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## Students to spend break building homes



Habitat for Humanity members from USU, the University of Wisconsin and the State University of New York and Courtland will spend Spring Break in Brigham City building homes for families in need.

LARA GALE  
Staff Writer

Ten college students from the University of Wisconsin and the State University of New York and Courtland are traveling west for Spring Break — not for the beaches or Las Vegas, but to spend their week off in Brigham City building homes for people in need.

The students are members of university chapters of Habitat for Humanity, an organization dedicated to eliminating poverty housing by building affordable homes.

The students are part of thousands around the country who are participating in Habitat's "Collegiate Challenge 2000," which encourages high school and college students from across the country and around the world to spend their break from school helping build houses in other states.

Mike Livsey, vice president of the Utah State University student chapter of Habitat for Humanity and a board member for the Northern Utah Habitat for Humanity, said eight students from USU will be joining the students to work on two of seven townhouses in progress.

"It's a great opportunity," Livsey said. "The Brigham City office is really excited because they'll probably get more done this week than they've done in a long time."

The students will arrive Sunday afternoon and begin work Monday morning, said Don Mitchel, director of the

Northern Utah Habitat for Humanity. Except for a day off for skiing and seeing Utah's sights, the students will work 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. all week and depart Saturday afternoon.

Local churches have volunteered to provide lunch and dinner for the students who will be staying at the National Guard Armory for the week, Mitchel said.

With the help of another group of volunteers coming in June, the seven townhouses will probably be completed by the end of this year, Mitchel said.

Four families are being evaluated by a family selection committee for placement in the homes, Mitchel said. One of these families has 11 children. To be eligible, the families must be living on 50

percent or lower of the cost of living in their area and be living in poor quality housing.

Mitchel said one Brigham City family who moved into a Habitat home was living in such poor conditions that when their youngest boy was asked what he liked best about the new home said he had never taken a hot bath before.

When an eligible family moves into a Habitat home, they put 500 hours or more of labor into building their home and other homes, Livsey said.

Habitat sells the home at cost, because labor is provided by volunteers and provides the family with a no-interest loan.

Livsey said a home in

Cache Valley usually costs \$40,000, and the family usually pays monthly payments as low as \$200. This money goes into a pool to pay for future Habitat homes, he said.

Mitchel said the Brigham City chapter has completed 16 houses since they became an affiliate in 1982, and almost every one has been a success story.

Family members have been reunited, couples have been able to improve their credit history and lives have been turned around by the boost Habitat gives families, he said.

He said he's glad to see college students sacrifice their Spring Break to be a part of something so important.

"It's really exciting," he said. "It's fun to be around them because they're so willing to work."

The students won't necessarily have any training in construction, but that's not important, Mitchel said.

Without training, students help with everything from roofing to laying carpet to painting, Mitchel said, and they learn fast and work efficiently.

Livsey said even after helping with a few homes, he still doesn't know anything about house building. A supervisor on the site tells him what to do and he does it, he said.

The USU student chapter has about 150 members, Livsey said.

On Saturdays, 10 members usually head to Brigham City to help on one of many projects.

Mitchel said college students are an important part of volunteer support because their group effort makes the work go more quickly.

*'It's fun to be around (college students) because they're so willing to work.'*

• DON MITCHEL •  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

## USU woman takes crown in deaf pageant

LARA GALE  
Staff Writer

You may have walked passed a beauty pageant queen today without knowing it.

Delight Pearson, a junior in pre-physical therapy at Utah State University, was named Miss Deaf Utah in the 2000 Miss Deaf Utah Pageant in Salt Lake City Feb. 19.

"I'm not used to all this attention," she said about being featured in a *Statesman* article.

A self-professed tom-boy, she said she didn't think she was beauty-pageant material.

"At first it was just a joke," she said. "Everyone was like, 'you want to do this? OK.' But all my friends and family have been very supportive."

Pearson said she didn't finally decide to compete until January, so there wasn't a lot of time for preparation. Besides rehearsals, she said every week before the pageant she attended workshops to work on interviewing and other skills that would help on stage. She said she was shocked when she won.

"It's something I've never thought of before," she said. "I was like ... me?"

Walking away with the crown and the \$500 prize on Feb. 19 wasn't the only reward for her hard work, she said. Even if she hadn't won, she said the experience was one of the best she's

had.

If it hadn't been for the pioneering spirit of Rachel Wheeler, a sophomore in deaf education at USU, there wouldn't have been a Miss Deaf Utah this year, said Marilyn Call, program director of the Utah Community Center of the Deaf.

She said the Utah Association for the Deaf wasn't planning to hold the pageant this year.

Wheeler decided to shoulder the responsibility of directing the pageant and organized a committee of college students around the state to help. Starting in January, they put in countless hours promoting, fund raising and planning the pageant.

"I think that it really impressed them (the Utah Association for the Deaf) that these young kids just took over," Call said. "It was really wonderful."

Pearson was one of four girls who competed in the pageant. According to Call, the pageant was not just about beauty.

The girls were judged based on private interviews, business wear/platform presentation, talent performance, evening gown competition and an on-stage interview.

Pearson performed a monologue of a play she wrote for the talent competition, and presented the importance of deaf identity and recognition as her plat-

form.

Pearson said competing in the pageant has been a great confidence booster that she would recommend it to anyone.

But despite her success, she said she would rather play sports than try for other titles beyond Miss Deaf America.

Besides organizing intramural sports with her friends, Pearson plays on a deaf softball team that will be competing in a tournament against other Northwestern teams this weekend.

She is also president of the American Sign Language club at USU and a tutor for ASL students.

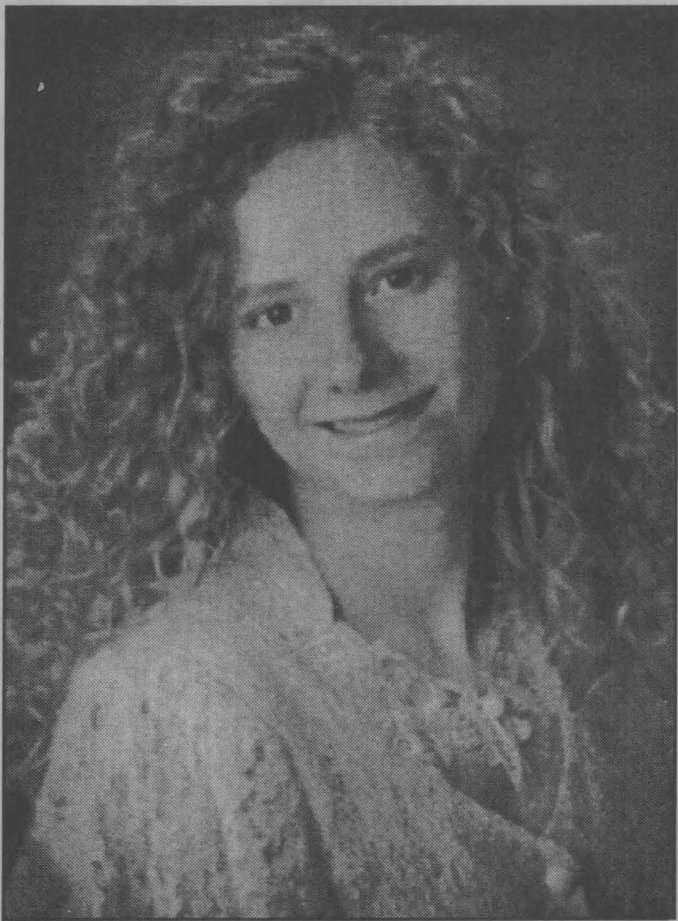
Pearson is a "wonderful" person to take over the responsibility of the title, said Camille Call, a senior in Family and Human Development at USU, who passed the crown to Pearson after being Miss Deaf Utah since 1998.

"I'm really impressed by Delight," she said. "I know she'll do well in her role. She's really motivated."

Call is helping Pearson prepare to compete in the Miss Deaf America Pageant in Norfolk, Va., in July.

The trip is being sponsored by the Utah Association of the Deaf. The participants will attend two weeks of rehearsals and workshops before the actual pageant.

Pearson said she is ner-



Delight Pearson took the crown at this year's Miss Deaf Utah pageant. Pearson, a junior, is a pre-physical therapy major at USU.

vous for the national pageant, which will have an audience of 2,000 or more, but she is excited to meet and learn about the accomplishments and lives of the girls she will be competing with, who will come from more than 30 states all across the country.

If Pearson wins at the national level, she will become a spokesperson for

the nation's deaf community and will travel regularly to speaking engagements across the country.

As Miss Deaf Utah, Pearson said she is very excited about the opportunity to be a role model for the deaf community of Utah. She will speak at schools and community events and hopes to be able to work with deaf children.

## TV stations choose not to air show on prime time

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Southwestern Idaho's NBC affiliate has joined two other NBC affiliates in the state and others around the nation in refusing to broadcast the new animated comedy "God, the Devil and Bob" during prime time.

KTVB-TV in Boise has bumped the show from its scheduled 7:30 p.m. Thursday slot because it considers the show inappropriate for children, said President and General Manager Doug Armstrong.

KPVI in Pocatello and KTFT in Twin Falls also have rejected the program, as has KSL in Salt Lake City. Stations in Tupelo, Miss.; Shreveport, La.; and South Bend, Ind., also have refused to air the show.

"Even though it's a cartoon, it's not a kids program," Armstrong said. "It has adult humor and themes, yet the marketing seems geared toward younger kids. Kids and families are our priority so we have asked NBC to schedule the program later in the evening."

He cited the midseason replacement's tongue-in-cheek humor and drinking and sexual references.

KTVB has asked the network to air the program Saturday night at midnight, following Saturday Night Live.

The network said in a prepared statement that it considers the show entertaining and that it hopes the affiliates eventually will agree to broadcast it.



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# WORLD & NATION

## And then there were two

WASHINGTON (AP) — Falling as swiftly as they soared, John McCain and Bill Bradley abandoned their presidential races Thursday and chided their triumphant rivals on the way out. "Millions of Americans have rallied to our banner," McCain said as both candidates sought to leverage the support they had earned.

The Arizona senator pledged to press his case for political reform and warned that Republicans will "slip into the mists of history" without it. McCain, who pulled swarms of Democrats and independents into GOP contests, offered nominee-in-waiting George W. Bush his "best wishes" — but not his endorsement.

An hour before McCain bowed out, Bradley told reporters he would support Vice President Al Gore, but he also accused his fellow Democrat of "distortions" in their primary fight. "I hope that

he will run a better campaign in the general election," said the former New Jersey senator, who was unable to win any primary or caucus.

It was a victorious day for the political establishment that backed Bush and Gore, both of whom vanquished their rivals after stiff challenges. "When you do battle with entrenched power ... it's very difficult," Bradley said.

Within minutes of McCain's announcement, Bush's team was reaching out to McCain intermediaries in an effort to mend fences. The rivals themselves spoke briefly by telephone, but settled nothing. "John needs some time to think, and I need some time," Bush said.

Said to be still seething at the Texas governor, McCain is in no hurry to make peace. He planned to take a week's vaca-

tion before determining what leverage he has with Bush and what he might want to achieve with it, said a McCain adviser.

McCain knows he is not bargaining from a strong position, but the adviser said his boss wants to somehow keep his signature issue — campaign finance reform — on the political agenda.

With that goal in mind, McCain quit the race but didn't shut down his campaign — a technicality that keeps his options open to make things uncomfortable for Bush, who needs McCain's endorsement to unify the party.

McCain's options, according to the adviser, include: barnstorming the country to promote campaign finance reform, leading a platform fight at the Republican National Convention or even mounting a third-party presidential bid. Aides say that last option is remote.

McCain himself has ruled out bolting the GOP and said Thursday, "I love my home." He did, however, leave himself a

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## Minimum wage increase stirs debate among GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — To soften the impact on employers of a \$1 increase in the minimum wage, Republicans pushed a \$122 billion tax through the House Thursday despite a vow by President Clinton to veto it and grumbling from conservatives about the whole package.

Votes on alternative minimum wage proposals were planned later in the evening.

GOP leaders made the tax measure part of the wage package to deny Democrats a stand-alone wage bill, which has strong support from Northeastern Republican moderates who want to defuse it as a campaign issue in the November elections.

"The question is whether we take a thoughtful approach and a balanced approach, or whether we

have an ill-conceived bill foisted upon us," said Rep. Rick Lazio, R-N.Y., a main sponsor of the GOP bill.

The House voted 257-169 to pass the tax bill, two-thirds of which consists of cuts in estate taxes. It will be combined with legislation that would increase the \$5.15-an-hour minimum wage by \$1 over two years or a version that would increase

the wage by \$1 over three years.

Even if the bill meets Clinton's wish for a two-year wage boost, the president repeated Thursday he would veto the measure if it included large tax cuts.

Clinton contends the tax relief disproportionately benefits the wealthy and would consume a chunk of the projected budget surplus.

## Clinton says unfair treaties hurt Native Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton pledged Thursday to work harder to create a better way of life for American Indians, saying treaties with the United States have unfairly rendered them poor and powerless. "You got a bad deal," Clinton said.

In a speech to American Indians who gave \$350,000 to Democratic congressional candidates, Clinton cast them as victims of a negligent U.S. government that took land and mineral rights in return for little. He promised to remedy that.

"This is the part of our historical legacy we want to be proud of, and it will never be right until we get it right," Clinton said. "This is a country that's supposed to be founded on equal opportunity, equal justice, mutual respect, everybody having a chance."

Religious leaders agreed to formally teach that racism is a sin.

## WorldGLANCE

### ➤ Madagascar flood victims finally receive aid

ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar (AP) — Aid workers distributed food, medicine and blankets to thousands of flood victims on Thursday, while France sent helicopters to the Indian Ocean island to assist relief efforts.

Flooding in recent weeks has killed at least 130 people, the government's disaster agency said. Up to 700,000 people have been affected and were in need of some form of emergency assistance, it said.

A French ship carrying four helicopters to assist in the relief effort was expected to arrive Saturday, and two British helicopters also were expected to join the effort this week.

Cyclone Gloria, the weather system that caused flooding in Madagascar, is the same one that has dumped weeks of rain on flood-ravaged Mozambique and left up to a million people homeless or without their livelihoods.

Madagascar lies off Africa's southeast coast, due east of Mozambique.

Gloria was downgraded last week to a tropical depression but it continues to dump rain on both nations.

The flooding is expected to worsen the spread of disease. More than 1,000 Malagasies — as residents of this island are called — have already died from cholera since an epidemic erupted a year ago, according to official figures.

In New York, U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said Thursday that the cyclone had caused "heavy damage to houses and road links."

An official appeal for international assistance would be launched shortly, Eckhard said.

### ➤ Four dead after planes collide on runway

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Two small planes collided on a runway in a huge fireball Thursday, killing all four people on board.

The cause of the accident was under investigation.

The single-engine planes, a Cessna 152 and a Cessna 172, carried two people each. No one on the ground was hurt.

"There was a big fire, so everyone went out there," said Rosalie Radtke, a secretary at a company a quarter-mile from Sarasota Bradenton International Airport. "All the guys saw was a big ball of fire."

An air traffic controller had cleared one of the planes for takeoff, said Pat Cariseo, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board in Washington. At the same time, the pilot of the other plane was granted permission to position his aircraft and hold on the same runway.

What happened next was not immediately clear, Cariseo said.

Sheriff's spokesman Dave Bristow said there was a "tremendous impact followed by tremendous fire." One plane was heavily damaged; there was almost nothing left of the other aircraft, he said.

Investigators were interviewing six witnesses, some of whom gave conflicting statements, Bristow said. NTSB investigators from sent from Miami and Washington.

The victims' names were not immediately released.

The airport, about 50 miles south of Tampa, handles small private planes, domestic jets and international charter flights from Canada. The airport handles 1.5 million passengers a year. Miami International Airport, by comparison, has about 34 million passengers a year.

It was the second accident at the airport in 24 hours. A single-engine aircraft had trouble with its landing gear and made a belly landing Wednesday. There were no injuries.

### ➤ Croats promise to allow refugees to return

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright won a pledge from senior Croatian and Bosnian Serb leaders Thursday to allow thousands of refugees to return to their homes.

The agreement, if implemented as promised, marks a major breakthrough in fulfilling the terms of the 1995 Dayton Peace Accords, which ended 3 years of ethnic warfare in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Bosnian Serb Prime Minister Milorad Dodik and Croatian Foreign Minister Tonino Picula told Albright they would submit legislation to their parliaments within three months to enable refugees to return to areas under the control of rival ethnic groups.

As a sign of good will, both sides agreed to let 4,000 Bosnian Croat and Croatian Serb refugees return home before the three-month deadline. The refugees fled their homes during ethnic wars in the Balkans.

The legislation would affect about 30,000 Serbs who fled Croatia and now live in the Serb part of Bosnia and about 70,000 Croats who escaped from Bosnia and took refuge in Croatia, according to U.N. figures.

Croatia will open a consulate in the Bosnian Serb capital of Banja Luka to ease the returning process.

Albright said she "welcomes enthusiastically" the agreement and added that the Clinton Administration will provide \$2 million for the reconstruction of about 100 homes on each side of the border.

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# Should Lake Powell be drained?

## Meeting addresses harm of reservoir, dam

JESSICA WARREN  
Staff Writer

Glen Canyon Dam is destroying wildlife, endangering several species of fish and threatening the ecosystem of the Grand Canyon, according to Richard Ingebreetsen, president and founder of the Glen Canyon Institute.

Ingebreetsen spoke to students Wednesday evening in a presentation sponsored by the Ecological Coalition of Students (ECOS). He spoke of the reasons for removing Glen Canyon Dam and draining Lake Powell which is not actually a lake but a temporary reservoir, he said.

The reasons dams exist include water control, power and recreation, Ingebreetsen said. "Do we do it at the expense of the environment, at the expense of the wildlife," he asked.

According to Ingebreetsen, the environment is suffering.

"Five out of eight native fish in Glen/Grand Canyons of the Colorado River are extinct or endangered by Glen Canyon Dam," he said.

By draining the reservoir, Ingebreetsen said the chances of the fish coming back are good.

"We aren't the only living creatures that rely on water from the Colorado River," Ingebreetsen said, referring to wildlife.

In an effort to save the Grand Canyon, artificial floods were created in 1996. Ingebreetsen said in the

long run, however, these are failing to protect the native ecosystem. Instead of spending millions of dollars every year trying to save the Grand Canyon and other areas affected downstream, Ingebreetsen said the money could be well spent somewhere else. The cause of the problem — the dam — should be removed, he said.

"The Grand Canyon will not survive Glen Canyon Dam," Ingebreetsen said.

Many worry about loss of power with the removal of the dam. According to Ingebreetsen, Glen Canyon Dam supplies about three percent of the power in the area. He said that conservation of power might even be a consideration, but there would not be a large adverse effect without Glen Canyon Dam.

"There's a lot of power out there folks," Ingebreetsen said.

Recreation associated with Lake Powell is also an issue. Ingebreetsen said although draining the reservoir would end houseboats and water skiing, it would open up canoeing and free much of the canyon for hiking to beautiful sites currently under water.

Evaporation is also a key concern.

Each year, Lake Powell loses approximately 1.2 million-acre feet of water, according to the Glen Canyon Institute. Ingebreetsen said this lost water, if utilized, is enough to supply Salt Lake City for four years. The evaporation also makes the water more salty, causing the lower basin states such as California to have to treat the water to get the salinity down, which is an expensive process, Ingebreetsen said.

Sediment is also a concern for Ingebreetsen. Dams stop the flow of sediment or dirt, and the Colorado River has one of the highest silt contents in the

world, Ingebreetsen said. Because of this, the sedimentation rate is estimated at 50,000 acre feet per year. The reservoir has lost approximately one-fifth of its storage capacity because it is full of dirt, Ingebreetsen said.

"No one is addressing this problem," Ingebreetsen said.

He said there are about 75,000 dams in the United States, and 75 percent of them have sediment problems.

Glen Canyon will hold more sediment than it will ever hold water, Ingebreetsen said.

There is now over 100 feet of sediment in Lake Powell. As time goes on, Ingebreetsen said, and the sediment continues to grow, it will fill up completely like many dams across the United States, rendering it a deserted, useless structure.

"I don't think they knew then what the effects dams have downstream," Ingebreetsen said.

He said dams aren't what they seem. Some are worse than others are, but Ingebreetsen said Glen Canyon Dam is one of the worst.

"It was built as a political structure to control the water as it flows out of Utah's borders," he said.

Ingebreetsen said the non-use value of Glen Canyon has been shown to provide significant resource values to the region and nation.

He is interested in preserving the species being threatened by the dam, and opening the canyon back up to backpacking, hiking, canoeing, kayaking and the wilderness experience.

For more information, e-mail the Glen Canyon Institute at [info@glencanyon.org](mailto:info@glencanyon.org) or visit the ECOS Web site at [www.usu.edu/ecos](http://www.usu.edu/ecos) for this and other Utah environmental issues and how to get involved.

## NewsBRIEFS

### ➤ Honor Society inducts members

The Utah State University Reentry Student Center's chapter of Pinnacle, the national honor society for returning students, recently inducted 20 new members.

To be eligible, students must be at least 26 years of age or older, have a five-year or more gap in their education, a minimum grade point average of 3.0, be involved in campus or community activities and demonstrate leadership, persistence and future promise.

Pinnacle is a national honor society that recognizes the achievements of outstanding reentry students.

### ➤ Use of seat belts encouraged this week

The Health Education Association of Utah has recently combined efforts with the Bear River Health Department to promote seat belt use among Utah State University students. A survey conducted by the Bear River Health Department in November 1999 found that just over half (54.5 percent) of USU students wear a seat belt, according to a recent news release.

Throughout the week, HEAU members have been watching for students wearing their seat belts and offering incentives to complying drivers and reminders to those who need it. In addition, USU police have given away free ice cream coupons to drivers wearing their seat belts. This will continue through this afternoon.

For more information about the effort to increase seat belt use among USU students, contact Brant Fannesbeck of the Bear River Health Department at 752-3730 Ext. 229.

### ➤ Real beer sold at grocery store

OGDEN (AP) — Customers at Smith's Food and Drug discovered, and quickly purchased, beer containing more than twice the state's legal limit of alcohol being sold on the store's shelves.

"I thought this was great," Ogden resident Sarah Eddy said. "My brother told me about it. So I went down there and picked up a six-pack for myself and my father."

"With the Olympics coming and all, I thought maybe they were going to allow us to buy real beer."

But Ken Wynn, director of the state's Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control, said selling the beer was against the law.

"We'll have someone from liquor law enforcement look into it immediately," he said.

This week the store was selling a shipment of Uintah Brewing Co.'s Sixth Anniversary Barley Wine that is 9.3 percent alcohol by volume, 5 percent over the legal alcohol limit for beer sold outside state-owned liquor stores.

Dale Dance, owner of the Salt Lake City-based microbrewery, said the mistake probably occurred when his distributor pulled the wrong cases for delivery. He said the company's beers come in similar-looking boxes.

Dance said those who bought the Sixth Anniversary Barley Wine got a bargain. It sells for \$2.55 a 12-ounce bottle at state liquor stores. Smith's was selling it for \$6.69 a six-pack.

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## Accused rapist pleads no contest

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Once a rising basketball star at Weber State, Damien Baskerville pleaded no contest Wednesday to charges stemming from two rape cases.

Baskerville had been scheduled to go to trial in 2nd District Court next week in an Ogden rape but his defense threw in the towel when prosecutors charged Baskerville Wednesday with another rape case in Riverdale.

Baskerville, 22, pleaded no contest to three third-degree felonies — two counts of attempted forcible sexual abuse and one count of witness tampering.

A first-degree felony charge of aggravated sexual assault was dismissed.

The charge stemmed from the April 11, 1999, rape of a 23-year-old Roy woman with whom he had previously had a sexual relationship.

Former WSU teammate Noel Jackson was a codefendant in that case until last week when prosecutors reduced the charges against him in return for his testimony against Baskerville.

Jackson faces sentencing April 18 on a gross lewdness charge.

The second attempted forcible sexual abuse charge stems from the Aug. 24, 1999, rape of a woman who asked Baskerville for a ride home from an Ogden restaurant.

In the plea agreement signed by Baskerville, prosecutors wrote they could have filed rape charges in the August incident, but agreed not to as part of the overall negotiations.

## Bush rallies for support of Utah County voters

PROVO (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush could have spent Thursday catching his breath, but instead stumped to supporters in one of the nation's most Republican counties.

"I'm here because I want to remind people that it's important to go to the polls tomorrow," Bush told a crowd at the Provo Airport on the eve of Utah's first presidential primary. "I know Sen. McCain has effectively taken his name out of contention, but there's still a primary."

John McCain announced Thursday that he would suspend his campaign. At his Utah stop, Bush pledged to reach out beyond the GOP to the Democrats and independents who rallied behind McCain.

"Once the nomination is secured, like it appears to be now, I'm going to make sure that when I travel around the country I'm going to speak to independents and like-minded Democrats," he told reporters.

But there were few non-Republicans at Thursday's rally in Provo, which is mostly Mormon and often called Utah's conservative capital. McCain supporters were hard to find, although a number of

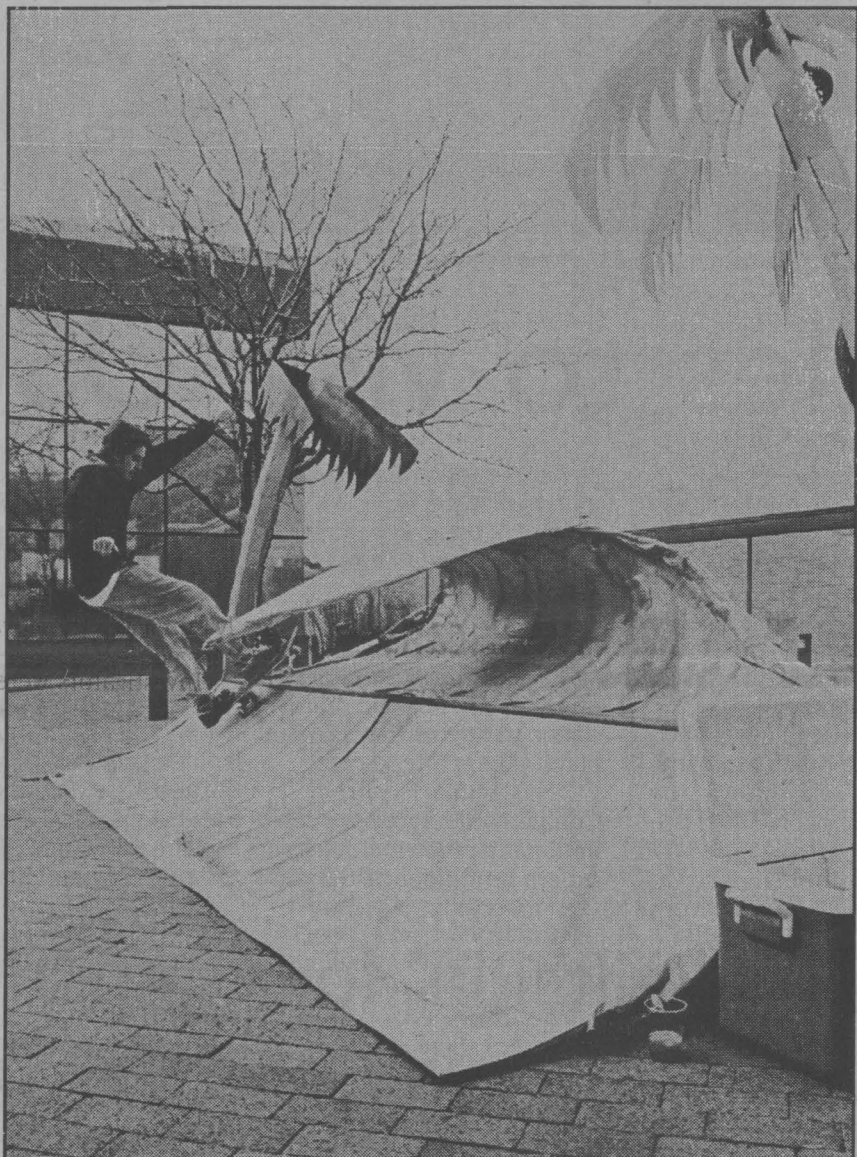
people said they liked Alan Keyes, who drew a record crowd of 4,000 to a speech in nearby Orem on Wednesday.

"I'm debating voting for Keyes just to make a statement as a conservative," said Dave Brown, 23, a recent graduate from Brigham Young University in Provo. "I like Bush, but he definitely has played to the center."

In his speech to the crowd of about 800, Bush outlined his plans to increase tax cuts, boost military spending, and put education reform in the hands of the states.

"I will work to pass the power out of Washington, back to Utah, with as much flexibility as possible," Bush said. He also called an end to the Clinton-Gore administration "the best reform for America," and said he hopes to make the next few years the "responsibility era."

Noticeably absent from his speech, however, was any reference to his appearance at Bob Jones University, which raised questions in Utah because the university's president, Bob Jones III, has described Mormons and Roman Catholics as "cults which call themselves Christian."



## Catchin' a wave?

Brett Denight skateboards on his assignment for his sculpture installations class in the FAV courtyard. Denight's assignment was to represent time with a sculpture, so he created summertime — complete with palm trees, cold drinks and a barbecue.

## Women collapse after taking date rape drug

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Three women collapsed on a night club dance floor early Thursday after taking the drug GHB, commonly known as the "date rape" drug, Salt Lake City police said.

One of the women was in serious condition in the intensive care unit at LDS Hospital.

"All three of them about died," Salt Lake Police Sgt. Don Bell said. "The one, the paramedics thought they were going to lose at the scene she was so bad off."

That woman, Tracy Shutt, 22, lost consciousness as she tried to make it to the bathroom at Club Axis.

Police were called to the club at 1:49 a.m. Thursday, only a few minutes after four women drank the GHB out of a water bottle.

Angela Mackey and Angela Haddenhan, both 23, were taken to Salt Lake Regional Medical Center where they were treated and released. A fourth woman, Amber Truscott, did not need to be transported.

Bell said at least one of the women knew the man who gave them the GHB.

One woman said they all knew they were taking the drug, he said.

Odorless, colorless and water soluble, it is commonly mixed with alcohol and is widely circulated in the so-called "rave" scene at dance clubs and bars, said Andy Malanga, an agent with the Drug Enforcement Agency in Salt Lake City.

In the past decade DEA officials have attributed about 60 deaths nationwide to GHB use, Malanga said.

President Clinton sign a law in February outlawing the drug; the Utah Legislature also passed a bill this year outlawing it.

If Gov. Mike Leavitt signs the bill, Utah will join more than two dozen states across the country that have made the drug illegal.

The federal law puts GHB into a class with meth, cocaine and marijuana.

## Local festival praised nationally

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY  
Media Relations

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The American Bus Association (ABA) announced that the Festival of the American West, presented at the American West Heritage Center July 28 through Aug. 5, has been designated by an elite tourism industry selection committee as one of the top 100 events in North America for 2000.

This prestigious designation is an important recognition by the group tour and travel industry and has been awarded to the Festival for the fifth consecutive year. It recognizes the high level of quality that goes into the planning and execution of the Festival of the American West, and the entertainment value it offers to both group motorcoach tours and individual travelers from around the world, award presenters said.

The trade organization of the motorcoach industry, ABA annually selects events that appeal to group travelers and that showcase North America's rich diversity. The association initiated the program in 1982 as a benefit for motorcoach tour and charter members, offering group tour organizers a reference or preparing fresh and exciting itineraries. Members of ABA's 2000 Top 100 Events selection committee chose from among hundreds of United States and Canadian events nominated by state and provincial tourism offices. In selecting the Festival of the American West, the committee considered the event's broad appeal, its accessibility to motorcoaches and other large groups, and a variety of other quality criteria.

Because objective quality criteria are used in the judging process, certain states and provinces may not receive any Top 100 designations in a given year, while others may be host to multiple events.

"We are elated that leaders of the group travel industry from all over the United States and Canada have recognized the outstanding entertainment value that the Festival of the American West has to offer the public," said Ronda Thompson, executive director of the American West Heritage Foundation and Center.

The Festival of the American West is an eight-day heritage festival celebrating the old West. It includes historical demonstrations, crafts, western entertainment and hands-on activities, capped with an outdoor pageant in a spectacular setting.

Single copies of a full-color, 24-page brochure listing the 2000 Top 100, as well as other internationally known U.S. and Canadian events, are available from ABA. Email a request for ABA's 2000 Top 100 Events in North America to [abainfo@buses.org](mailto:abainfo@buses.org) or send a postcard to 100 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 1050, Washington, D.C. 20005-3934. Additional copies are available for \$3.

For more information about the Festival of the American West, contact the American West Heritage Center at (435) 797-1143.

The American West Heritage Center living history site is located in Wellsville, Utah, six miles southwest of Logan, on U.S. Highway 89-91. It is the home of the Festival of the American West and the Jensen Farm. The project is a partnership between Utah State University and the American West Heritage Foundation.



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Online competition?

The official Utah State University Web site is no longer alone. Find out about two new sites serving USU students in March 22's paper.



The Aquila Theatre Company brings two classic Greek stories to the USU Morgan Theatre stage March 20 and 21. Aquila is a worldwide touring company from London, England.

## Homer, Sophocles to visit USU

DOUG SMEATH  
Assistant Features Editor

Greek theater is coming to Logan.

And it's coming all the way from London, England.

The Aquila Theatre Company is bringing two classic Greek plays to Logan in what an Associated Students of Utah State University press release called "a story-telling extravaganza."

The performances will

both take place at the Morgan Theatre in the Chase Fine Arts Center.

The first play, Homer's "The Iliad," will be presented Monday, March 20.

According to the press release, the play includes original live music and "spell-binding masks."

Tuesday, March 21, the company will present Sophocles' tragedy "Oedipus the King."

It, too, will include original live music and masks, accord-

ing to the press release.

The two plays will each run only one night, beginning the day USU students return from Spring Break.

As such, ASUSU Arts and Lectures Vice President Liz Adams said she is concerned about the timing.

However, Aquila is a nationally touring company, and Adams said this was the time they happened to be hitting Logan.

Adams said she is also concerned USU students and

Logan residents may be unfamiliar with the plays.

"Greek theater is really uncommon in Cache Valley," she said.

However, according to the press release, the company's quality alone — not to mention the timelessness and classic nature of the two plays — begs attendance.

"The Aquila Theatre Company has become internationally renowned for its superb renditions of the classics," according to the press

release.

Tickets for the two performances are sold separately.

Each play is \$3 for USU students with ID and \$15 for general seating.

Entrance for youth without student ID is \$7.

Tickets are available at the door, but they can also be purchased in the Taggart Student Center ticket office and at the USU Ticket Office in the Spectrum. More information can be found by calling 797-0305.

## 'The Color of Hope' pretty good — for an inspirational CD

JUSTIN BERRY  
Features Editor

For many people, the idea of Christian or Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints contemporary music brings flashes of fear, and they respond with the array of sighs, groans and eye-rolling.

But not all of the genre is bad. True, not all is good, but there are some good things out there.

Enter Tammy Robinson Simister. A former Utah State University student who went on to graduate from Weber State University with a degree in music education, Simister has released one previous album.

Her latest release is *The Color of Hope*.

Both albums contain music that is defined as spiritual and inspirational in nature.

She has worked with many big names in the Utah music scene including Greg Hansen and Janice Kapp Perry, but it is on her own that she brings *The Color of Hope*.

As is often the case with contemporary releases like this, the music has a distinct ring to it.

Many of the songs are similar in sound, with only a couple of songs standing out as unique from the rest of the album.

Perhaps the most memorable song on the album comes in on track nine.

"Jesus Wept" rings with a modern sound and picks up the tempo to give a break from the slower and more

### Music REVIEW

/ Grade: B+

poignant songs. The song adds some of the only real variety to the album with a fresh sound that is much needed.

It is able to break up the slower songs and gives a break from the more somber moments that fill this album.

Another song that offers a break from the more poignant songs is "Looketh on the Heart."

Here again the song offers a break from the slower songs and sends a very strong message of hope. Each verse offers a simple scene of how people look at each other and judge. Often, the world looks only on the outward appearance and fails to see the real person beneath the surface.

Again the music for this song is a change from the others that surround it.

For some the slower pace of this album will be calming and relaxing.

Unlike many other Utah-based contemporary artists like Michael McLean who fill their albums with songs that bounce from style to style, Simister has been able to keep the focus of her message without the clutter of her colleagues.

*The Color of Hope* is a good CD to have around for those quiet Sunday afternoons. Simister has found her place in the inspirational market and is a cut above many of the other musicians who release similar music.

## 'Rumpelstiltskin' for both kids and adults, shows one day only

CORINNE KATOR  
Senior Features Writer

The Utah State University Theatre department will perform "Rumpelstiltskin's Fire" Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Morgan Theatre of the Chase Fine Arts Center.

The play is part of the Theatre department's annual children's production, a program that has been presenting plays to the children of Cache Valley for over 40 years, according to a press release from the department. "Rumpelstiltskin's Fire" has been presented to school children all this week, and Saturday's performance will be the only public showing of the play.

"Rumpelstiltskin's Fire" is an original play by Ilana Lydia, a USU master's degree alumna, according to the press release. The play is based on the traditional story of a heroine guessing the name of Rumpelstiltskin in order to keep her firstborn child, but Lydia has added a twist.

"In the traditional fairy tale, a messenger arrives on the eve of the third night to describe how he saw Rumpelstiltskin dancing around a fire, singing his name," Sarah Jane Hardy, the show's director, said. "As a production team, we were all curious as to what happened to Rumpel from the time he left the tower to what led him to dance around his fire."

Hardy, who is also a USU master's degree alumna, said the play tells Rumpelstiltskin's story, explaining why he needs to steal a child and how he came to be the magical creature he is.

"It's a search for his humanness," she said.

Hardy is a native of Liverpool, England, and costume and set designer Nina Nikolic-McMillan is a native of the former Yugoslavia. Hardy said they both tried to incorporate European influences into the production.

"We wanted to produce the type of children's theater that we were familiar with in Europe, which emphasizes a carnival atmosphere of storytellers, jugglers, puppetry and tumblers," Hardy said. "By doing this, we're also giving some very talented actors an opportunity to do things they don't normally have a chance to do."

According to the press release, these actors



are Cory Castillo in the role of Rumpelstiltskin; Erica Stoddard in the role of the heroine; Kristie Sessions playing the heroine's hand maiden and Jessica Jorgensen, Aaron Martin, Sage Davis, Amber Tuttle, Matt Kohler, Eric Van Tielen and Milo Mowery as ensemble actors.

Hardy said she hopes the play will not only be enjoyable, but will also convince children live theater is a good source of alternative entertainment.

Tickets are available only at the doors, which will open at 1:30 p.m.

They are \$5 per adult with up to three accompanying children, ages 5 and older. Each additional child is \$3. Tickets are free to USU students with valid ID.

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things to see

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Also on Sunday  
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### THEATER

"Rumpelstiltskin's Fire"  
Utah State Theatre  
Conservatory Series  
Morgan Theatre  
2 p.m.  
free with USU ID  
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### March 20

### GREEK THEATER

"The Iliad"  
Aquila Theatre Company  
Morgan Theatre  
7:30 p.m.  
\$3 with USU ID  
\$15 without ID  
\$7 youth without ID

### March 21

### GREEK THEATER

"Oedipus the King"  
Aquila Theatre Company  
Morgan Theatre  
7:30 p.m.  
\$3 with USU ID  
\$15 without ID  
\$7 youth without ID

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# 'Drowning Mona' flat humor, no plot and a horrible accent by Neve Campbell

STEPHEN HUNTER  
The Washington Post

About halfway through *Drowning Mona*, you wish the director had thought a little bigger. Why did he stop with Mona? Why didn't he drown the whole damned cast!

This is ostensibly a black comedy based on the theory that no trash is trashier than white trash. The setting is Verplanck, N.Y., an Upstate burg whose only growth industry — that is, when hunting or fishing seasons aren't open — is the local diner. Verplanck is ruled by a town bully — the braying sociopath Mona Dearly, who dearly loathes all that is not Dearly, Mona. One day she goes for a drive and ends up in the river, to the huzzahs and high-fives of the crowd. The accident soon proves to have been set up. Possible suspects would include the town of Verplanck, N.Y.

Mona is played by Bette Midler, under a snarl as one-pointed as a hyena's; she hates everybody except her fat, worthless son, Jeff (Marcus Thomas), whom she merely dislikes intensely. She hates her dim, adulterous husband (William Fichtner) and her son's business partner (Casey Affleck), whom Jeff is ruining with his laziness and irresponsibility. To all these folks and many others too numerous to name, Midler brings a fury that can have been achieved only by reading her reviews in *Isn't She Great*. It's as if she will make Verplanck, N.Y., pay for Hollywood's idiocy in casting her as Jacqueline Susann.

I should tell you the one funny thing about Verplanck, N.Y., and — big surprise — it isn't that funny. It's that the Yugo company selected Verplanck as a test site when it was introducing the Yugo to America. So everybody in this town drives a Yugo. There are so many Yugos, including police cars, that it's surprising the Air Force didn't bomb the place last year. As I said: not funny.

Basically the movie unspools in flashback as amiable police chief Wyatt Rash (Danny DeVito, whose company produced it) strolls about interviewing people, thus offering a platform for juicily repulsive Mona stories. That's the movie's primary thrill, not its dim plot: It's not terribly interested in its own unclever mystery, which it solves perfunctorily.

Of the characters, only Jamie Lee Curtis, as the diner waitress who was shagging both Mona's husband and son, seems alive. Otherwise, the movie plays flat. And who advised

Neve Campbell, as Chief Rash's daughter, to do a harsh Jersey accent? The director, Nick Gomez (who directed many "Homicide" episodes as well as the well-regarded indie *Laws of Gravity*), should know better, but possibly his wasn't the pervasive influence on the set. That may have belonged to DeVito, for in its way the movie is far more expressive of his comic sensibility than any Gomez has shown.

*Drowning Mona* is of a piece with two DeVito successes of yore: *Ruthless People* and *Throw Momma*

## Movie REVIEW

/Grade: C+

From the *Train*, both edgy and cynical, both of which took their power from their utter refusal to indulge in conventional empathies toward the victimized.

In recollection those films both enjoyed what *Drowning Mona* utterly lacks: not edge, but energy.

It ... seems ... to ... happen ... like ... this. There's plenty of time between the laughs.



Everybody hates Bette Midler's character in the unfunny, plotless new film 'Drowning Mona.' Most attempts at humor and mystery fail.

## Napster clogging campus servers with pirated songs

PATRICK KERKSTRA  
Knight-Ridder Tribune

Say the word Napster to college administrators lately, and the image that springs to their collective minds is not a slackening sophomore dozing off in statistics class.

Nowadays, Napster is better known as the computer program wreaking havoc on college networks locally and across the country. Released just last August, Napster gives students and other users an easy way to swap digital music recordings — called MP3s — across the Internet.

Available at the Napster Web site, the program already has enabled thousands to quickly build vast computerized music libraries at no cost to the user.

It is free and — at least for college students who have grown up with computers — relatively easy to use.

Too easy, if you ask some college administrators. From Kent State to Bryn Mawr, network managers at dozens of schools say heavy Napster use is draining college computer networks of the capacity, or bandwidth, needed to conduct research and day-to-day business. In some cases, Napster-addicted students are accounting for more than 40 percent of a school's network traffic.

The situation is so bad at some colleges network managers have scrambled to block access to Napster's service, irritating students and inspiring "anti-censorship" petitions that seek to have Napster access

restored.

"We were totally surprised by how quickly it's grown," said Stephanie Norton, a senior marketing manager at Napster Inc. "We had no idea that it was going to clog up the bandwidth like it did."

At Bryn Mawr College, network managers returned after Thanksgiving break to find that nearly 100 percent of the college's outbound Internet traffic was originating in a single campus computer. Napster was to blame.

Sixty miles away at Pennsylvania's Kutztown University, intense network activity slowed user speeds to an agonizing crawl for almost two weeks. At times, network users were unable to send e-mail or visit a Web site at all. Napster again.

"We try to stress technology in our education programs, and here students and professors were having trouble completing their course requirements," said Richard Zera, the university's vice president for information technology.

Making the Napster siege even less acceptable, Zera said, was knowing that many of the music files being traded are copyrighted. There is little dispute among administrators or students that of the million or so songs available on Napster at any given time, most are pirated, illegitimate copies that are illegal to distribute.

So Kutztown shut down Napster service on campus.

The result, Zera said, was a "dramatic and instant" improvement in network performance.

The school was not the first, and will not be the last, to cut off access. Northwestern, the University of Texas, Tufts, and dozens of other colleges have already pulled the plug on the program through a variety of technical filters and Internet-address blocking.

Napster users are not happy with the trend.

Some 2,700 students have signed an electronic petition declaring the Napster bans an assault on their First Amendment rights. A number of Web sites and the neophyte organization Students Against University Censorship are trying to rally opposition to the university bans. One Napster information site, run by Kutztown University student Rick Fletcher, reveals a way for the technologically savvy to get around university bans.

"Universities across the nation are talking and sharing ideas on how to 'deal' with Napster," reads Fletcher's site. "Now, we will be uniting across the nation to prepare ourselves to deal with the universities."

But Fletcher and other students, such as SAUC founder and Indiana University student Chad Paulson, say they understand the bandwidth concerns. What they really want is dialogue with the school administration and a chance to cut Napster use on campus down to network-tolerable levels.

"For (many students) this is their first time on the Internet, and they don't understand downloading MP3s, number one, could be illegal and, number two, could take up a lot of

bandwidth," Paulson said. Although Napster is new to college campuses, MP3s are not. Since MP3 technology was first popularized in 1998, students have popped CDs into their computers and converted songs into the smaller MP3 format. Before that innovation, pop-length songs were too large to be easily transferred over the Internet.

The smaller file sizes, coupled with high-speed campus Internet connections that are hundreds of times faster than the dial-up modems used in most homes, enabled students to trade converted songs via e-mail, Web sites, and other equally decentralized means.

Some technically inclined students had amassed thousands of MP3s well before Napster was available. For many, though, the considerable amount of time it sometimes took to find a desired song was not worth it.

Napster made the process a lot easier.

The program, which was developed by a 19-year-old college student, not only gives users an easy way to track down songs they'd like to download; it also transforms a user's personal computer and MP3 library into a part of the Napster network. Unless Napster users specifically choose not to, they make their personal machines into public MP3 servers every time they load the program.

It is that element of Napster that particularly troubles not just network managers, but the music-recording industry as well.

## MIND MAP

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tem of government. She got blank stares.

Then she drew a circle in the middle of a poster and wrote the words: "U.S. Government." One student called out: "presidents." The next shouted: "Bill Clinton." Another called out: "taxes."

"Suddenly we had a web," Zaiderman said, pointing to a jumble of words, lines and sketches on the poster. "All of

them started thinking visually and tapping into what they knew."

Another day, her students mapped out information about poems they had crafted and "webbed" the outline of a story about their lives.

Chloe drew a circle that said: "How I live." Out of the circle came lines marked "Egypt" and "France," countries she has lived in, and each of those lines was connected to smaller ones listing details about those places. She then used her outline to write an eight-page essay.

"I like webbing because it makes it easier to remember. You don't have to think, 'Now, what was that again?'" Chloe said. She explained how she had used different colors for different aspects of the story. "Red is for what people act like. Orange is for travel. Oh, and light blue: for if it's fancy or cool."

It's pretty simple, Chloe said, shrugging her shoulders. She went on explaining it, showing that it made perfect sense to her. And that's what was important, her teacher said.



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## SPORTS

## Spring Break

## BASKETBALL BREAKDOWN:

While you're surfing and laying on the beach during Spring Break, our writers will be following the basketball team's every move. Pick up a March 22 issue of the *Statesman* for a recap.OK, you got  
lucky — best  
two out of  
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THE HOBSON HUT/ Casey Hobson



I know what you've been thinking lately. I know you've been sitting at home wondering what became of the *Statesman* basketball team. You've probably even had a good chuckle or three over it.

In case you haven't heard, the *Statesman* basketball team didn't do as well as expected. To be quite honest, the team flat-out sucked. We went 0-5 and lost our first and only tournament game, too. This after being picked by a panel of local media — namely ourselves — to finish first.

But it's not like it seems. We were sabotaged.

"Sabotaged?"

That's right, sab-o-freakin-taged.

It was a sabotage from the inside. The team just never gelled. I don't know what it was, but the chemistry just never chemistried, so to speak. Oh, we had talent all right. Our center, Reuben Wadsworth, was 7-foot-12, and if that's not talent, I don't know what is. We just ran into all sorts of problems — the unexpected types, you know. We had players riding the pine with injuries and all sorts of things.

Point guard Grant Gold, who we were counting on to bring the ball down for us, decided shortly after the season began that he wanted to be a two-sport athlete.

I have no problems with that. Two-sport athletes are the thing these days. Heck, Deion Sanders is even returning to baseball — or trying to anyway. It was the sport Gold chose (snowboarding) that became the issue. Gold decided he wanted to spend his nights on the slopes instead of the courts. He left us without a point guard, which took shooting guard Wade Denniston out of his natural position. Denniston did all right, but his point production fell off dramatically. I'll get back to him in a minute.

Our backup center, Elizabeth Maudsley, ended up walking away from the team in a contract squabble. I've tried to keep my nose clean on the subject. The last thing I want is to get caught between my teammates and the management. That said, the word around the locker room is that management signed her to a one-year, \$4.5 million deal before the season. After a monstrous first game, Maudsley went back to the negotiating tables and demanded an even \$5 million plus incentives. *Statesman* management refused, and Maudsley quit the team.

"It's not about the money," she said.

But losing Maudsley shouldn't have hurt us too much. After all, we still had Wadsworth, right? Well, kind of. Wadsworth — or Ranger Reub as he's known to hockey fans — spent some time on the disabled list this season. It just wasn't his year. He caught an elbow to the stomach or groin every time he turned around. He spent a lot of time nursing injuries, and it created a major hole in the middle for us.

As if Denniston didn't have enough to worry about as he learned a new position, he was also trying to cope with the drama of everyday life on "Days of Our Lives." I guess Hope was kidnapped and pregnant and no one knew where she was or whose baby she was cultivating. Denniston took it pretty hard. He showed up to games and practice with giant bags under his eyes from all the sleepless nights. His shot suffered as a result, too. By the time he recovered to form, our season was spinning way out of control.

I have to admit, I didn't help the team a whole lot. I fell in love during the season and it affected my game. I didn't realize it at the time, but my teammates told me I just walked aimlessly around the court. I never played defense. I just jogged back and forth singing Gary Wright's "Dream Weaver." They finally had to just sit me on the bench because I was getting hurt way too often. I kept getting hit in the head with passes and falling to the floor.

"It was really sad, actually," teammate Cory Hill said. "He was once a decent player, but he lost his edge. Now his career is up in the air. I don't know if he'll ever be the player we once knew."

However, as horrid as all these problems were, I expect they'll be ironed out by next season, and the *Statesman* Stubbies will once again be the team to beat. In fact, go ahead and pencil them into the No. 1 slot right now. We will be back.

Casey Hobson, a junior from Boise, Idaho, is the sports editor at the *Statesman*. He was devastated to learn of John Smoltz's season-ending injury which will require Tommy John surgery. E-mail Hobson at [hobsonhut@hotmail.com](mailto:hobsonhut@hotmail.com).

## USU picks up where it left off

## Aggies open Big West tournament with 23-point blowout over Pacific

AARON MORTON  
Assistant Sports Editor

RENO, Nev. — Utah State University used a bruising defense to roll over the University of the Pacific, 64-41.

The Aggies will take on the winner of the University of Nevada, Reno/University of California at Santa Barbara game in the second semifinal game at about 9:30 p.m. tonight in the Lawlor Events Center.

**USU 64**  
**PACIFIC 41**

## Game MVP:

Troy Rolle, who scored a game-high 16 points, 10 of which came in the first half as USU claimed a commanding lead.

## Key Stat:

USU players combined for 18 assists and turned the ball over a season-low five times.

## Turning point:

Shaun Daniels tossed an alley-oop to Rolle who slammed it down with just over six minutes remaining in the first half. The play gave USU a 28-11 lead.

USU held the Tigers to 33 percent from the field, allowing the fewest points all season. The Aggies dominated the inside with a season-high nine blocks and didn't let a UOP player reach double digits.

"I thought we set the tone with our defensive intensity," head coach Stew Morrill said. "That was the most pleasing thing to me."

USU's defensive intensity led to 10 steals and several fast breaks, especially in the first half. Utah State's early 38-18 lead came in large part to quick points off Tiger turnovers.

"Our defense led to our offense," Morrill said.

The Aggies also took care of the ball. They committed just five turnovers and combined for 18 assists.

In contrast to the regular season match-up with the Tigers in Logan, Feb. 19, where the Aggies shot 47 percent, USU shot better than 84 percent Thursday night.

"We've made them when we had to," Morrill said. "In close games (and) in tournament time."

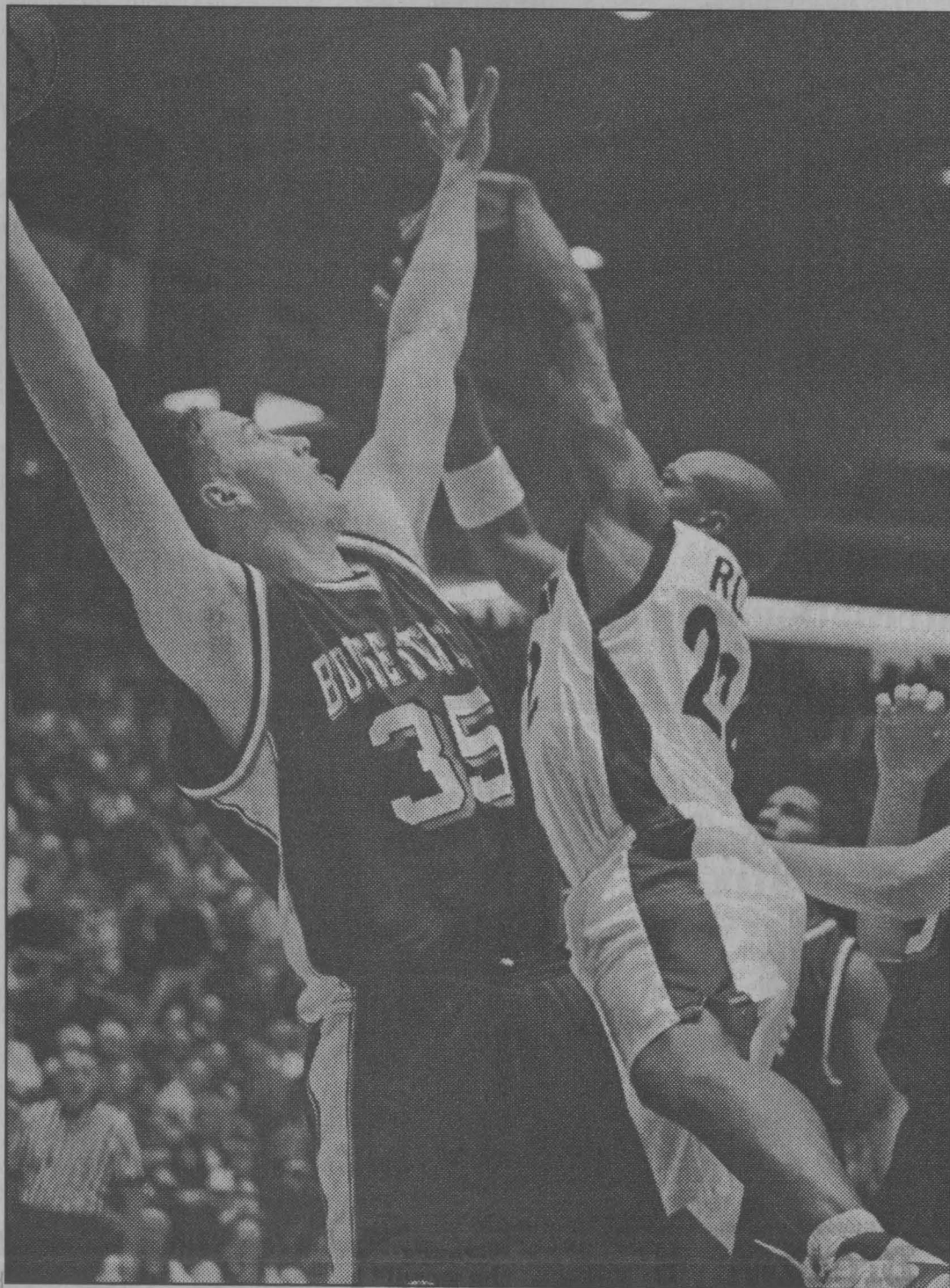
Junior guard Bernard Rock thought it might be the Lawlor Events Center, where his team shot nearly 90 percent.

USU jumped out on the Tigers in the early going, and it was senior Troy Rolle who led the Aggies. Rolle scored 10 of his game-high 16 points in the first half.

His most spectacular bucket was the alley-oop dunk from Daniels' pass, which brought the large-Aggie crowd to its feet.

Both Morrill and Daniels commented on how the crowd helped them.

"Our fans helped a lot," Daniels said. "It always helps to have someone cheering for us."



USU's Troy Rolle challenges BSU's Richard Morgan (35) during the Aggie's victory Saturday in the Spectrum.

## Long Beach State 97, Idaho 86

In the first quarterfinal, the 49ers, behind 36 points by Mate Milisa, came from behind to defeat the University of Idaho.

The Vandals led 54-48 at the half behind 68 percent shooting from the field. Guard Gordon Scott scored 22 in the first half, but like his team, ran out of gas in the second half and didn't score many points.

Milisa's 36 points ties a Big West Conference

Tournament record. The Long Beach State University center was named BWC MVP Tuesday.

## New Mexico State 70, UC Irvine 51

Billy Keys scored all but four of his 23 points in the first half as the Aggies routed the Anteaters Thursday afternoon.

New Mexico State University owned a 37-14 lead early in the first half and cruised to victory.

The Aggies will now take on LBSU in what should be the marquee match-up for today.

USU racking up  
the recordsWADE DENNISTON  
Senior Sports Writer

RENO, Nev. — It has been a record-setting season for the Utah State University basketball team.

After all, the Aggies had their best season in the Big West Conference with a perfect 16-0 record, were the quickest USU team ever to reach 20 wins, set a school record for most road wins in a row at eight and finished February with an 8-0 record — USU's best ever mark in that month.

But wait, there's more.

USU improved its nation's longest winning streak to 17 games (a school record, as well) with a 64-41 victory over the University of the Pacific at the Lawlor Events Center, in Reno, Nev., in its opening game of the Big West Tournament.

The victory gave the Aggies 26 wins on the season (to only five

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## Track trying to continue dominance

SYLVIA TURNER  
Sports Writer

The Utah State University Track and Field team might be the most dominating program at USU. After all, the women's team has won the Conference championship six years in a row, and the men's team has won five out of the last six years.

Along with the team's success, there have also been numerous individual Conference Champions as well as many who have achieved All-American status.

The teams have a chance to continue that winning tradition this weekend as James Parker, Marcus Morgan and Lance Thurston will represent USU at the NCAA Indoor Track Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

Junior James Parker is ranked sixth in the nation as he automatically qualified for the NCAA with his school record toss of 75-foot-2-inches in the weight throw. This will be Parker's third time at

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USU's Lance Thurston clears 7-foot-2.5 inches in the high jump at the Track and Field Championships in Reno, Nev., Feb. 25. Thurston is a senior.

## Aggies IN ACTION

Thursday  
Basketball

Utah State 73  
Boise State 52

## Friday

Basketball  
Round two of Big West tournament

## Softball

NIST tournament,  
San Jose, Calif.

## Saturday

Basketball  
Big West  
tournament finals

## Softball

NIST tournament  
continues

## Sunday

Gymnastics  
Utah State @ Texas  
Woman's

The USU gymnastics team will be hosting the Big West Conference championships March 18 at 7 p.m. in the Spectrum.





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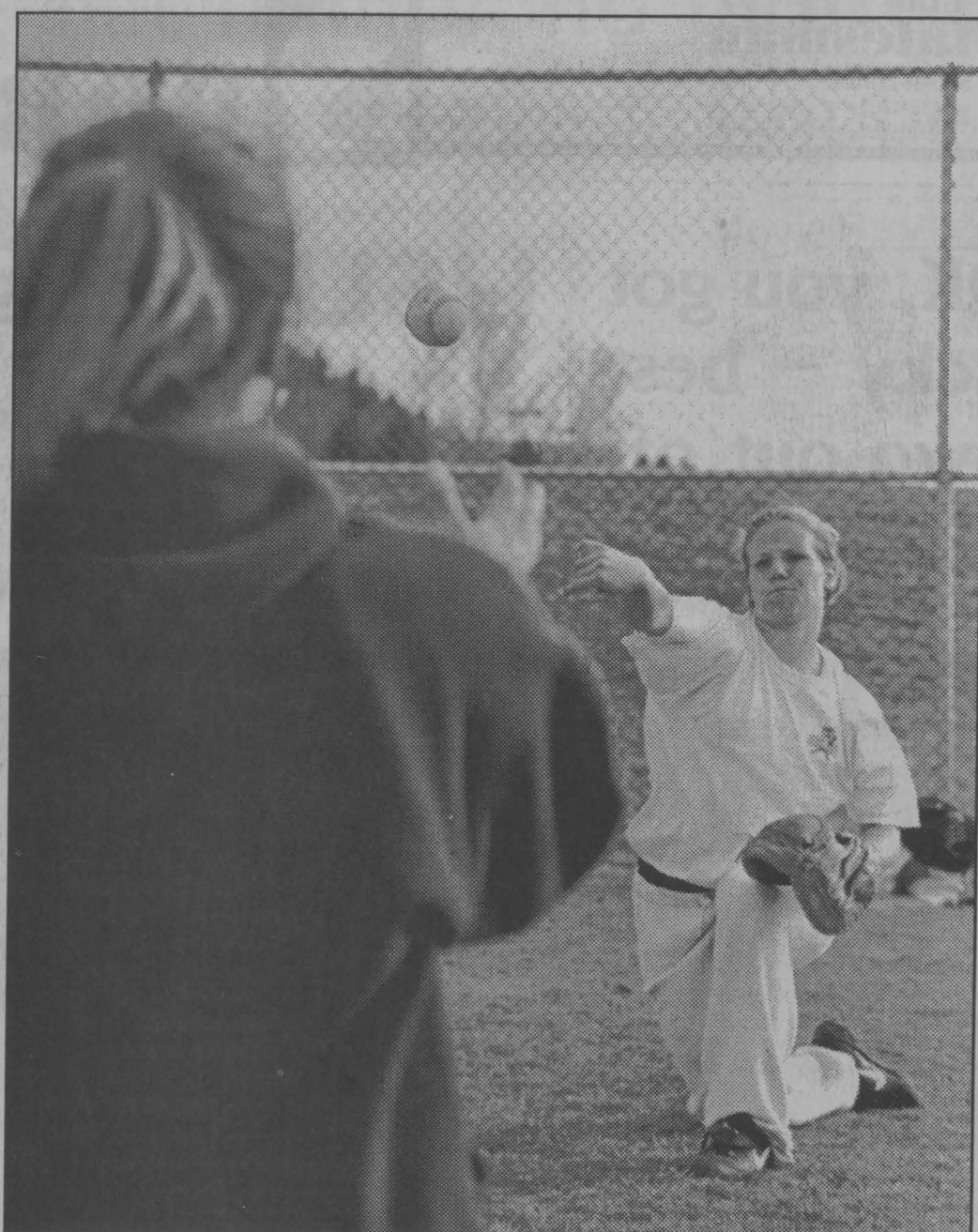
## Gymnastics team to host Big West championships

STAFF REPORT  
Utah Statesman

The Utah State University gymnastics team will host the Big West Championships March 18 in the Spectrum at 7 p.m.

The Aggies play Texas Woman's in Denton, Texas, this weekend as they close out their season.

USU defeated Texas Woman's on Feb 3, in the Spectrum.



USU catcher Breanne Nickle, a sophomore, plays soft-toss with a teammate during practice last week.

## USU hits road in hopes of rebounding from last weekend's losses to SUU

AARON MORTON  
Assistant Sports Editor

After a disappointing doubleheader in Cedar City against Southern Utah University, the Utah State University softball team will go on a 10-day road trip to California.

After faring well against several ranked teams, the Aggies dropped two games (6-3, 11-10) to the Thunderbirds, giving SUU its first wins of the season.

USU kicks off the consecutive-day road trip with the National Invitational Softball Tournament (NIST) in Sunnyvale, Calif. The competition doesn't get any easier as the Aggies will take on No. 7 University of California, No. 23 University of Nebraska and Kent State University today. Those games will determine USU's seed for the next day's tournament on Saturday.

Last year, the Aggies were 1-5 at the NIST

tournament, notching their second win of the season with a victory over the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. That win kicked off a five game winning streak.

Then the team will take a short trip to Saint Mary's college to play a doubleheader on Tuesday.

On Thursday, the Aggies will close out their Spring Break road trip at the Sacramento State Tournament. The SST is the final tournament for the Aggies before Big West play, which starts March 25.

Utah State has just three players batting above .300, but batting leaders Sandy Taylor and Breanne Nickle are exhibiting a lot of pop in their bats. They are first and second in the Big West Conference in slugging percentage with .722 and .730 respectively.

However, the Aggie pitchers are struggling. Only Amy Settlemyer and Kelly Warner have ERA's around five.

## TRACK

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the Championships, and he will try to earn his fifth All-American title.

"James has a possibility (of) earning the highest mark of any USU athlete that has finished at the NCAA," said head coach Gregg Gensel. "The thing that I like about James is he is one of the hardest workers on the team. He not only has a lot of natural talent, but he works hard to accomplish the things that he has."

Because of a back injury, Parker says he is only performing at about 70 to 80 percent, but remains optimistic about the competi-

tion.

"I will finish in the top six if I throw at my best," he said.

Coming to Utah State all the way from Australia, Morgan, a senior, is ranked 11th in the nation with his qualifying mark in the mile of 4:03.07. The mark ranks Morgan second among top USU performers and is his personal record.

"All three of us made this our goal to make it to the nationals," Morgan said. "Hopefully I can bust out the best race because I would really like to see myself run on TV."

Senior Lance Thurston is tied for 14th place in the nation and qualified for the Championships with his

mark of 7 feet, 2.5 inches in the high jump. Thurston is ranked second in Utah State history in his event.

"Lance came here as a walk-on and has worked hard enough to accomplish the goal of going to the NCAA meet," Gensel said. "Knowing his personality, he will want to do more than just go, but do well enough to make All-American."

"It feels good to see the hard work paying off, and hopefully it will continue this weekend," Thurston said. "And by the way, some white men can jump."

Parker, Morgan and Thurston are examples of the many athletes that have achieved success competing against the nation's best.

## RECORDS

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losses), which set another school record.

"It's a great feeling for us to come out and keep winning games," said Utah State junior forward Shawn Daniels. "It's great that we set a school record."

The 6-foot-6 Daniels also said it wasn't the Aggies' goal to set a record in overall wins. The team's goal was simply to make it to the Big Dance, and it is two games away from locking up an automatic berth.

"Records don't really mean anything," Daniels said. "If we get two more wins, that means we get to the NCAA Tournament. That's what we've wanted to do all year."

## Cincinnati star breaks leg

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Cincinnati star Kenyon Martin broke his right leg early in the first half, and the top-ranked Bearcats lost their postseason opener 68-58 Thursday to Saint Louis.

The senior watched from the bench as Justin Love scored 25 points in leading ninth-seeded Saint Louis to the upset victory in the Conference USA quarterfinals.

Saint Louis outshot and outrebounded the Bearcats, who had trouble even finding the basket for much of the second half.

Cincinnati led 40-36 with 16:05 left on a jumper by Pete Mickeal, but John Redden put Saint Louis ahead to stay with a 15-foot jumper that made it 48-47 with 12:35 remaining.

The Bearcats didn't hit a shot from the floor for almost 10 minutes until Mickeal's basket with 1:16 remaining.

Saint Louis didn't miss and

hit 10-of-12 free throws in the final 2:44.

### No. 3 Duke 94, Clemson 63

Shane Battier scored 19 points and No. 3 Duke opened its quest for its 11th ACC title by dominating Clemson inside and out in a 94-63 victory Thursday night.

The Blue Devils (25-4) shot 56 percent, including making an Atlantic Coast Conference tournament-record 17 of 29 3-point attempts, and had a 38-28 edge on the boards, helping them defeat Clemson for the ninth consecutive time.

Duke used a 31-4 run in the first half to take control of a game that matched the highest-scoring team in the ACC against the league's last-place team in scoring and shooting.

Freshman Mike Dunleavy made a successful return after missing four games.

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## OCTOBER 1, 1999 USU vs. WEBER

USU commences the 1999-00 season with a 9-9 tie against archrival Weber State University after holding just five practices.

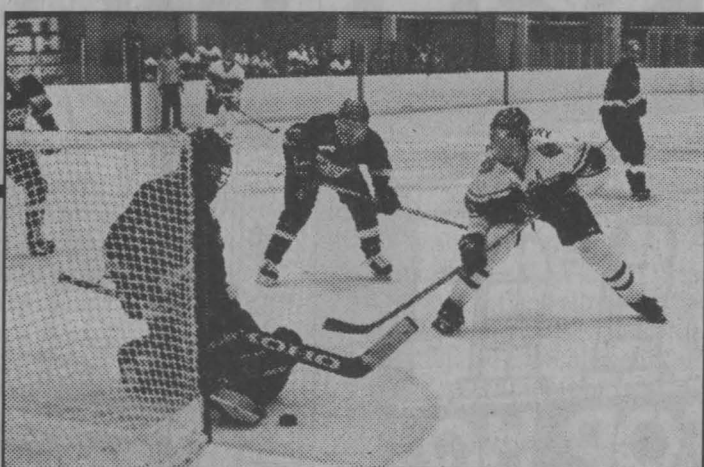


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## USU vs. COLORADO STATE

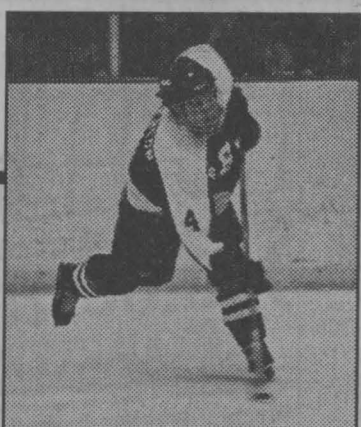
USU shows No. 1 Colorado State University who's boss with a 2-1 victory. After so many lopsided victories, USU assistant coach George Moldenhauer said, "There's nothing better than a 2-1 hockey game."



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## FEB. 25, 2000 RCHMA PLAYOFFS

USU came together in the game that mattered most, rebounding from its 8-2 loss to Weber a week earlier with a 5-2 victory over the Wildcats in the RMCHA championship game.

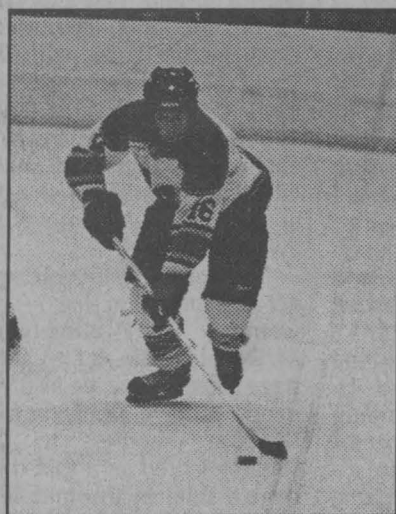


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The victory gave USU its first league championship since the 1996-97 season. "It's the best hockey feeling I've ever had," USU goaltender Eric Moldenhauer said.

## Nov. 12-13 1999 USU vs. WEBER

Sweet redemption. USU skates to 8-4 and 5-2 victories in back-to-back nights against Weber after going winless against the Wildcats the previous season. The Aggies, still undefeated, improved to 10-0-1.



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## FEB. 18, 2000 USU vs. WEBER

Rock Bottom. Weber defeats USU 8-2. The game not only marked the first time all season that USU lost to Weber, but the first time a USU player actually threw a punch. The loss was USU's fourth in a row after opening the season 19-0-1.

## MARCH 1-4, 2000 NCAA DIVISION II TOURNAMENT

The team travels to Indianapolis and takes fifth place in the tournament after a disappointing 3-2 loss to Miami (OH). Miami scored the winning goal with 2.2 seconds remaining.

## Hockey captains reflect on USU career, recall the good times and their legacies

REUBEN WADSWORTH  
Sports Writer

Utah State University assistant captains Alan Babicky and Nate Anderson, who both just played their last hockey game as Aggies, were asked a few questions in order to reflect on their experiences playing hockey. Here are the questions and their responses:

## What were some of your favorite moments as a USU hockey player?

**Babicky:** A favorite moment is hard to pick because we have had so much fun on, and off, the ice. One thing I know I will never forget was defeating Weber State in the two RMCHA championship games during the 96-97 and 99-00 seasons. It was pretty hard to top that feeling as a USU hockey player.

**Anderson:** There are several moments that will stand out in my mind. In 1996-97, we beat Weber 5-3 to win the RMCHA title for the first time in school history.

My first game as an Aggie in the fall of '96, my father flew in from Alaska to watch. I was able to score five goals in that 9-5 win over San Jose State.

In '97 we came back from a three

goal deficit to tie Weber 6-6. I scored with 40 seconds left with our goalie pulled.

In '98 on my first (wedding) anniversary, I scored on a pass from Alan Babicky with 12 seconds left to tie St. Louis University. I blew a kiss to my wife, Allison, in the stands.

In '97-98 our team came together like no one would ever believe. We played solid and beat Penn State 4-2 to advance to the final four of the national tournament. What a rush. Every time we would walk onto the ice and see the look in the mini-mites eyes as they slapped our hands and wished us luck — I was proud to be a member of the team and proud to be a role model. It is also an unbelievable experience to walk on the ice and feel the adrenaline that a sold out arena can bring. What great fans.

## Why has playing hockey for USU been a first class experience?

**Babicky:** It takes into account everyone who helps or supports the hockey program. But the two people who give the program its character are our head coach Jerry Crossley and general manager Len Bauman. These two individuals work very hard to make everything

go smoothly.

**Anderson:** Team organization has been wonderful. The coaches put in over 1,000 hours of their own time. The club presidency works with the league to complete scheduling, secure contracts, line up officials, etc. The behind the scenes work is numerous. The whole structure of this program is impressive. The dedication and sacrifice that individuals make for USU hockey is a true tribute to them.

## What legacy do you think you've left as a USU hockey player?

**Babicky:** I don't know if I have. The only things I hope will continue after I am gone are the locker room stories. The older players on the team always inform the new guys on some of the interesting things that have gone on in the past. I know we have created a couple of stories these last couple of years, and I hope they are passed down.

**Anderson:** I hope the legacy I have left is one of sportsmanship and hard work. To be a true sportsman is the

greatest tribute an athlete can have. Wayne Gretzky is the perfect example of a star athlete who was also a sportsman. He played the game hard — as hard as anyone ever — but, he never let himself become bigger than the

*'I will tell them it was a damn good time.'*

• ALAN BABICKY •  
ON HIS YEARS AS A  
USU HOCKEY  
PLAYER

game. He always appreciated the fans and always played with class. USU hockey is better today than when Alan and I came along. I hope the next group will continue working to be able to say the same.

## What have you learned as a player?

**Babicky:** Each player is different and contributes to the team in a unique way. You have to accept each individual for his strengths and weaknesses and hopefully combine these characteristics in a positive way.

**Anderson:** USU hockey has taught me much of perseverance and attitude. There are many times that it would have been easy to forego the late nights and difficult schedule, but pushing through the difficulties taught me that success comes only through

adversity.

## Where do you hope or think the program will go from here?

**Babicky:** I think the program will continue to grow and gain popularity. I don't see the program becoming NCAA Division I in the near future — if ever. However, I would like to see it gain more support from local businesses and the university, so players do not have to worry about the cost of hockey. Hopefully this will happen once the rink in Logan is complete, but we are happy as long as we are playing.

**Anderson:** With the fan base and quality management that exists in USU hockey, it can only go up. With the Bridgerland Community Ice Arena also well on its way, we are excited to see what USU hockey can become.

## What will you tell your kids and grandkids about your experience playing hockey?

**Babicky:** I will tell them it was a damn good time and lie about how good I was.

**Anderson:** I will tell my kids and grandkids that hockey is a game that I love. I believe it to be the greatest game on earth. Someday I hope they too will play for the Aggies.

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Student seating  
needs protecting

I am writing concerning student seating. There is a growing depletion of seats available for students in which to sit. During basketball and football games there is always the issue of seating. Students cannot sit in the seated ticket area and the same should go for the seated ticket holders. In the spectrum the student section is from section F to P.

During the game against Boise State Saturday night, there was a swarm of parents and kids that sat in the student section. Students that had purchased student tickets were left standing on the concourse to watch the game because there were no seats left in the student section. In section P there was a man that was saving five seats and would not let students sit in them. Those seats remained empty throughout the game, and the man was not even a student. I heard complaints from students of the mess created by the lack of enforcement in student seating. Ushers stop non-ticket holders from entering the ticketed area at the concourse level and so should they in the student seating area.

Before the game Saturday I argued with the head usher Galen Gerber about the seating. There were kids sitting on the front row of the student section F. When I approached him about the situation, he became argumentative and told me those kids had as much right to sit there as the students did. I reminded him who pays the fees to sit there and he replied that the kids pay their fees. Wrong — you can't tell me that a 12 year old pays student fees.

On March 6, I called the manager over ticket sales in the Spectrum and asked him what was the policy of the student section. He said that sections F through P were general student seating. I asked him if a person that was not a student could purchase a general admission ticket and he replied no. He said they could only by a seated ticket. He also said that is something that

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they cannot control. I disagree. They already control reserved seated tickets. I don't see a problem with anyone sitting in those seats after the game has been going for several minutes, but the priority is the students. It is ridiculous for the students to have to argue with the ushers to keep their seats. It is time for someone to take a stand and represent the student's concerns with problems such as this one.

Jake Chase

Utah laws  
promote mediocrity

This is written in response to Wednesday's letter from Rob Harris, in which he writes, "Laws are written to protect people." If this were true, then why did the Utah Legislature "protect people" by passing a law that would prohibit the possession of a gun in church or in school?

Although laws are meant to protect people, the Utah Legislature apparently operates by different motives; it writes laws (or not) to oppress people. Another example of this is their failure to address the issue of racial profiling by the police.

By banning sex education, the legislature has paved the way to learning about a biologically and socially critical component of life by hearsay or, worse yet, from the Internet. The attribution of premarital sex, divorce and the breakdown of family values to sex education is just silly. The actions (and lack thereof) by the Utah Legislature against education in general, and sex education in particular, is characteristic of its ongoing effort to promote mediocrity.

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Associate Professor of Biology

## Unique properties of water

WEATHER WATCH (FROM UTAH CLIMATE CENTER) / Zane Stephens



We often take water for granted. Usually there are no shortages. We can turn on the tap and enjoy a clean, fresh drink.

Water covers two-thirds of our planet's surface and yet we rarely think about its influence on life and our climate system. We occasionally think of water when a drought situation occurs and we are restricted by how many times we can water our lawn or wash our cars.

Water has very unique qualities which enable life to exist. Without these special qualities, no life would exist as we know it. Without the special qualities of water the earth's climate and weather systems would be much different and very radical compared to how it operates now.

The first of water's unique characteristics is it can be found on earth as a solid, liquid and gas. Most substances can be found in one or two phases such as a liquid or a solid but not all three. Water is found in the atmosphere as a gas, and on the sur-

face and atmosphere as a liquid and solid. The change in phase of gaseous water to a liquid moves heat from the equator to the poles and keeps temperatures more moderate. The result is warmer temperatures at the poles and cooler temperatures at the equator — more hospitable for life.

Another important feature is water expands and becomes less dense when it freezes. Most substances become more compacted or denser when they freeze. Water is an exception. When water freezes its molecules are less tightly packed. This allows frozen water to be lighter than liquid water, causing ice to float.

Life would be greatly influenced in a negative way if ice were denser and sank. Lakes and rivers would be negatively influenced. The surface of the water would remain (at least initially) liquid which in turn would influence evaporation and cloud formation. When the lake or water system filled with ice it would take a much longer period of time to thaw. This in turn would have an effect on life and on the weather. Animals and plants living within the ice filled water would not survive.

Another benefit of water is its high specific heat compared to other liquids. Water requires large amounts of energy to warm and requires a loss of a large amount of energy to cool. With this trait water temperature has only minor fluctuations. Moderate water temperatures also moderates nearby air and the weather. The oceans are a large storage of energy which ran the weather machine.

Other qualities of water include being an excellent solvent for many substances, strong cohesive properties, and a near neutral pH. Because of these properties water can dissolve many substances and carry them to other locations. It also has a pH that is helpful and not detrimental to life. Life would be poisoned if water were too acidic or too basic.

Di-hydrogen oxide, or water, is important for both life and the earth's climate. The climate in turn is moderated and more hospitable to life because of water. Be thankful for water and don't forget our bodies are composed of two-thirds water.

Stephens' weather column runs twice a month in The Utah Statesman.

## Voices and Views

NOAM CHOMSKY, AUTHOR, 1992:

"If we don't believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don't believe in it at all."

Spring Break:  
Adventures  
in Boyzone

UNDERGRADUATED / Kevin Peel



Spring Break is here!

I'm excited about it, but I'm not sure why. All I know about Spring Break, I've seen on MTV. So it's a bunch of drunk guys, naked girls, and guest appearances by Boyzone and Christina Aguilera, right?

That's because MY Spring Breaks usually consist of 15 minutes at the vending machine with a bag of Cheetos and a Coke — and then it's back to work. While everyone else goes off to Mexico, Alaska or home to Mommy, I'm always somewhere wearing a vest with my name on it, asking people if I may be of assistance to them and their children. I usually don't ask the question out of a genuine desire to help, but as a hint to adults that their children are currently ramming a shopping cart into a Metamucil display.

I don't have that kind of job this year, but telling parents that their children are presently "going tinkle" in the motel hot tub is basically the same thing.

So have fun out there on the beach, all you Spring Breakers. While you're out there spending gobs of money on experiences that you will remember for a lifetime, I'll be making my four dollars an hour watching the snow fall on empty parking spaces. So there!

I DID go Spring Breaking in a cramped car once before. That was the year three of my roommates and I decided to hit the road for California. We decided it would be a "boys only" trip, seeing as we were confident that we could "slay the ladies" in the "Golden State," and seeing as we couldn't talk any living in the "Beehive State" into going.

So we set off down the road like the Fantastic Four to find adventures and stuff. And ... what? You don't remember the Fantastic Four? With the cartoon man and lady with the tights that had "4" on the chests, and the fireball guy, and the guy that looked like Greg Osterag, but was made out of orange bricks? The point here is, we were four guys hell-bent on having a good time without the fairer sex. And yes, the trip was doomed from the start.

The first problem was, we all had different musical tastes. Ron (the names here are changed to protect the musically-impaired) liked anything that was post-1973 and pre-1979, Gary was into jazz and Neil Diamond, Weasel was Mr. Top 40 and I (I'll be "Roger") liked alternative. Which meant that we ended up compromising and listening to "Van Halen's Greatest Hits" 459 straight times.

Also like the Fantastic Four (sorry, I can't leave them alone), we each had roles to play on the trip. Our first stop was Las Vegas, where Weasel went into action. Weasel was one of those guys that combined greed with a total lack of pride and an annoying persistence. The type of guy who gets whatever he wants just because everyone is shocked

that he is shameless enough to ask for it, and then CONTINUES to ask for it. (Like Merrill Cook in Salt Lake, who was finally elected because he ran for every conceivable office 153 times and got trounced each time, but KEPT RUNNING until the voters sent him to Congress just to move him away for awhile).

These are the people who get everything in life — the warmest fish burgers at McDonalds, the R.E.M. back stage passes. They are also very handy to have along on trips. Because, needless to say, Weasel scored us a four-room deluxe suite in the middle of the Strip for nearly the same price as the \$1.99 Circus Circus buffet, just because his mother supposedly knew the cousin of the manager's aerobic instructor, and he wouldn't leave the desk people alone.

Robert's role (oops, I mean GARY'S) was to be the absent-minded driver. For some reason, whenever we were in the worst L.A. traffic, Gary was behind the wheel. The boy had trouble driving a kiddie car down a track at Disneyland, but here he was on the Santa Anna freeway, consistently holding our lives in his hands while gawking at a palm tree a quarter-mile behind us.

He was handy to have along, too, because we all know that the worst, least-attentive drivers NEVER get into accidents. They may CAUSE half the accidents in a given year, but never end up in one. Though we were covering our faces and gritting our teeth the whole time, somehow, deep down, we felt safe with Gary's cavalcade of close calls. I was so confident, I didn't even wear a seat belt.

But that was also because I was sitting behind Ron. Ron's only job was to wedge in the miserable person sitting behind him, because he was 6 feet 7 inches tall and also BUILT like Greg Osterag. Even though we never got into a wreck, I still needed the "jaws of life" to help me out of the car.

My role (since I had relatives in California and had been there a few times) was as the Voice of Reason. When Gary begged to stay the night at a motel in Hollywood, I had to explain that we'd end up either knifed to death, or prostituted out for the next three months. When Weasel wanted to go to a beach that had more tree debris and seaweed on shore than sand, I would say that there is a better beach five miles down the road.

But anyway, we had fun. At least until the "Great Gas Attack" near Cedar City on the way home. But after days of eating at Del Taco, Sam's Shakes 'N' Sharks and the Rio Buffet, nobody can be blamed.

So it's probably best that I'll once again be left sitting at my job, sticking Cheetos in the computer disk slot and watching the temperature plummet on the Bank thermometer. I'll save money and besides, the motel office has MTV.

Kevin Peel is a senior majoring in English. His column appears every Friday in The Utah Statesman.

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# Police investigate gunman's motive

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Memphis was a city in mourning Thursday — flags were at half-staff, bouquets of flowers were placed on fire hall steps, and firefighters and law officers wore black bands across their badges.

All were in memory of two firefighters and a sheriff's deputy who were slain Wednesday — allegedly by one of their comrades, firefighter Fred Williams — in a rampage that has angered and saddened this Mississippi River city.

"It's just so shocking," said Pam McFarlin, who took food to firefighters at Fire Station No. 55 and brought a bouquet of flowers to the home where the men were shot. "We all just feel so bad."

Williams, 41, ambushed the firefighters as they arrived to fight a blaze at his home, authorities said. Williams' wife, Stacey, was found shot to death in the garage.

Investigators said they were still looking for a motive. Fire Chief H.J. Pickett said the blaze was deliberately set, but investigators were trying to determine whether it was done so to lure firefighters to the home, or to cover up Mrs. Williams' death. It was also unclear whether Williams made the 911 call to report the fire, Police Director Walter Crews said.

Williams, a six-year veteran of the Fire Department, was shot in the groin by a police officer when he refused to put down his

weapon, authorities said. Williams was under police guard at a hospital in critical condition. Authorities plan to charge him Friday but did not give specifics.

Witnesses said that when firefighters arrived at the burning home, Williams ran out of the garage firing a shotgun and screaming, "Get away! Get away!"

Killed were firefighter Lt. Javier Lerma, 41, the son of a Memphis firefighter who died battling a blaze in 1977, and Pvt. William Blakemore, 48, a firefighter who was working for a sick colleague, possibly Williams, Crews said.

Williams did not work at the same station as the men who were killed, but they probably knew each other. Firefighters often cover shifts of sick comrades at other stations, Pickett said.

Williams had returned to work Monday after taking a leave of absence for "employee assistance," Crews said, not providing details. Williams left work early Monday, claiming he was sick, and had not returned for shifts Tuesday or Wednesday.

The fire chief wouldn't discuss Williams' work history or his leave of absence.

Crews said the couple had married on Valentine's Day and Williams moved into the house this week. He faced a court hearing next week on a domestic violence charge from

October involving Mrs. Williams, then his fiancée. Details were not available.

Herman Harrison, Mrs. Williams' former husband, told The New York Times that he was trying to get custody of his 8-year-old son, who was living at the house. The boy was in school when the shooting occurred and was taken to Harrison's sister.

Neighbors had reported seeing smoke coming from the house and alerted Williams, but he said everything was fine, authorities said.

"We stopped to see if we could help, and a guy came out and started shouting, 'Everybody go away and leave me alone!'" said Kia Bradley, a passer-by. Williams then allegedly ambushed firefighters and sheriff's deputies as they arrived to help.

Sheriff's Deputy Rupert Peete, 45, was shot in his patrol car. Deborah Gatewood, 46, who was walking in the neighborhood, was apparently trying to warn Peete that Williams had a gun when Williams shot at them, authorities said.

Gatewood was wounded in the face. She was in satisfactory condition Thursday.

Firefighters received counseling Thursday. "We all went back to work this morning at 7 a.m. doing what we were doing yesterday morning — fighting fires. It's what we do," Pickett said.

## NATO head denies spy leaked plans

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Allied and NATO officials on Thursday denied a report that a spy gave information to the Serbs during last year's Kosovo campaign, but a Pentagon spokesman acknowledged they might have had advance word of airstrikes.

Responding to a BBC report on the leaks, the officials conceded that security measures had been lax at the start of the air campaign, when Serb forces shot down a U.S. stealth bomber.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said there were indications that the Yugoslav military knew about some bombing plans, but he blamed it on a system of distributing air defense orders to member nations via fax. He said that problem disappeared when the faxing procedure ended.

"No one can definitively say that there wasn't a mole of some sort, but there is no evidence there was," said Bacon, who was traveling to Asia with Defense Secretary William Cohen.

"There are people in NATO who believe there could have been a mole." U.S. military analysts attributed the problem to "sloppy communications and information handling."

"Our operational security procedures in the early stages of the war were probably not as good as they should have been" and were tightened, said Rear Adm. Craig Quigley.

## ELECTION

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loophole by saying in his departure speech that the party deserves "the allegiance of none" if it doesn't embrace campaign finance reform.

One of McCain's top supporters said he urged the senator to let go of the enmity he feels toward

Bush. "There's no question that there's some bitterness there and some anger," said Sen. Charles Hagel, R-Neb.

McCain was the 10th Republican to leave the race. Bradley has been Gore's only challenger. They could not sustain momentum against the sheer force of their rivals' organizations.

McCain had the most potent insurgency, staggering Bush in New

Hampshire and Michigan. In a testament to his drawing power, one of every four GOP primary participants had never before voted in a Republican contest.

Their paths cleared, Bush and Gore warmed up for what both camps predict will be a negative campaign.

The Texas governor criticized Gore for supporting a ban on unlimited, unregulated donations

while raising the so-called "soft money" himself.

Using a line he unleashed against McCain in their primary battles, Bush said of the vice president, "We're not going to be fooled by somebody who says one thing and absolutely does another."

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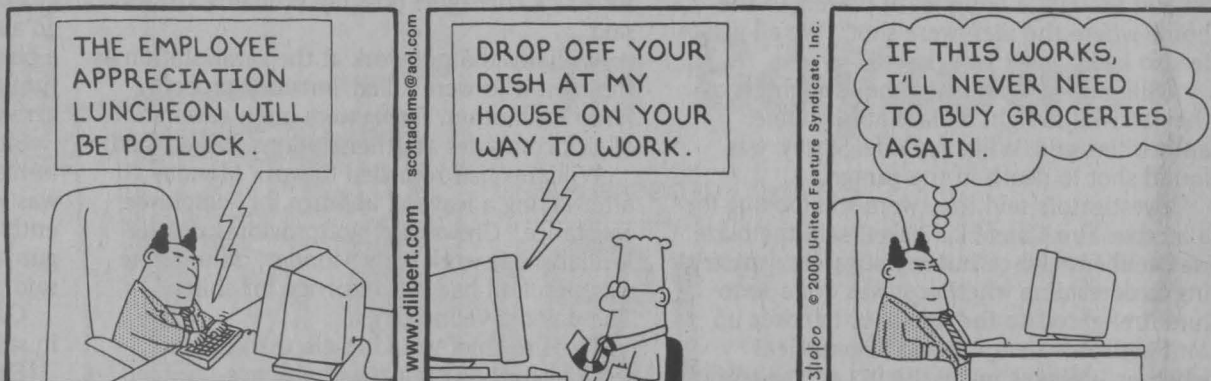
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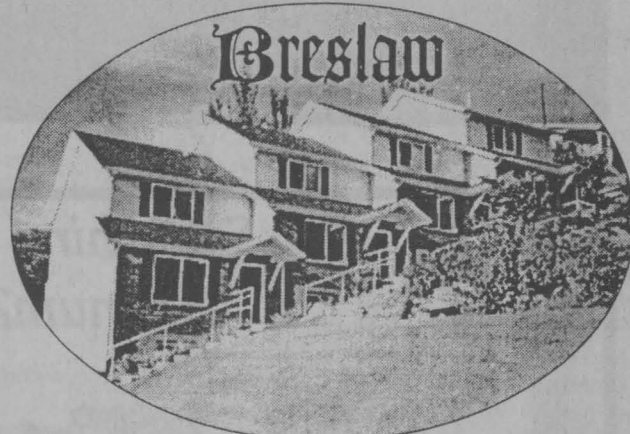
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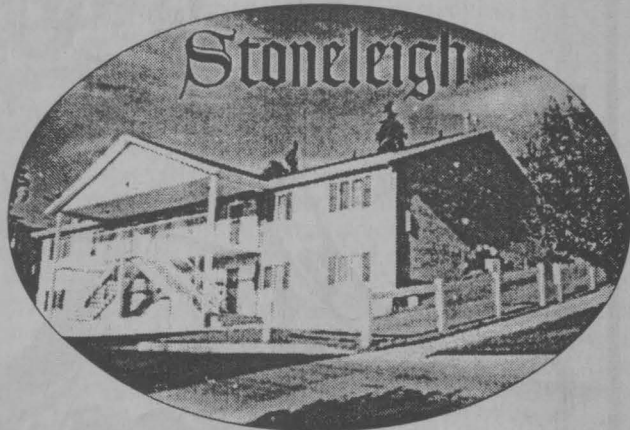
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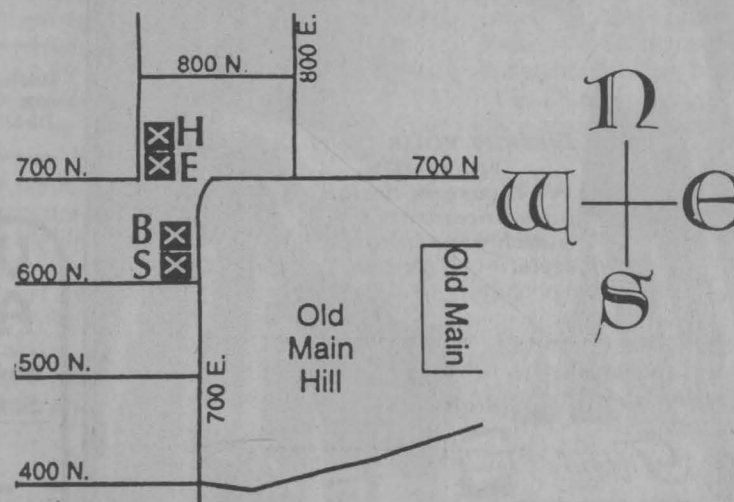
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