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USU celebrates, looks back at 112 years of education

Alumna remembers USU 40 years ago

LARA GALE
Staff Writer

Tuesday's Founder's Day celebration gave students a chance to step back and look at the roots of the university they call home.

The Student Alumni Association hosted a celebration in honor of Utah State University's 112th birthday in the Student Center Ballroom.

Plenty of cake was left at the end of the gathering, but SAA's Founder's Day chair Jeff Garfield said the turnout was better than previous years.

"This was good. The main thing we want is for students to be aware and think about the university and what it means," he said.

The celebration was a time to reflect on USU's great tradition and the legacy students enjoy here today, Garfield said.

Author and USU alumna Susan Arrington Madsen spoke to the audience about her family's history with USU, beginning in 1946 when she said her parents frequently saw Shoshone Indians, complete with teepees, camped on Main Street in Logan in the general location of where Weston Inn stands today.

"There was one house, and one house only, here on the entire East bench of Logan behind USU," she said.

She said things have changed so much since that time it would be impossible to describe accurately what the campus looked like only 40 years ago, but used the Taggart Student Center as one example.

"Here at this exact location where the Taggart Student Center

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Utah State University's campus looks very different now than in this picture of a much younger campus. The Taggart Student Center, for example, is a new addition.

Professor remembers old USU; says don't look back, the future is looking pretty good

LARA GALE
Staff Writer

Nostalgia is bound to be tied to the celebration of Utah State University's 112th birthday Tuesday, but Ross Smart, director of the USU Animal Diagnostics Center, said there's no reason to look back. He has been at USU for more than 40 years — longer than any other professor — and said the future is a good place to be.

From his first year with USU in 1957 to the present, Smart has seen the university evolve from a small agricultural college to the Carnegie I research university it is today, and has seen all the changes that have come in that time.

He said it has been tremendous. Buildings have risen, opportunities have increased and technology has grown.

The changes have definitely been for the better, he said. Commenting on the progression to personal computers, copy machines and calculators from typewriters, mimeographs and slide-rules, he said, "I wouldn't want to go back. It was like the Dark Ages compared to how it is now."

He said the physical change of the campus has been interesting to watch. Cows and horses used to sleep where the University Inn and other buildings near the center of campus are now. When USU was a small rural college of 3,000 students, the cemetery was the northernmost border of developed land, and one solitary house stood in the fields beyond.

Education has changed as well, he said.

USU has seen a major lessening of its emphasis on agriculture. Though USU was once by name an agricultural college, in 1999 only 5.3 percent of

degrees earned at USU were in agriculture, according to the Office of Planning and Analysis.

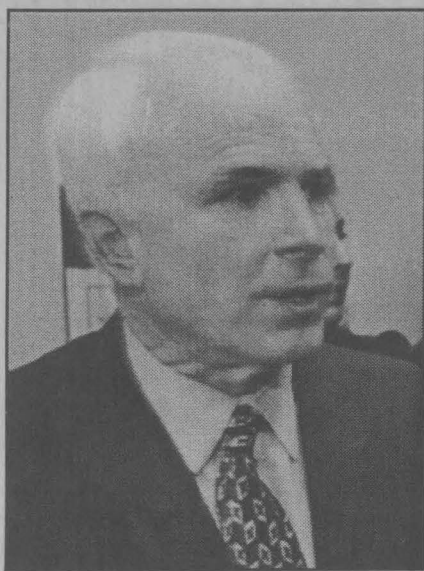
Smart said this is not surprising. Agriculture is still the foundation of the economy and remains an important part of life, but with new technology, the field of agriculture has broadened to incorporate many specialties outside of what people commonly think of as basic farming.

"Agriculture at USU is still thriving and strong," he said. "It has a great future and will produce a lot of important things."

Technology has had a major impact on all facets of education, he said. Opportunities are available that didn't exist five years ago, and some that were unfathomable 40 years ago. As for the future, "I'm not smart enough to predict the future," he said, "but I'll say this, we can't even anticipate what changes will be happening."

Campaign 2000

Who are they? 'The Statesman' presents profiles of presidential frontrunners



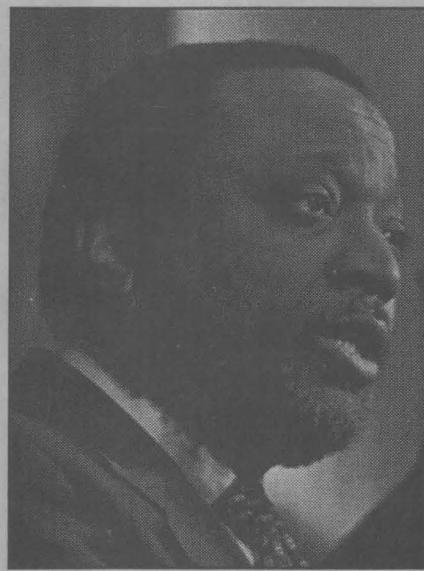
JOHN S. MCCAIN III
REPUBLICAN

Biography:

John McCain is the senior U.S. senator from Arizona. Born on August 29, 1936, in the Panama Canal Zone, McCain attended the National War College from 1973 to 1974, and also holds a B.S. from the U.S. Naval Academy. McCain represented Arizona in the U.S. House from 1982 to 1986. McCain currently chairs the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, and serves on the Armed Services Committee as well as the Indian Affairs Committee.

Facts:

During the Vietnam War, McCain was shot down on a bombing mission over Hanoi and was taken prisoner. From 1967 to 1973 McCain was held as a POW in Hanoi, spending two of those years in solitary confinement. McCain has received many military honors, including the Purple Heart. McCain is married to Cindy McCain, and has seven children and four grandchildren. McCain is Episcopalian.



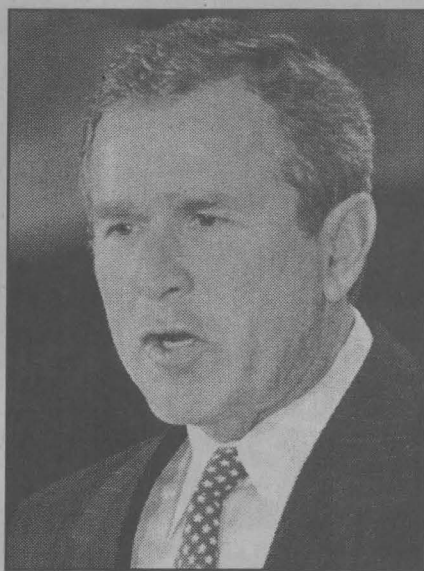
ALAN L. KEYES
REPUBLICAN

Biography:

Alan Keyes is the founder and chairman of the Declaration Foundation. He was born on August 7, 1950, in New York City. Keyes hosts a nationally syndicated radio show and previously served as president of Citizens Against Government Waste. From 1985 to 1987 Keyes was Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations, and served as the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Social and Economic Council from 1983 to 1985. Keyes holds a B.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University. Keyes served as interim president of Alabama A&M University, and is the president of the Ronald Reagan Alumni Association.

Facts:

Keyes is married to Jocelyn Marcel Keyes. They have two sons and one daughter. Francis, Andrew and Maya Jeane. They reside in Frederick, Md. Keyes is Roman Catholic.



GEORGE W. BUSH
REPUBLICAN

Biography:

George W. Bush is serving his second term as governor of Texas. He was born on July 6, 1946, in New Haven, Conn.

Bush is a graduate of Yale University and holds an MBA from Harvard Business School. Bush ran unsuccessfully for Congress in Texas in 1978. He also served as an F-102 pilot for the Texas National Guard.

From 1989 to 1994 Bush was Managing General Partner of the Texas Rangers.

Facts:

Bush is married to Laura Welsh Bush. They have twin daughters, Barbara and Jenna.

He is the son of former president George Bush. He speaks fluent Spanish and loves baseball.

He started his own oil and gas company in West Texas in 1978.

He served as one of two managers for the Texas Rangers from 1989 to 1994. Bush is a Methodist.



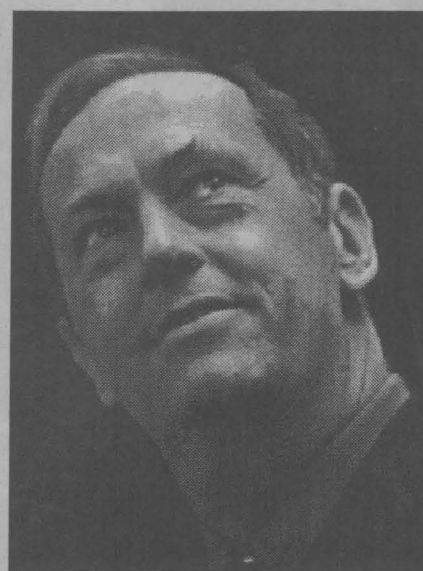
ALBERT "AL" GORE, JR.
DEMOCRAT

Biography:

Al Gore is Vice President of the United States and has served in that capacity since 1993. Gore was born on March 31, 1948, in Washington, D.C. Gore attended both the Graduate School of Religion and the Law School at Vanderbilt University. Gore served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam from 1969 to 1971, and worked as a newspaper reporter upon discharge. Gore was elected to Congress from Tennessee in 1976, and was reelected three times. Gore was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1984 and reelected in 1990.

Facts:

Gore enjoys playing basketball. He threw the discus on his high school track team and enjoys jogging. Gore is usually credited with penning the Internet term "information superhighway." Gore is married to the former Mary Elizabeth "Tipper" Aitcheson, and they have four children: Kristin, Karenna Gore Schiff, Sarah and Albert III. Gore is a Baptist.



WILLIAM W. "BILL" BRADLEY
DEMOCRAT

Biography:

Bradley was born on July 28, 1943, in Crystal City, Mo. He played professional basketball from 1967 to 1978 for the New York Knicks, served in the Air Force Reserves. He represented New Jersey in the U.S. Senate from 1978 to 1996. He served on the Senate Finance Committee, Natural Resources Committee, Special Committee on Aging, and the Select Committee on Intelligence. After leaving the Senate, Bradley served as Chair of the National Civic League, wrote essays for the media and taught at several universities.

Facts:

Bradley was a Rhodes Scholar and a three-time All-American basketball player at Princeton. He is married to Ernestine Schlant Bradley, a professor of German comparative literature at Montclair State University. They have one daughter, Theresa Anne. Bradley is Protestant.

WORLD & NATION

Arizona launches virtual voting

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona Democrats on Tuesday started what they believe is the future of voting — using the Internet in the nation's first such ballot cast in a binding election for public office.

"I think it's just wonderful. I can't believe they're doing this," said Mary O'Neil of Sun City, who voted early in the Democratic presidential primary using a computer.

Maricopa County Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox cast the first vote from state party headquarters at 12:01 a.m. By mid-afternoon, about 7,000 people had voted and the Web site was

recording about 100 votes every 5 minutes.

"There's been occasions during the day when things have locked up. When traffic gets heavy you look for ways to smooth out the bumps," said Bill Taylor of Election.com, the company hired to run the election. "This has been a really good first day."

Dennis and Roberta Jensen of Sun City, invited their neighbors over to vote in the den, drink coffee and nosh on freshly baked cookies.

"We're a convenience society. We're all used to doing things the easiest way possible," said

Dennis Jensen, who planned to vote by Internet Wednesday. "Elections haven't been convenient. They've been highly inconvenient. This is just the opposite."

To vote, registered Democrats visit Election.com, which leads them to the Web page where they can vote. They have to enter a personal identification number along with state and date of birth. Early voting continues through Friday for Saturday's primary.

On primary day, other voters will have to go to one of 124 polling places where they can use either a traditional paper

ballot or computer.

The Voting Integrity Project had sued to stop the online election, arguing that it would harm the voting rights of the poor and minorities who have less computer access than wealthier whites. A judge refused to stop the election, but the group plans to challenge the results.

"Everybody seems to be so eager to embrace this technology no matter what the cost," said Deborah Phillips, president of the Virginia-based group. "This is a real election with real voters whose rights are being trampled on."

WorldGLANCE

➤ Germany opens drop-off for unwanted babies

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — Desperate mothers who do not want their babies will soon be able to drop them off anonymously through a chute at a Hamburg day care center, under a project being launched by a youth help organization.

When placed into the chute, a baby will fall into a warm bed and be placed in the program's care, project leader Heider Kaiser said. Mothers have eight weeks to rethink their decision, she said.

The program was devised to give women an alternative to abandoning or even killing their babies when they can't or don't want to keep them, Kaiser said.

In the United States, Minnesota has introduced a similar program and Los Angeles is discussing one. A baby drop also exists in South Africa.

There were several abandoned baby cases in Hamburg last year, including one in which a newborn was found dead in a trash container.

Twenty newborns are abandoned in Germany every year, and about half them die, said Friedhelm Guethoff of the Children's Protection Agency in Wuppertal.

"The women in these panicked situations had secret pregnancies because there were massive family conflicts involved," Guethoff said. These women gave birth in bathrooms and parks, and feel they need to get rid of their babies before anyone finds out, he said.

➤ Hunt begins for 4,000 missing Oscar ballots

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Ten mailbags with all 4,000 Oscar ballots are missing in a real Hollywood whodunit for Academy Awards executives, a distinguished accounting firm and the Postal Service.

A week after mailing the ballots, tucked in business envelopes with 33-cent, first-class postage, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was getting panicky Tuesday because members hadn't received them.

The deadline for returning ballots is March 21. The Oscars are March 26.

"We mailed the ballots, 4,000 of them, to Academy members last Wednesday and Price Waterhouse Coopers took the 10 mailbags to the Beverly Hills Post Office and left them there as would anybody," Academy spokesman John Pavlik said.

The mailing had been treated with considerable fanfare by the Oscar people, who invite the news media to witness the annual ritual at the Academy's offices.

If the ballots aren't found, the numbers on them will be invalidated and new ones will be printed and mailed.

Faulty fasteners found in 20 Boeing jets currently in service

SEATTLE (AP) — Twenty Boeing jets now in service have faulty fasteners on their engine housings that could corrode and crack, the world's No. 1 aircraft maker said Tuesday.

An unknown number of aircraft still on the assembly line will be held up while Boeing searches for and replaces the defective fasteners, which are used to attach a plane's metal skin.

Deliveries of many Boeing planes have already been delayed because of the strike that began Feb. 9 by Boeing's engineers and technical workers.

The fasteners, mistakenly made of an aluminum alloy that is prone to cracking, were installed on planes on Boeing's Seattle-area production lines since December, Boeing spokeswoman Yvonne Leach said.

The 20 planes already in service are all 737s, 757s and 777s. Boeing would not identify the airlines involved.

The fasteners are small circular collars that hold pins in place. The problem was first reported in Tuesday's Wall Street Journal.

No fastener failures have been reported.

Boeing met Monday with the Federal Aviation Administration, which determined the problem does not pose a safety threat, Leach said.

Census finds 1 in 4 Hispanics in poverty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Census data being released Wednesday show that more than a fourth of the Hispanics, the nation's fastest-growing minority, live below the poverty level. Only one in 10 is college-educated.

More than 25 percent of the nation's 31 million Hispanics lived below poverty level in 1998, considered then to be \$16,600 for a family of four. About 8 percent of non-Hispanic whites lived in poverty in 1998.

Getting better wages could get tougher for Hispanics, especially recently arrived immigrants, because of increasing demand for college-educated workers, said Gumecindo Salas, vice president for govern-

mental relations of the Hispanic Association for Colleges and Universities.

About 11 percent of Hispanics had bachelor's degrees or higher, compared with 28 percent of non-Hispanic whites.

The data are part of the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey on Hispanics, the last population estimates before the 2000 Census.

"The tradition among all immigrants in the U.S. is that after two or three generations, you tend to see a movement up in educational level," Salas said. But with Hispanics, "because you have so many coming in over time, it tends to undermine that level of improvement. It may not appear to be improvement, but it actually is."

The Hispanic population is expected to triple to 98 million in 2050.

Hispanics could become in the half-century the nation's largest minority group with their percentage rising from about 12 percent now to 24 percent.

Within the Hispanic population, Cubans are more likely to have a college education and least likely to live in poverty. About 25 percent of Cubans have bachelor's degrees, compared with 11 percent of Puerto Ricans and 7 percent of Mexicans.

Meanwhile, 27 percent of Puerto Rican families lived in poverty, compared with 24 percent of Mexican families and 11 percent of Cuban households.



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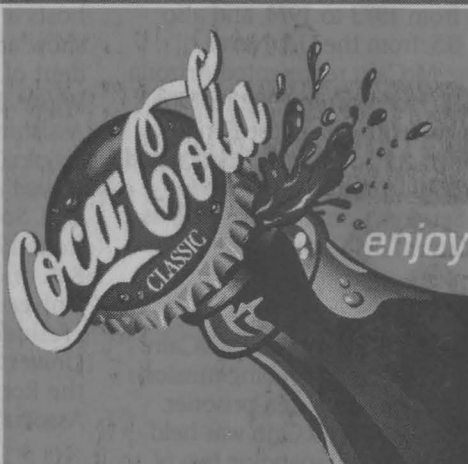
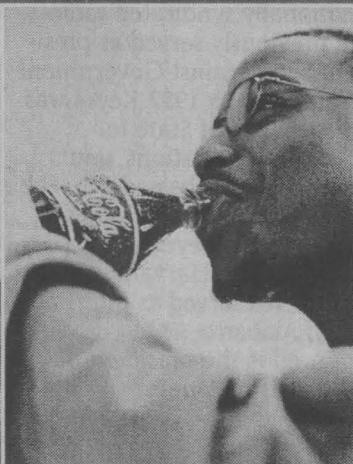
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Students getting notes online — problem or solution?

KATHRYN SUMMERS
Staff Writer

Versity.com, an up-and-coming Web site, offers supplemental notes for selected Utah State University classes as well as classes from over 150 universities nationwide, according to Julie Martin, versity.com's USU campus manager.

Versity.com was founded in 1997 by four undergraduate students at the University of Michigan. Their vision was to create an "online academic community designed to empower students to get the most out of their college career," according to the Web site.

The site offers discussion boards, practice tests, opportunities to ask an expert questions and notes from classes on campuses around the United States.

The basic idea behind the site is students are paid \$7.50 to go to a lecture, take notes and post them on the Internet. There are 31 note takers at USU, according to Julie Martin.

"I think it's great," said Bob Mills, who teaches Business 3100 in the Business Information Systems department. "The nice thing is I don't give out notes, so it's easy for me. I tell my class to go to versity.com and get them."

Mills' course is one of 39 USU classes with online notes available. It is a survey class where a lot of concepts are taught. He said online notes can help the student corroborate a little.

He said he doesn't think having notes available on the Internet encourages people to skip class.

"If a student doesn't want to come,

it's not going to be because of versity," Mills said.

Glen Maw, who teaches Psych 1220, another course with online notes, said he doesn't see a problem with versity.

"When I was your age it was Cliffs Notes," Maw said.

Now Internet technology is changing the way classes work, he said. It is a "buyer-beware phenomenon."

Versity's user agreement says, "The lecture notes contained within versity.com are a note taker's interpretation of what was presented in the lecture. They are not a professor's lecture notes. The notes are not intended to be used as a substitute for going to lecture."

Dave Bregenzer teaches Business Statistics, another USU class with notes posted on versity.com. He said he had some questions about how accurate the notes were.

"There is no substitute for going to class," he said. "That's the bottom line." He said he saw the potential for information being lost, and the online notes should be a "last-ditch, desperate attempt to find out what's going on."

He said his advice for students is to ask someone they know what happened in class if they miss a day.

Jeremy Martin, marketing representative for Versity at USU, said he thinks the note takers are all reliable. When a note taker is hired they have to go through an in-depth tutorial on the computer to learn what is expected of them, he said.

The notes are audited every night and if there seem to be problems, they

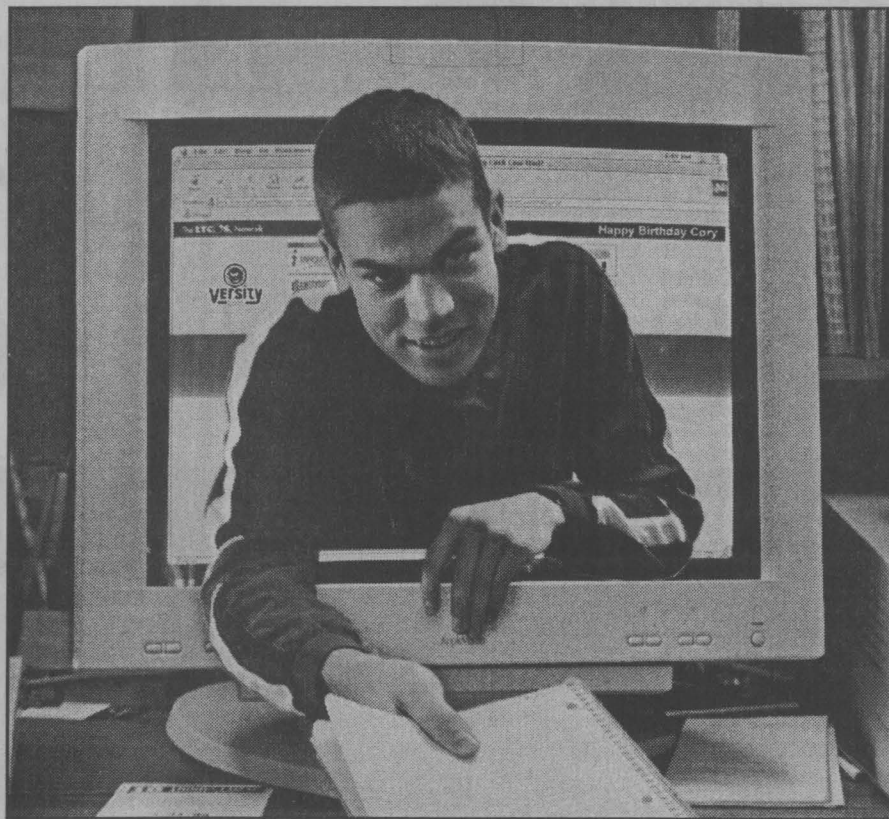


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Versity.com offers students class notes taken by other students in their classes.

let the note takers know. If the notes aren't good, the note taker gets a warning, then he or she can be fired if they don't improve, he said.

In addition to the \$7.50 per lecture, student note takers are given bonuses for good notes, so Jeremy Martin said it's an incentive for them to take good notes.

Student opinions about online notes vary.

"I would never in my life trust somebody else to take notes for me unless it was someone I knew," said junior Stephanie Wankier, a math education major.

"I would rather be in class, but if I couldn't be, it would be nice to get the notes," said junior Maggie Proctor, an anthropology major.

Versity assures the quality of every set of lecture notes because "each of versity's thousands of note takers must meet stringent application criteria, complete a detailed training program and respond to the feedback of their fellow classmates."

Some students don't like the idea at all.

"I think it's a big crock," sociology major Steve Hadley said. "If you're going to pass the test you should be in class. And I'm tired of all those fliers. They make our campus look like crap."

According to Versity's Web site, it "provides students with an accessible, functional study aid that supplements their own knowledge and resources."

Bregenzer said just because the notes are on the computer they're not necessarily good.

Internet service links college students with tutors online

SHANNON HENRY
Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When they first met each other, Christopher Gergen and Burck Smith were twentysomethings looking for a cause, both up for "distance learning" project jobs at the U.S. Department of Education.

Fascinated with how the Internet could change the way students learn — but not thrilled with the idea of becoming government workers — they instead decided to start their own company.

Smarthinking Inc. links college students (mostly from community colleges) with tutors in real time over the Internet. So far, Smarthinking has signed up 15 schools that are getting the service for free as part of a pilot program launched in January. Graduate students and others are screened to become tutors in math and writing; more subjects are planned later.

While Smith and Gergen have ambition and connections (Gergen's father is political adviser David Gergen and Smith's is Turner Smith,

president of a real estate subsidiary of Bank of America), they also have a challenge on their hands. So far, distance learning hasn't been an Internet blockbuster.

But Gergen and Smith are hoping their particular model and proximity to other Washington education technology companies, including Blackboard Inc. and VarsityBooks.com Inc., will set them apart. And they think they have the personalities to run a successful company.

"Burck is the visionary and I'm the proselytizer," Gergen said.

ASUSU to give Greeks money for new computer

DOUG SMEATH
Assistant Features Editor

The Associated Students of Utah State University Executive Council will be giving the Greeks money, but not all they want.

The USU Interfraternity Council (IFC) and the Panhellenic Council requested \$2,215 of capital and support funding from ASUSU to buy a new computer for their office in the Taggart Student Center.

But the motion passed in the council by a 14-4 vote only after a motion was approved to change the amount of funds to \$1,500.

IFC has nine officers and represents campus fraternities, said College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Senator Bethany Mills, the bill's sponsor. The Panhellenic Council's six officers represent the sororities.

"There's a computer in (the Greek office) that cannot be used," Mills said.

She said the current computer runs from an outdated DOS prompt rather than a more current Windows operating system. But some members of the council questioned the need for so much money.

"I think it's great to support these groups, and I also think \$1,500 is enough," said ASUSU Public Relations Vice President Christina Domichel.

But Mills said she and others have researched the issue and found that \$2,215 would buy a computer from USU Computer Services that would include a three-year warranty for upgrades and maintenance.

Mayor declares week of March 20 'Ice Arena Week'

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Sports Writer

With \$3.8 million, the Bridgerland Community Ice Arena (BCIA) could go up, but not as originally planned.

The sum would build a rink with two locker rooms, a lobby with no concession stands, two restrooms and only 200 seats.

"That's what we can afford today," said BCIA executive director Janet Borg.

The original plan calls for six locker rooms, four restrooms, 2,000 seats and a large lobby complete with concession stands.

Two thousand seats would be just what the Utah State University hockey team needs. The team nearly fills the Weber County Ice Sheet, which seats approximately 2,000, when fans have to drive nearly an hour to reach it.

But \$3.8 million is not all the BCIA should have to go on. Fund raising efforts for the local ice rink continue as the

deadline is March 31, Borg said.

The week of March 20 has been declared "BCIA Week" by Logan Mayor Doug Thompson.

Borg said the BCIA will do a radio blitz that week, which will include free air time on local radio stations with ads done by local football hero Merlin Olsen.

The ads will ask residents to go to Utah State University Community Credit Union or Zions Bank to make donations toward the new rink. The USU Community Credit Union will match up to \$4,000 of contributions made by members, Borg said. The BCIA might even throw in free skating passes for when the rink is completed, she said.

Grants from the Eccles Foundation of up to \$500,000 are pending and the arena has yet to be named, which could pull up to \$1 million more from a donor who wishes the building to be named after them.

Twelve qualified applicants in the naming process have already rejected putting their mark on the rink, but Borg said she is optimistic that by the time there are 20 applicants, the facility will be named.

Borg said the BCIA board of trustees is looking for a local sponsor to name the rink so that it will generate more interest and leave a lasting legacy in Cache Valley.

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Community PROJECT

The Bridgerland Ice Arena has funding for:

- two locker rooms
- a lobby
- two restrooms
- 200 seats
- It hopes to get money to build:
- six locker rooms
- four restrooms
- 2,000 seats
- a large lobby
- concessions stands

NewsBRIEFS

➤ Utah to vote in presidential primaries

While Super Tuesday allowed citizens around the country to cast their vote yesterday, Friday is the day for voters here in Utah.

Voters in districts 19 and 20 can vote at Jones Hall on the Utah State University campus. District 12 can vote at the USU Nutrition and Food Science building. For information, call the county clerk at 716-7150.

➤ Keyes visits Utah

PROVO — Thursday, Chris Jones, National Field Director for Keyes 2000, announced that Republican candidate Alan Keyes is coming to Utah to campaign for the presidency.

He will fly to Salt Lake City from Denver shortly after noon today and will stay in Utah through tomorrow morning.

Supporters are planning a rally at the airport to greet Keyes upon his arrival.

He will campaign in Salt Lake and Provo that afternoon, hold a reception with legislators and Republican leaders who have endorsed him and give a major speech that evening.

Ambassador Keyes is one of three Republican candidates still in the race for President.

For updates on Keyes, Utah itinerary, visit the Utah Keyes Web site at www.prosharehouse.com/keyes, or e-mail Utah campaign state coordinator Stefani Stone at stefani@softhome.net

➤ Heritage Center seeks volunteers

The American West Heritage Center is looking for volunteers in many areas for the 2000 season. Initial training begins March 9.

The Center includes the 1917 working Jensen farm, the 7,000 square-foot welcome center, the Festival of the American West and special activities year round.

All age groups 14 and older are welcome to the special training sessions. Younger children may also volunteer, but will be trained at a later time. Benefits such as gift shop discounts, admission vouchers and more are available for volunteers.

For information, call Rachel at 245-4064.

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A Season of Rebirth

Uncovering the myths behind springtime

DOUG SMEATH
Assistant Features Editor

It's the time of year when flowers return, animals come out of their sleep and the cold of winter becomes just a memory.

It's also the time when people start playing jokes on each other and believing animals can predict the weather.

Spring is a season of folklore, myth and celebration. From ancient times to today, humans have invented folk tales, dreamed up celebrations and even created new dances specifically devoted to spring.

Actor Robin Williams once said, "Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party.'"

And indeed many cultures view spring as a time

of joy and celebration. Much of this cultural emphasis on spring deals directly with weather.

In 1625, English writer J. Fletcher wrote if spring comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb, according to the Chebucto (Nova Scotia) Community Net Web site at www.chebucto.ns.ca.

But as elementary school students make art projects depicting lambs and lions, the old adage is usually proving itself wrong.

In fact, according to the Chebucto site, not only is there no evidence to back the superstition up, but the majority of the time, the superstition is completely wrong.

"Of course (the superstition) holds no truth," the site says.

As an example, the site states March only comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb 20 percent of the time in Canada's Maritime provinces.

But there are other springtime traditions that reach back much further in time.

Director of the Fife

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Chocolate, eggs and bunnies bound into April

CORINNE KATOR
Senior Features Writer

Easter, the most prominent springtime holiday, is a Christian holiday originally intended to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. So what do colored eggs and candy-bearing bunnies have to do with this religious celebration?

Eggs are associated with Easter for two reasons, according to George W.

Douglas's "The American Book of Days."

Douglas says eggs were first associated with Easter because they were forbidden during Lent, and then served again on Easter Sunday. He also says that eggs symbolize the resurrection, for they "hold the seeds of new life."

Eggs have been used as a symbol of new life since ancient times. According to Douglas, ancient Egyptians, Persians, Greeks and Romans all dyed eggs as part of their spring festivals. These Pagan cultures used the egg to celebrate the rebirth of the earth in the spring, and Christians easily adapted the symbol for their springtime holiday.

The reason Easter eggs are dyed and decorated

is not entirely certain. Maymie Krythe's book "All About American Holidays" suggests several reasons why people may have begun dying eggs.

Krythe said the colors might simply have been used to suggest joy, they may have fulfilled the longing for bright colors as spring arrived or the colors may have been an imitation of the hues of the Northern Lights. According to Holidays on the Net (www.holidays.net), Easter eggs were painted to represent the sunlight of spring. Krythe also suggests that Christians may have dyed eggs red to symbolize Christ's blood.

Whatever the reason for doing so, decorating eggs

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Well kiss the Blarney Stone

KATHRYN SUMMERS
Staff Writer

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine upon your face, May the rains fall soft upon your fields, And, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

—Irish Blessing
St. Patrick's Day is named for a Catholic bishop named Patrick who, according to legend, was instrumental in driving the snakes out of Ireland.

He died on March 17, 461 A.D. and was granted saint-

hood. He is recognized as the patron saint of Ireland. St. Patrick's Day originated as a celebration of his life.

In Ireland almost all businesses close except pubs and restaurants on St. Patrick's Day. It is also a religious holiday, so many people attend mass where they offer prayers for missionaries throughout the world before the serious celebration begins, according to www.st-patricks-day.com.

There are many myths and legends about St. Patrick, but most sources agree on a few things.

St. Patrick was born in

Scotland around 385 A.D., according to the Catholic Online Web site at www.catholic.org/saints/patrick.html. He was captured and sold as a slave in Ireland when he was about fifteen.

According to www.britannica.com, he tended sheep for six years. While out in the fields, Patrick had some religious visions and experiences and grew to know

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Welcome to Punxsutawney, Pa.

NATALIE LARSON
Staff Writer

Logan weather is anything but predictable. With their generally limited funding, Utah State University students may be asking the ultimate question: wax the skis or buy new shorts?

The answer to these and many other weather related topics are said to be found

through the time-honored tradition known as Groundhog Day.

According to tradition, on February 2 each year in Punxsutawney, Pa., a groundhog comes out of his hole and looks around. If he sees his shadow, he jumps back in his hole. This means there will be six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't see his shadow, he stays out. This means spring is on the way.

This year when the groundhog emerged from his hole "after a quizzical search with his weather eye,

he consulted with President Bill and directed him to select the appropriate scroll, which proclaimed, 'On this Second Millennium Groundhog Day I have no worry about Y2K. There is no glitch in the Prediction I say. The sun abounds in the sky so I cast a shadow nearby. When my shadow I see, six more weeks of Winter there will be,' according to www.stormfax.com/ghog00.htm.

In 1993, the movie *Groundhog Day*, starring

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SPRING

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Folklore Archives in the Utah State University Merrill Library and Assistant Director of the USU Folklore Department Randy Williams said communities the world over have traditions and celebrations related to spring.

"Most people in the world — when they think of spring — they think of rebirth," Williams said.

She said the regrowth of plant life and the birth of new animals is symbolic for many of the transitions from death to life or dormancy to productivity.

Pagan religions especially have a rich history of planting traditions and fertility celebrations during spring, according to the Pagan Library's Spring Equinox Ritual site at www.paganlibrary.com/rituals_spells/spring_equinox_ritual.shtml, one of many sites on the Web teaching pagans and neopagans today how to conduct spring rituals.

A large part of these celebrations and traditions deal with symbols and colors, Williams said.

"Colors play a lot in different folk communities," she said, specifically light colors and pastels.

A tradition that grew from the celebration of spring is May Day and the maypole dance.

The Encyclopedia Britannica's Web site, www.britannica.com, says the maypole dance is a survival of ancient dances performed

around a living tree as part of spring fertility rites.

The tradition is carried on today, according to the site, as a ceremonial folk dance around a tall pole decorated with greenery or flowers and ribbons.

Dancers often hold the ribbons and weave them into complex patterns, according to the site.

The tradition, usually observed on May 1, continues throughout Europe and in parts of India, according to Britannica.

It is also celebrated in Cache Valley, Williams said.

She said the community of Mendon has a large May Day celebration that includes a maypole dance, a carnival and the crowning of a queen and king.

Some of the emphasis on the climatic changes of spring have led to other weather-predicting superstitions, starting with Groundhog's Day but by no means ending there.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is part of the U.S.

Department of Commerce. Its Central Region Headquarters' Web site, www.crh.noaa.gov, lists two dozen weather-related superstitions compiled by meteorologist Kirk Huettl.

"Humans developed folk tales, also called weather wisdoms, in order to try and explain the wonders of nature like clouds, rain, snow, storms and the wind, to name a few," Huettl states on the site.

Some of the superstitions listed at the site include beliefs that:

- When cats wash frantically behind their ears and

dogs eat grass, it will rain soon.

- A halo around the moon indicates rain coming, and the number of stars inside the halo predict the number of days it will rain.

- The katydid's song approximates the temperature.

One final spring tradition is the holiday known as April Fool's Day, celebrated April 1.

Mark Twain once said, "The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days."

The idea behind April Fool's Day, however, is not to recognize one's own foolishness but to make fools out of others.

According to the Web site of the U.S. Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden, at www.usis.usemb.se/Holidays/celebrate/april.html, the holiday dates to 16th-century France, when the new year started on April 1.

In 1562, Pope Gregory created a new calendar with the new year starting Jan. 1. Some people either didn't hear about the change or didn't believe it.

Those people, called "April Fools" by their neighbors, continued celebrating the new year on April 1, according to the Web site.

Those in the know played jokes on these April fools, sending them on "fool's errands" or telling them falsehoods and expecting them to believe, according to the site.

Today, Americans continue the tradition of practical jokes.

In France, however, the holiday has changed a little, the site says. April 1 is now called Poisson d'Avril, or "April Fish."

French children stick paper fish to their friends' backs, and when the friend notices the fish, the joker yells, "April Fish!"

According to the "Farmer's Almanac 2000", we're in for an extended winter. Snow is predicted to fall well into April.

"March will average about 4 degrees colder than normal," according to the Almanac.

GROUNDHOG

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Bill Murray, brought new fame to the holiday. Since then the number of visitors to Punxsutawney has risen to about 35,000 the Web page said.

According to Stormfax.com, Punxsutawney Phil acts as the "King of the Groundhogs, Seer of Seers, Prognosticator of Prognosticators and Weather Prophet without Peer."

One of the main differences between the film and the actual event is the fact that the traditional groundhog ritual is held on Gobbler's Knob on top of a hill the site said, and in the movie it is in the middle of town square.

According to handler Bill Deeley, "Phil weighs 15 pounds and thrives on dog food and ice cream in his climate-controlled home at the Punxsutawney Library."

According to Maymie R. Krythe's book "All About American Holidays" published by Harper and Brothers in 1962, the tradition was brought to the United States by German

immigrants who used a similar tradition to determine when to plant crops.

Originally, a hedgehog was used, but since there weren't any of these to be found in the Americas, the groundhog was adopted in its stead. Thus the name was changed from Candlemas to Groundhog Day the book said.

In Canada, the designated groundhog is named Wiarton Willy.

According to Krythe, this lore grew popular in the U.S. during the late 1800s due to Clymer H. Freas, a newspaper editor, and W. Smith, a congressman and newspaper editor.

Krythe said, "Some time ago the National Geographic Society declared this whole groundhog idea ridiculous, and said the day ought to be abolished ... And since this day affords us good laughs, it would be too bad if this unique bit of Americana were abolished."

Despite his popularity, the groundhog predictions have only proven to be correct 39 percent of the time Krythe said.

This year however, he seems to be in peak weather predicting condition.

Shedding lard for the Lord

LARRY B. STAMMER & MARGARET RAMIREZ
Los Angeles Times

To feel good and look good, Americans spend millions each year on everything from tummy tucks to health club memberships.

Through it all the mantra is exercise and diet. Now, with the Christian penitential season of Lent fast approaching, millions of the faithful are preparing to go on a diet for God.

The goal is not to lose weight or to indulge one's vanity but to practice a spiritual discipline — one that believers say sharpens their awareness of God and God's purpose in their lives. It's called fasting. "We see in the natural sense those who want to fast just to get their weight down," said Sister Mary Colombiere of the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart, a Roman Catholic

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ST PATRICK

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God. He learned the Irish language before finally escaping back to Britain.

There Patrick studied the priesthood, was ordained a deacon, then a priest and finally a bishop. Following his ordination as a bishop, he went back to Ireland and began to preach the Christian gospel, according to the Catholic Web site.

A traditional icon of St. Patrick's Day, the shamrock symbolizes the cross and the Holy Trinity, according to www.st-patricks-day.com. An Irish tale explains that St. Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock in sermons to explain how the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit could all be separate elements of the same entity, the Web site said.

Before the Christian era, the shamrock was a sacred plant of the Druids. Three was a mystical number in the Celtic religion as well as other religions. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day, according to

www.st-patricks-day.com.

There is also a legend that St. Patrick used the shamrock to drive all the snakes out of Ireland.

St. Patrick's Day was first celebrated in the United States in 1737 in Boston by the Irish Charitable Society and later in Philadelphia and New York by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, according to a Web site at www.wilstar.com/holidays/patrick.htm.

One tradition associated with St. Patrick's Day and Ireland is the Blarney stone. This is a stone set in the wall of the Blarney Castle tower in the Irish village of Blarney, the Nando Times Web site at www.nando.net/toys/stpaddy/stpaddy.html said.

Kissing the stone is supposed to bring the gift of persuasive eloquence or blarney. No one really knows how the stone came to have this power, but one myth says an old woman cast a spell on the stone to thank a king who saved her from drowning (www.geocities.com/heartland/fields/2142/SPkiss.html).

Kissing the stone is rather hard, and takes some maneuvering since it is between the main castle wall and the parapet.

Kissers have to lie on their backs and bend backward and downward while holding onto iron bars for support, according to the Nando Times Web site.

Leprechauns are also part of St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Traditionally, a leprechaun is a small unfriendly Irish fairy who spends his time alone making shoes, according to the Nando Times Web page.

Treasure hunters can track down a leprechaun by listening for the sound of his hammer.

If caught, a leprechaun can be forced to reveal where his treasure is with the threat of bodily violence.

If the captor takes his or her eyes off the leprechaun — and he tries to trick them into looking away — he vanishes, and so do all hopes of finding his treasure.

The leprechauns of legend are all mean and tricky, the site said.



Coe HAU/Utah Statesman

Joining the ranks

New members of Utah State University's chapter of Mortar Board were inducted Monday night in the Skyroom. The inductees will make up the 2000-2001 chapter. Mortar Board is a national honor society recognizing college seniors for outstanding achievement in scholarship, leadership and service. Mortar Board was responsible for the Guitars Unplugged fundraiser earlier this year.

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has become an art form in some European countries. Holidays on the Net describes how the Armenians decorate hollowed eggshells with pictures of Christ, the Virgin Mary and other religious designs.

The Web site also describes Pyanski, the Ukrainian art of decorating eggs with beeswax and dye to create complex patterns of lines and colors.

The Easter egg was a Pagan symbol adapted by Christians, and so was the Easter bunny.

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, the hare was used as a symbol of fertility and springtime in

ancient Egypt and later in Europe. Because hares are not found in North America, rabbits — or bunnies — have taken their place, says the encyclopedia.

Why the Easter bunny is credited with laying the Easter egg is a bit of a mystery. Krythe says the idea of the rabbit laying eggs came from Germany, but she doesn't explain how the rabbit and the eggs became associated with each other.

The Encyclopedia Britannica simply says the Easter rabbit is "accredited with laying eggs." However this magical bunny came to be, its myth continues to grow — modern candy companies even credit it with the ability to cluck like a chicken and lay chocolate eggs.

FASTING

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women's religious order in Alhambra.

"There's a kind of supernatural fasting, too, so that we can become self-disciplined and rise above the natural to live the supernatural life."

Lent begins with this week's observance of Ash Wednesday for western liturgical churches, including the Roman Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran churches. Eastern Orthodox churches begin their 40 day "Great Lent" March 13, known as "Clean Monday," because believers abstain from eating meat, poultry, fish or dairy products.

Fasting is a widespread religious phenomenon. Indeed, religious leaders say they can't recall a time in contemporary history when fasting has been so widely practiced.

Last week, for example, members of the Bahai faith began fasting to take their mind away from the physical world and concentrate on spiritual awareness. While the Bahai have no fixed rituals or sacraments, all members are expected to participate in a 19-day fast

before the feast of Naw-Ruz, which is the religion's New Year celebration. This year's fast ends March 21.

Among Jews, 53 percent nationwide attend services on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur, according to a Los Angeles Times poll conducted in 1998. Rabbi Harvey J. Fields of Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles said he believes a growing number are participating in the traditional Yom Kippur fast.

"There's a deeper sense that fasting has some real meaning if it's attached to the notion of giving up for a day all of those material things that claw at us, including our appetites," Field said.

Usually associated with churches that observe a liturgical calendar — Jews on Yom Kippur and Muslims during their holy month of Ramadan, in addition to Christians at Lent — fasting is fast coming into vogue among evangelical Protestants as well. Last year, for example, the National Association of Evangelicals called for 40 days of fasting and prayer by 30 million members of the association's member churches.

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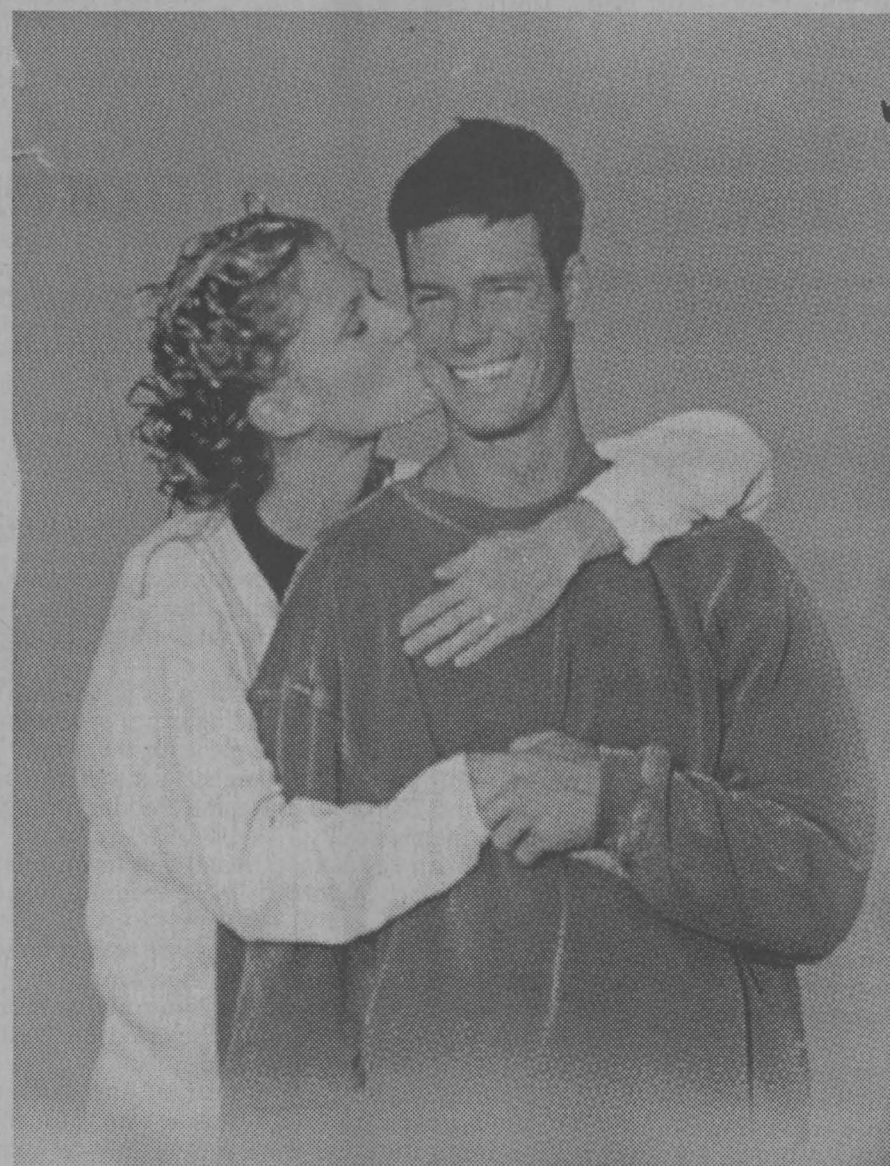
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Big West Conference Tournament

Utah State
University

Location: Logan
Enrollment: 20,808
BWC Offensive Ranking: 5th
BWC Defensive Ranking: 1st
Top scorer: Tony Brown
(12.2 points per game)
Top rebounder: Shawn Daniels
(8.1 rebounds per game)
Analysis: The undefeated Aggies will be the team to beat. Stronger teams like NMSU and Long Beach will be gunning for USU because they need a Big West tournament title for an invitation to the NCAA's. The Aggies will have to fight their way to the final; UC Irvine is the only team in the tournament that USU has blown out.

University of the Pacific



Location: Stockton, Calif.
Enrollment: 6,000
BWC Offensive Ranking: 11th
BWC Defensive Ranking: 5th
Top scorer: Clay McKnight (12)
Top rebounder: Mike Hahn (5.5)
Vs. the Aggies:
Lost 64-55 at Logan
Analysis: Opening up the tournament against the Aggies, they should give all USU can handle with their physical play. It shouldn't be hard for the Aggies to shut down UOP's offense that shot only a poor 42 percent. Look for USU to win by at least 10 points.

Aggies
ready for
physical
PacificWADE DENNISTON
Senior Sports Writer

Three more wins. That's all that's left between the Utah State University basketball team and its third Big West Conference Tournament championship.

But in order to regain the title, USU (16-0 Big West, 25-5 overall) will have to get by the University of the Pacific (6-10, 11-17) in its first-round game Thursday at 7 p.m. (MST), at the Lawlor Events Center, in Reno, Nev.

The Tigers, whom the Aggies beat 64-55 at the Spectrum on Feb. 19, will prove to be a difficult match-up despite their record.

"(The) Pacific game will be a tough game for us," said Utah State head coach Stew Morrill. "It was when we played them here. Every game we've played, with the exception of two, have been tough games for us."

"We're not a dominant basketball team. We have to do things well to win. That hasn't changed," Morrill said.

One of the things the Aggies will rely heavily on is their defense, which only allows 59.8 points per game in the Big West, good enough to be ranked No. 1 in the conference. On the overall season, USU has allowed just 61.1 ppg (14th in the nation).

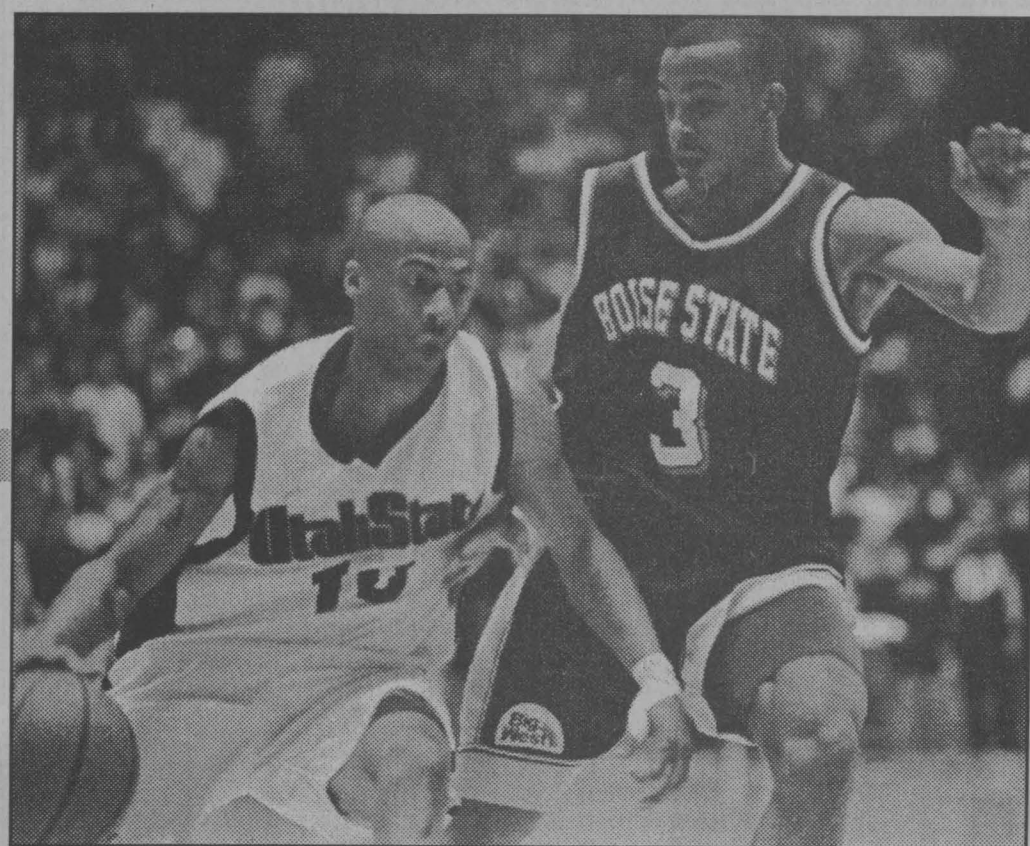
The Aggies also are holding their opponents to just 39.5 percent from the field (second in the conference).

"If we don't defend (Pacific) as well as we have been defending all year long," Morrill said, "we won't have a chance to win."

In order to win, what players do the Aggies need to key on?

"They're kind of like us in that they've got balance," Morrill said.

Senior guard Clay McKnight is Pacific's leading scorer at 12.0 points per con-



Bernard Rock (10) drives on BSU's C. J. Williams (3) in Saturday night's 74-62 victory over BSU.

test, followed by sophomore center Mike Preston at 9.3, junior forward Peter Heizer at 8.7 and sophomore forward Mike Hahn at 8.2.

McKnight led UOP in Logan with 16 points on 5-of-9 shooting from the floor and 5-of-8 from beyond the arc.

"The guy can really put the ball up," Utah State sophomore forward Brennan Ray said of McKnight's scoring ability.

But when the Tigers are on the defensive end of the court, Morrill doesn't suspect they will do anything differently this time around.

"They're going to throw all kind of junk defenses at us," he said. "I think we handled them well for seeing them the first time last time we played them. I think our kids do have confidence that we'll handle them even better this time. That's what they're hearing from me because I expect to handle them better."

In the two teams' first meeting, the Aggies were able to shoot 52 percent from the field (13-of-25) in the first half, en route to opening up an 11-point half-time lead.

USU made one less basket than UOP did in the second half, but allowed the Tigers back into the game by shooting just 8-for-21 from the free-throw line (17-for-36 in the game), as well as let-

ting them hit two more 3-pointers.

However, despite beating the Tigers in the first meeting, as well as having the nation's longest winning streak at 16 games (winners of 19 of their last 20 overall), the Aggies know anything can happen.

"Anybody can beat us on a given night," Morrill said. "You've heard me say that a million times. One thing I added to our kids last weekend, I said, 'You guys are tired of me telling you this, but anybody can beat you on a given night.' Then I added, 'But they haven't.'"

Morrill thinks the fact the Aggies have won 16 in a row should help his team rather than hurt it.

"We should be able to relax and go play hard and have fun knowing that we at least secured a special season in many ways," he said.

This will be the 53rd meeting between the two schools, with the Aggies leading the overall series, 35-17.

The last time the two teams met in the conference tournament was March 8, 1998, when Utah State defeated UOP in the championship game 78-63, giving

BIG WEST FINAL STANDINGS

Eastern Division						
	BWC			Overall		
Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Utah State	16	0	1.000	24	5	.828
New Mex. St.	11	5	.688	19	8	.704
Idaho	6	10	.375	12	15	.444
Nevada	6	10	.375	7	19	.269
Boise State	6	10	.375	12	14	.462
North Texas	5	11	.312	7	19	.269

Western Division				BWC				Overall			
Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Long Beach St.	15	1	.938	22	4	.846					
Santa Barbara	10	6	.625	13	12	.520					
UC Irvine	7	9	.438	13	13	.500					
Pacific	6	10	.375	11	16	.407					
Cal Poly	5	11	.312	10	17	.370					
CS Fullerton	3	13	.188	8	18	.308					

Tournament Schedule:
Thursday
Long Beach St. vs. Idaho, 1 p.m.
New Mex. St. vs. UC Irvine, TBA*
Utah State vs. Pacific, 7 p.m.
Santa Barbara vs. Nevada, TBA*
Friday
LBSU/UCI winner vs. NMSU/UCI winner, 7 p.m.
USU/UOP winner vs. UCSB/Nev. winner, TBA*
Saturday
Championship (ESPN) 8:30 p.m.
*TBA = 30 minutes after the end of the previous game.

it its first spot in the NCAA Tournament in 10 years.

Regardless of what happens in this year's tournament, the Aggies have had a remarkable season — one which many people didn't imagine.

And many of those same people are saying USU deserves to be in the Big Dance.

"What everybody wants to say to me is, 'Are you in,'" Morrill said. "The question

Jump to RENO, Page 11

Santa Barbara
University

Location: Santa Barbara, Calif.
Enrollment: 18,200
BWC Offensive Ranking: 9th
BWC Defensive Ranking: 3rd
Top scorer: Erick Ashe (11.7)
Top rebounder: Arlame Ndiaye (7.6)
Vs. the Aggies:
Lost 61-57 at Santa Barbara
Analysis: As the Eastern Division's No. 2 seed, they could give a lot of problems for the Aggies should both advance to the semifinals. USU needed a 10-0 run in the closing minutes to edge out the Gauchos in the Aggies first road game of the Big West season.

University of NEVADA

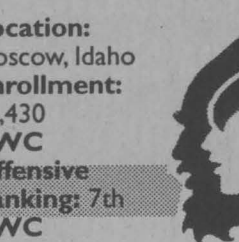


Location: Reno, Nev.
Enrollment: 12,500
BWC Offensive Ranking: 10th
BWC Defensive Ranking: 8th
Top scorer: Terrance Green (13.4)
Top rebounder: Richard Sturgis (8.5)
Vs. the Aggies:
Lost 69-54 at Logan
Lost 62-53 at Reno
Analysis: Despite being the hosts of the tournament, it's doubtful if the home-court advantage will get them very far; they only won one non-BWC game. If they do manage to get by Santa Barbara in the first round, they will have to deal with USU.

Long Beach State
University

Location: Long Beach, Calif.
Enrollment: 28,000
BWC Offensive Ranking: 1st
BWC Defensive Ranking: 6th
Top scorer: Mate Milisa (18.2)
Top rebounder: James Williams (7.5)
Vs. the Aggies:
Lost 71-63 at Long Beach
Analysis: Despite the impressive record and statistical dominance in the BWC, the 49ers RPI is likely too low for a NCAA tourney bid. It took one of the Aggies' best performances of the year to down LBSU. If they can get by NMSU, they might draw USU for a ESPN showdown in the final.

University of IDAHO



Location: Moscow, Idaho
Enrollment: 11,430
BWC Offensive Ranking: 7th
BWC Defensive Ranking: 9th
Top scorer: Gordon Scott (17.4)
Top rebounder: Devon Ford (7.4)
Vs. the Aggies:
Lost 67-60 at Moscow
Lost 73-52 at Logan
Analysis: The Vandals barely squeaked into the tournament, winning a tie-breaker with in-state rival Boise State. Their rematch with Long Beach State should end up like last year, with a first round exit.

University of California at Irvine



Location: Irvine, Calif.
Enrollment: 17,776
BWC Offensive Ranking: 8th
BWC Defensive Ranking: 7th
Top scorer: Jerry Green (16)
Top rebounder: Marek Ondera (6.4)
Vs. the Aggies:
Lost 81-46 at Logan
Analysis: Although they shoot an excellent free-throw percentage at 74 percent (first in the conference; USU is in last with 62 percent), they are an also-ran in every other dimension of the team. NMSU should dispose of them easily in the tournament's second game.

New Mexico
State University

Location: Las Cruces, N.M.
Enrollment: 15,409
BWC Offensive Ranking: 6th
BWC Defensive Ranking: 4th
Top scorer: Billy Keys (17.2)
Top rebounder: Daveeno Hines (7.4)
Vs. the Aggies:
Lost 66-51 at Logan
Lost 70-66 at Las Cruces
Analysis: The defending Big West champions were picked to win the Eastern Division, but finished second to USU. They have the third-best RPI in the conference. Look for them to give Long Beach State all they can handle in a possible semi-final match-up.

The enforcer Ray is on duty

Sophomore Brennan Ray has been
the Aggies' defensive specialistAARON MORTON
Assistant Sports Editor

"Kill them, Ray. Draw some blood."

Let's just say Brennan Ray has earned a reputation from the fans who like to "egg him on."

For the past season, Ray has been the Aggies' energy guy, a defensive specialist, the punisher.

"I get real caught up," he said. "I think that is one of my strong points."

A sophomore from Chandler, Ariz., Ray hasn't been Utah State University's leading scorer or rebounder, but he has filled a unique niche for the team.

He only averages 2.3 points a game (eighth on the team) and 2.7 rebounds a game (tied for fifth). So what's the big deal?

"Brennan Ray (comes) in and fires us up defensively," head coach Stew Morrill said about his role on the team.

In the final regular season game against Boise State University, Ray took a charge, forcing the turnover that helped spark a 23-6 run that buried the Broncos and secured USU's perfect Big West Conference season.

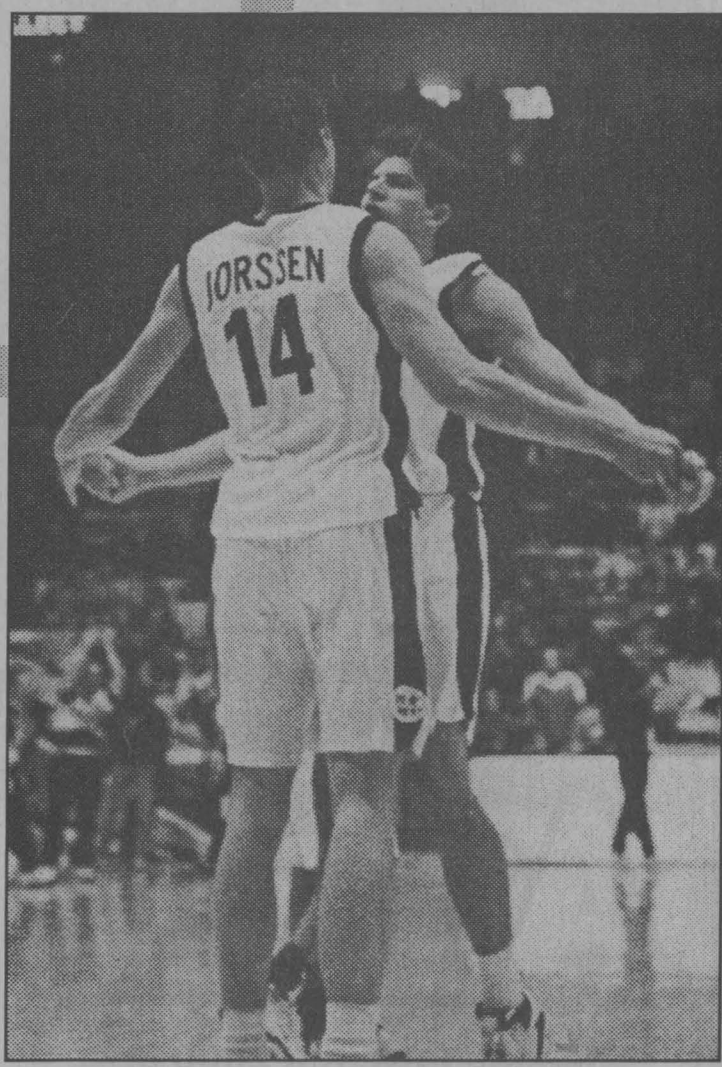
Though aggressive — Ray earned a technical foul Saturday night (his first) — it is he who is usually frustrating the other team, getting them to commit the technical or intentional foul.

And if he gets hit or someone else tries to get in his head?

"If somebody hits me, it just fires me up more," Ray said.

Even while playing at Mesa Community College

Jump to RAY, Page 11



Brennan Ray bumps chests with Dimitri Jorsen in celebration against Pacific Feb 19. Ray has earned playing time because, in part, of his energy.

Aggies barely win at BSU

USU loses three out of four events, but fairs well enough on beam to win road meet

LYNNETTE HOFFMAN
Sports Writer

After trailing Boise State University on three events, the Utah State University gymnastics team managed to edge a win Tuesday night in Boise.

The 194.725 victory over the Broncos, 194.65, was closer than the Aggies would have liked, but when the Broncos faltered on beam the Aggies capitalized with a stellar performance that gave them a narrow win.

Senior Christy Denson seemed to be over the sickness that affected her during Friday night's meet in the Spectrum. She won the all-around with a season high 39.425, ahead of Boise State's Breanne Holmes, who scored 39.325.

Denson led the Aggies to a strong start on bars, winning the event with a season high 9.95. Tina Ellis, Jessica Porter, and Kristen Bloom each scored above 9.825, while Kirra Degener earned 9.725 to give the Aggies a total of 49.225. But the Broncos' 49.25 was better.

With the Broncos opening the meet with solid vaults, including two 9.825s and a 9.85, the Aggies were under pressure to hit. But although there were no falls, the Aggies were less than their best. Megan Woolstenhulme led with a 9.75.

"BSU vaulted exceptionally well," USU head coach Ray Corn said. "We lacked a little bit of luster there."

The Broncos scored 48.95 to the Aggies 48.25 on vault. Then the Aggies moved to the floor and "disaster struck," Corn said.

The Aggies had two falls, and one near fall, forcing them to count two low scores. The gymnasts said they felt tired and commented that the floor was difficult to tumble on, but Corn deemed the excuses "unacceptable."

The rest of the teams in the country are tired and have to compete on equipment they aren't used to as well, he said.

"We're not showing the perfection we should be at this point in the season," Corn said. "We're still making some silly mistakes."

But freshman Erin Maguire had a spectacular performance, winning the event with a career high 9.95.

"A 9.95 on the road — that's exceptional," Corn said.

While the Aggies were struggling on floor, the Broncos had an even more frustrating beam performance counting two falls, including an 8.875 from their last gymnast up. They finished the event with a 47.65, opening the door for USU.

The Aggies went six for six on the event. Degener started with a 9.75, helping the Aggies get the momentum flowing, and Denson won the event with a season high 9.925. BSU finished solidly on floor, but it wasn't enough.

The win helps the Aggies regional qualify-



Christy Denson scored a 9.95 Tuesday night at Boise State. She recovered from her fall Friday, just after this maneuver to score a season high.

ing score, but Corn said that with other teams also improving, USU needs to improve even more.

The Aggies travel to Denton, Texas, this weekend to take on Texas Woman's University for the second time.

Zak Lueger / Utah Statesman

Canada charges McSorley with assault

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Marty McSorley must now answer in a Canadian court for his stick attack on Vancouver's Donald Brashear.

The Boston Bruins defenseman — one of the league's tough guys — was charged with one count of assault with a weapon for his Feb. 21 attack. He plans to plead innocent, his lawyer said.

McSorley, who will not have to appear at the hearing, would face a maximum of 18 months in jail if convicted.

"I'm disappointed,"

McSorley said in an interview with ESPN. "I'm disappointed it's going to court because I don't know if anybody really knows right now how much I've already lost."

The 36-year-old defenseman was suspended by the NHL for the rest of the season in the league's harshest penalty ever for an on-ice infraction.

He must meet with commissioner Gary Bettman before the league will consider letting him play again.

"I've been in contact with a very good lawyer in Vancouver and we were try-

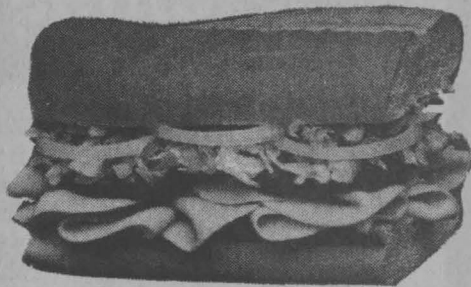
ing to not have it go to court," McSorley said. His suspension already will cost him an estimated \$72,000 in salary.

His Vancouver lawyer, Bill Smart, said he hopes for a trial date in late summer or early fall.

Geoff Gaul, a spokesman for the British Columbia criminal justice branch, said the decision to charge McSorley was made after a prosecutor's review and a police investigation.

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As of 5 pm, March 1, 2000

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Most university courses have associated textbooks that will be used as curriculum. To have textbooks available for purchase, faculty must "adopt" the textbook by placing an order at the Bookstore. When adoptions are submitted on time from faculty, the Bookstore can locate the appropriate number of textbooks from publishers and other sources.

In order to have textbooks and materials available on the first day of class for SUMMER SEMESTER, the Bookstore should have received faculty orders on **March 1, 2000**. Adoptions that have not been made are now past due.

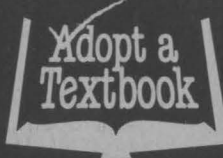
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PSB	8	100%
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Business		
ACCT	24	46%
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BIS	49	82%
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MHR	21	57%
College Total	126	75%
Education		
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EDUC	10	30%
ELED	58	83%
HEP	27	96%
INST	44	50%
PE	18	100%
PEP	27	100%
PRP	9	100%
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College Total	382	84%
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RR	15	100%
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CHEM	9	100%
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GEOL	10	90%
MATH	32	88%
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PHYX	10	90%
PUBH	3	100%
SCI	1	100%
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College Total	123	87%
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University Total		
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Morrill is BWC coach of the year, 4 other Aggies named

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
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Utah State University landed two players on the first-team all-Big West Conference basketball team, while two other Aggies earned honorable mention honors and head coach Stew Morrill was named the league's Coach of the Year. All of the selections were voted on by the 12 league coaches.

Utah State, which posted a perfect 16-0 record in Big West Conference play and owns a 25-5 overall record heading into the Big West Tournament, had Shawn Daniels and Troy Rolle named first team, while Bernard Rock and Tony Brown earned honorable mention honors.

The two first-team selections marked the first time the Aggies had two such picks in its Big West history. USU did not have a first-team selection last year after landing one first-team pick from 1995-98.

Morrill, who has led USU to a 40-18 record in his two seasons at USU, earned conference coach of the year honors for the second time in his career as he earned Big Sky honors at Montana University in 1991. Morrill joined Rod Tueller (1980) and Larry Eustachy (1995 and 1998) as Utah State coaches to have won that award.

"I think recognition by your peers is really appreciative always," he Morrill said. "But I think it is more of a reflection of what these kids have done and what the assistants have done, than what I have done. They should get an award for putting up with me with all of my quarks and idiosyncrasies after all these years."

Daniels, a 6-6, junior forward from Bakersfield Junior College, ranks in the top 10 in the Big West Conference in several categories, including second in field goal percentage (.582), rebounds (8.1) and blocks (1.63). He is second on the team in scoring at 12.1 points per game and also adds 1.3 steals per game.

Rolle, a 6-2, senior guard, earned honorable mention all-league honors a year ago. Rolle is third on the team in scoring average at 11.6 and is fourth in the Big West in three-point percentage at 41.1 percent.

"That's a real honor and I appreciate it, and I just want to thank all the coaches and guys that picked me to be first team," Rolle said.

Rock, a 5-10 transfer from New Mexico Military Institute, is second in the Big West in assists at 4.5 per game, while ranking seventh in the league in steals at 1.57

per contest. He averages 10.1 points per game and is seventh in the Big West in assist to turnover ratio at 1.52.

"I didn't really expect to be some kind of selection, even though I had a great year," Rock said.



Morrill



Daniels



Rolle



Rock



Brown

Brown, who earned Big West all-freshman honors last year, is a 6-3 guard. He leads the team in scoring at 12.2 points per game and his 45.3 three-point percentage is second in the Big West. He also ranks in the top 10 in the league in three-pointers per game (eighth with 2.23) and assist to turnover ratio (third at 1.90).

Utah State and Long Beach State University each had four players earn first, second or honorable mention honors. LBSU's Mate Milisa was named the player of the year after leading the 49ers to a 13-1 conference mark. Milisa ranks fifth in the league in scoring, first in field goal percentage, fifth in free throw percentage, 10th in rebounding and seventh in blocks.

"Great player," Morrill said. "Possible first round pick I'm hearing. Obviously you could make a case for Shawn (Daniels) because we went 16-0, but hey they went 15-1, so I can't really find much fault in that."

The league also honored North Texas' Chris Davis as the Freshman of the Year. Davis led the Big West with a 21.7 scoring average.

All-Big West Conference Basketball Teams

First Team

Mate Milisa, Long Beach State
Billy Keys, New Mexico State
SHAWN DANIELS, UTAH STATE
Chris Bjorklund, Cal Poly
TROY ROLLE, UTAH STATE
Gordon Scott, Idaho

Second Team

Ike Harmon, Cal State Fullerton
James Williams, Long Beach State
Ramel Lloyd, Long Beach State
Jerry Green, UC Irvine
Deginald Erskin, North Texas
Abe Jackson, Boise State

Honorable Mention

Justin Lyons, Boise State
Mike Wozniak, Cal Poly
Antrone Lee, Long Beach State
Marek Ondera, UC Irvine
Erick Ashe, UC Santa Barbara
Devon Ford, Idaho
Terrance Green, Nevada
Chris Davis, North Texas
TONY BROWN, UTAH STATE
BERNARD ROCK, UTAH STATE
Eric Channing, New Mexico State

All-Freshman Team

Chris Davis, North Texas
Terrance Green, Nevada
Greg Ethington, UC Irvine
Mark Hull, UC Santa Barbara
Jason Miller, North Texas
Tom Cockle, Pacific

Player of the Year

Mate Milisa, Long Beach State

Coach of the Year

STEW MORRILL, UTAH STATE

Freshman of the Year

Chris Davis, North Texas

RAY

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(MCC) and Chandler High School, both in Arizona. Ray has been the guy who did "the little things."

"I've always been wild," he said. His four younger brothers might have something to do with that.

"We're a basketball squad," Ray said. All competitive, they would gang up on him, he said.

A two-time all-conference selection, Ray spent a year at MCC, averaging 7.6 points and 5.3 rebounds per game.

He then spent two years on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Barcelona, Spain. He then joined USU last season, but after playing only 10 minutes in two games, he suffered a wrist injury that required surgery. Unable to even practice with the team, he redshirted last season.

Not being a scorer, Ray said he had serious doubts of even playing Division I basketball. But what has caught the eye of USU coaches is his defense — something Ray prides himself on.

Saturday he kept close tabs on his defensive assignments.

"I noticed Justin Lyons had nine points," Ray said. "When I came in I know he didn't score."

Lyons ended up scoring two more as Ray and Saturday night's hero Andre Mahorn bottled him up.

But don't forget about his offense, he warns. Late in the game against the Broncos, he got the ball down low with his back to the basket. He turned, made the basket and got the foul.

"It's great because nobody expects it from me," he said. "If I get a little jump-hook, a little put-back, it makes me excited even more."

That excitement may have been the reason he missed the free throws. He said assistant coach Randy Rahe has helped him calm down, but it doesn't always work.

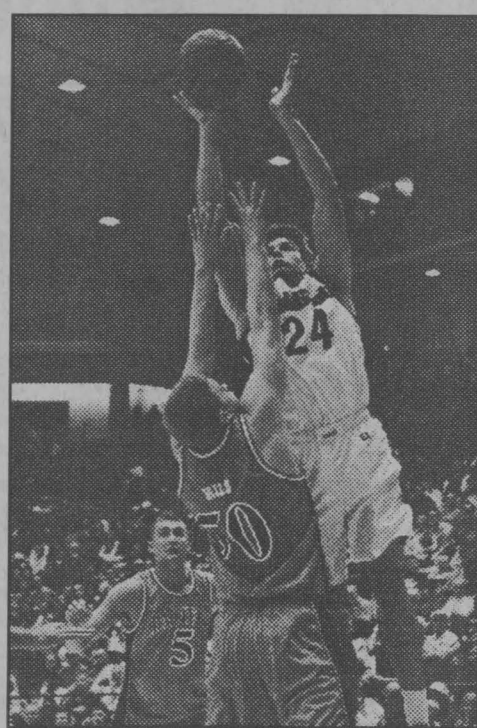
"I know only one speed, and that's fast," Ray said.

As for his outside game, he hopes he can keep his perfect percentage from 3-point land. When University of California at Irvine came to the Spectrum Jan. 15, Ray had the ball about 25 feet from the basket with the shot clock running down. He heaved the ball up. Nothing but net.

"I will not shoot another one because I want the best percentage on the team," he said.

For the record, center Dimitri Jorssen is tied with Ray with his one and only 3-pointer of the season.

As the rest of the Aggies cut down the nets after Saturday's win, Ray took



Brennan Ray shoots a leaping jump shot in the Feb. 18 victory over Pacific. He has tied his season high of six points twice.

time out to sign autographs.

When asked if any of the kids seeking autographs said they wanted to be the defensive, rebounding specialist like him, he responded simply, "I don't think anyone says that."

RENO

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should be. "Do you think you should be in?" The answer to that is, "Yes." I think we should be in. Anytime you win 16

games in a row in league and are undefeated over a two month span, you have proven you are the best team in the league."

But can the Aggies carry that over to three games in three days?

"Who knows," Morrill said. "That's what we'll find out this week."

Utah State holds the advantage over the other teams playing in the tournament as it has played this intense schedule at the Maui

Invitational, in Maui, Hawaii, Nov. 22-24.

"We played three days in a row already," Morrill said. "Nobody else has ... Let's be positive about that and expect to play three days in a row and approach it that way."

Spring TRAINING

Tigers best Braves, D'backs rally to beat Cubs

(AP) Juan Gonzalez and Sammy Sosa hit their first home runs of the spring, while Jose Canseco and Jay Buhner tried to show they've recovered from injury problems.

Gonzalez connected for one of five homers in the Detroit Tigers' 10-7 loss to the Atlanta Braves in Lakeland, Fla.

"He just looks menacing at the plate, doesn't he?" new Tigers manager Phil Garner said.

Gonzalez, acquired from Texas during the offseason, hit a long, two-run shot. He's been nursing a strained left hamstring. As a result, he has been used only as a designated hitter this spring, and only at Joker Marchant Stadium.

"I want to see him get to where he wants to be, which is swinging the bat," Garner said. "He doesn't need to make road trips in spring training."

In Tucson, Ariz., Sosa homered in a five-run fifth, but the Arizona Diamondbacks rallied for four runs with two outs in the ninth to beat the Chicago Cubs 9-8.

Sosa's drive off the left-field scoreboard at Electric Park was estimated at 425 feet.

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Canseco's back felt fine and he had a run-scoring single in his spring debut.

"I'm healthy. That's my main concern," the 35-year-old designated hitter said after going 1-for-3 with a walk in the Tampa Bay Devil Rays' 3-1 win over Texas.

Canseco sat out the first weekend of exhibition games after arriving in camp five days late. He was sidelined for six weeks following back surgery last summer, and

manager Larry Rothschild is allowing him to get into playing shape at his own pace.

With Ken Griffey gone, the Seattle Mariners are counting on Buhner to become a home run threat again. He appears ready for the challenge.

Buhner hit his second home run of the spring Tuesday to lead the Mariners over the Anaheim Angels 5-3.

At Tampa, Fla., the Yankees dropped to 0-6, losing to the Minnesota Twins 7-5. New York has been outscored 56-21 and has not held a lead in any game.

"Am I worried about it? No," Yankees manager Joe Torre said before the game. "Does it consume me? No. Am I going to try and do something different? No. Losing in spring training is not important. It's important to make sure you play the game right. We've been a little sloppy playing the game and that bothers me."

In roster moves, catcher Gregg Zaun was traded to the Kansas City Royals from the Detroit for a player to be named or cash, and pitcher Jeff Juden, unwanted by many in the New York Yankees' organization, was placed on waivers for the purpose of his unconditional release.

In other games: Reds (ss) 3, Phillies (ss) 1
At Sarasota, Fla., Ken Griffey Jr. went hitless and Sean Casey bruised a knee. Griffey flied out to left field and walked twice, leaving him 2-for-8 in four games with one homer. Casey was hit on the back of the right knee by one of Joe Grahe's pitches in the

fourth inning. The first baseman came out of the game but was expected to play Wednesday.

Reds (ss) 5, Phillies (ss) 4
At Clearwater, Fla., with his father watching from the stands, Pete Rose Jr. went 2-for-3 in his first start of the spring. He tied the game at 2

with an RBI single in the second off Ron Villone.

Cardinals (ss) 2, Dodgers (ss) 1
At Vero Beach, Fla., five St. Louis pitchers combined on a two-hitter, dropping Los Angeles to 0-5. Starter Garrett Stephenson, Luther Hackman and Gene Stechschulte pitched two hitless innings.

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Super Tuesday **PRIMARIES**

Vice President Gore sweeps

(AP) — Al Gore swept past Bill Bradley in Super Tuesday primaries from Maine to California, pushing his rival to the brink of withdrawal in the Democratic presidential campaign. "We need to build on our record of prosperity," the vice president said, turning his focus toward November.

"He won, I lost," said Bradley, all but conceding his challenge was over.

Gore won from New England to Georgia to Ohio to California and at several stops in between, regularly gaining 60 percent of the vote or more. Missouri, where Bradley was born; New York, where he played pro basketball — they, too, went for Gore.

The vice president fashioned his Super Tuesday shutout while Texas Gov. George W. Bush was gaining the upper hand in his battle for the Republican nomination.

A Bush candidacy would set up a general election matchup between two 50-something scions of political families. Gore's father served as senator from Tennessee before him; Bush's father was president and his grandfather represented Connecticut in the Senate.

Polling place interviews with Democratic primary voters in every region of the country underscored the vice president's strength among core constituencies vital in Democratic primaries.

Bush wins, McCain may quit

(AP) — George W. Bush accelerated his drive to the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday, winning California, New York and five other primaries as he rose to vanquish John McCain. Praising his insurgent challenger, Bush said, "Soon our party will unite and turn to the main task at hand — ending the era of Clinton-Gore."

McCain was considering whether to drop out of the race and an aide said he expected the Arizona senator to pull the plug as early as Thursday. The Arizona senator won four states Tuesday but none beyond independent-minded New England. He told supporters that he and Bush "may meet again," leaving plenty of room for doubt.

"We're very pleased with the victories we won and disappointed with the ones we lost," McCain told AP. He said he'll meet with his aides Wednesday "and talk about our future."

In a reflective mood, McCain said, "We've changed the face of politics and put reform on the agenda. We're proud of what we've done."

Forging familiar coalitions, Bush relied on party faithful while McCain drew from independents and moderate Republicans. McCain's gamble of criticizing conservative Christian leaders may have backfired in key states, while Bush's visit to a South Carolina university with a history of anti-Catholic views seemed to be a beneficial campaign issue for McCain in some states.

Where **THEY STAND**

ABORTION

• **McCain (R)** — McCain opposes abortion with exceptions for rape, incest and when the life of the mother is endangered. He believes "a repeal of Roe v. Wade must occur, but that it must take place in conjunction with a sustained effort to reduce the number of abortions performed in America." He co-sponsored the Senate ban on partial birth abortion.

• **Bush (R)** — Bush is against abortion except in cases of rape, incest and to protect the life of the mother. He also takes the position that "instead of arguing over Roe v. Wade, what we ought to do is promote policies that reduce abortions." As governor, Bush signed a Texas Law requiring parental notification for underage abortions.

• **Keyes (R)** — Keyes favors a constitutional amendment overturning Roe v. Wade. He considers abortion to be "the unjust taking of a human life" and would appoint only "pro-life" judges.

• **Gore (D)** — Gore is "committed to making abortion safe, legal and rare."

• **Bradley (D)** — Bradley believes the decision to have an abortion "is a private one between a woman and her doctor, and we must protect that privacy."

EDUCATION

• **McCain (R)** — McCain favors providing \$2,000 school vouchers for disadvantaged children under a three-year \$5.4 billion program funded by eliminating subsidies for oil, ethanol, gas and sugar. He favors competency tests and merit pay for teachers.

• **Bush (R)** — Bush favors procuring funds from schools with inadequate performance and making the funds available for tutoring, private schooling or "whatever offers hope." He believes vouchers are a priority.

• **Keyes (R)** — Keyes favors abolishing the Department of Education. Keyes favors school prayer. He believes sex-education in school should focus on the need for abstinence. He believes public schools have a monopoly on education which is potentially corruptive.

• **Gore (D)** — Gore opposes using federal tax dollars to help parents send their children to private schools. He believes vouchers steal necessary funds from reforming public schools. Gore favors providing parents with more public school choices. Gore supports reducing class size and increasing funds available for grants and student loans.

• **Bradley (D)** — Bradley opposes using federal tax dollars to help parents send their children to private schools. Bradley supports increased funding for community colleges. He favors increased funding for loans and scholarships to hire 60,000 more teachers.

ENVIRONMENT

• **McCain (R)** — McCain opposes the ethanol subsidy and the sugar subsidy. He believes ethanol is bad for the environment. McCain supports alternative fuel use and favors natural resource preservation.

• **Bush (R)** — Bush favors voluntary toxic waste cleanup measures. Bush favors increased oil exploration, recycling efforts and use of natural gas.

• **Keyes (R)** — not specified

• **Gore (D)** — Gore has worked to combat global warming. Gore favors providing business incentives for energy efficiency. He favors increased funding and use of mass transit to combat urban sprawl. Gore also supports increased funding for national parks.

• **Bradley (D)** — Bradley supports increased prevention of pollution and efforts to clean up pollution. Bradley favors ethanol in gasoline to help farmers.

GUN CONTROL

• **McCain (R)** — McCain stresses the right of citizens to keep and bear arms, but supports "punishing violent criminals who abuse their Second Amendment rights."

• **Bush (R)** — Bush supports the current ban on automatic weapons, requiring instant background checks at gun shows, and stronger enforcement of existing gun laws. Bush opposes "government mandated registration of all guns owned by law-abiding citizens."

• **Keyes (R)** — Keyes strongly opposes restricting the right to keep and bear arms. He believes "we should reject the utterly absurd theory that weapons are the cause of violence." Keyes supports allowing carrying concealed weapons.

• **Gore (D)** — Gore worked to enact a ban on assault weapons and to pass the Brady Law, and favors "smart and sensible" gun control.

• **Bradley (D)** — Bradley favors outlawing "Saturday Night Special" handguns. He also supports restricting federal firearm licenses to businesses located in commercial zones, trigger locks and mandatory background checks at gun shows.

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BIRTHDAY

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now stands was a 10-acre plot, which included a garden center and nursery," she said.

And a little to the south was a university dairy where traditionally students bought buttermilk for a low price to help sustain them through lean college years, she said.

As time and technology has progressed, she said USU has meant and given something different to every student.

"If Founder's Day is significant at all, it is so primarily in the hearts and minds of each faculty member, each student and each employee whose life has been made

more rewarding, more fulfilling and infinitely more enjoyable because of their association with this great institution," Madsen said.

Following Madsen, the male and female winners of the Founder's Day essay contest sponsored by the SAA were announced.

Andrew Stone and Brianne Plowman were each presented a check for a \$300 tuition waiver and read their essays on the subject of why they love USU.

Afterward, cake was served and photographs of USU's very earliest history were on display. Some pictures even depicted the campus before the initial construction of Old Main was completed.

ICE ARENA

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Borg said she believes the donations from the radio campaign, the \$500,000 in grants and the money from the naming process will be enough to adequately fund the arena as it was originally planned.

A "Silver on Ice" dinner and auction will take place later in April, also to help raise funds.

Fund raising for the BCIA is unique in that all the money must be made available before the building can be constructed, Borg said. The majority of other arenas Borg has heard of have incurred debt by applying for loans, but Cache County officials will not allow the BCIA to do that, she said.

The fund raising process will not stop when the necessary funds are obtained for the rink. Borg said BCIA will continually hold fund-raisers and apply for grants to do recreational programs, etc.

Once the arena is complete, Borg said public schools would be invited for recreation classes. Some courses will also deal with the scientific aspects of skating, such as describing how a skate glides across the ice and the physics behind jumping and twirling. Another program will offer equipment scholarships for promising youth that can't afford it themselves.

The current timetable for BCIA indicates ground will be broken in May and finished by March of next year, Borg said.

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Affirmative Action demonstration draws 10,000

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — About 10,000 demonstrators chanting "Shame on Bush" jammed the state Capitol grounds Tuesday, demanding that Gov. Jeb Bush back off his plan to ban racial and gender preferences in university admissions and state contracting.

Pouring into Tallahassee from around the country, the demonstrators said they feared Bush's plan to end affirmative action would erase the gains blacks and other minorities have made since the civil rights movement. Bush has put portions of the plan into effect through executive order, but other segments still need legislative approval.

"This is the first step towards resegregation," said

the Rev. Timothy McDonald, who came from Atlanta.

The rally was timed to coincide with the governor's State of the State address and the opening of the legislative session.

Police estimated the crowd at 9,000 to 11,000 people. Participants included the Rev. Jesse Jackson, NAACP President Kweisi Mfume, the Rev. Martin Luther King III, members of Congress and state legislators.

Protesters sang "Amazing Grace" and "We Shall Overcome," and waved signs reading "Jeb is Bush League," "Jeb Crow," and

"Bush Whack."

Vicki Whitaker's 8-year-old son Zac carried a sign that read "My Mom Needs

Affirmative Action."

Whitaker, of Tallahassee, became a first-generation college student when she attended Florida State University.

"This is oppression, pure and simple," she said. "It's not about color, it's about oppression. They are telling us we

have to trust people will do the right thing, and we know from our history that will just not happen."

'This is oppression, pure and simple. It's not about color, it's about oppression.'

• VICKI WHITAKER •
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
SUPPORTER

Inside the Capitol, Bush defended the plan during his address.

"The vast majority of Floridians favor the elimination of affirmative action programs," he said.

The Republican governor's One Florida plan bans consideration of race and gender in admissions to the state's 10 public universities and in the awarding of state contracts. It guarantees college admission to the top 20 percent of each high school graduating class, provided the students have taken college preparatory classes.

Texas, Washington state and California have also ended affirmative action in university admissions.

Supporters of Florida's plan say the state will boost minor-

ity enrollment in college and participation in contracting by reaching out to blacks and others.

"There is a new energy for minority outreach that is unprecedented in state government," the governor said. "Our plan is working."

But Jackson said Bush doesn't understand the importance of affirmative action.

"When you inherit the name, when you inherit legal protection, when you inherit the wealth, when you inherit skin color, when you inherit your parents' friends for advantage, you just don't understand," Jackson said.

In Miami, nearly 600 school bus drivers took the day off to attend the rally, briefly stranding thousands of students.

Bank One launches Web site for sending money by e-mail

CHICAGO (AP) — Now you can send birthday cash, spending money for your college student or repay your friends via e-mail.

Bank One, the fourth-largest U.S. bank holding company with assets of \$256 billion, is becoming the latest and biggest company to allow people to send money via electronic mail.

The Chicago-based banking corporation, which is formally announcing its eMoneyMail service Wednesday, hopes to get the jump on other leading financial institutions in an area it says has huge potential — not only for person-to-person payments but for companies sending rebates or refunds to their customers.

"(E-mail payment) is the coming thing," said Robert Sterling, financial services analyst for New York-based Jupiter Communications.

With its product, Bank One enters a field dominated since its emergence late last year by X.com Corp. and PayPal.com, which X.com is in the process of acquiring. The combined company, still called X.com, has made its mark helping buyers and sellers on sites such as eBay more easily complete their transactions.

Here's how it works: The sender goes to www.emoneymail.com and chooses whether to pay by Visa credit card, Visa debit card or checking account.

The sender then specifies an e-mail address for the receiver and the amount to be sent.

The receiver then gets an e-mail message that money has been sent, clicks on an attachment with a link to the eMoneyMail site and indicates which of four possible ways to be paid — the three cited above or paper check sent by surface mail.

FDA creates safety rules for gene therapy experiments

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration will begin forcing scientists to monitor patient safety better during gene therapy experiments and conduct surprise inspections to make sure researchers follow the rules.

The FDA made the announcement Tuesday amid growing criticism of lax government oversight of gene therapy experiments, including one that killed an Arizona teen-ager last fall.

Federal regulations already require that researchers establish patient-safety monitoring systems before putting experimental treatments to the test. But the FDA acknowledged Tuesday it has not enforced the rules for gene therapists.

Indeed, in the University of Pennsylvania experiment that killed 18-year-old Jesse Gelsinger, "there were deficiencies in the monitoring," said FDA gene therapy chief Dr. Kathryn Zoon.

Pennsylvania researchers didn't have a formal patient

monitoring system, something FDA said it discovered only when it inspected the hospital's gene therapy lab after Gelsinger died.

Under FDA's new initiative, all gene therapy researchers must appoint someone not directly involved with their experiments to monitor patient safety. The monitors could comprise contract research organizations or other scientists at a hospital or university.

The monitors are not truly independent — the gene therapists hire them.

But the FDA pledged to ensure gene therapy monitors are working and know the law requires them to report patient-safety problems to the government — and to conduct random, surprise inspections to make sure.

Experiments that don't comply can be halted.

"We believe these are important steps ... to ensure patient safety," Zoon said. The initiative sparked a

mixed reaction.

"They were supposed to be doing that already," said bioethicist George Annas, a Boston University professor of health law. "FDA has let this get out of hand. ... They don't inspire a lot of confidence."

He questioned whether FDA inspectors had the time or expertise to oversee how more than 350 gene therapy experiments now under way are conducted...

But another critic welcomed the change.

"The patient-safety monitoring is the most important element that's been missing in all of this," said Abbey Meyers, president of the National Organization for Rare Disorders and a former National Institutes of Health gene therapy adviser.

Today, gene therapists can conduct experiments for years without anyone checking how their patients fared, Meyers said. So FDA inspections are vital, but the agency lacks the money and people, she said.

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The suggestion by Dave Khong in the March 3, Statesman to move Utah State University's Career Fair to a Tuesday or Thursday has some merit behind it. The Career Service's staff reviews the student and employer evaluations from the career fair as well as all other feedback we receive (like last week's letter to the editor) in an effort to improve this outstanding event. In addition we evaluate career fairs at other universities to generate ideas.

Though there are more class conflicts on M-W-F than on T-Th, there are also more students on campus. Employers are primarily interested in the amount and quality of student traffic at their booths. Participating employers have been very complimentary on both accounts at USU.

There are a few class instructors who have canceled classes and made career fair assignments to their students on this day. This has turned out to be very beneficial to both the students in those classes as well as the employers at the fair. Perhaps more of this could happen in the future. We will make an effort to encourage this.

When an event is already successful, we need to be very careful about what changes we make.

Dave Hart
Director USU Career Services

Laws written
to protect individuals

I am writing in response to Laura Bellamy's article "Outdated sex ban law needs revoking" that was printed in this past Monday's edition of the Statesman. Even though I respect Laura's opinion, I disagree with much of what she said.

Laws are written to protect individuals. Public officials are elected to office to produce laws that promote life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. Allow me summarize a study conducted by the Wirthlin Worldwide/Family Research Council: "According to a 1997 nationwide survey, divorce is 32 percent more likely among those who engaged in premarital sex than it is among the general population. And almost three times as many separated or divorced Americans have committed adultery, compared to the general population. Further, 82 percent of adults who rate their marriage as 'very strong' (9 or 10 on a 10-point scale) did not engage in premarital sex."

I am grateful that we have a legislature that is concerned enough to pass laws to discourage individuals from having premarital sex. I think most people would

To the
EDITOR

agree that sexual impurity has struck a major blow to our society (if you don't agree, watch the Jerry Springer Show sometime). This law is not outdated. We need it now more than ever.

Premarital sex increases the chances of having a broken home, unwanted children, and infidelity after marriage.

Laura was absolutely correct when she stated: "Having sex is a deeply personal decision that each person enters into on their own."

Ultimately the decision to engage in premarital sex is an individual one just like all of our decisions. I hope anyone who is thinking about doing so would step back and think again. My thanks to the Utah Legislature for taking a stand and doing what lies in their power to promote measures of maintaining high morals in Utah by discouraging premarital sex.

Rob Harris

Make a stand against
oppression

The conservative fascists are at it again! They are trying to prescribe how people should live. They took away my polygamist lifestyle and now they want to teach abstinence, close our car dealerships and keep the immoral people from adopting kids.

Laura Bellamy wrote a fine piece in this Monday's paper, but I think she lacked the emotion I have about this issue. Laura I love your work.

For the lack of a better word I will refer to the self-righteous conservatives as the PFR (People for Fascist Regimes). Leading the PFR should be Hitler and Gayle Ruzicka, of the Conservative Eagles Forum. Is this what we want? I guess so.

I think the PFR needs to remember why they came to this land in the first place. It was to escape Europe's religious persecution. I find it funny and ironic that they have become the mirror of their enemies. I look around and I see the walls of this powerful religious institution getting taller as the stench of their beliefs choke the hedons.

I know I am preaching to the minority, but if we allow them to teach abstinence and close our car dealerships, we should also let them come into our homes and take our first born to sacrifice it for the good of their cause. Let's face it, they want us gone. They want a pure race of moral, righteous people who obey the prophecies of God. No matter how much they deny it, the PFR is no different from the Nazis. A common solution to this problem is to leave. I find this unacceptable. We must stay and teach our kids to corrupt the minds of the righteous. Stand against the oppression that lurks in the background. This is our state too, and we won't be run out by the militant religious force like they were 150 years ago.

In conclusion, education is something to fight for. No one should limit a free market.

Shawn McCune

What I learned
running for
ASUSU office

RANGER REUB / Reuben Wadsworth



As I sat
on the
plane on
the way
to Italy
during
Spring
Break a
year ago,

I dissected the reasons why I had just been defeated in my quest for the Associated Students of Utah State University Public Relations Vice president post. I even wrote the reasons down.

My logic was: 1) I didn't have much experience in the field. 2) I wasn't organized.

My best qualification for the job going in was that of sports writer for The Utah Statesman. How could sports writing help me with public relations? I didn't know, but I had the determination to run and knew I would regret it if I didn't.

Christina Domichel, my opponent, possessed an impressive resume of credentials. She was president of the USU chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America, Arts and Lectures Public Relations chair and the Alpha Chi Omega president.

The only thing I'd been was president of my teacher's quorum in church when I was 14. I was also senior patrol leader of my scout troop for a while.

The week of final elections was an internal struggle for me. What would happen if an under-qualified guy like me managed to take office?

Losing was probably the best thing that could have happened to me. Not only did the more qualified candidate win, but also as a result I've actually gained some public relations experience. I got to know Christina during the campaign and have served as one of the ASUSU press release writers ever since. I also became acquainted with what turned out to be the whole ASUSU executive council, which has been a valuable asset to me.

Despite my eventual defeat, I'm glad I was ambitious enough to put forth the effort to run the campaign. Besides teaching me the basics of politics, it taught me organization and planning are. My campaign was haphazard. I didn't even have a campaign manager. I tried to do too much myself. Through my effort I learned it's best to do things by committee.

On one of my shoddy free-standing campaign signs — which I built almost entirely myself — I had the gall to write, "This sign was built for less than \$20." I was proud of that fact, but it still didn't get me noticed.

One of my close friends who helped me the most on my campaign said, "I haven't seen your signs around."

If one of my own constituents didn't notice it, probably not many others did.

I learned one of the keys to a good campaign is association. I compliment Rian Winzeler, current Executive Vice president, on her tactic to get noticed. I'm sure everyone that was here during elections last year noticed all those people wearing bright yellow T-shirts with her name on them in black letters. I'm sure almost everyone on campus associated all that yellow and black paraphernalia with her name and that is a large reason she was elected.

Some told me I needed to incorporate my "Ranger Reub hat" into the campaign by distributing flyers with pictures of me wearing it and placing it in my logo. The hat was in my logo by final elections, but by then it was too late.

I compliment Nate Anderson on his campaign organization last year. His campaign went on even while he was out of town. When attending the various campaign rallies, I saw a few of his helpers ask him, "Do you need help tonight?"

I only wished I could have run a campaign like that.

My personal political consultant advised me to use my Ranger Reub nickname when I ran for the office. I did, and found out a lot of people knew who Ranger Reub was, they just didn't know what I was running for or what my credentials were.

"Ranger Reub, you're running for Natural Resources, right?" someone asked me.

I could see I might have been giving people the wrong impression, but what nickname would go along well with public relations?

Oh, well. I didn't ball when my demise was announced. For all my efforts I received 1,141 votes compared to Christina's 2,300 some-odd. Even 1,141 votes were a confidence-builder.

Go out and get 'em candidates. You all have an advantage we didn't have last year. You get a week off school to prepare. Get those flyers and poster and campaign buttons ready, and remember, if you lose it's not the end of the world. It'll just signal the finish of one of the most stressful weeks of your college career.

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Reflections from the reception line

IN THE HEADLIGHTS / Bryce Petersen



were, just behind these two people, who were smiling at me as I was smiling at them. I had never met these folks, and they seemed determined to be filled in on all the events — large and small — in my life. Meanwhile, there were all my friends, so close, catching up on old times without me.

Wedding receptions are great. Everyone is there, whether they're still in college or have long since moved on to the grand adventures of adult life (which, as far as I can tell consists of acquiring some stuff and a place to put it in which is near the job that you're about to lose, getting down-sized and loading up all your stuff and moving it to a newer, bigger place you can't

afford which allows you to acquire more stuff you can't afford so you can rent a bigger U-Haul the next time you have to move all your crap when your job tells you where to go). Everyone is there to congratulate you on your big step into the next phase of life.

Sadly, the presence of your friends does not mean you will get to hear the guts and the driving forces behind their actions. You will hear, quickly, that they've moved to Sasquatch, Idaho, to spray apples with their degree in biochemistry, and had a child.

Because they have to leave in the morning and you'll be busy smiling at these people you've never seen before until then, you will not hear that she was in labor for 52 hours without medication, that his boss in Sasquatch has an eye patch that shakes when he screams at employees, or that he caught a fish that was bigger than his daughter just last week.

Over at that table, they were

catching up on old times. I was standing there waiting for the next person to smile at. They had lots to say to my dad, and I wondered why I was there. Couldn't they congratulate my mom in the market, my dad in Sunday School, and just leave me and my uncomfortable tuxedo out of it?

The bride, my wife, looked lovely I'll admit, and it was great to see everyone, but if I had to do it over, I would invite our best friends to a private reception in our home for an evening. We'd spread them out over an entire month. That way, we'd be participating in the beautiful reunion, not just facilitating it.

"Please, don't drive for 12 hours just to stand in a line to talk to me for 37 seconds," the invitations would read. "Come next week. We'll make you dinner and give you a place to stay."

I heard of a poor man whose in-laws paid him \$40,000 to not have a reception. What a conflict! It's not like selling your soul for money. I would have done it

for free. Now I just have all this stuff stored in boxes, waiting for it's chance to explode all over the place the moment I acquire enough space to allow it. For now, the pressure is great enough that the contents are stable, but I'm already hearing the rumblings.

"I wish we had a little more space, honey. I can't fit between the bed and the closet," my wife whines.

The rumblings begin and she's only lived here for six days! I can hear all the wedding gifts getting anxious and fidgety in their boxes. They can hear the cry of freedom. They won't be held down for long.

By the end of the reception, my sister's arms were sore from scooping ice cream, my mother's hair was frazzled from worry, my face was frozen into a grin and my mouth would not stop saying, "Yes, very happy, thank you for coming. And how is what's-his-name. Oh that's great. Yes, isn't she lovely. I'm sure we'll be very

happy. Thanks for coming."

The maid of honor showed up in her beautiful, hand-crafted dress, after a three hour drive, looking fresh and lovely as we walked out the door. Unfortunately, she'd been so busy finding just the right material for her perfect pattern that she hadn't had time to read her invitation carefully and the reception was over when she arrived. We said "hi" as we ran out the door and started up our rusty tin-can of a car (which, happily, was pulling rusty tin cans behind it. I never would have forgiven my family had they neglected this sacred duty), and drove off into the sunset, leaving our bounty behind for one last night of freedom.

"Yes, lovely, thank you, I'm sure we'll be very happy. Yes, thank's for coming ...," I muttered as we drove away.

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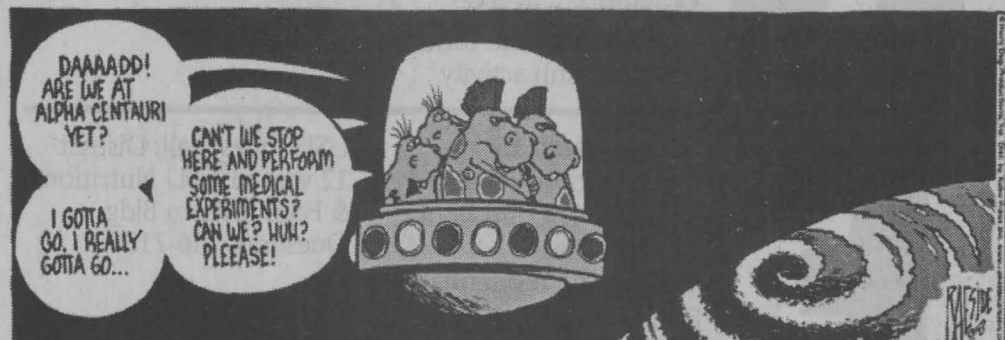
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♦PSI CHI Large Group meeting, noon to 1 p.m., EDNC Room 130.
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- "Drain Lake Powell?"** Informational guest speaker, video and slide show on the restoration of Glen Canyon March 8, 7:30 p.m. TSC Auditorium. Presented by the Glen Canyon Institute. Info. contact myke@cc.usu.edu
- The **Bridgerland Audubon Chapter** will meet March 9, 7p.m., 2nd floor of Chapter Two Books, 130 N. 100 East. Topic will be wildlife of Ghana by John and Ann Mull. The public is invited.
- Bridgerland Audubon Society will lead an **eagle-watching hike** to Willard Canyon, March 11. The excursion will leave at 10 a.m. from Straw Ibis, 150 N. 50 East. The group will car pool to Willard Bay State Park 10 miles south of Brigham City. It is a strenuous hike, so bring good boots, warm clothes and lunch.

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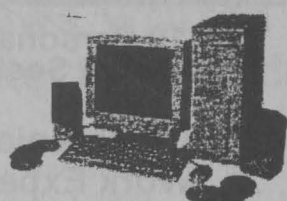
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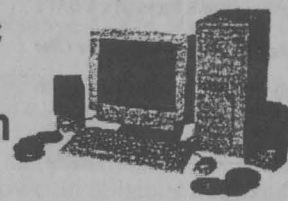
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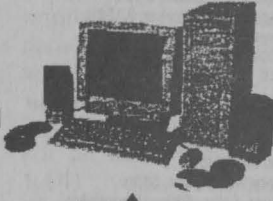
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