement. If it says "no pets," don't have pets.
- Do not increase the number of occupants specified in the rental agreement without written permission of the owner.
- Do not cause damage to the property.
- Do not keep, store or sell illegal drugs.
- Give the landlord fifteen days' written notice before you move out, unless more time is specified in your lease or rental agreement.

If your landlord tries to evict you because you have not lived up to your responsibilities, the fact that you have a baby or small children, that you just lost your job, or that you have no money and no place to go will not prevent a judge from evicting you.

Source: Utah Legal Services, Inc., 1995

Here is a thumbnail sketch of generally accepted rights and responsibilities assigned to renters and landlords in a rental or lease situation. Above all, read all documents before signing and keep lines of communication open between tenant and owner.

OWNER'S

Responsibilities

- 1 To comply with the law and the health, building, and safety codes of the city or county in which the property is located.
- 2 To allow you, in exchange for your rent, to live on the property in peace, without unreasonably disturbing you or allowing other tenants of the property to disturb you.
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- 4 To maintain the unit in safe and healthy condition and not allow illegal drugs to be made, sold or stored.
- 5 To live up to all the terms of the agreement made with you.
- 6 To follow the legal eviction procedure.

You should be aware that if you try to force landlords to live up to their responsibilities, they might start an eviction case against you.

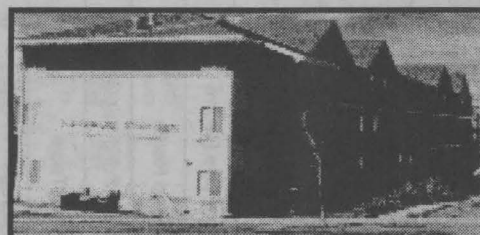
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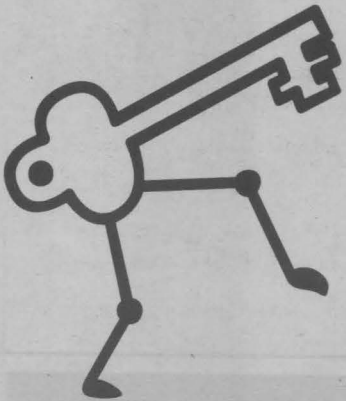
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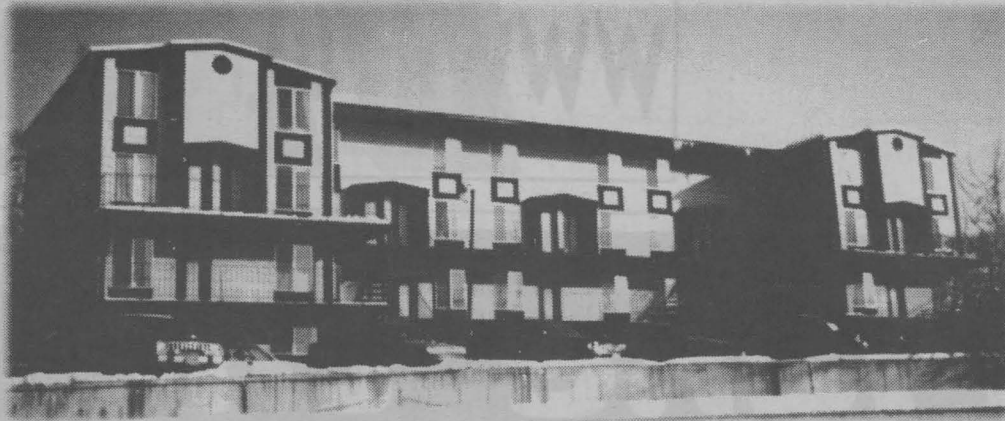
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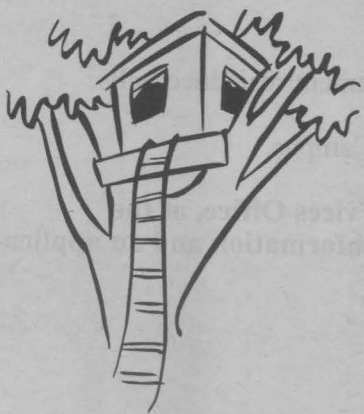
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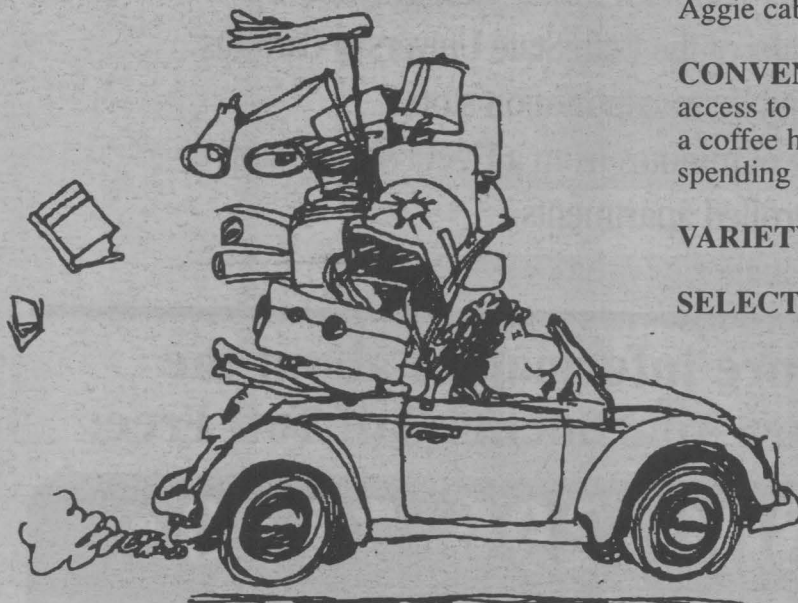
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