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USU wins some, loses some in state legislative session

BILLIE N. READ
Staff Writer

The 2000 State Legislative Session offered advancement for Utah State University, but also places at least one area on campus — the libraries — at a disadvantage, according to a press release.

"Both the Governor and the Legislature made education their top priority," said USU President George H. Emert.

Higher education experienced an increase in state funds of about 6.6 percent.

Of this increase, there was "nearly a 5 percent increase for salary and benefits (for faculty and staff) and an additional \$3.8 million for salary equity," Emert said.

Lee Burke, assistant to the president for Government Relations, said the university is grateful for the amount that was received, but recognizes salaries at USU fall far below other institutions.

Salaries at this institution are "particularly low," he said. "We have a long way to go."

In addition, funding for faculty benefits fell below what was expected, Burke said a decision on how to make that up will soon be made.

The rest of the funds USU was granted will be used for enrollment increases and operations and maintenance, according to the release.

During the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee meeting, the legislative fiscal analyst recommended the campus budget be reduced due to the decrease in enrollment.

Emert said school represen-

tatives were able to persuade the committee that the decrease in enrollment was temporary. Therefore, this budget will remain untouched this year.

Additionally, funding was granted to start building a new heating plant. The project is estimated to cost nearly \$40 million, according to the release. USU was granted \$9.2 million to start the project this year.

Burke said USU should receive the rest of the money at next year's legislative session.

One area lacking funding this year is the library. The library was unable to receive funding, which will be "very damaging to both the research and teaching mission of USU," according to Max Peterson, director of Library and Information Services.

Peterson said during the 1999 Utah Legislature's Executive Appropriations Committee meeting, USU received \$304,000 to maintain nearly 15,000 journal collections and it was understood that these funds would be made available at this year's session.

This cut will involve "faculty, librarians, departments and colleges," Peterson said.

There will not be one area that is not affected by this budget cut, he said.

"It hit us hard because we thought this funding was assured and were, in fact, looking for additional funds to better our holding," Peterson said.

It is unlikely any support will be received from within the university because other departments are in need of the funding they received, he said.

Tuition increase clarified

■ *Editor's note: In Monday's issue of the Statesman, the article entitled "Tuition increase won't go to faculty" misconstrued some information. The Statesman regrets the error.*

LARA GALE
Staff Writer

The battle USU students and administration fought for salary equity for USU faculty and staff this year was not in vain, as a recent *Statesman* article might have suggested.

The legislature approved a nearly 5 percent compensation increase for higher education this year. USU received \$800,000 for salary equity; half of this amount was secured on

the very last day of the legislative session. The amount is not high enough to bring USU faculty and staff salaries much closer to matching those of peer institutions, but it is more than was expected, said Nate Anderson, president of the Associated Students of Utah State University.

The originally proposed 3 percent increase was raised another 1 percent to help fund the increase in salary equity — revenue produced by this raise in student tuition will go to faculty.

USU administration decided not to raise tuition in addition to this increase, feeling that it would be unfair to students this year.

Utah is among the top 10 polluters every year, speaker says

LARA GALE
Staff Writer

In the '60s, Rachel Carson wrote the book "Silent Spring," earning herself recognition as the Mother of the environmental movement. Since then women have been an important part of bringing environmental awareness to the public.

Founder of the Society of Environmental Journalists, Brigham Young University Professor JoAnn Valenti spoke with students Tuesday about the role of women in environmental journalism, and the role of environmental journalism in the environmental movement as part of the Media and Society Lecture Series.

The environment is a universal concern, she said. It is especially important now with technology growing and creating new products that use energy and will eventually have to be disposed of.

Utah is in the top 10 list of national polluters every year.

Tooele is the most toxic place on the planet, she said. This is an immediate and on-going concern, she said.

"Those who said this was just a fad 30 years ago have learned — no, this is a fad that's here to stay," Valenti said.

Industry, business, and especially the average consumer have a responsibility to be concerned about the environment, she said.

She said in the past, focus was on what has been lost; now it is necessary for society as a whole to recognize the importance of sustaining what is left.

If society demands industry create products that rely on natural resources to produce, responsibility for the environment must be taken into consideration, she said.

Because people must be educated about the subject before they can be concerned about it, it is important all people have access to information about the environment that is accurate, complete and unbiased, she said.

Get a job: High school students losing out to college students with more flexible

JESSICA WARREN
Staff Writer

With the limited job market in Cache Valley and the volume of students, both college and high school, competition is high.

Unfortunately for high school students, college students are preferred to fill many company positions for a variety of reasons.

First, availability. For many employers including Kevin Hansen, store director for Albertson's, hiring employees who can work earlier in the day is ideal.

"It does help to have college students that can work earlier in the day," Hansen said.

High school students are generally not available until 3 or 4 p.m., Hansen said.

Another important reason is child labor laws. Many companies need their employees to run equipment such as trash compactors. Minors are not allowed to use heavy machinery.

Debbie Hodson with Fred Meyer's prefers to hire people 18 and older.

"We have liability problems, so (we) pretty much (hire) anyone over 18," Hodson said.

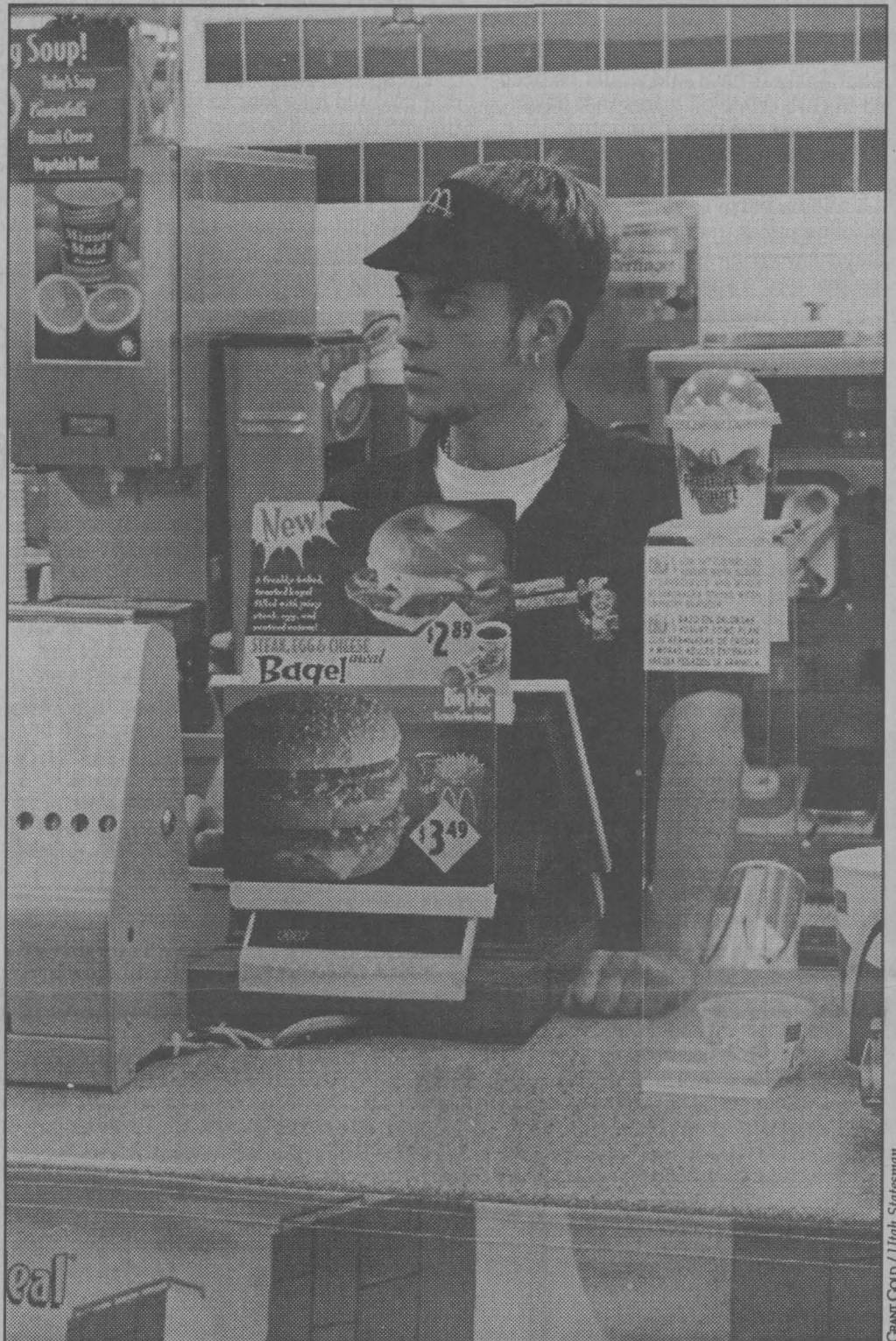
Other child labor laws encourage employers to hire people over 18.

Minors under the age of 16 have strict restrictions on the times they are allowed to work.

According to the State of Utah Labor Commission, a minor may not work more than eight hours in any 24-hour time period. A 30-minute meal period must be given and if they aren't relieved of all duties during that time, they must be paid for it.

They also receive a 10-minute break for every four hours of work.

These kinds of stipulations are enough for employers such as Holly Mosher with Wal-mart to hire people who are older.



Logan High School junior Brody Coates, who has been working for McDonald's for two years, prepares to take a customer's order. Employers often hire college students before high schoolers for legal reasons.

Computer printouts public forum unattended

DOUG SMEATH
Staff Writer

Utah State University's student government gave students a chance to voice their opinions last night on what's been a much-debated topic.

But no one showed up. Associated Students of USU Executive Council discussed as a second-reading legislative item a bill that would eliminate "free" computer printouts in the stu-

dent computer labs at its weekly meeting last night.

A second-reading item is opened to public forum. Students are invited to show up and express opinions. But at last night's meeting, there was no public discussion.

The council discussed the bill, which was presented by ASUSU College of Engineering Senator Kalem Sessions. The bill now becomes a third-reading item, which will be debated

by the council and voted on at next Tuesday's council meeting, which is also the council's last meeting of the semester.

According to the bill, the 35 printouts currently given to students are paid by the computer lab operating budget.

Because each student uses a different amount of his or her printouts, exact expenses are hard to predict, the bill said.

However, according to the bill, printouts could potentially represent a total expense of \$70,000 per year, approximately 8.4 percent of the operating budget.

The bill would eliminate prepaid printouts and reduce the price per printout from 5 cents to 3 cents.

Sessions said most students would see a decrease in how much they pay. He said

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\$240 million marriage-penalty tax cut being pushed by GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Expanding on a House-passed bill, Senate Republicans introduced legislation Tuesday that would cut taxes by \$240 billion over 10 years for millions of couples who are paying Uncle Sam more simply because they are married.

"Life is not getting cheaper for millions of American families," said Sen. William Roth, R-Del., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. "It's only fair to let them keep more of their hard-earned money."

The tax code's "marriage penalty" forces an estimated 25 million couples, most of them in two-earner households, to pay higher income taxes than if they were single. Fixing it is a priority for Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill and for President Clinton, but they disagree on how to go about it.

The Senate bill is similar in many ways to legislation

passed by the House in February that would cut taxes by \$182 billion over 10 years using projected budget surpluses. Clinton, meanwhile, has threatened to veto the GOP bills and is pushing an alternative that targets relief to middle- and lower-income couples at a cost of \$45 billion over 10 years.

A spokesman for Clinton called the Senate bill "bloated."

Its sharply higher cost is due largely to a \$45 billion provision that would permanently extend a temporary fix ensuring that people who claim numerous personal tax credits — such as the \$500 per-child credit — do not run afoul of the complex alternative minimum tax. That tax was originally intended to prevent the wealthy from escaping taxes, but it has begun ensnaring more middle-income people because it was never indexed for inflation.



Rachel Carson, Brigham Young University professor, speaks to students as part of the Media and Society Lecture Series.

Serving this need are environmental journalists, who work in a profession growing with the environmental movement, she said.

Women are naturalists in this profession, she said. A woman began the environmental movement in the 1960s, and two women co-authored the book "Our Stolen Future," bringing a resurgence to the environmental movement for the 1990s, said Valenti.

The voice of women will continue to be an important part of communicating environmental concerns to the public, she said.

"Women see nature as female and are respectful or nurtured," she said. "Men see nature as male and are compelled to conquer her. Don't we need both perspectives among those journalists who are going to bring us all the news that's fit to print?"

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WORLD & NATION

OPEC agrees to output boost,
but gas prices likely to stay high

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC ignored objections of its second-biggest member and agreed to increase oil production, officials said Wednesday. But the amount of new oil might not be enough to significantly bring down gasoline prices in the United States.

In a rare departure from its normal quest for unanimity, ministers of the 11-nation cartel announced early Wednesday morning that nine members would raise production by 6.3 percent, or a total of 1.45 million barrels a day. That appears to be well short of what analysts have said would be needed to curb crude oil prices that have tripled over the past 12 months.

The Clinton administration had been lobbying for a rise of 2 million to 2.5 million barrels a day to bring down gasoline prices that in the United States have risen from below \$1 a gallon just over a year ago to an average

of almost \$1.60.

Falah Aljibury, an industry consultant based in Alamo, Calif., said the agreement would knock, at most, "a few cents" off the average price of unleaded gas. "I'm disappointed ... the market expected more," he said.

President Clinton called the move a "positive development."

"These increases will help sustain worldwide economic growth and provide greater balance between oil supply and demand," Clinton said in a statement.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said it would take four to six weeks for the additional oil to reach U.S. markets. Summer gasoline prices, however, may remain high because of extremely low gasoline stocks. Refiners may not be able to build up inventories in time for the high-demand summer driving season, energy analysts have said.

OPEC Secretary General Rilwanu Lukman of Nigeria confirmed Wednesday morning that nine members would revert to higher levels of production that prevailed before April 1, 1999. He said OPEC would hold an extraordinary meeting in Vienna on June 21 to review oil markets and adjust output if warranted.

Iran, the No. 2 OPEC oil producer, refused to endorse the action, saying the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries should not be a "rubber stamp."

The agreement also excludes Iraq, which never was part of the original production cuts last year that sent prices surging.

"I believe that OPEC remains as united as ever," Lukman told reporters. "We have differences between one

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World GLANCE

➤ Austrian avalanche kills at least 11 people

NIEDERSILL, Austria (AP) — An Alpine avalanche as wide as five football fields buried skiers underneath tons of snow Tuesday, killing at least 11 people, rescue officials said.

Ten people were found dead in the area of the huge snow slide south of Salzburg and another died after being hospitalized. Two others were able to free themselves while rescuers dug out a third survivor, state television said in its evening newscast.

Searchers continued looking for another person thought to have been trapped under the snow.

Some of the victims were training to be ski instructors. One trainee told state television the slide was caused by an instructor whose skis set loose a wall of snow. However, the Austria Press Agency said two snowboarders had apparently started the avalanche and might have been among those killed.

First reports said most of the victims were believed to be Germans. The Austria Press Agency, quoting local officials, said late Tuesday the 11 dead comprised six Austrians, two Finns and one Dane, one Slovak and a Belgian.

Seven helicopters assisted more 150 rescue personnel looking for victims in the Zell am See area, about 30 miles south of Salzburg. Specially trained avalanche dogs were also on the scene.

➤ N.Y. lawyer sues Ramseys for alleged libel

NEW YORK (AP) — A New York lawyer who tried to force Colorado prosecutors to charge the mother of JonBenet Ramsey with murder has filed a \$25 million libel and defamation suit against the child's parents.

Darnay Hoffman claims in court papers that John and Patsy Ramsey defamed him in their book by portraying him as an "irresponsible, ethically challenged attorney, unfit to practice his profession."

The Ramseys' lawyer, Lin Wood, called the lawsuit "frivolous" and predicted that it will be thrown out of court. Wood said he will also ask the court to levy sanctions against Hoffman for filing the lawsuit.

The book — "The Death of Innocence: The Untold Story of JonBenet's Murder and How Its Exploitation Compromised the Pursuit of Truth" — recounts, from the Ramseys' point of view, the aftermath of JonBenet's murder on Dec. 26, 1996.

Hoffman says experts told him the handwriting on ransom notes that the parents got after the child's death matched Patsy Ramsey's. He sued Boulder District Attorney Alex Hunter to force him to indict Patsy Ramsey.

Hoffman's lawsuit was thrown out of court on the grounds that he was not a Colorado citizen and did not have standing to sue.

In their book, Hoffman says, the Ramseys say his "so-called experts" had bogus credentials and that he was staging a legal "sideshow," although he knew Patsy Ramsey had nothing to do with the ransom note.

In court papers, Hoffman contends the book injured "his good name and character in his community and in his professional standing and reputation," and he demands \$25 million.

➤ 1960s black activist indicted for murder

ATLANTA (AP) — Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin, the 1960s black militant once known as H. Rap Brown, was indicted on murder and aggravated assault charges Tuesday in the March 16 shootings of two sheriff's deputies who were trying to arrest him.

A Fulton County grand jury indicted Al-Amin on 13 counts, said District Attorney Paul Howard. He said he hopes the indictment will clear the way for Al-Amin, who was arrested last week in Alabama, to be returned to Georgia in two to four weeks.

Al-Amin, 56, is accused of killing Deputy Ricky Kinchen and wounding Deputy Aldranon English as they tried to serve him with an arrest warrant at his Atlanta grocery store after he failed to appear in court on charges of receiving stolen property, impersonating an officer and having no proof of insurance.

Al-Amin is jailed in Montgomery, Ala., pending an extradition request from Gov. Roy Barnes, who signed the request Tuesday evening.

The documents are expected to arrive at the Alabama governor's office on Wednesday, said Joselyn Butler, Barnes' press secretary.

➤ DNA creates doubts about human evolution

DNA extracted from a 29,000-year-old bone has cast doubt on the theory that modern humans evolved in part from squat, heavy-browed Neanderthals, researchers say.

Researchers compared DNA from a Neanderthal skeleton found in Russia to an older sample tested in 1997. While the two Neanderthal samples turned out to be just 3.5 percent different from one another, they were roughly 7 percent different from DNA in modern humans. Scientists consider that to be a substantial gap.

"It all points away from the Neanderthal," said one of the researchers, William Goodwin, a molecular biologist at the Human Identification Center in Glasgow, Scotland.

The findings are being published in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

The researchers challenge the theory that modern humans evolved at least partly from Neanderthals, which some believe mated in large numbers with modern Europeans before disappearing 25,000 years ago.

If that had happened today's Europeans would show stronger genetic similarities to Neanderthals than other humans do. Yet the latest DNA analysis shows Neanderthal DNA to be no closer to Europeans than to other modern humans.

Neanderthals were burly, primitive creatures with a prominent brow, thick jaw and short, powerful limbs. Originating in Africa, they appeared in Europe and Asia perhaps 100,000 years ago or longer.

The 29,000-year-old Neanderthal DNA, which was recovered from a rib bone in a baby's skeleton found in Russia's Caucasus Mountains, was in better condition than the roughly 40,000-year-old Neanderthal DNA from Germany analyzed in 1997, the researchers said.

The research team from Scotland, Sweden, Russia and the United States reassembled more than 2 percent of the later Neanderthal DNA from a tiny cellular structure known as the mitochondria.

Molecular biologist Matthias Hoss, an expert in ancient remains now working at the Swiss Institute for Cancer Research, said the research appears to support that the theory that Neanderthals were an evolutionary dead end.

University boat sinks,
at least four dead

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A boat carrying 10 students and others on a university research trip sank off the coast of Baja California, killing at least four people.

Three people swam to safety on a nearby island and were rescued early Tuesday, said Lisa Lapin, a spokeswoman for the University of California, Davis. A search was on for the others.

Lapin said survivors at the scene reported the recovery of four bodies, including a male graduate student and a visiting Japanese scholar. The U.S. Embassy in Mexico City also confirmed four dead, including at least one U.S. citizen.

Among the missing was Gary Polis, the expedition's leader and chairman of the school's Department of Environmental Science and Policy, Lapin said.

The boat was one of two, 22-foot inflatable crafts carrying a total of about 20 people on the trip Monday to research spiders and scorpions on an island near Bahia de Los Angeles, a remote bay 250 miles south of the U.S.-Mexico border.

The two boats became separated on their return when strong winds whipped up 4- to 6-foot waves, UC Davis said in a statement.

It was not clear who else was on board the boat that sank.

"From what we understand, there was a mix of students, faculty and visitors from Japan," said Pat Bailey, another spokeswoman for the school, just east of Sacramento.

The boat that made it reported the other craft missing late Monday, prompting a search by the Coast Guard and the Mexican navy.

Mexican naval ships and Mexican and Coast Guard aircraft were searching the area Tuesday under clear skies.

Located in a rugged, desert landscape, Bahia de Los Angeles is a tiny collection of hotels and tourist campgrounds that is a popular destination for sports fishermen, kayakers and wildlife biologists.

Polis, one of the world's leading spider experts, and the other researchers were studying the ecology of spiders and scorpions that inhabit the islands.

44 percent of Census 2000
forms have been returned

WASHINGTON (AP) — Early census returns show that 44 percent of U.S. households had completed and mailed back their 2000 Census forms as of Tuesday.

Two weeks after most of the 115 million questionnaires were mailed out, the Census Bureau is more than halfway toward their goal of a mail response rate of 70 percent for this year's count.

"A national response rate of 70 percent would signal that the country has reversed a decades-long decline in civic participation," Census director Kenneth Prewitt said. The response rate was 78 percent in 1970, 75 percent in 1980 and 65 percent in 1990.

Tornado hits downtown Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A powerful tornado blew through downtown just after rush hour Tuesday night, shattering windows in high-rise buildings, overturning cars and uprooting trees. At least 20 people were injured.

Some of the buildings "looked like they did not have a single pane of glass left in them," said Lt. Kent Worley, a spokesman for the Fort Worth Fire Department.

"There are injuries, but this is very early on," he said.

The tornado hit shortly after 6:30 p.m. amid severe thunderstorms that were accompanied by torrential rains, softball-sized hail and strong winds.

Sean Finley, manager of Reata, a popular restaurant on the top floor of the 35-story Bank One building, said his business was destroyed.

"Imagine a large bomb going

Census officials remain cautiously optimistic about the response. They did several things differently this year to promote the count, most notably a \$168 million advertising campaign.

Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Nebraska had the highest return rates as of Tuesday at 51 percent. Puerto Rico had the slowest response rate at 24 percent, followed by Mississippi at 28 percent and Louisiana at 32 percent.

Response rates for states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, as well as local communities, will be updated on the Census Bureau's Web site at www.census.gov until April 18.

off," he said. "It got pretty hectic in here. We were doing some major yelling to get people out of there."

Patrons and employees had to evacuate down 35 flights of stairs to safety, he said.

At the downtown Renaissance Worthington Hotel, windows were broken out in about 12 guest rooms and in the public area, manager Bob Jameson said.

Katrina Weston of Arlington, just east of Fort Worth, told WFAA-TV that when she opened the door of her house, she saw the storm blowing shingles off her roof.

"We have no back fence at all, it literally wiped paint off the back of the house," she said. "There are sirens everywhere and we have no power."

The storms delayed some flights at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

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**Student body
PRESIDENT****BEN RILEY**

While Ben Riley wishes he had an official opponent in the ASUSU presidential race for the sake of democracy, he said he is campaigning full force nonetheless.

"Regardless of whether or not I run unopposed, I still stand for the same things," Riley said.

He said he plans to increase communication between students and their representatives by being more in the public eye.

"We are elected to represent the students. It is our number one goal. And if students feel they can't approach us then we really need to look at what we're doing," he said.

He said he would like to have council members serve ice cream or hand out pencils during finals week and other activities where they would have an opportunity to talk to students.

Additionally, Riley would like to push for increased computer resource funding.

"The needs for technology will increase rather than decrease in the future," he said. He said he would like USU to be ready for those increased needs.

**REX HANSEN**

Rex Hansen is a former Aggie Leadership Academy member, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Student Association Executive Council vice president, Special Olympics Invitational Chair, Ombudsman Committee member and Fee Board member.

Hansen said he believes his experience makes him the best choice for executive vice president. He has been involved in some aspects of ASUSU over the past several years, he said.

"I am familiar with the meetings, the processes involved with getting administration's support and working with committees," Hansen said.

At the top of his platform is student involvement. He said he feels it is the executive vice president's responsibility to inform students of ASUSU legislative activities. He said he wants to create a "Web forum" to make it easier for students to know what is going on and provide feedback.

Like his opponent, he said he wants students to have more voice on the Logan City Council. Bringing in half of the economy, students deserve it, he said.

**Executive
VICE PRES.****ANDY DILLEY**

Andy Dilley, former forums chair on the Public Affairs Board, has lobbied the Utah State Legislature for Higher Education.

He said he is better qualified than his opponent because he has been more involved with the office, working closely with current executive vice president Rian Winzler.

He said ASUSU should allow more time for students to study an issue that will be voted on. Also, he said Public Affairs Board forums should be weeks before the ASUSU Executive Council discusses the issue.

He said it is important that students know ASUSU officers are willing to talk to students any time — not just about the current hot issue.

He also said it is important to have student representation on the Logan City Council.

"The students at USU make up a third of the Logan Community," he said. "Yet (they) are not represented well despite all that we have done for this city."

If elected, he would try to get ASUSU to support a student City Council candidate by helping out with fund raising and advertising.

**JIM STEPHENSON**

Jim Stephenson has served on the Academic Council for two years, and is currently council chairman. He has had experience writing legislation, taking that legislation through Stater's Council, Faculty Senate and USU administration. He said this experience makes him a good candidate for Executive Council because he knows how the system works.

He has worked under two academic vice presidents and said this is an asset for his candidacy.

He said he would like to implement mid-semester teacher evaluations to provide professors with instant feedback on how they could improve their classes and what they are doing well.

He would also like to work toward allowing students to pay for copies in computer labs in order to cut the hassle.

He also plans to create a database of available scholarships and grants privately, federally, state- and USU-funded.

"All the time scholarships go unclaimed because all colleges have different offices," he said.

**Academic
VICE PRES.****JENN NELSON**

Jenn Nelson, a junior originally from Seattle, Wash., said academic vice president was not what she originally planned to run for.

She said she was going to run for Business Senator, but felt her qualities and experience were best suited for the office of Academic Vice President.

"I hope to implement some new things," she said, "and bring some new blood to ASUSU."

Nelson also said she feels this office is one that requires professionalism. Her experience in business as a business administration major will help her in that area, she said.

Nelson also said the issues the Academic Vice President deals with are issues she feels very strongly about.

One of Nelson's major goals is to implement a universalization of the payment system on campus. This would mainly entail placing scanners in the libraries so students could use their Aggie Express accounts there, she said.

She also hopes to have the libraries open earlier on Saturdays to make them more student friendly and accessible.

**Extensions
VICE PRES.****JAKE MCBRIDE**

The strongest asset extension vice president candidate Jake McBride has may be his inexperience, he said.

"I have a lot of leadership experience and have been in leadership roles for most of my life, but I have a lot to learn about problems facing extension students," McBride said. "That could be a good thing because then I will work hard to learn how to help them."

McBride is the president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints-sponsored fraternity, Sigma Gamma Chi.

McBride said he sees the biggest problem extension students face as their lack of voice in university matters.

"Sometimes we don't realize that although extension students don't go to school here on campus, they are still affected by what goes on here," McBride said.

McBride said extension students "need to feel that problems are heard and will be addressed."

He said he feels all students have a right to representation on campus or at extension sites.

**Student
ADVOCATE****MINDY BAUGHMAN**

Mindy Baughman, a junior originally from Rock Springs, Wyo., said she decided to run for the office of Student Advocate when she first found out there was such an office available.

She said because of her previous experience as an advocate, she felt she could help make USU a better place.

As Miss Wyoming in 1998, Baughman said she spent a year completely devoted to disability awareness. She met with the governor of Wyoming, addressed the state legislature and traveled across some parts of the nation advocating awareness.

"I also feel I have an asset being a first year Aggie," Baughman said. "I have fresh ideas and would not be stuck in a rut of how things have always been done."

She said she feels a big key to increasing student involvement in ASUSU is giving information.

"Many students would be more involved if they only knew how," she said.

**BRADLEY BISHOP**

Bradley G. Bishop, a junior from Kuna, Idaho, said he decided to run for the office of Student Advocate to improve upon what has already been done in the office.

He has worked with the student advocate for the past two years, and hopes to implement some of his own ideas to further the improvement that has been made.

"I have seen how students can really make a difference if they just voice it," he said. "So I want to help students to do so."

One of his primary goals for the office is to make the student advocate more accessible to the students through a Web page and e-mail address.

He plans to reestablish the student advocate advisory committee, which will allow him to remain in contact with all the colleges on campus and the clubs and organizations.

This will allow Bishop to let students know about upcoming legislation and give the students a chance to voice their opinion on important issues, he said.

**Activities
VICE PRES.****ANGIE DOMICHEL**

"I am qualified, in tune with student needs, highly motivated, organized and ready to serve," Angie Domiche said.

"As activities vice president I will represent all students through diverse programming and utilizing increased student input."

Having been involved with a number of organizations including being STAB special events chair, Mardi Gras chair, and a member of the Panhellenic Council, Domiche said she would bring a great deal of experience to the office responsible for student activities throughout the year.

She said she would like to see more student input go into the planning process for deciding what events will be seen on campus.

Included in those events, she would like to bring in a monthly movie series including both edited and unedited movies, a big concert event and enhanced volunteer programs.

**JET THOMPSON**

"As Activities VP, I will increase the number and expand the diversity of events by working with other clubs and organizations on campus to include everyone — and raise awareness of activities through better publicity," said activities vice president candidate Jet Thompson.

"The main reason I wanted to run for office is I'm a local and I understand what activities outside of campus are like," Thompson said.

His background includes working with STAB as events chair in 1999-2000 and as a publicity chair among other events.

He has also been involved in the Civil Rights Forum and the battle of the bands. "I feel like I bring a lot of experience to the office," he said.

At the top of his list, Thompson would like to see a campus radio station return to USU. He would also like to start a comedy series and a music series by bringing in comedians and bands from Utah and other states.

**CHERISSA SMITH**

Student involvement and attendance is the name of the game, according to candidate Cherissa Smith.

"I want it to feel open," she said referring to the Arts & Lectures vice president office.

Smith said she would like to see a link to the Arts & Lectures office from ASUSU's home page or a comment box for students to voice their opinions.

For the past two years, Smith has served as Cultural Events Chair on the Arts & Lectures Council, has been involved with the Utah Intercollegiate Assembly and served on the Public Affairs Board, she said.

Smith said she plans to increase attendance at Arts & Lectures events with increased notice of events and "providing some little gimmick or something."

Smith said her wish list of speakers in next year's Lectures Series includes George W. Bush and Gordon B. Hinckley, but admits she's unsure how realistic that wish is.

**TRINE THOMAS**

Maya Angelou may soon be coming to an Arts & Lectures Series near you. That is if Trine Thomas is elected Arts & Lectures Vice President this week.

She said she's also planning to bring Gov. Mike Leavitt or Sen. Orrin Hatch to speak to students.

"They're usually pretty willing to speak to students about voter awareness and such," Thomas said.

Thomas, who was chosen by Orem City representatives to serve as their Youth Mayor in her senior year of high school, has been active in Organizations and Traditions committees for two years and is a member of the President Leadership Council, she said.

"I'd push for Poetry and a Beverage to be a year-long event," she said. "It's a staple of student life."

Thomas said she would like to bring what she called "classic cinema" — films such as *Gone With the Wind*, *The Maltese Falcon*, and *Casablanca* — to the Taggart Student Center.

**Athletics
VICE PRES.****JAKE CHASE**

Athletic Vice President candidate Jake Chase said he wants to expand the involvement of the Big Blue Crew at athletic events.

If elected, Chase said he'd like to combine the activities the Big Blue Crew has surrounding athletic events at USU with the rest of the student body.

"I want to change the structure of Big Blue Crew to benefit all the students as well as Big Blue Crew members," Chase said. "I want to combine tailgating with the Big Blue Club and all of the organizations on campus to combine and make a festival atmosphere before the football games."

As the Publicity Chairman for the Big Blue Crew, Chase took care of all the publicity for the athletics office. He was also a member of the Big Blue Special Events Committee, which took care of tailgating, Midnight Madness as well as halftime contests and shows.

**MICHAEL BISHOP**

Athletic Vice President candidate Michael Bradley G. Bishop, a junior from Kuna, Idaho, said he decided to run for the office of Student Advocate to improve upon what has already been done in the office.

He has worked with the student advocate for the past two years and hopes to implement some of his own ideas to further the improvement that has been made.

"I have seen how students can really make a difference if they just voice it," he said. "So I want to help students to do so."

One of his primary goals for the office is to make the student advocate more accessible to the students through a Web page and e-mail address. He plans to reestablish the student advocate advisory committee, which will allow him to remain in contact with all the colleges on campus and the clubs and organizations.

**Service
VICE PRES.****ALECIA FREDRICKSON**

Alecia Fredrickson said she wants to increase student involvement in service through the Val R. Christensen Service Center.

The candidate for Service Vice President said she has made it one of her goals to increase involvement in the Service Center through awareness.

"People totally respond if you just get the word out," she said.

Fredrickson worked with the Special Olympics committee last year and said she feels this qualifies her to take on the role of service vice president.

"You've got to have leadership experience with a large council, and I have that," she said.

Fredrickson also said she has worked with several service programs at USU, including Trick or Treat for Cans and the Hunger Banquet.

**KAREN GAUFIN**

"I think I have a good understanding of how all the programs work, and I think my leadership style would benefit the Service Center," said Karen Gaufin, candidate for ASUSU Service Vice President.

Gaufin has been with the Val R. Christensen Service Center for two years. She is currently the publicity and recruitment chair for the service center council, Project Pals Historian, ASUSU Programming Board member, USU Aggies Special Olympics team head coach and Olympics Fall Invitational volunteer.

Gaufin said she has many plans for next year including a monthly service project in the community, USU campus clean-up, better Web site and online registration for student volunteers, make job descriptions available for volunteers, and a "victory" file where people can see the success of the Service Center.

**CHELSEIE EGBERT**

Utah State University sophomore Chelsie Egbert is running for ASUSU Organizations and Traditions Vice President.

Egbert said one of her goals is to "educate the student body about the great variety of clubs we have on campus by implementing a (Council of Student Clubs and Organizations, or CSCO) week."

She said she also wants to make the club point and funding systems more efficient and expand Homecoming to involve the entire student body.

Egbert is from Preston, Idaho. She is majoring in public relations.

Egbert's past experience at USU includes serving on the Organizations and Traditions Committee.

She has also served as chair of several committees, including Homecoming Committee, Robin's Committee, Project Pals Activities and the HOWL Committee.

**SHARON PEWTRESS**

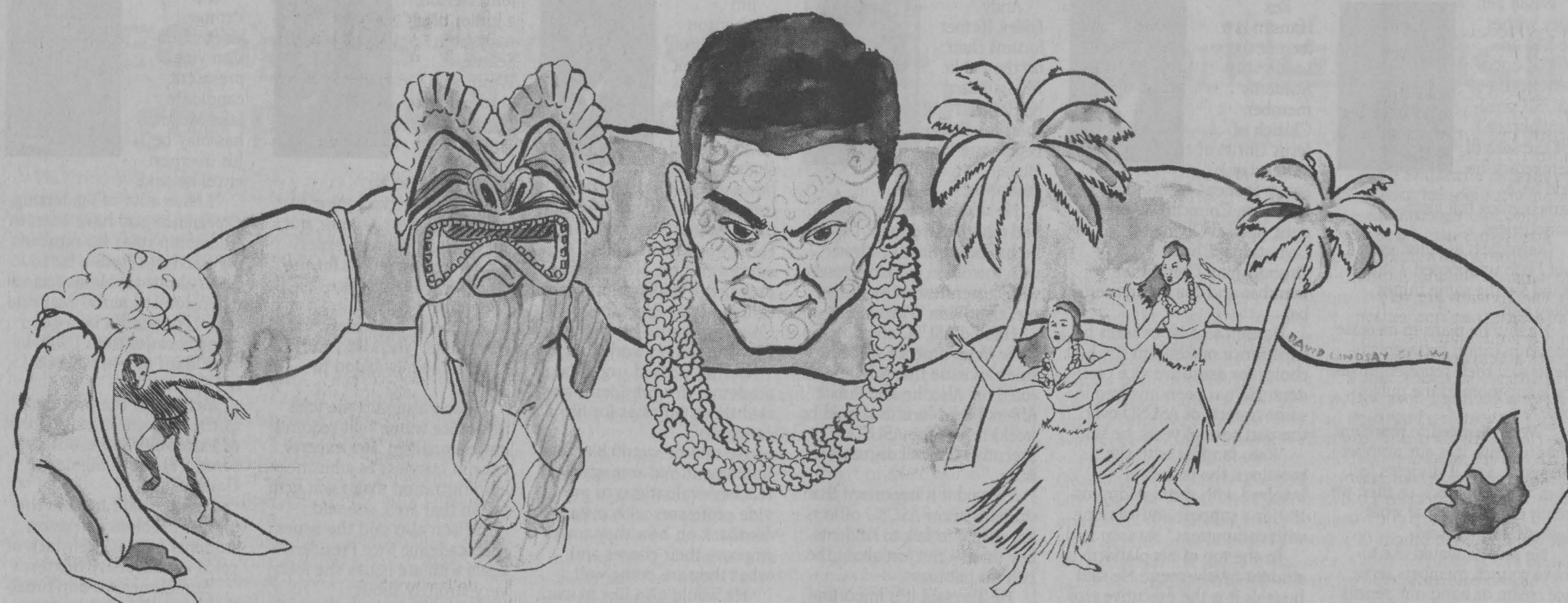
Sharon Pewtress' experience at USU includes founding Theta Nu Xi, USU's first multicultural sorority.

She has also served as the founder and chair of the Ethnic Engineering and Science Student Council, founder and president of the Society of Asian American Engineers and Scientists, Academic Scholars Program vice president, ASUSU Science Council public relations chair and the College of Science representative to the United Campus Volunteers.

Pewtress was Miss Korea in 1999's Miss International Pageant.

As organizations vice president she would get all campus-wide organizations to participate in or register with CSCO, and provide links for them on the ASUSU Web site. She would also like to recognize all old and new traditions at USU, "to incorporate a more diverse pool of students in existing organizations as well as new ones."

**Organizations
VICE PRES.**



Polynesian Cultural Week

CREATING AWARENESS THROUGH ENTERTAINMENT

CORINNE KATOR
Senior Features Writer

The Polynesian Student Union (PSU) at Utah State University is known for its annual luau. While planning the luau takes much of the club members' time, it is not all they do.

"We're more than just the luau," said PSU Secretary Kimberly Kawakami. "Our focus is to increase awareness of the Polynesian culture."

PSU member Ryan Solomona said the purpose of the club is for USU's Polynesian students to share their customs with others on campus. This week is Polynesian Week at USU, and Solomona said the purpose of the week's activities is "to show people our background, our culture."

The PSU sponsored a banana-eat-

ing contest on Monday, but yesterday's limbo contest was cancelled due to the weather.

Students can join the PSU on the patio again today at 12:30 p.m. for a hula-hoop contest. Tomorrow's activity will be hula dance lessons, also on the patio at 12:30 p.m. Kawakami said the lessons will be rather informal with members of the PSU out on the patio ready to teach anyone who wants to come by.

Kawakami encourages everyone to come tomorrow and learn how complicated Polynesian dancing can be.

"The dancing is not as easy as it looks," she said.

Friday's big activity is, of course, the luau. Kawakami said the luau promises to be a great time with plenty of authentic food and dancing.

The party will continue after the luau with a dance in the TSC ballroom. Kawakami said the dance is open to everyone, not just to those who come to the luau. She said the dance should be a lot of fun.

"Everyone will be in a good mood because they just got out of the luau," she said.

Kawakami said the purpose of the luau and all of the PSU's activities is to help people learn about the Polynesian culture while having fun.

'We're more than just the luau, our focus is to increase awareness of the Polynesian culture.'

• KIMBERLY KAWAKAMI •
PSU SECRETARY

"It's a way fun club," Kawakami said of the PSU.

She said the club is a bit unorganized, but what it lacks in organization it makes up for in good times.

"We know how to have fun, that's for sure."

The PSU has nearly 150 official members, but only about 20 active members, according to Kawakami. She said the club gets together at least once a month for meetings and activities.

For the last several weeks, however, club members have met as often as four times a week to practice dances for the luau.

"We've been concentrating a lot on the luau this semester," Kawakami said.

Solomona said the club also holds parties, potluck dinners and field trips to activities at other uni-

versities. He and Kawakami said, however, that the club is not really about formal meetings and activities. They said the club is very laid back and is just a good place to meet people.

Students don't have to be Polynesian to join the PSU. Solomona said at least half the club's membership is among non-Polynesians.

The club has members who are Asian, African-American, Hispanic and Caucasian. Solomona said the PSU is proud to be such a diverse club.

Students who are interested in joining the PSU can e-mail Kawakami at slzwj@cc.usu.edu. Kawakami said the club will slow down a lot after the luau, but it is planning to have a few more activities before the school year is over.

TRADITIONAL DANCE AND FOOD TO COME TO USU ON FRIDAY

KATHRYN SUMMERS
Staff Writer

As part of Polynesian Week at Utah State University, the Polynesian Student Union is presenting Luau 2000 Friday in the Taggart Student Center Ballroom.

The event, called "Paradise Cove," will feature an authentic Polynesian buffet and dancing. Gina Hunt, the dance coordinator for the event, said the goal was to make the luau as traditional as possible. The food will be traditional Polynesian food including a roast pig and rice.

For the luau, the USU students have combined with the Polynesian club at Weber State University. The evening will be a night when students can experience life in the Polynesian islands and learn about the dances and cultures of Hawaii, Samoa, Tonga, Tahiti, New Zealand and Fiji.

The purpose of the luau is to "preserve our culture and share and educate the community," Hunt said.

"Traditionally families perform, eat and cook together," she said.

Hunt hopes families from Cache Valley will attend the luau.

"One of our goals is to have students come, and to get the Cache Valley community involved," Kimberly Kawakami, PSU Secretary, said.

"(We want to) increase cul-



USU students practice their moves for Luau 2000 in the TSC Friday night. The Luau, which culminates Polynesian Week is a celebration of culture, food and entertainment on March 31 at 5:30 in the TSC ballroom. Tickets are available in the PSU ticket office. The cost is \$10 for the evening.

tural awareness about the Polynesian community" at USU, Kawakami said. "It is interesting to learn about new backgrounds and cultures."

Hunt said she hopes people come away full of good food, and that after trying something different they appreciate the cultures they learned about and the hard work that went into the luau.

Hunt said the 40 dancers have been practicing together for two and a half months. Some of the dances will be performed by couples and other numbers will be just men or women dancing, Hunt said.

A narrator will explain each dance and what it means. Each Polynesian island has a different language and culture, so each

dance is different, she said.

The Hawaiian dance has lots of graceful hand movements while the Tahitian dance has fast moving hips, Hunt said.

The luau begins at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for children and \$30 for a family pass.

They can be purchased at the USU ticket office or at the door.

EVENTS OF POLYNESIAN WEEK

- Wednesday 12:30 p.m.: Hula-hoop contest, TSC patio
- Thursday 12:30 p.m.: Hula lessons, TSC Patio
- Friday 5:00 p.m.: Luau, TSC Ballroom
- Friday 9:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.: Dance, TSC Ballroom free with luau or \$2 with ID, \$3 without ID



THE CULTURES OF A PEOPLE, EXPLORING DIFFERENCES

HOLLY HANSON
Staff Writer

Tropical islands with friendly people who have big hearts are part of a similar culture shared by the Polynesian islands, said Salote Otutaha, Polynesian Student Union president.

The islands are, made up of Fiji, Tonga, Hawaii, New Zealand, Tahiti and Samoa.

The Tongans are very close with their immediate and extended families, Tai Lauti, a Tongan student at Utah State University said. Not only are they close with their first cousins, but they are close with their fifth and sixth cousins as well.

This is because they have many family gatherings giving them an opportunity to get to know each other, he said.

The same friendliness is

extended to everyone they meet. Lauti said once he or another Polynesian student meets you, you will be remembered.

"We as Tongans are open to everyone," said Otutaha.

"Tonga is the last remaining monarchy in the Pacific. Our flag tells a lot about our culture," Otutaha said.

The flag is white with a cross in a red square. The white stands for purity, the cross represents Jesus Christ and the red represents Christ's blood. The flag says "God and Tonga are my strength," she said.

Tonga is also a strong Christian society.

"It is illegal to work on Sunday. Bread and butter are basically the only things you can still buy on a Sunday" Lauti said.

Though they live strict religious lives, Polynesians

also know how to have fun.

"We are fun and humorous and joke around a lot" Lauti said. "We are very open people and straight forward. We express our feelings."

According to Otutaha, because much of the Tongan culture is rooted in Christianity, importance is given to the family.

"It is common to live at home while attending college," she said.

"Most cultures celebrate the 18th birthday, but in the Tongan culture, we celebrate the 21st," Otutaha said. "It is important to be a 21-year-old virgin woman still living at home. We strive towards that."

"It is very embarrassing for a family to host a party or celebration then not be able to feed them all," Ilaisaane Ahokovi, another Polynesian student, said.

"The movie *Jonny Lingo* is pretty accurate in how it portrays the willingness to pay eight cows for a woman," Ahokovi said.

The Tongan culture is also respectful of their elders.

"We really respect them. If we are standing in line, we will offer them to go first," Lauti said.

Another difference between the cultures involves holidays. According to Ahokovi,



many Polynesians do not celebrate the same holidays as Americans or even celebrate them in the same way. Halloween and Thanksgiving are examples of some holidays they don't celebrate.

Christmas and New Year's Day are big holidays in Tonga.

"During New Year's, everything is closed. We celebrate for one week with eating and fun" Ahokovi said.

Though the cultures may be different, everyone is invited to be a part of the Polynesian Student Union.

"We are not limited to only Polynesian students. If you are willing to learn our culture you are welcome," Otutaha said.



TV's voyeurism is about to get worse

VERNE GAY
Newsday

Call it invidious, call it predictable, or call it whatever you like, but television increasingly is tapping into the voyeur in us. More and more, it seems, we like to watch each other. The huge ratings of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" and "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire" certainly attest to that.

But you haven't seen anything yet.

This summer, two European imports to air on CBS — Holland's "Big Brother" and Sweden's "Expedition Robinson," to be renamed "Survivor" — will raise the level of voyeuristic TV here to previously unseen heights.

A description offered by a "Big Brother" producer applies to both shows: "part social experiment, part real-life soap opera and part competition."

"Big Brother" resembles an extreme version of MTV's "The Real World." A group of strangers shares a house with cameras monitoring every move — in every room — and each person votes to evict one of the group. "Survivor" strands a group on an island, and like the "contestants" on "Big Brother," they are scrutinized by omnipresent camera crews and voted out by their peers until only one is left.

Should we be shocked? Not really. TV has always displayed a fundamental urge to exploit real people, real drama and real tragedy, and we have always been more than willing to abide this urge. "Real" may not always make for great television, but it is certainly compelling. On some admittedly narcissistic level, what is more compelling than the notion that we are the ones who are staring back from the TV set?

The real question is this: What has taken TV so long to get back to where it all started? Forty years ago, prime time was filled with the sweat and grunts of real people presumably trying to answer real questions on real quiz shows. Only later, when America was genuinely shocked to learn some TV executives were scoundrels, did quiz shows fall on hard times.

Thirty years ago, "Candid Camera" was a sensation: What was funnier than real people doing really stupid things? In 1973, PBS' "An American Family," which

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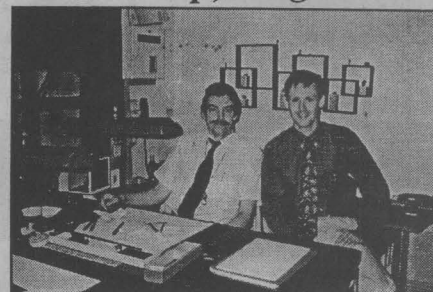
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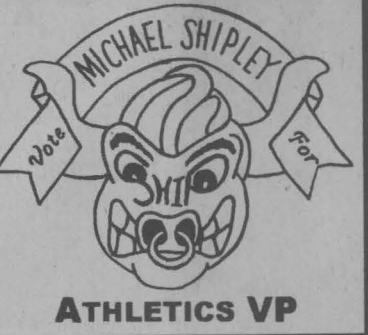
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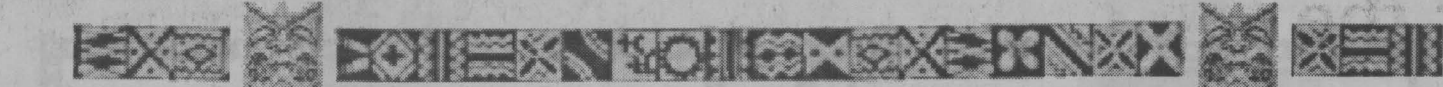
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1 tablespoon liquid smoke
2 1/2 tablespoons Hawaiian salt

Preheat oven to 325 F. Rub pork with liquid smoke and 1 1/2 tablespoons of the Hawaiian salt. Wrap pork in foil and seal completely. Place pork in roasting pan and bake for 5 hours. After baking, shred pork, and sprinkle with the remaining Hawaiian salt. Makes 10 servings.



recipe

CHICKEN LUAU

2 pounds chicken breasts
2 tablespoons macadamia nut oil
2 teaspoons minced garlic
4 cups chicken stock
3 boxes (10 oz. each) frozen whole leaf spinach, thawed.
1 1/2 cups coconut milk

Remove skin and bones from chicken breasts; reserve for stock if desired. Cut chicken into 1-inch cubes. Heat oil in a large skillet and saute chicken and garlic until light brown. Add stock, cover, and simmer 10 minutes or until chicken is tender. Drain spinach; stir spinach and coconut milk into skillet. Simmer for 5 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

recipe

PINEAPPLE LUAU STYLE

Cut a thick slice from the top and bottom of an unpeeled pineapple. Remove center of pineapple in a single cylinder, leaving 1/2-inch of the fruit inside the rind. Cut peeled fruit in quarters lengthwise; cut core into eight spears. Replace bottom piece; refill shell with spears and replace top. Serve by removing crown and pulling out the pineapple spears. Makes 8 servings.



recipe

HAWAIIAN PICKLED ONIONS

1 green bell pepper
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen small whole onions
1/2 cup rice vinegar
1/4 cup water
1 tablespoon Hawaiian salt
Crushed red pepper to taste

Remove seeds and membrane from bell pepper, slice into 1/4-inch strips. Place bell pepper and onions in a glass jar. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over vegetables. Cover tightly and refrigerate overnight, shaking occasionally. Makes 8 servings.

recipe

PINA COLADA FRUIT DIP

8 oz can crushed pineapple in it's own juice undrained
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3/4 cup milk
1/2 cup sour cream

Mix in food processor, cover, chill overnight and serve with fresh fruit.



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At the top of the news universe

ELIZABETH JENSEN
Los Angeles Times

The setting was Geneva, early in Tom Brokaw's tenure in the anchor chair at NBC News.

As snow fell, turning Brokaw's brown hair to a silvery white, then-NBC News President Larry Grossman says he had an epiphany, telling the anchor that "when you get gray hair, you're going to be absolutely the most popular guy in the world."

Brokaw does have gray hair these days, and his evening newscast has been the most popular, at least in the United States, for the last three years. Coincidence?

Maybe, maybe not. Although few would have predicted it some 17 years ago when he took the anchor chair by himself, Brokaw has become the very model of what we think of as an anchor these days, seemingly the most approachable, most reliable of the three men bringing the half-hour summary of the news each night, and leading viewers — at least those who haven't jumped to all-news cable — through the unfolding election year.

He had an atypical career path, including local news and a stint anchoring the morning "Today" show, and a reporting resume that included fewer foreign assignments than his rivals, CBS' Dan Rather and ABC's Peter Jennings. Even when he got the job in 1983, his role as the "face" of the seriously struggling NBC News led to constant chatter that he was about to be replaced. The show did reach the top of the ratings pile in the mid-1980s but soon lost it. Many in the media intelligentsia quietly dismissed him. "People thought he was a lightweight," says Reuven Frank, now retired, who as NBC News president chose Brokaw to be sole anchor. "But it was unfair, because he was pretty well-grounded and deep."

Today, however, Brokaw is at the top of his game, with a top-rated newscast and two best-selling books. How Brokaw got to this position says a lot about what viewers expect from an anchor these days and about what the evening newscast has become at a time of intense competition for news viewers.

Arriving at a rally for presidential candidate John McCain during the recent New Hampshire primary, Brokaw, in boots, black jeans and a black down jacket, bounds through the sloppy snow to catch up to the Arizona senator and former prisoner of war, who repeatedly refers in speeches to Brokaw's book "The Greatest Generation," about World War II veterans. Even dressed inconspicuously, Brokaw is besieged by veterans who want to talk about the book,



Tom Brokaw remains one of the top news anchors on the today.

autograph and picture seekers who know him from TV, and a confused duo from Dutch TV who ask him to take their picture before, embarrassed, they realize who he is and ask for an interview instead. In rapid succession, four foreign broadcasters, a kids TV show, a student documentary maker and the NBC local station from Seattle ask him to expound on the meaning of the primary.

Later, when Brokaw and some "Nightly News" staffers drop by a Bill Bradley rally — only to turn right around when they find that the candidate is running a half-hour late — campaign workers plead for a little time. "He'll get through this without me," Brokaw assures them with his wry smile and trademark mumble.

When he was named anchor, some viewers saw Brokaw, who got the top post when co-anchor Roger Mudd was pushed aside (Frank praises Mudd but says Brokaw was "better at ad-libbing, working without a script, which is something you cannot live without in an election year"), as too callow and ambitious, executives recall. Brokaw — who says that of the three, Jennings really has "that anchorman elan, like he was born to do that kind of work" — acknowledges that some viewers didn't want to get their news from a relative youngster (Brokaw just turned 60, while Jennings is 62 and Rather is 68).

"NBC Nightly News" ascended to the top spot under Brokaw for the first time right after the Challenger space shuttle explosion, and then-executive producer Bill Wheatley says he partly credits Brokaw's smooth handling of the tragedy coverage. "It was so absolutely clear that he had done his homework, knew what he was talking about and empathized with the

story."

Brokaw's office is dominated by a black-and-white photo of an Indian cemetery near his Yankton, S.D., childhood home. He has always felt "great heartland support."

Although hard to quantify, some of Brokaw's recent success might be due to the fact that as the nightly news has moved away from its East Coast-bias, it plays better to Brokaw's strengths.

"I think that he has a really great Midwest and family sensibility. He believes in those virtues very strongly," says his executive producer, David Doss. "He's not above the news."

The newscasts themselves are very different creatures from what they were in the early 1980s when the three anchors ascended to power. Then, they were weighted toward Washington, D.C., with story upon story about policy and process. The balance was provided by foreign news as the Cold War still raged.

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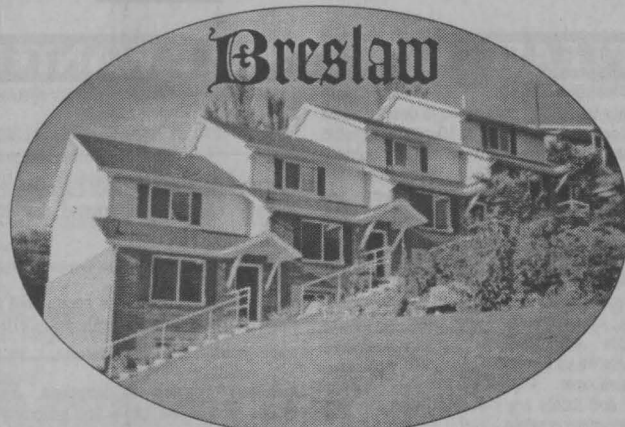
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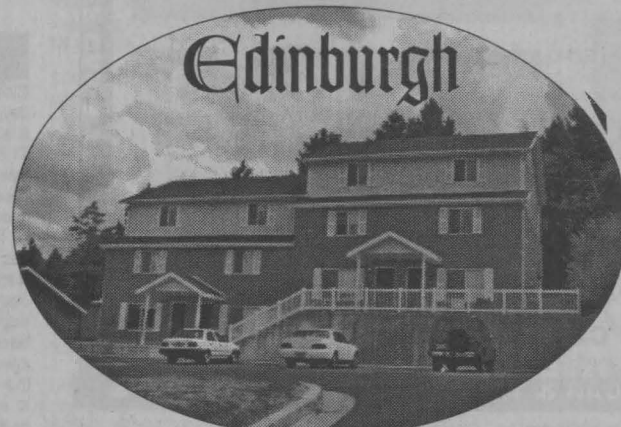
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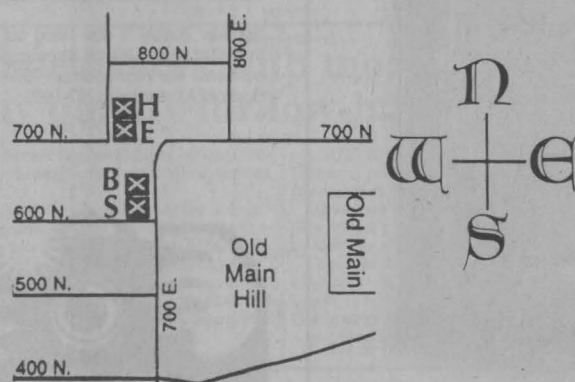
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chronicled the daily lives of one clan, the Louds, in intimate detail, became a national obsession.

The ante was upped in the mid-'90s with "The Real World," which followed the daily exploits of real 20-somethings, with titillation and the normal frictions of living in close proximity providing the drama. And the voyeuristic impulse has been intensified by the Internet — where ordinary people often literally put their lives online for anyone to see. (It's not surprising, then, that both "Big Brother" and "Survivor" feature significant Internet components.)

And this summer, U.S. viewers will get their next jolt of hyper-reality. If the reactions of the Dutch and Swedes are any indication, we will be in for a wild ride. At first the Dutch were shocked by the premise of "Big Brother." But the shock turned to curiosity, and then to obsession. In the process, the Dutch learned something about themselves, or so they believed.

Meanwhile, the fireworks have already started in

Germany, where "Big Brother" debuted March 1. For months the show was criticized by politicians who labeled it a form of human "experimentation" and said it offended human dignity, a value protected in Germany's constitution. Last week, producers decided house residents will be allowed to duck into a camera-free room for one hour a day. In turn, media regulators meeting in Munich postponed until Tuesday a decision on whether to order the show off the air.

In Sweden, public reaction to "Expedition: Robinson" was nearly identical. Producers emphasized this "competition" would not be a battle of the fittest or the strongest or the bravest. Instead, it would pit average person against average person.

Producers were abetted by widespread hysteria before the debut of both shows. The public wondered how real people would react under such unreal circumstances. Would they crack? Were there other hidden dangers? One contestant in the first season of Sweden's "Expedition" committed suicide, but producers insisted later he had suffered from problems unrelated to the show.

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Graduate
VICE PRES.

SAM WINWARD

"My most important responsibility for graduate students is to represent their ideas, concerns and feelings on issues that are important to them," said Sam Winward, one of the two candidates for Graduate Studies Vice President.

One of Winward's main goals if elected is to have a career fair specifically geared toward graduate students, he said.

He also wants to explore the possibility of extending tuition reimbursements to qualifying graduate students.

"Some institutions are able to offer health insurance to graduate students at little or no cost," he said of another goal he is exploring. "I would like to find out if this is an option for USU."

Other things he hopes to accomplish include monthly *Graduate Informers*, organized and regular Graduate Student Senate meetings, expanded activities and representing graduate students fairly and equitably to faculty, administration and to the ASUSU Executive Council.

Winward served this year as the ASUSU Athletics Vice President.



ERIC B. WORTHEN

Increasing graduate student awareness of, and involvement in, the Graduate Student Senate is one of Eric B. Worthen's main goals.

Worthen, who is running for graduate vice president, said if elected he would like to work with all departments and the School of Graduate Studies to "give graduate students the tools, information and support necessary for the successful completion of their various degree programs."

"Graduate students are a minority on campus, yet serve important roles as students, teaching and research assistants and as mentors for undergraduates," Worthen said.

Worthen said he believes graduate students need to have their interests and concerns heard by the rest of the student body, the faculty and staff and the administration.

Worthen said he hopes to serve his fellow graduate students as a spokesperson for their interests and concerns. He said he would like to actively address issues brought before the Graduate Student Senate.

Public Relations
VICE PRES.

BETSY SPACKMAN

"I think that public relations has a huge potential for good — it acts as a link between ASUSU and the students," Betsy Spackman said.

And with experience as the ASUSU public relations account manager for legislation and ASUSU Science Council public relations representative, Spackman feels her two years' experience with public relations makes her the best qualified for the position.

"I know what the office entails, and I'm up for the job," she said.

In order to better link students with ASUSU, Spackman would like to increase the use of the ASUSU Web site and hotline by advertising.

She said many students are missed because most of the advertising is centered at the Taggart Student Center. She would spread out advertising by posting notices and having displays in buildings around campus.

She would also like to hold casual forums where officers dish out ice cream and interact with students, for example, to attract students and get their views on issues that way.



MARNI JENKINS

"I want to work with the college senators to get information board in college buildings," Marni Jenkins said.

Marketing is mostly done in the Taggart Student Center now, but needs to be expanded to the Fine Arts and Business Buildings as well as other areas of campus, she said.

With most colleges having glass display cases in their buildings, Jenkins hopes to be able to utilize those. If she can't, she said she would at least put up mini A-frames in those areas rather than congregated around the Taggart Student Center. The A-frames could be placed outside during good weather and inside the building during good weather, she said.

She would also work with the ASUSU Design team to integrate the ASUSU Web site and hotline on A-frames and signs, advertising the services students can access at home.

Additionally, she would like to survey students about elections. With two candidates running unopposed this year and such a low voter turnout for the primaries, Jenkins would like to know why students are apparently uninterested and try to solve the problem.



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the most additional money any student would pay for printouts would be \$1.05. After 88 printouts, students would actually be saving money, he said.

But ASUSU Academics Vice President Emily Croshaw said the issue of convenience must also be considered.

"I don't support going to zero (prepaid printouts) until Computer Services can give us cash registers so we can pay in the labs," Croshaw said.

She said she also wants to see a buffer of five to 10 prepaid printouts available to protect new students or students unaware of the new policy.

Another issue discussed was the use of the money saved by the computer lab

operating budget.

Sessions said the elimination of prepaid printouts would be an asset to students because the extra money could be used for new computer programs and longer lab hours.

"I'm definitely in support of the labs staying open longer," ASUSU Public Relations Vice President Christina Domichel said.

However, she said new software may not be in the

students' best interest.

"I think for the most part the labs have a wide variety of software students would use," she said.

She said she was concerned any new software may be programming software or other programs that most students would never try to use.

Sessions said he foresees access to more Internet-based software and upgrades for current software.

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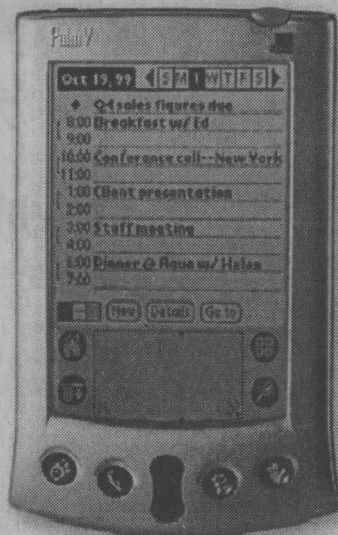
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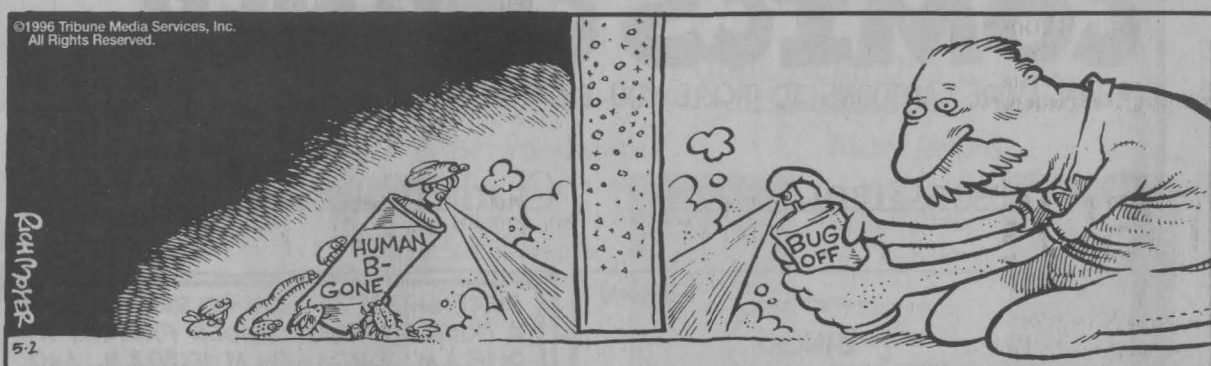
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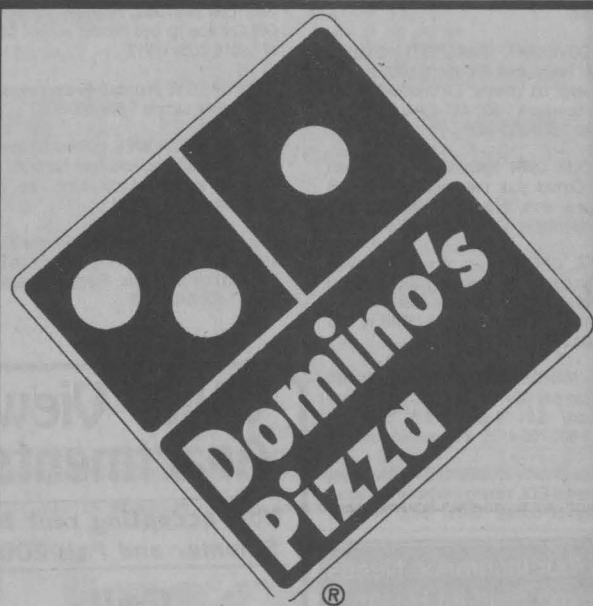
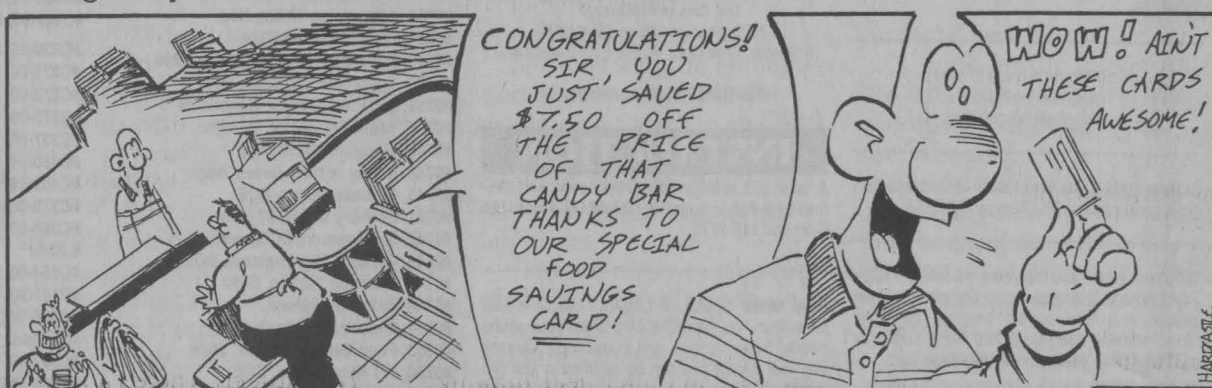
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USU's struggling offense heads to Southern Utah University

AARON MORTON
Assistant Sports Editor

After being shutout in the last two games of a three-game weekend at New Mexico State University, the Aggies are looking to spark the offense when they take on the University of Utah in Salt Lake City today.

Assistant coach Kim Oelschlager seems upbeat about the doubleheader (games are scheduled to start at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.).

"It's going to be a good game," Oelschlager said.

But first the Aggies (10-19) have got to score some runs. NMSU held USU scoreless in their last two games, 4-0 and 3-0.

The good news, Oelschlager said, is that USU was hitting the ball hard and putting the ball in play — right to the defense. And when they were getting on base, it was usually with the bases empty and with two outs. Someone needs to step up and be a leader by hitting the ball when the team needs them to, she said.

The bad news is that U of U's pitcher Kristin Arbagast has had more than a week to rest. She has pitched more than 80 percent of Utah's innings, has an ERA of only

3.27 and has won 16 of the U's 17 wins.

The last time she pitched was in the Sacramento State tournament where the Utes won four of five games. USU won two of seven games.

"They were on fire all week," Oelschlager said.

The Aggies will also have to contend with the Utes' sluggers. Utah (17-15) has hit 22 home runs this season (USU has 9) and the Utes have three batters who bat better than .300, one of which (Sunny Smith) has a slugging percentage of .716.

Aggie pitcher Amy Settlemier will likely start the first game because of her good off-speed pitch. But because of an injury she is listed as day-to-day, head coach Pam McCreesh said.

Meanwhile, Utah State only has one batter above .300 in Sandy Taylor. It will likely take strong hitting by more than one batter to upend the Utes.

On the other hand, the team is improving defensively, Oelschlager said. In the three games in Las Cruces, the Aggies only committed two errors — a good sign for the



USU right fielder Cristina Conrad zeros in on the incoming pitch during practice at Johnson Field on Tuesday. The Aggies travel to Southern Utah this weekend in hopes of ending their losing streak before their home opener on Saturday.

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Mac, Sosa and Junior could turn N.L. Central into home run derby

CASEY HOBSON
Sports Editor

Want to hear a scary stat? 176.

That's how many home runs sluggers Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and Ken Griffey Jr. combined for in 1999.

Sosa and McGwire played long ball in the pitching-depleted National League Central last season, combining for 128 homers themselves.

Now enter Ken Griffey Jr., who may have been the most feared hitter in baseball until McGwire and Sosa broke Roger Maris' single season home run record in 1998.

Though it's uncertain just what effect Griffey's presence in the Cincinnati Reds' lineup will have on the division races, one thing is certain: the NL Central division is going to need a lot more baseballs.

And with Sosa's Chicago Cubs starting the season today in Japan, one can't help but wonder how much damage the three players can do to each other's teams. Forget about the standings, the NL Central is about home runs this season.

But is it fair to expect them to all perform so well again this season? Well, yes and no.

Big Mac has to stay healthy. Sosa has to keep getting a steady diet of belt-high fastballs and Griffey will have to adjust to life in the National League.

Griffey hasn't hit fewer than 40 home runs since 1992, his fourth year in the Bigs. There's no reason to believe he won't continue that streak in the NL. Sosa and McGwire both proved that 1998's performance was not a fluke by duplicating it in 1999. The stats seem to indicate each of them is in for another monster year.

Maybe each case of baseballs will come with a complimentary case of aspirin too. Pitchers in the NL Central are going to need it this season.



McGwire

Will Griffey be top dog in NL now?

CASEY HOBSON
Sports Editor

The most interesting race in the National League this year won't be between two teams. It won't be between Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa either.

The most exciting race in the NL this season might just be for the Gold Glove award in center field.

Atlanta's Andruw Jones won the award the last two seasons. In that time, Jones has shown incredible range in center field, drawing comparisons to perhaps the greatest outfielder to ever play the game, Willie Mays.

From ESPN's Peter Gammons to Braves manager Bobby Cox, people everywhere are saying he's got the best range of anyone they've seen since Mays.

And up until a month ago, Jones was a shoe-in for his third-straight Glove. Now things don't look quite as promising. While he may still be the best defensive center fielder in the game, winning the award this season might be as difficult as some of the over-the-shoulder catches he makes.

Why? Because the American League's best centerfielder defected to the National League.

When the Seattle Mariners traded 10-time Gold Glove winner Ken Griffey Jr. to the Cincinnati Reds in February, it not only put three of the game's most

exciting home run hitters in the same division (Griffey, McGwire and Sosa), but it also put the game's two best center fielders in the same league.

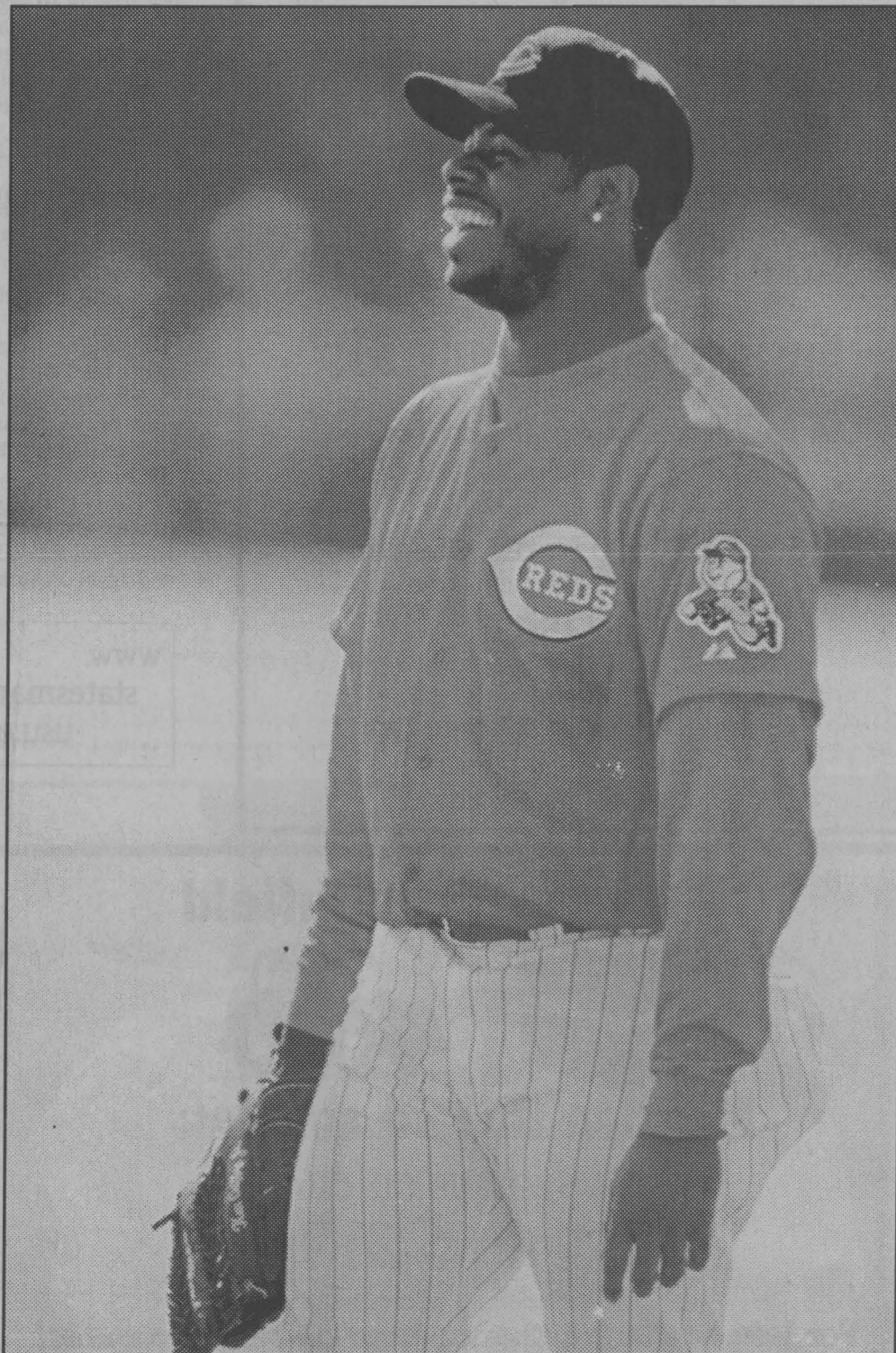
Scouts have already dubbed Jones defensively as the next Willie Mays, and many of them feel he can be the next Ken Griffey Jr. if he learns to hit close to .300 and drive in 100 runs a season.

Though Jones might actually have better range than Griffey, he's no longer the top dog in the NL outfields. There's a new sheriff in town in Griffey — a sheriff with a bigger name and five times as many Gold Gloves. Moreover, Griffey is Cooperstown bound, and the media isn't about to end his streak of 10 consecutive Gold Gloves just because he moved to a different league — even if there is a slightly more deserving player.

Jones' one shot at dethroning Griffey might be to have a break out season at the plate — a season worthy of MVP consideration — which is the very thing that shouldn't be considered when handing out defensive awards.

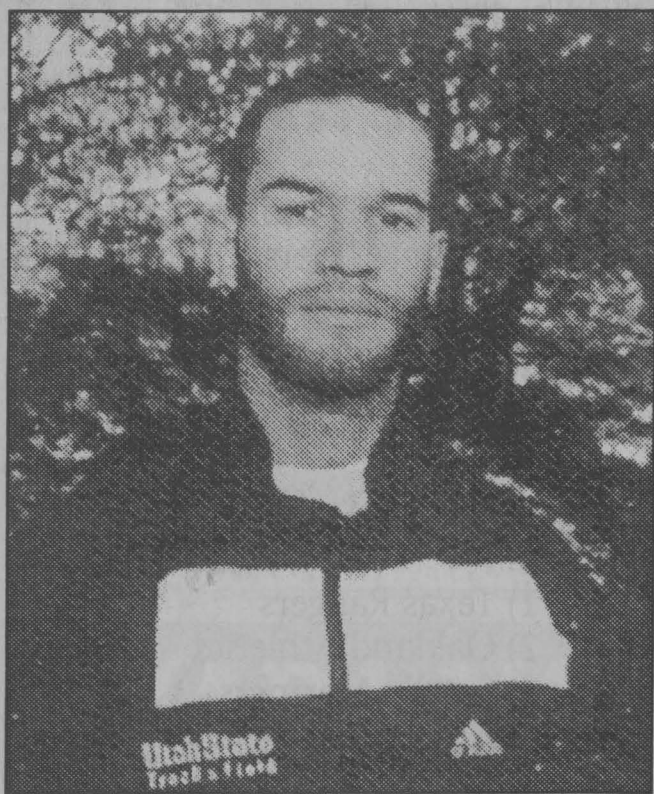
Ironically, the one man who could keep Jones from becoming the next Griffey Jr. might just be Griffey himself. In the meantime, Jones may have to settle for being the 'second-best' center fielder in the game.

Either way, the race for the NL Gold Glove in center field might just be the most interesting race of all.



Cincinnati Reds' center fielder Ken Griffey Jr. enjoys a laugh with his teammates during spring training.

Utah State track star Brooks Gibbons dead from cancer



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A good attitude is important to have, but for former Sky View Bobcat and Utah State University track athlete Brooks Gibbons, it was his secret to life.

Gibbons passed away Monday at his home in Lewiston.

Gibbons grew up in Lewiston, Utah, where he attended Sky View High School and then went to Ricks College for a year. He served a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to Gaum in 1993, and returned to Utah State on a scholarship to compete in hurdles.

Gibbons was an incredible athlete for Utah State. In 1995 he was the Athlete of the Year and the Big West Champion in the 110-meter and 400-meter hurdles in 1996. It was during his senior year that Gibbons' life took a drastic change.

"I was running good and I was having a good season, feeling good to train," Gibbons said. "I went in to the doctors because I had something caught in my throat — or I thought — and they found a tumor. I ran a track meet on Friday. The next Wednesday I

was in the hospital doing chemo, and I haven't ran since."

That was February of 1998, when the then 24-year-old was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Usually found in the elderly, Gibbons' was the first case his doctors had seen in someone so young. The diagnosis was not promising, as they gave Gibbons three months to live. This is when Gibbons' competitiveness and positive attitude kicked in.

"I have just had a good attitude," Gibbons said. "They said three months, and that was over two years ago. I've been beating the odds easy. Well not pretty easy, but pretty good. They are really surprised that I am still around."

Athletics was Gibbons' life as he competed in track, basketball and football in high school and then continued with track in college. He said he liked track because the competition focused on the individual.

"All the pressure was on yourself, anything that you did well, it was for yourself. You didn't really have to worry about your team in order to place."

Gibbons underwent many surgeries and chemotherapy treatments in his race against cancer. He said his experiences in sports and the support from his family helped him keep

his winning attitude and continue to fight.

"My positive attitude comes back to how I was brought up, and a lot of what I learned in track," Gibbons said. "It's all personal. You have to fight for yourself. You're not just going to have it handed to you. You have to be able to do something."

One of Gibbons' main goals since he was diagnosed was to finish his degree in sociology. After completing his remaining classes by correspondence, Gibbons graduated March 13, 2000, and was awarded his diploma in his hospital room.

"I have worked harder in the last year and a half to get my degree than I did before the cancer," he said.

Gibbons credited a lot of what he accomplished to the help of his coaching staff and teammates at Utah State. He said when he was doing treatments in Salt Lake City, they volunteered to take him down every day.

"I just want to thank the coaching staff and teammates that I have had. They have really been a comfort."

The Aggie hurdler also had a goal of racing again. He said some of the best times racing were when he competed with his brother-

USU runner Brooks Gibbons died Monday at his home in Lewiston.

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Mets, Cubs get early start in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP) — Jon Lieber's parents had a problem. They wanted to watch their son pitch on opening day for the Chicago Cubs, only the game in Japan was scheduled to start well before daybreak.

And then it dawned on them. Throw a party, complete with a bunch of friends, breakfast and a big-screen TV.

"We're going to start at 4 a.m.," Lynn Lieber said by telephone from her home in Council Bluffs, Iowa. "My husband, Ray, will probably throw some bacon on the grill, and we'll have about eight people over at the house."

"It's early, but how could we miss this?" she said.

Most baseball fans around the country will be sound asleep when the Cubs and New York Mets start the major league season Wednesday.

Sammy Sosa could hit four home runs or Mike Hampton could pitch the first no-hitter in Mets' history, and not a lot of people would know it.

The first pitch is scheduled for 7:08 p.m. local time at the Tokyo Dome. That's 5:08 a.m. EST in New York and 4:08 a.m. CST in Chicago and Council Bluffs.

"I think it's great my mom and dad are doing that," Lieber said Tuesday before a final spring training game against Seibu. "It's kind of wild."

The Liebers plan to pull in the Fox Sports Net telecast on their satellite dish. For Mets and Cubs fans, there will plenty of places to watch the earliest opener in big league history.

In New York, large-screen televisions are being set up at Penn Station so subway and rail commuters can see the game. The Official All-Star

Cafe at Times Square is holding a party and, because no alcohol is allowed after 4 a.m., free hot chocolate will be served.

In Chicago, the Harry Caray's restaurants will open for a breakfast buffet. At its downtown location, Caray's widow, Dutchie, will lead patrons in singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" during the seventh-inning stretch.

Hampton faces Lieber in the opener, then Rick Reed starts for New York against Kyle Farnsworth on Thursday night. After that, with every other club still playing exhibitions, the Cubs and Mets get three days off to rest and re-adjust to the jet lag.

Most teams begin playing Monday. That's when Ken Griffey Jr. makes his debut in his hometown of Cincinnati against Milwaukee and also the day the Home Run Central features its first head-to-head matchup — Mark McGwire vs. Sosa.

Sosa is hoping his regular season gets off to a better start than the way his spring training ended.

Sosa finished up in an 0-for-15 rut, having gone hitless in eight at-bats during a pair of exhibitions against Japanese teams. The Mets and Cubs took turns playing Seibu and Tokyo Yomiuri, and both series wound up in splits.

"The real season starts tomorrow," Sosa said. "Tomorrow is opening day, and I'll be ready."

Players on each team get \$25,000 apiece for taking part in this series, set up to help promote baseball worldwide. Though many players got to see Japanese culture and traditions, they kept reminding each other that the purpose of their 7,400-mile trip was to win.

"If we come all this way and go

home without something to show for it, that wouldn't be any good," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said.

Both games are sellouts, with crowds of about 50,000 expected. The crazy atmosphere that exists for Japanese games might be lacking, though.

So might be some of the customs that mark baseball in this country. As in, no Japanese plate umpire ducking into the cage to watch batting practice and sharpen his eye.

Fans do not scramble for foul balls, instead politely handing them back to ushers. And players who hit home runs are greeted at home plate by ball girls, who present them with stuffed dolls.

"What was that about?" wondered Cubs catcher Joe Girardi after seeing teammates Mark Grace and Damon Buford collect the trinkets during Tuesday's 6-5 win over Seibu.

Girardi and Buford are among several new faces on the Cubs this season. Eric Young is in the leadoff spot and Don Baylor is in the dugout.

The NL wild-card Mets will show off their No. 1 offseason acquisition — Hampton. He was 22-4 last season for Houston and, if history holds, will cause all kinds of trouble for Sosa.

Slammin' Sammy is just 4-for-35 (114) against the lefty, with no home runs and 10 strikeouts. Sosa did not look sharp facing Japanese pitchers, who frequently frustrated him with offspeed stuff.

Baylor figured that would change once the games began to mean something.

"I'm not worried about Sammy and the changeups," Baylor said. "When opening day comes, some guys get a different look in their eyes. He'll be fine."

STRUGGLING

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team that commits the second-most errors in the league.

"We played excellent defense," Oelschlagel said about the NMSU trip.

After the stop in Salt Lake, USU will resume their Big West Conference season where they are tied for fourth with NMSU and the University of the Pacific.

The U of P Tigers will be the Aggies' opponent in their first home stand of the season. USU and Pacific will face off twice Saturday (1 and 3 p.m.) and again on Sunday (1 p.m.).

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in-law, former USU athlete Corey Murdock. When he was in remission last summer, he applied for and was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA. Although he competed again on the track, he never stopped fighting and wanted to share his legacy with others.

"Take everyday that you've got and keep it," Gibbons said. "There are things that I wished I would have done, that I can't do now. I

want people to realize that they have a choice of how they can react to certain situations. I could have given up and died on this two-years ago, but I didn't. I kept fighting. Nothing is going to go right all the time, just keep a positive attitude, and you can get through it."

To some people it may seem as though he never made it over that last hurdle. To others, he has more than won: he is a champion, who through his example of courage has left more behind in such a short period than most will in a lifetime.

CASEY'S MLB SEASON PICKS



It's a new season, but expectations are somewhat similar for most of the teams in the Major Leagues. The Yankees are still as rich as can be, the Twins

and Marlins are equally as poor and the Los Angeles Dodgers and Baltimore Orioles are still two of the worst teams money can buy.

Offense will not be a problem in the N.L. Central, but pitching might be scarce. When the Astros traded 20-game winner Mike Hampton to the New York Mets, they may have

also traded their ticket to the playoffs.

The Yankees are still the team to beat in the American League, but Pedro Martinez might just be the man to do it. Is he good enough to pitch the Red Sox to the World Series?

Will Tampa Bay have enough offense to finish anywhere near the top of their division this season?

However, like any season, there are no guarantees or free-rides to the playoffs. How will things pan out? I've given it some thought, and figure it will look something like this ...

N.L. EAST

- 1) Atlanta Braves
- 2) New York Mets *
- 3) Philadelphia Phillies
- 4) Montreal Expos
- 5) Florida Marlins

A.L. EAST

- 1) New York Yankees
- 2) Boston Red Sox *
- 3) Baltimore Orioles
- 4) Toronto Blue Jays
- 5) Tampa Bay

N.L. CENTRAL

- 1) Cincinnati Reds
- 2) Houston Astros
- 3) St. Louis Cardinals
- 4) Chicago Cubs
- 5) Milwaukee Brewers

A.L. CENTRAL

- 1) Cleveland Indians
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N.L. WEST

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A.L. WEST

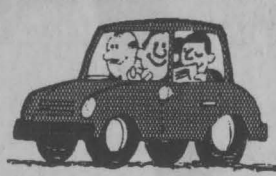
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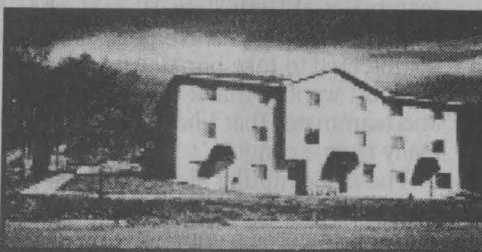
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Birth rate booming after years of decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women in their 20s helped fuel a baby boomlet that pushed U.S. births up 2 percent in 1998, the first increase in several years, said a government report released Tuesday.

The increase reflected growth in the number of women entering childbearing years. These daughters of early baby boomers are having their own kids, but getting married first is a not necessarily a requisite to becoming a parent, the report shows.

Births to unwed mothers, on the rise for years, hit an all-time high in 1998 and accounted for nearly half of all babies born that year, reported the National Center for Health Statistics. Unlike the early 1990s, when teenagers were having children at alarming rates, today's unwed mothers are more likely to be in their 20s and 30s.

Researchers attribute the change to a big drop in teen births, confidence in the booming economy and more relaxed attitudes about unwed mothers.

"The social disapproval factor has definitely lessened," said Stephanie Ventura, lead author of the report compiled from state birth data.

There were 3.94 million births in 1998, compared to 3.88 million children born in 1997. The fertility rate was 65.6 births for every 1,000 females, up from 65 births per 1,000.

These were the first increases in births and fertility rates since 1990, when 4.1 million children were born and the fertility rate was 70.9 births per 1,000 women.

Between 1990 and 1997, the number of births fell 7 percent as women waited longer to have children and teen births declined amid the availability of more reliable contraceptives, an emphasis on abstinence and fears about AIDS.

Some 1.29 million babies were born to single women in 1998, up 3 percent from the prior year and the highest number

reported since the government started collecting birth data in the early 1990s.

One reason for the rise was a larger population of unmarried women of child bearing age.

The number of single women between 15 and 44 rose to 29.2 million women in 1998 from 28.6 million in 1997.

Unwed women in their 20s and 30s had higher birth rates, and that was true for both white and black women.

Birth rates for unwed Hispanic women in that age group fell, the report showed.

Birth rates for all women in the 20s and 30s was also on the rise.

After falling during the 1990s, the birth rate for women between 20 and 24 rose 1 percent to 111.2 births per 1,000.

The rate for women aged 30 to 34 rose 2 percent to 87.4 births per 1,000 women — the highest rate since 1965.

Jacqueline Darroch, senior vice president for research at Alan Guttmacher Institute, a private research group, said the rise in unmarried moms doesn't necessarily mean that children don't have fathers because many women are living with, but not marrying, their partners.

"Nonmarried does not necessarily mean that it's the mother alone without a father," said Darroch, citing a government study that showed about 4 percent of women, or about 2.6 million, living with partners.

Donna Shalala, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said the trend was cause for concern.

"The increase in births to unmarried mothers, as well as the increase in teen mothers who smoke, are troubling," said Shalala.

Other findings:

— Smoking among pregnant teens increased, especially among blacks.

— The proportion of women beginning prenatal care in the first trimester continued to rise.

— Multiple births continued to increase, a phenomenon tied to the use of fertility drugs and more older women giving birth.

'The increase in births to unmarried mothers, as well as the increase in teen mothers who smoke, are troubling.'

• DONNA SHALALA •
SECRETARY OF THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bosnia asks for aid to help refugees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tens of thousands of Bosnian refugees could return home this year if the international community would cut through bureaucracy and supply them with homebuilding materials, a Bosnian presidential adviser said Tuesday.

Security has improved to the point where refugees could soon go back to their homes in 80 percent of the country, said Mirza Hajric, adviser to Alija Izetbegovic, the Muslim representative of Bosnia's joint presidency.

Hajric was on a U.S. visit to drum up support for the refugees and the nation's economic development.

"What they need is not some planning, not endless bureaucracy — what they

need is a bulk of building material waiting for them upon arrival because within two to three weeks they can build their own houses themselves," Hajric said.

He said repatriation in previous years to undo the effects of ethnic cleansing has been slow and expensive because of the many stages of refugee assistance.

Donor nations give money to international organizations, which plan housing projects and hire construction companies, which in turn build the houses — each step taking months.

Hajric is also an adviser for the implementation of the 1995 Dayton peace accords, which ended the 3-year war in Bosnia, the worse bloodletting in Europe

since World War II. Some 200,000 Bosnians died or are missing.

Smoldering mistrust has kept over one million refugees from returning to their homes in areas controlled by former wartime enemies.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a recent report that the nation had made progress in restructuring its police, identifying weaknesses in its judicial system and other areas.

But in a briefing on the report last week, Assistant Secretary-General Hedi Annabi said progress on implementing the 1995 accord has been slow and met powerful resistance from nationalists determined to preserve ethnic divisions.

28 terrorist suspects linked to bin Laden indicted

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Jordan indicted 28 Arabs linked to suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden on terrorism charges Tuesday stemming from what officials say was a conspiracy to attack Americans and Israelis during New Year's celebrations.

Fifteen suspects — 13 Jordanians, one Iraqi and an Algerian — have been in custody since December, Attorney General Maamoun Khassawneh said.

Thirteen others, including Jordanians, Palestinians and a Yemeni, are at large and possibly hiding in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Britain, Lebanon and Syria, Khassawneh said.

Jordanian officials have said those governments were contacted regarding the possible extradition of some of those at large.

Khassawneh said the suspects will be tried in Jordan's State Security Court in mid-April. They face the death penalty if found guilty.

Officials have said the suspects planned bombing attacks on U.S. and Israeli tourists celebrating the New Year at Jordan's Mount

Nebo, where tradition says Moses saw the Promised Land, and at a Christian settlement along the Jordan River said to be where Jesus was baptized.

Investigators found radio-controlled detonators, explosives, ammunition, raw material for bomb-making and nerve gas hidden at a farm outside Amman.

According to the indictment, the suspects began collecting the materials in 1996 from various Arab capitals, including Damascus and Baghdad. Many of the suspects allegedly received military training in camps in Syria, Lebanon and Afghanistan.

The suspects also face charges of manufacturing explosives and being affiliated with outlawed groups.


One of the groups is Al Qaida, or "the base" — a terrorist organization allegedly headed by bin Laden.

Bin Laden, a Saudi dissident, is suspected of a leading role in the 1998 U.S. Embassy bombings in Africa that killed 224 people.

He is on the U.S. State Department's list of most-wanted criminals.

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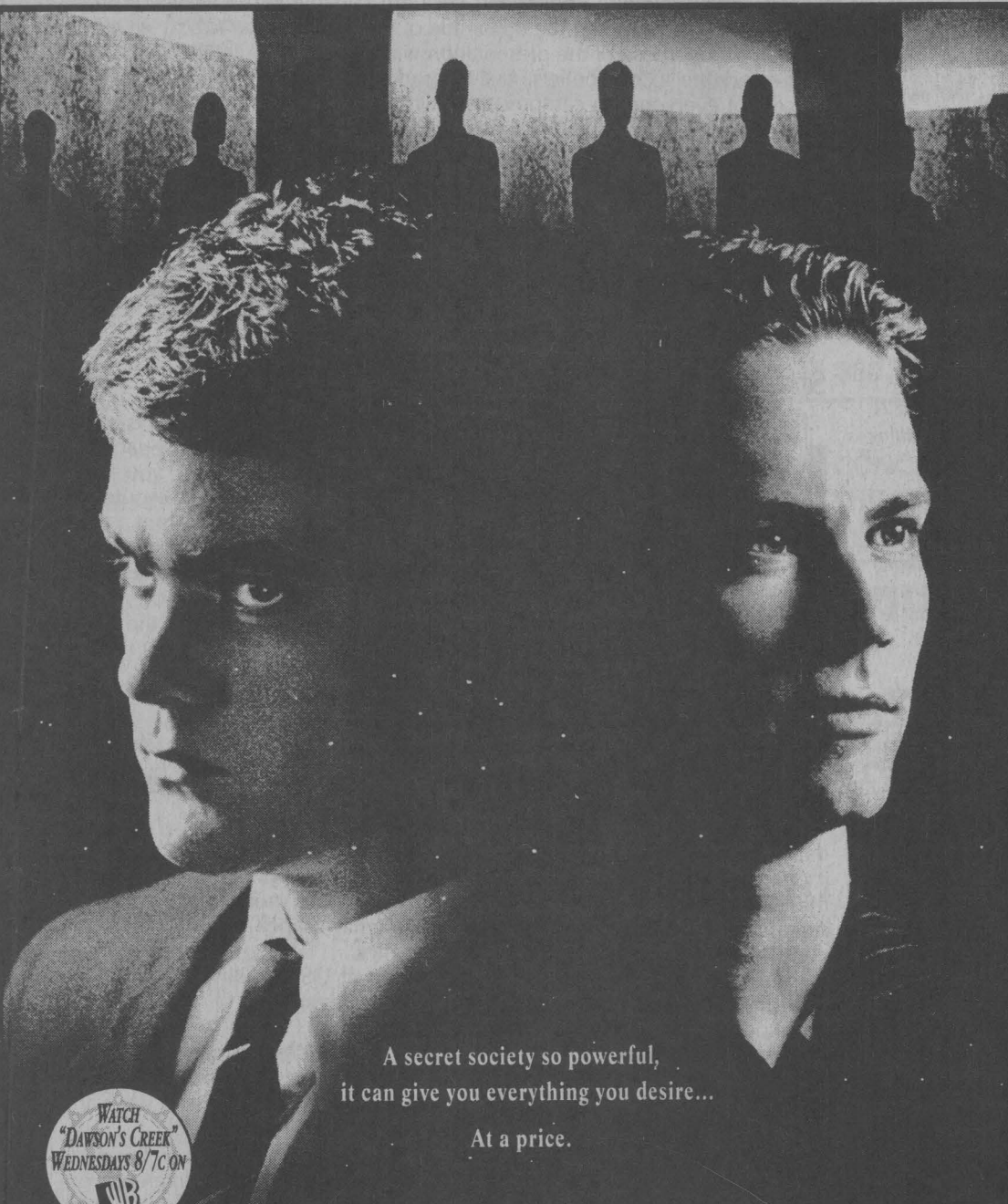
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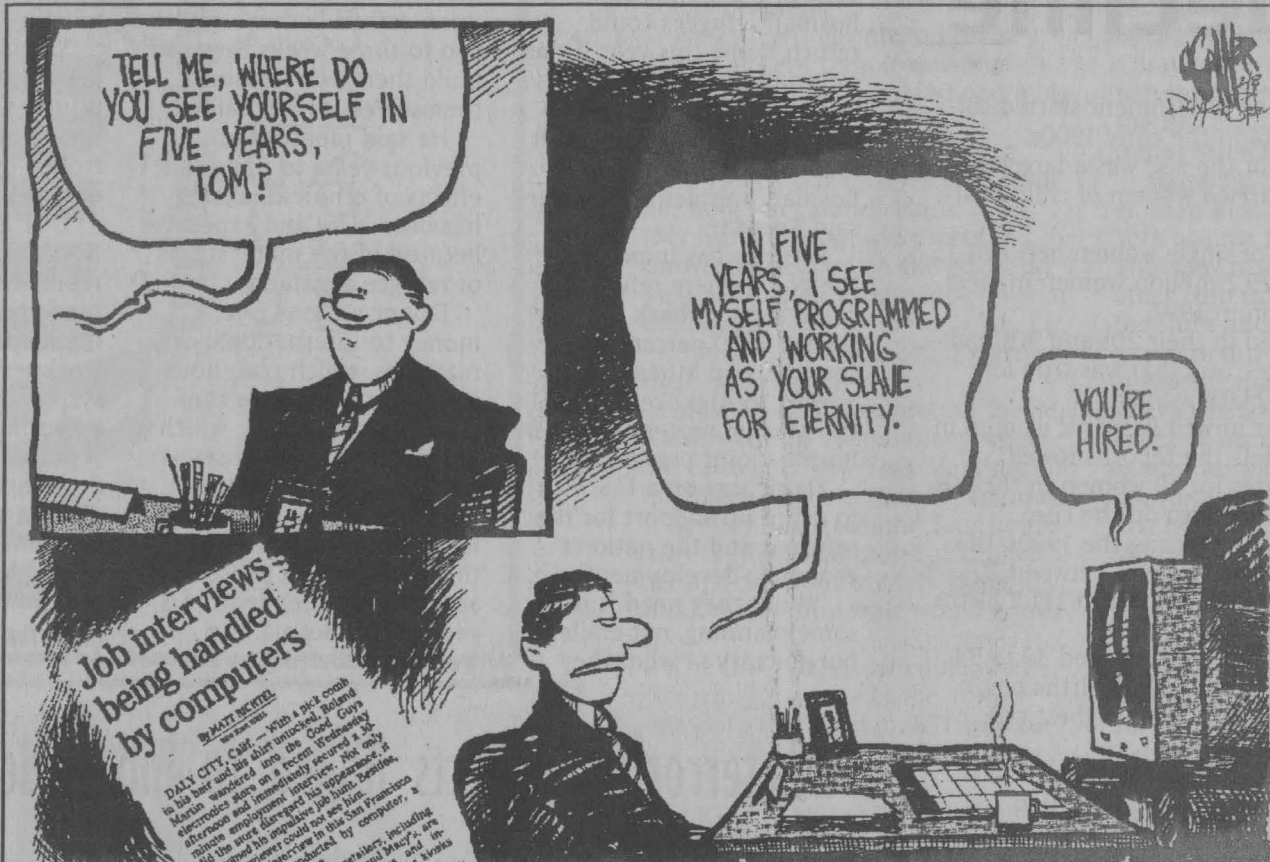
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Drain the Pacific
Ocean

For years now, we have been constantly infested with that big body of water. Not Lake Powell. The Pacific Ocean. It is killing all freshwater life and washing sand in our shorts. Can't you see it is tearing us apart? It tastes salty, it is dangerous and someone could drown. Who knows how many countless lives have been claimed already — animal and human?

If we drain it, that would mean more land for everyone. The salt industry would skyrocket; cleanup would provide jobs for millions. We could drive to Japan. It would bring to our knowledge why Hawaii has an interstate. When I was 3, I went swimming in the Pacific. After 15 minutes my skin became dry and cracked. I was a victim of salt water. Pacific Ocean! If you're reading this, you better watch out because I'm coming to get you! Let's forget our petty Lake problems and fight our common enemy. The Pacific Ocean. Unless of course someone needs it for something.

To the
EDITOR

would have been more effective. The whole idea of singling out one person and using them as the outlet for the negative attitude was wrong. If you want to make a statement about your objections to something, do so in a manner that won't cause laughter, but rather people to think about your opinion. In essence, I feel even stronger about my position because of the name-calling that went on through the letters. As an environmentalist, I do not enjoy being called an "immature lunatic vandal" just because some signs were missing. We have no idea who took them, and as long as the opposition does not know either, we should try not to point fingers.

The whole point of the presentation was to promote discussion and thought throughout campus.

Sarah Lundstrum

Fliers disappearance not
imagined

I wish to respond to Aleisha Baker (March 24 letter) who insults my intelligence to suggest that I "imagined" the removal of fliers. Nor did I "imagine" the subsequent fliers (though few in number) that personally insulted Myke Bybee, head of ECOS, which hosted the event.

I am opposed to draining Lake Powell, but I fully support the right to make the argument and to question the technocratic control of nature embodied by the dam. The vandals' actions preclude this, and are not "beside the point." Chalking is an accepted, common practice, and "flyer etiquette" allows their removal after the fact, not before. Regardless of how many flyers were up, it is unethical.

Jim Steitz

The Statesman thanks readers for expressing their opinions. Please keep the letters coming. However, we will not be printing any more letters to the editor concerning the draining of Lake Powell.

Everyone should be able
to voice their opinions

I would first off like to commend Tony Stout for his comments in Monday's Statesman. I was a part of the "Drain 'Lake' Powell?" contingent, yet I am capable of seeing and understanding the other side of the argument as well. The purpose of the presentation was not to conform everyone to our beliefs, but to spark the thought process of everyone on campus. As a whole we realize that there are going to be different opinions on campus, but that should not stop us or anyone else from voicing our ideas, thoughts and opinions.

As for the fliers that were put up as a form of "formal protest," I feel that a more mature expression of protest

Voting is a waste of my time

STATESMAN SOAPBOX / Casey Hobson



of your head. What you're about to read will probably make your jaw drop.

I'm here today to tell you the Associated Students of Utah State University elections are a waste of time, and so is your vote.

(You might want to reinforce that duct tape now.)

Don't get me wrong — this is not the approach I take to politics in America. I love this country. I take my hat off for the national anthem, I pay my taxes (as immorally high as they might be) and I have the deepest respect for those who died to preserve my freedom.

It is every American's duty not just to vote, but to place an educated vote — to research the candidates' positions on every issue and select the best one for the office. Voting is how "we the people" make sure this country stays in our hands. It's the very principle on which our Founding Fathers built this great nation.

Why are the ASUSU elections any different? It's simple. Regardless of whether we put Sherlock Holmes in office or Larry Holmes in office, the results are going to be the same. They're just too limited in what they can do. They can't make Spring Break any longer, classes any easier or books any cheaper. So what else is there?

I know the ASUSU officers put in

a lot of hours, and their work is greatly appreciated. I know they sacrifice on my behalf. However, you can't tell me that Candidate X would do anything terribly different than Candidate Y. The elections are a popularity contest, just like they were in high school. Nothing more, nothing less. He who makes the most friends in the shortest amount of time wins.

I know the national elections are a lot of the same, but there are real issues involved there. It is important to pick the candidate who most parallels your personal beliefs and morals. It is what shapes our country.

Life at USU is different. Regardless of who we are, where we come from and what our majors are, we all want the same things. We want to graduate as soon as possible and we want to do it as easily as possible.

And don't kid yourself on this one. You might think you're different; you might think you like to be challenged by your professors, but how many of us really sit in class and ask for extra assignments? How many of us actually ask the professors to move the deadline forward on our 10-page papers? How many of us walk to class thinking, "Gosh, I hope Professor Smith gives us that 50-question essay test by the end of the week."

Granted, there are a few people out there like this, but they are the ones who are a couple pistons short of a V-8, if you know what I mean. Education is the one thing in this

country for which Americans are willing to accept less than what they paid. The majority of us want the criteria to be as easy as possible. Those are the only issues we have.

And that's just it. Most of us want the same things from our experience at USU, including the candidates running for office. One candidate can't be too much different from the other. It's

'One candidate
can't be too much
different from the
other. It's a choice
between Tweedledee
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a choice between Tweedledee and Tweedledum. Or, as some people might say, between Tweedledumb and Tweedledumber.

When it comes right down to it, ASUSU officers can't legislate; they merely vote on how to represent USU students.

After they vote, they turn in a letter of recommendation, and that letter may or may not have weight on the decisions President George Emert makes. That is the extent of their power, and you can't tell me one candidate could do that any better than the other.

If you still want to vote, then that's fine; go for it — knock yourself out. Have a ball. You have my support.

But if you don't know who Larry Holmes is, then stay home from the poles and do something useful. Sit down with a sporting almanac and read it until you find out.

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In our
OPINION

The candidate extended. Are we all

this year's final ASUSU elections are frighteningly identical to the candidates from the primary elections. This is because no more than two candidates decided to run for office in most positions. In some positions, such as president, the candidate is running unopposed.

Is our student body saying that no one else out there feels qualified to run for this office? The candidates who are running are probably highly qualified and would do a great job if elected, but competition is what makes people really perform.

The position of HASS Senator had no candidates, so the date for application had to

really so indifferent about what happens to us as students? ASUSU can do things for us. And those of you who sit around and complain about what they don't do need to get off your couches and let your voices be heard. If something needs to be done, do it.

It's far too late now for anyone else to run for office. But there is one thing that can be done. Find out about the candidates and vote for the most qualified one. Don't let this be a contest of who can design a larger A-frame and get their name and face out there more. Vote for the candidates who can, and will, make a difference. Be educated voters.

Experiencing
telephone
trauma

IN THE HEADLIGHTS / Bryce Petersen



"The line is busy. To have USWest keep trying, and call you back

when the line is available, for an additional charge ..."

That's as far as I ever made it before I demanded they stuff a sock in their digital mouth. They call this "service," but I call it salt in the wound.

The drone of the busy signal is sad enough when you really need to ask your mom for a little money to buy some bread after you've spent your paycheck on an all night drinking binge.

You know how it works. If I just bring this much to the bar that's all I'll spend. But there's an ATM next door and you didn't think to leave your card home. And before you know it your head is all fuzzy and even the crappy hippy band at the Owl is starting to sound kind of good. And this guy's kind of funny and you ought to buy him a drink.

And there's a girl over there that's pretty cute and you know you'll never talk to her, but just the possibility makes it worth it to take out the last \$20 in your bank account, pour it down your throat, puke it up after someone offers whiskey during the night cap, and now you're on the phone trying to say, please mom I need something to put in my churning acid-filled belly, please end this misery.

But instead of your mother's soothing voice you hear a computer, which is immune to your curses, offering you the chance to spend more money.

I'm beyond the point of anger at cell phones. Now I have decided to be amused and sympathetic instead. I see those poor people having to dig through their backpacks; swearing they turned it off before the midterm, while it rings eight times and everyone in the class is glaring at them and their fumbling nervous fingers; and I just enjoy the break from the aneurysm the test is about to give me.

Even the Amish use cell phones, I heard. Just for business and they have to leave them with English neighbors at night, but there's no escaping them, not even in that little haven of peace. Their regular phones are in a little out-house at the end of the block so they don't become "the kind of people who will interrupt a conversation at home to answer a telephone."

Theoretically, we use voice mail for the same purpose. When we're in the middle of a long, passionate fight or kiss, we let it ring. But most of the time one of us feels it is our duty to tend to the bawling little baby.

Maybe voice mail is like plopping your kid in front of a movie, letting him sit with his mouth open and his poor brain withering, just to shut him up. Mechanical baby sitters tend everything now. There are underground electric fences for dogs, voice mail for phones, surge protectors for sleeping computers and TV for everyone.

Caller ID is another popular method for screening callers. Many people see "Anonymous" or "Unavailable" and refuse to answer for fear of getting a gruesome pitch from a stalker or a salesman. Not my brother.

"I always answer them," he says. "It's like an adventure."

I, with no such device, have an "adventure" with every ring, although that may not be the term I would use for dead lines, wrong numbers and please-hold-while-an-operator-assists-you sales pitches.

Someone please tell me how this attracts customers. While you're at it, tell me how that US West woman attracts customers when she only makes me want to find her and put her in front of that universal baby sitter, the television, and let her microchip vocal cords rust right out of her open drooling mouth.

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Research finds Americans pro-global

WASHINGTON (AP) — A study says a large majority of Americans have surprisingly positive attitudes toward a growing globalization trend attacked from both the right and left.

While conservatives complain of a shift from American to global values, and labor and environmental groups protest the growing power of global economic institutions, the Program for International Policy Attitudes concludes that Americans are warming to the idea of an interconnected world. They generally support global institutions, the survey showed.

Only a small minority support resistance to globalization, the study said.

The conclusions are based on a sweeping review of polling data, special group discussions held in three far-flung U.S. communities and a nationwide poll conducted by the nonpartisan program, which is associated with the

University of Maryland.

"Overall, Americans see globalization as somewhat more positive than negative and appear to be growing more familiar with the concept and more positive about it," the study said.

Despite support for free global trade, a strong majority feels trade "has not grown in a way that adequately incorporates concerns for American workers, international labor standards and the environment," it said.

The study's own poll found that 61 percent supported globalization, 35 percent said it should be slowed down or stopped, and 76 percent supported free trade.

The poll found 67 percent support for strengthening the United Nations, 59 percent support for a stronger World Trade Organization and 56 percent support for a stronger World Court. Support for a stronger International Monetary Fund was at 44 per-

cent, still higher than the 36 percent who said it does not need to be strengthened; 20 percent expressed no opinion.

The October poll of more than 1,800 people had an error margin of 4 percentage points, less on some questions.

The overall conclusions were based on other polls, as well, and on "focus group" discussions held in Battle Creek, Mich., Dallas and Baltimore.

Other findings included:

—Americans overwhelmingly support inclusion of environmental and labor issues in trade negotiations and favor limiting trade with countries that violate human rights.

—Americans are surprisingly accepting of other countries' putting up barriers to American products based on such things as health effects of genetically modified foods.

—A strong majority favors continued trade with China

and opposes behavior to punish China, although it is unlikely that a majority of Americans would favor granting China permanent normal trading status or WTO membership.

—Americans show nearly the same level of concern for suffering inside and outside the United States. Most say they would pay higher prices for goods certified as not being made in sweatshops.

In a separate analysis that compares European attitudes, the study says European views are similar on globalization. It says majorities of Europeans view foreign investment in their countries as positive, while a modest majority of Americans view foreign investment here as negative.

And in a classic case of mirror image, overwhelming majorities of Americans and Europeans view their own markets as being more open to imports from the other side, the study says.

Attorney attacks industry's cancer theories

MIAMI (AP) — Nearly all lung and throat cancer cases among smokers are caused by cigarettes, a smokers' attorney argued Tuesday in the final stages of a landmark case that Big Tobacco fears could ruin the industry.

"Ninety-nine percent plus of the people who get these terrible diseases are smokers," attorney Stanley Rosenblatt told jurors who later this week are expected to consider compensatory damages in the class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of roughly 500,000 sick Florida smokers.

"Occasionally, rarely, someone gets lung cancer or throat cancer who is not a smoker."

The tobacco industry wants to "blame it on anything other than their wonderful product," Rosenblatt said. "They came up with something like they always come up with something so they can get cigarettes off the hook."

On Wednesday, Rosenblatt is expected to

ask for a specific dollar amount to cover medical bills as well as pain and suffering.

Following that, the nation's five biggest cigarette makers will get their chance to convince the six-member panel that they should not be required to pay anything.

If the jury awards compensatory damages, the panel will hear more testimony and be asked to set a dollar figure to punish the industry. Company officials fear a ruinous \$300 billion punitive damage verdict.

The jury last summer found the companies fraudulently conspired to make a deadly product that causes cancer, emphysema other illnesses.

The defendants are Philip Morris Inc., R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., Lorillard Tobacco Co., Liggett Group Inc. and the industry's Council for Tobacco Research and Tobacco Institute.

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• STANLEY ROSENBLATT •
ATTORNEY

Report finds many sterilization cases were voluntary

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Investigators looking into Sweden's sterilization scandal said Tuesday that about half of the 63,000 procedures performed from 1935 to 1975 were voluntary.

The operations were largely forced on poor people and those with mental problems in the 1940s, but there was little evidence that ethnic groups were targeted, according to the report, drawn up by a special government commission and forwarded to the Justice Ministry for review.

The report did not accuse individuals, but said that passivity and silence of politicians and loose interpretation of sterilization laws by medical authorities enabled the operations to be

forced on people until they were abolished in 1976.

The commission has spent three years investigating the sterilizations. It said that \$14.5 million has been doled out to 722 victims, settling almost half of the 1,700 filed claims. The commission has denied 63 claims so far, saying many underwent operations for other reasons and were not sterilized.

"We are trying to make decisions as fast as possible because these people are old," commission secretary Leif Persson said, adding that the victims were mostly between 70 and 80. Thirty claimants died before their cases were processed, Persson said.

The commission was formed in 1997 after a

newspaper reported that the sterilizations were performed on people regarded as having undesirable characteristics in line with the concept of "eugenics" — selective breeding to improve the human stock.

Such tactics were even more shocking in a country that has long prided itself as an ideal welfare state that cares for all.

The sterilization acts of 1934 and 1941 allowed operations in cases of mental illness, severe defects and in cases of an "anti-social way of life" that the National Board of Health determined should not be passed on to children. The laws were abolished in 1976, and the procedure became voluntary.

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OPEC country and the rest."

Bijan Namdar Zangeneh, Iran's oil minister, told reporters he believed production should be increased by less than 1 million barrels a day and objected to attempts by others to push through an agreement to boost output by some 1.7 million barrels. While Zangeneh did not mention other OPEC countries by name, Saudi Arabia — OPEC's leading producer — had led the drive to raise output as much as 7 percent from official quotas, or by 1.7 million barrels.

"Our difference is on principle and not on merely a few barrels," Zangeneh told reporters after the meeting broke up. "In my view, OPEC is not an organization to rubber stamp a decision already made."

Zangeneh insisted that only a limited increase in output was justified and that there is no shortage of crude oil.

OPEC pumps more than 26 million barrels of crude each day, or about 35 percent of the world's supply. Key non-OPEC producers, such as

Mexico and Norway, have said they were watching to see what OPEC will do before adjusting their own output.

This was not the first time Iran refused to join in a decision by its OPEC colleagues. In 1992, Iran refused to endorse an agreement that the rest of OPEC made to cut production by 668,000 barrels a day, arguing that the cuts didn't go far enough.

Alarmed at the surge in oil prices, which sent heating oil costs soaring in the winter and gasoline prices skyrocketing, the United States had lobbied hard in recent weeks for OPEC to relax its constraints on production.

That pressure will continue when U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen travels next week to the Middle East. A Pentagon spokesman said Tuesday that Cohen would reinforce the Clinton administration's call for increased oil production when he meets counterparts from such OPEC members as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

Senate Energy Committee Chairman Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, called the OPEC decision "a hollow victory for the Clinton administration."

Because of cheating by

OPEC members on the old output ceiling, the increase amounts to only a net 500,000 barrels a day, Murkowski said, while world demand has grown by 1.2 million barrels daily in the last year.

"The arithmetic doesn't add up to much beyond the status quo," he said, predicting consumers will likely see no significant price reductions. "Spot prices will come down, but refiners are using the more expensive crude oil for which they paid dearly."

In trading before the meeting broke up, contracts for May delivery of West Texas Intermediate crude fell 70 cents a barrel to close Tuesday at \$27.09 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, North Sea Brent was 17 cents lower at \$25.51 on the International Petroleum Exchange.

But in after-hours trading, prices started edging higher.

U.S. oil prices tripled to a March 8 peak of \$34.37 per barrel following OPEC's decision last March to slash production.

OPEC members are Algeria, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Venezuela.

Poor testing cause of Mars mission failures

WASHINGTON (AP) — A premature rocket engine shutdown may have doomed the Mars Polar Lander, but the core cause of the botched mission was NASA trying to do too much with too little, investigators found.

Thomas Young, head of an independent team that investigated the failure for NASA, said his group was "almost certain" that the \$165 million Mars probe automatically stopped its engines early and then fell some 130 feet, smashing into the Mars surface at about 50 miles per hour.

Young, presenting his report Tuesday at a news conference, said the engine shutdown probably was caused by a spurious signal from one of the spacecraft's three landing legs. It's thought that the on-board computer interpreted this signal to mean the craft had landed and it then commanded the engines to stop.

"We're almost certain that if the lander got to this point (above the Mars surface), then this was the cause of the failure," said Young, a retired NASA and industry executive who led the investigation team.

Young pinned the underlying cause of the failure on "inadequate funding and inadequate margins" in the planning and execution of NASA's Mars exploration program at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California.

The Mars program, he said, "was underfunded by at least 30 percent."

This forced contractor and NASA engineers to cut corners, work up to 80 hours a week, and limited testing of equipment and procedures, leading to an "unacceptable high risk" for a very complex and demanding mission, he said. The contractor for the Mars project was Lockheed Martin Astronautics in Denver.

Ed Weiler, NASA associate director in charge of science, said the space agency would "fully respond" to recommendations.

He said Scott Hubbard, a NASA executive at the Ames Research Center in California, would take over a new position as head of the Mars program in Washington. A new Mars manager would also be named at JPL, said Weiler.

Weiler said he was canceling plans to launch a new Mars lander next year, but would allow a Mars orbital mission to proceed. That mission calls for a spacecraft to map the minerals and water on the Red Planet.

Weiler said cash reserves for the Mars program would now be held at headquarters, instead of JPL, thus forcing the California managers to come to NASA headquarters if there are problems.

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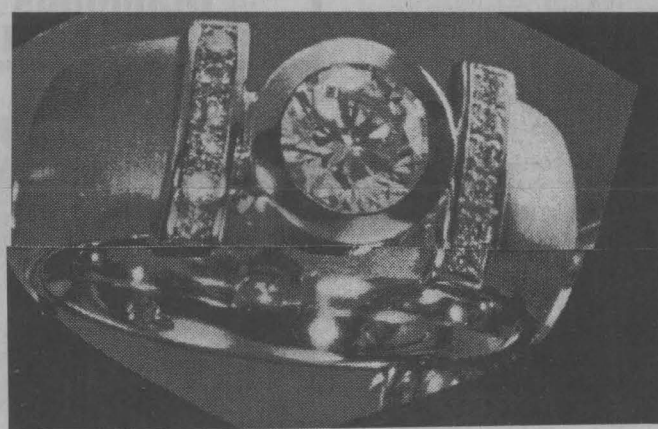
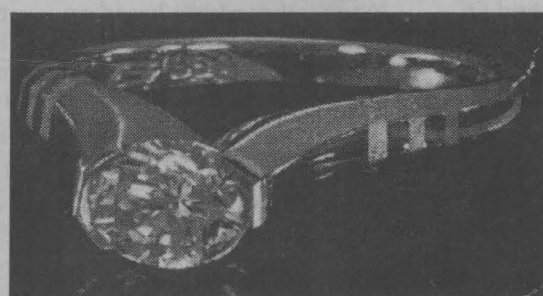
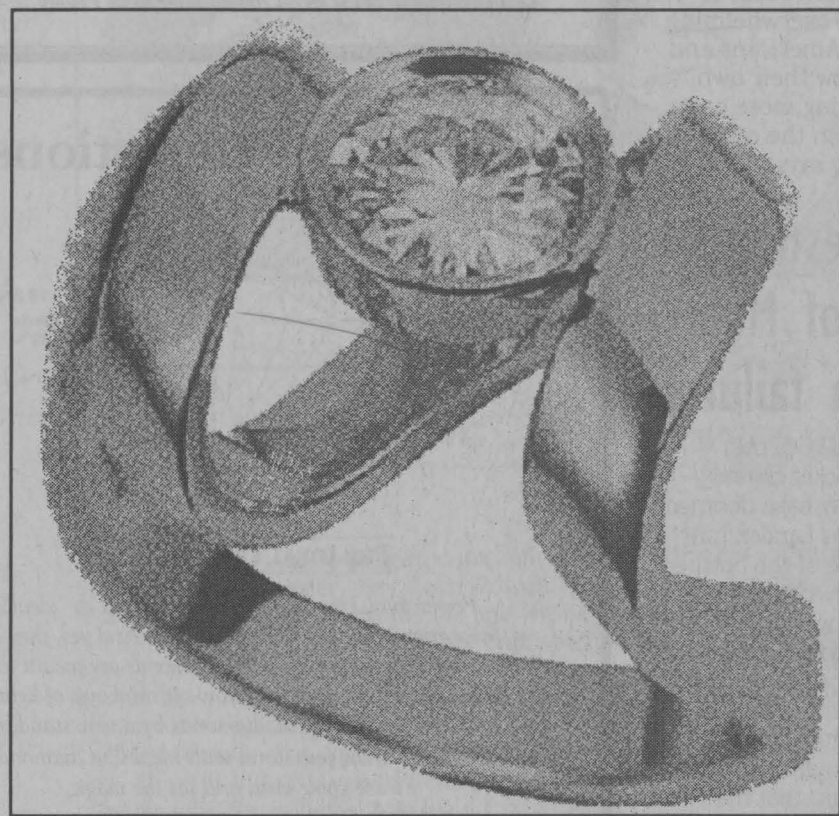
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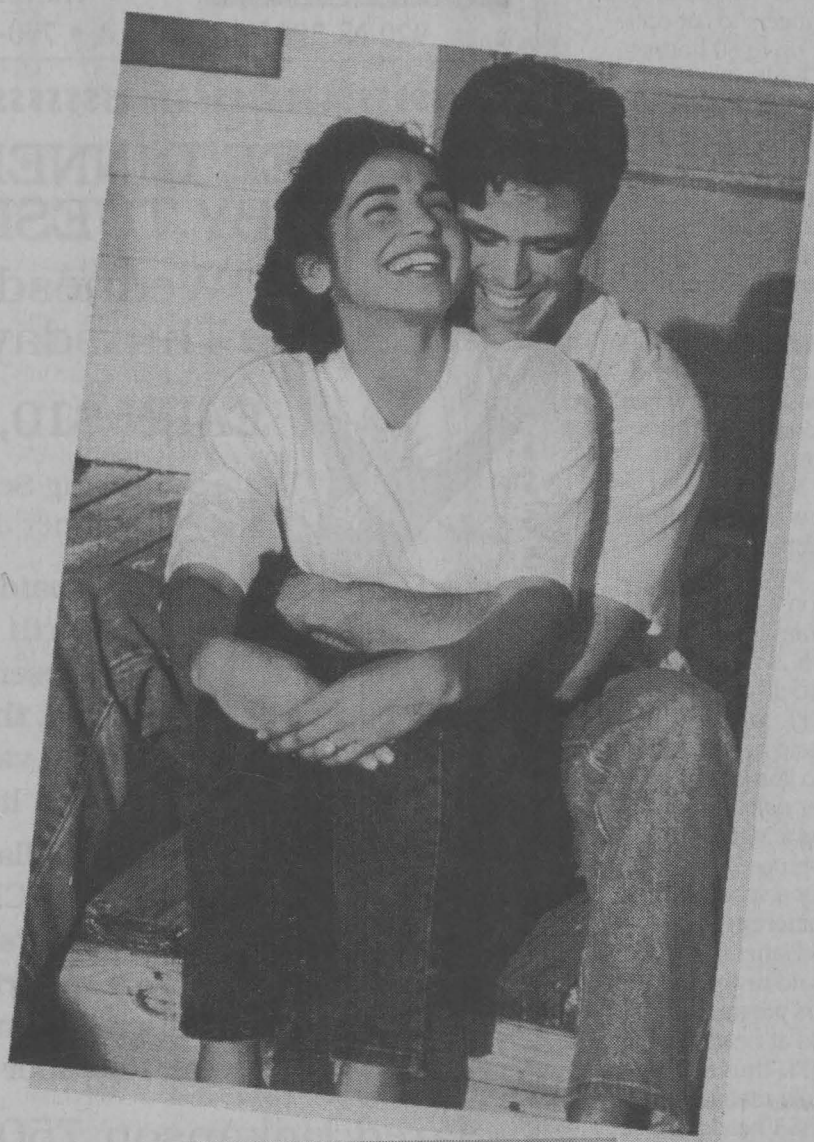
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