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Temple built in church's birthplace

PALMYRA, N.Y. (AP) — At the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' birthplace, spiritual leader Gordon B. Hinckley on Thursday dedicated a temple overlooking the woods where faithful believe farmer's son Joseph Smith encountered visions that led to the church's founding 170 years ago.

On a brisk spring day, hundreds of church members showed up to watch Hinckley place cement around the edges of the temple's cornerstone. "We're blessed to have the sun come out ... I think it's a miracle," he said, drawing laughter.

Hinckley, considered by Latter-day Saints to be God's prophet on Earth, then consecrated the 10,700-square-foot temple with a series of prayer sessions. It symbolized a homecoming of sorts for a church that traces its beginnings in this hilly country in western New York before being forced west by persecutors in the 1830s.

Built at a cost of \$5 million, the white marble temple will serve some 18,000 Latter-day Saints in western and central New York and northern Pennsylvania. Its spire is topped by a gold statue of the angel Moroni.

While praying in a grove near his family's log cabin in 1820, the 14-year-old Smith told of sensing the power of Satan before encountering God and his son, Jesus.

Over the next few years, he said Moroni led him to a cache of gold plates on near-by Hill Cumorah that he translated into the Book of Mormon.

Along with the Bible, it is one of four books in the church's scriptural canon.

Smith founded the church on April 6, 1830, in Fayette, a Finger Lakes village 25 miles away.

Until recently, church members had to travel to Toronto, Canada, or Washington, D.C., for temple ceremonies.

Unlike local churches where Sunday services are held, Latter-day Saint temples are places for conducting rites, or "ordinances," such as marriages and baptisms.

The temple is just the 77th such building in the world.

"All temples are special, but this one is in such a special area where the church was founded," said Kathy Scerra, 52, visiting with her teen-age daughter, Katie.

Who's teaching my kids?

BRIAN CARTER
Staff Writer

With a shortage of substitute teachers across the country, training and professional treatment will help schools recruit and retain substitute teachers, according to the Substitute Teachers Institute (STI) at Utah State University.

"The number one reason subs leave is they don't have the skills to be in a classroom," said Max Longhurst, science and elementary education specialist with STI.

STI was started in 1995 to improve the quality of substitute teachers across the nation and help school districts recruit enough substitute teachers for any given day.

"We're not here to supply or advocate for subs. What we're here for is helping districts supply subs," said Blaine Sorenson, administrative and secondary education specialist with STI.

Sorenson said only 600 school districts in the United States do not have a problem providing substitute teachers for their classrooms. With adequate training, districts are able to retain subs, he said.

"Training is the single most important human resource intervention that has an impact on employee performance," said Gaylan Chandler, program director for the Human Resources and Management department at USU.

"Ninety percent of school districts provide less than two hours of training," Longhurst said.

To help school districts train their substitute teachers, STI provides various training handbooks, seminars, newsletters and a video. An interactive CD-ROM is due out later this spring.

The training is intended to teach substitutes how to fill the time after the lesson is done and before class ends,

and how to deal with typical situations encountered in the classroom, Sorenson said.

Sorenson gave the example of Millard County. He said before the school district began training they had 50 substitute teachers. After the STI training, the district increased their subbing pool to 100 teachers.

One-third of the states, including Utah, require a high school diploma and background check to become a substitute teacher, one-third require some college experience and the remaining one-third require some sort of undergraduate degree, Sorenson said.

"But there is not one state that will not make an exception to the rule," Sorenson said.

To help districts increase their substitute teaching pool, staffing agencies like Kelly Services have begun to offer their services to districts across the country.

"Staffing agencies are good at what they do — provide warm bodies for jobs," Longhurst said. "But they're not good at training educators."

"It is a real positive opportunity to work with an agency like Kelly, but they have to address the quality of the individual in the classroom," Sorenson said.

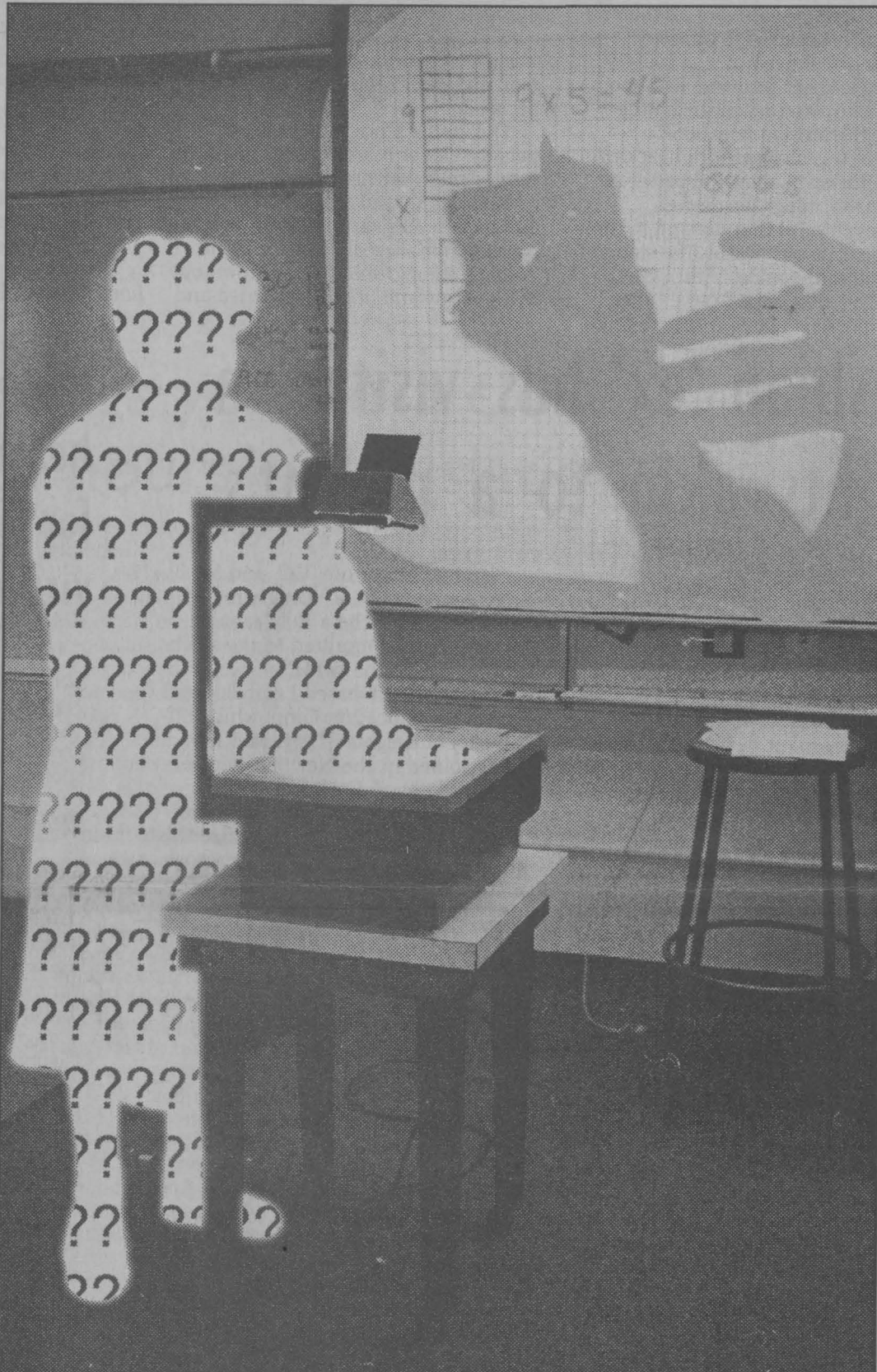
Maranda Thompson, a junior high school teacher in Tremonton, said she cannot leave anything that has to be taught because the substitutes are unable to teach the material.

"You get these moms who just do it for some extra money," Thompson said.

With training, an individual in a classroom will be able to carry out lesson plans, Sorenson said.

"If teachers know subs are qualified, they'll give subs (a)

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Substitute teacher requirements are considered to be less than adequate by some teachers and parents. The Substitute Teaching Institute at USU is making an effort to better train substitute teachers so teachers won't have to worry about leaving their class to a sub. STI was established in 1995.

USU makes effort to better qualify substitute teachers

Screening educates students about alcohol use

LARA GALE
Staff Writer

The alcohol screening sponsored by the Utah State University Student Wellness Center Thursday drew many students, and all who filled out the alcohol questionnaire left with a better understanding of how to drink responsibly, and the problems that occur when people don't.

USU was one of thousands of places nationwide that provided free, anonymous alcohol screening tests for National Alcohol Screening Day. It was started as a day to allow people at risk or people with loved ones at risk for alcohol-related problems to talk one-on-one with a counselor.

When the Wellness Center sponsored the screening for

the first time last year, 11 people came. This time they ran out of forms. Jana Carling, prevention specialist for the Wellness Center, said she was pleased over 100 students participated and said she hopes they were able to reach those who needed it.

"Everybody needs the education and information," she said, "but probably 10 percent needed to hear a little

bit more in depth and were referred to places where they can get counseling and treatment."

Screenings like these are important because most people have a difficult time identifying themselves as problematic drinkers, said Bill Johnson, a substance abuse counselor with the Bear River Health Department. Problematic drinkers don't

necessarily drink excessive amounts. A drinking problem can be identified by disruptions alcohol causes in a person's life — including social problems, trouble in the family, problems with self-image and financial troubles, he said.

"If you're starting to see a problem in these areas, then

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Campus RESEARCH

USU professor uses software to study rivers, help depleted salmon habitat

LYNNETTE HOFFMAN
Staff Writer

In order to restore the depleted salmon habitat in the South Fork Salmon River, Lonnie Johnson, an environmental engineer at the Institute for Natural Systems Engineering at Utah State University, used Geographic Information Systems software, satellite photos and state-of-the-art computer technology.

Increasing deposits of sediments are diminishing the fish population in the South Fork Salmon River in central Idaho, which is part of the Columbia River System. The sediments clog the gills of young

salmon, suffocating them. Overall water quality of rivers also decreases since the sun can't penetrate as easily. Without sunlight, important oxygen producers such as algae can't grow. Water temperature fluctuates less, disrupting the ecosystem.

Johnson needed to monitor sediment distribution and hydraulic features of the river. Monitoring rivers involves several steps. Information such as water surface elevation, water velocities and sediment types must be collected along the river.

In addition, aerial photos and digital imagery of the river are analyzed.

"You use the ground truth data (the information collected) to assist

in analyzing the satellite images so you can translate what you're seeing into what's real," Johnson said.

That data, known as remote sensing data, is first loaded onto a program called Imagine, which classifies the information according to a specified characteristic, such as fish habitat types within the river. Inaccuracies in the images are minimized, and the images are loaded into Geographic Information Systems software. Though the fate of salmon in the river is still uncertain, the U.S. Forest Service is now using Johnson's work to continue the project.

GIS organizes the images and information into a collection of lay-

ers that are linked together by geography. The computerized information can be referenced according to geographic location. A kaleidoscope of color, so vast and diverse it more resembles a psychedelic scene from Woodstock than a map, is the final product. Each hue represents a different feature.

"GIS has everything in spatial locations so you can get all the data layers into one project and manipulate it easily," said Kiran Panja, also an environmental engineer at the Institute for Natural Systems Engineering.

A click of the mouse on the map can take you just about anywhere. Applied Ecological Systems, a

company based out of Logan, works on many projects throughout the world. It recently compiled all the available data on utilities in St. George onto GIS software. The information is used for planning and building subdivisions and developments, program manager Gar Workman said.

Problems can be located, and possible solutions devised, without making extra trips to the site.

"If you had a block of St. George and decided to put in condominiums, it would show you what you'd do to surrounding traffic, waterlines, and electricity," Workman said.

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WORLD & NATION

Court sentences Sharif to life in prison on hijacking charge

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Six months after the army toppled his government, former premier Nawaz Sharif was sentenced Thursday to life in prison on charges that he refused to let a passenger plane land in Pakistan, endangering all 198 people on board.

Judge Rehmetullah Jaffri found Sharif guilty of hijacking and terrorism. He was acquitted of attempted murder and kidnapping.

Six other defendants who were charged along with Sharif, including his brother, were acquitted of all charges. Sharif is expected to appeal.

Seated at the rear of the courtroom, not far from her husband, Khulsoom Sharif whispered prayers from the Koran, the Muslim holy book.

Sharif was charged with hijacking after refusing to allow the passenger aircraft returning Gen. Pervez Musharraf to Pakistan to land in the southern city of Karachi. The standoff occurred in the midst of an Oct. 12 coup. The army seized power after

Sharif dismissed Musharraf and replaced him with a junior general.

The plane was allowed to land after the army gained control, but by then the aircraft had barely seven minutes of fuel remaining. There were 198 people aboard, including 60 children from U.S.-run American schools in Pakistan, attended by children of U.S. diplomats stationed here.

The court also ordered all of Sharif's property confiscated.

During a March 25 visit to Pakistan, President Clinton asked the military rulers to spare Sharif's life. At the time, Musharraf said he was not a vindictive man and would abide by the court's decision.

The life sentence was the lesser penalty. Under Pakistani law, the maximum penalty for hijacking is death.

Pakistan hanged a prime minister in 1979, when Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was executed for allegedly plotting to kill a political enemy. Bhutto was thrown out by the army and imprisoned, tried and

executed by the then dictator Gen. Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq.

Outside the Karachi courtroom security was tight. Overhead, an army helicopter hovered, and on the rooftops of nearby buildings army and policemen with automatic rifles took aim at the street below.

Four activists of Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League, who tried to demonstrate outside the courthouse, were arrested, witnesses said. They screamed anti-army slogans and declared Sharif their prime minister as they were being led away by police.

Party officials had said they would not ask their supporters to take to the streets.

Sharif and his co-defendants arrived at the courtroom in armored personnel carriers, surrounded by army guards.

Sharif was elected in 1997 with a two-thirds majority. His government was widely welcomed, but it quickly

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WorldGLANCE

➤ Dockworkers refuse to unload pollutants

SEATTLE (AP) — Dockworkers refused for hours Thursday to unload PCB-contaminated equipment off a ship that carried the cargo from U.S. Army bases in Japan. They finally relented after an arbitrator ruled against them.

The Wan He arrived Wednesday with 110 tons of transformers, other electrical equipment, oil, circuit breakers, packing material, rags and other debris, Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Steve Campbell said. The waste was supposed to be temporarily housed in Seattle.

Scott Reid, president of Local 19 of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, said the local lost its arbitration early today with the shipping and stevedoring companies. He said about 20 workers would be put on the job, but were asking for safety measures before handling the potentially harmful substance.

"We are going to take as many (precautions) as they will let us take," Reid said. "We've asked for protective gear, asked for permission to do this very slowly, asked to have EPA officials, Coast Guard officials there and that they inspect every container as it is offloaded."

Arbitration is the standard means of resolving cargo handling issues under the union contract. The ILWU has a long history of refusing to unload ships for political and environmental reasons.

Reid said he had no idea how long it would take to get the 14 containers off the ship.

"We're very upset, very frustrated that our civic leaders, state leaders and federal leaders let this happen to us," he said. "We're between a rock and a hard place. We feel this is an unfair position they put us in."

➤ Reporting cybercrime is not a priority

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Peter Watkins, who heads the world's largest computer security company, pulled a high tech time bomb from his pocket and held it up in front of Attorney General Janet Reno.

It was a CD, a glistening disc holding about 50,000 computer viruses collected over 12 years. It held a complete library describing the viruses' characteristics, what they do and how to fix them.

"I think it's one of the best collections in the world," said Watkins, president of Network Associates. "Should I share this with law enforcement?"

CEOs from high-tech companies and top cybercrime prosecutors attending a cybercrime conference at Stanford Law School on Wednesday burst into laughter. Janet Reno nodded vigorously.

But Watkins didn't hand the CD over.

The viruses were collected off a pool of 70 million desktop computers protected by Network Associates with an assumption of anonymity and confidentiality.

"How would my customers feel about me sharing this information?" he said. "And how do I respond when the government of another nation asks for this?"

➤ DNA determines prime rib or ground beef

WOOSTER, Ohio (AP) — Two researchers have developed a genetic test to determine which young steers will produce prime rib and which will produce only ground chuck.

The DNA test can identify, with 99 percent accuracy, whether cattle have the genetic potential to produce tender, tasty beef if fed and raised properly, said Francis Fluharty, an Ohio State University feedlot nutritionist who developed the test along with molecular biologist Daral Jackwood.

Fluharty said the test would allow farmers and feedlot operators to avoid wasting time and money fattening up cattle that will never produce high-quality steaks. Tough-meat cattle could be eliminated through selective breeding, meaning consumers would get only quality choice cuts for their money.

"I think the potential is huge," said Jim Riemann, executive director of the Certified Angus Beef Program, which plans to license the test for exclusive use in Angus cattle. "It should take a lot of variability out of the market."

The test would be done early in a steer's life. Inferior animals could be raised for hamburger or other ground meat whose tenderness isn't as important.

Savings could reach \$40 to \$50 per animal in the feedlot, Fluharty said. The technology, if widely used, could eliminate most tough beef from the marketplace within a decade, he said.

The test would require a few drops of blood, cost about \$10 per animal and take about a week, the researchers said. Further refinements to the test and finding labs to perform it could take up to two years.

➤ Ford to release hybrid car in 2003

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Ford Motor Co. will sell a version of its Escape small sport utility vehicle powered by gas and electricity in 2003, with fuel economy close to 40 miles per gallon in city driving.

The Escape hybrid electric is the first such vehicle for which an American automaker has announced production plans, and the largest hybrid vehicle so far.

But the benefits of a hybrid come with a price that customers might find too high. While Ford officials wouldn't set a price for the hybrid Escape, they said it would cost roughly \$3,000 more than the \$18,000-\$21,000 sticker price of the 200-horsepower V6 Escape that goes on sale later this year.

"This will be the most fuel efficient, cleanest SUV on the planet," said Rick Eagle, Ford Escape project management supervisor. Eagle and other Ford officials declined to say how many Escape hybrids would be built.

The hybrid Escape will have a four-cylinder gas engine mated to an electric motor that kicks in extra power when needed. The motor will use power from a battery pack stored behind the rear seats and recharge the batteries with engine power or by recapturing energy when the vehicle brakes.

Like Honda's Insight, the Escape's gas engine will shut off at stoplights or when idling to conserve fuel. The electric motor can restart the gas engine in a fraction of a second.

Eagle said the Escape hybrid will get close to 40 mpg in city driving, and the extra mileage will extend the Escape's range to more than 500 miles on a tank of gas.

Few hybrid vehicles are on U.S. roads today. Honda has sold 397 of its Insights since March in the United States, and Toyota will put its Prius on sale this summer.

General Motors Corp., DaimlerChrysler AG and other automakers have shown prototypes of hybrids in recent years but have said they haven't solved the issue of cost.

Lesbian 'ex' has visitation rights akin to a parent's

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled Thursday that a lesbian who helped raise her then-lover's twins has rights akin to a parent's and can have visitation now that they have split up.

The case involved a woman who became pregnant by artificial insemination and gave birth to twins in 1994 that she and her lesbian partner, identified only as V.C., raised together for two years.

After their 1996 separation, a trial court denied V.C. joint custody and visitation. An appellate court gave her visitation rights but not joint custody.

In Thursday's unanimous ruling, the high court also turned down V.C.'s request for joint legal custody, which would have given her a say regarding decisions on the children's upbringing, because she has not been involved in their lives for four years.

"To interject her into the decisional realm at this point would be unnecessarily disruptive for all involved," Long said. "We will, therefore, not order joint legal custody in this case."

Associate Justice Virginia Long, writing for the full court, said V.C. carries the status of a "psychological parent" to the children and has a right to share parenting duties, despite the objections of the birth mother, identified only as M.J.B.

V.C. should have regular visitation with the children, as is typical for many divorced parents, the court said.

"Under the statute, V.C. and M.J.B. are essentially equal," Long wrote.

"Each appears to be a fully capable, loving parent committed to the safety and welfare of the twins."

The New York-based Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, which litigates for the rights of gays and lesbians, joined in the New Jersey case.

Lambda legal director Beatrice Dohrn hailed the decision as among the first "to recognize this

important need to recognize the importance of lesbian or gay parents when both parents are not directly related to the child."

The court heard arguments in the case last October. V.C.'s lawyers argued that she is like a mother to the twins, a boy and a girl, even though they have no biological bonds.

"Biology truly doesn't have anything to do with a parent providing a loving, nurturing environment," V.C. said after the hearing. "They are my children, too."

The biological mother's lawyer, Alfred Luciani, argued that she had the right to raise her children free of interference from a "third party" who has no legal claim to her kids.

"We are dealing with the legal issue of when a third party has a right to seek custody or visitation," Luciani said at the time.

The boy and girl call their biological mother "Mommy" and V.C. "Meema."

'Each appears to be a fully capable, loving parent committed to the safety and welfare of the twins.'

• VIRGINIA LONG •
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Media makes healing harder for Columbine victims, students

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Survivors of the Columbine High School massacre are ready to move on a year after the shooting attack, but the media spotlight makes progress difficult, students and faculty said Wednesday.

"Kids are ready to heal," said Crystal Woodman, a senior who hid under a table in the suburban Denver school during the attack that killed 12 students, a teacher and the two teen-age gunmen. "They're ready to go forward."

A group of 26 students and faculty members met with media members. The event, set up by the school district, was to be the only organized meeting of reporters with students in advance of the one-year anniversary on April 20.

Most of the students, teachers, and administrators said they wanted to publicly express thanks to Columbine Principal Frank DeAngelis for his efforts at helping them heal and to people across the country and worldwide for their support.

Some also said they came to dispel what they termed "myths" surrounding the nation's worst school shooting.

"The jocks," said Woodman,

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TODAY'S BEST BET

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on the street these days?

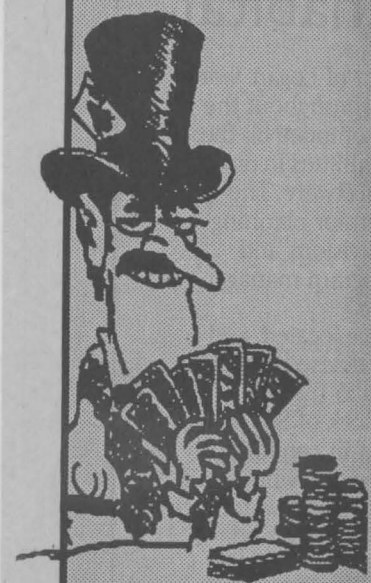
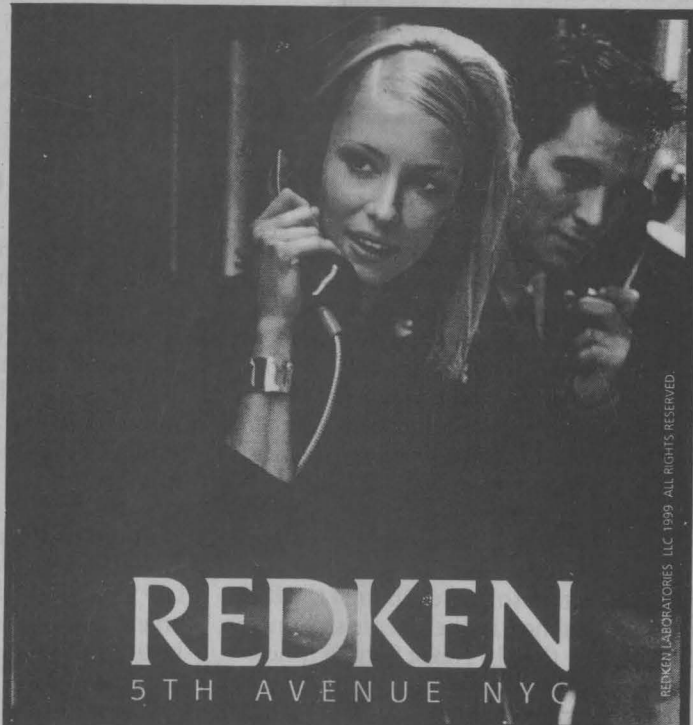
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SCREENING

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it's probably time to step back and say, "OK, I might have a problem," Johnson said.

Even if a person only drinks one time a year, if that person gets a DUI (Driving Under the Influence) every year, it's a problem, he said.

He said about 70 percent of those who drink alcohol are social drinkers, meaning alcohol has no negative effect on their life.

The other 30 percent have a problem, and one in 10 are alcoholics.

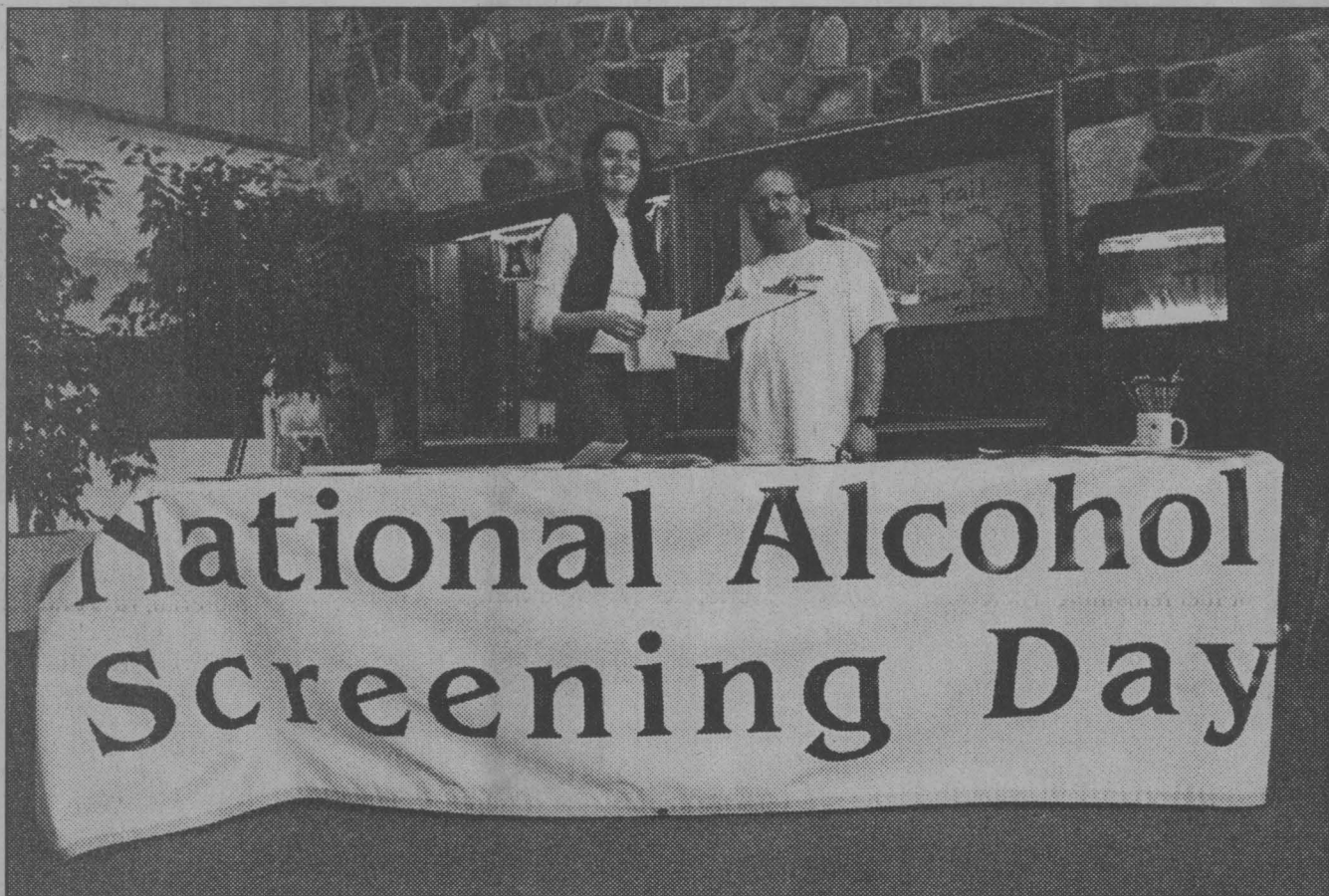
That is why screening is so important; alcohol problems are widespread, but a person often doesn't recognize he has one without taking a step back and looking at the effect of drinking on his life, Johnson said.

During the screening, a panel of recovering alcoholics shared their stories with students in the TSC auditorium.

All USU students at one point or another, the participants spoke of the problems alcohol caused in their lives and what they had done to turn things around.

"If you think being a good student means you can't have a drinking problem, you're wrong," said one panelist.

He spoke of his sister, who is now crippled by alcoholism, being second in her class as a USU graduate and spiraling downward from there. He said it has been a hard thing to



Mackenzie Hyer, USU Student Athlete Mentor, left, and Jack Fleming, USU sophomore, right, volunteer at the alcohol screening desk in the TSC Juniper Lounge passing out surveys and literature about alcoholism Thursday afternoon.

watch, especially because he knows first hand what she is going through.

All three panelists are working through the 12-step Alcoholics Anonymous program and have been sober for years, but had plenty of life experience to share.

All three said they had served jail time for alcohol and drug-related crimes, had caused their families pain and had struggled to pull out of it.

But all three spoke of success, and attributed that to AA.

Students who think they or a

friend might have an alcohol problem can contact the Counseling Center or the Student Wellness Center for help, advice and information.

The Student Wellness Center is located in the basement of the University Inn.

ASUSU brings year to a close with three hours of legislation

DOUG SMEATH
Assistant Features Editor

In a farewell meeting that lasted most of the evening, this year's Utah State University student council worked through a pile of legislation it had tabled in meetings throughout the year.

The outgoing members of the Associated Students of USU Executive Council discussed nine legislative items at Tuesday night's meeting. It was this council's last time to officially meet together, and some points in the evening's discussion got so heated, ASUSU President Nate Anderson had to remind the members "we all love each other."

An additional legislative item was discussed, but because College of Engineering Senator Kalem Sessions said he wasn't able to obtain enough information on the issue, it will be passed on to next year's council.

The issue was the removal of "free" computer printouts in campus computer labs.

Despite the fact the council didn't vote on the issue because Sessions was not able to obtain a breakdown on printout usage, it generated much discussion, including some from USU students who had showed up to voice their concerns.

"In all honesty, I think it's a bunch of garbage to take away more services unless you reduce fees," political science major Chris Brown said. "Do not take (students') silence as compliance to what you want to do."

He said ASUSU's reasoning that Computer Services was having a hard time budgeting the free printouts was an invalid excuse because, he said, USU is an academic institution, not a business.

"Silly me. I thought this university was here to educate students," Brown said.

But ASUSU Academic Vice President Emily Croshaw said there are no special fees existing to cover the cost of computer printouts. Rather, she said, there is a computer fee that covers software, lab

employees, hardware and printouts.

She said because some students use all their printouts while others use none at all, it is impossible for Computer Services to predict how much of their budget would go to printouts.

She said removal of the 35 free printouts is intended to improve efficiency of Computer Services as much as it is meant to save money.

Sessions said if all students used all their printouts, it would represent 8.4 percent of Computer Services' budget, money he said could be used to improve other aspects of campus computing.

But Brown said none of this justifies taking away students' printouts — printouts he called "sacred."

ASUSU President-elect Ben Riley, who was at Tuesday's meeting, voiced his support for the proposal, which would require students to pay for each printout at a reduced cost of 3 cents per page.

Discussion of the nine other legislative items took up the remainder of the meeting, which lasted almost five hours. Some passed with little debate, while others became more heated. Here is a summary of each item:

- Executive Council Resolution 00-7, Guidelines to Lower the Cost of Textbooks. This resolution passed unanimously with almost no discussion. It states a list of official guidelines ASUSU recommends for instructors and students to reduce the cost of textbooks.

Among the guidelines for instructors include placing texts on library reserve, standardizing books across course sections and making an effort to use the same edition of the same text for a long period of time, if possible.

For students, ASUSU recommends using the online book exchange for buying and selling text books, seeking online booksellers as alternatives and buying books to share with classmates or friends.

- Executive Council Bill 00-17, Reallocation of Taggart

Student Center ASUSU Space. This bill passed 16 to 1, with one member abstaining. It deals with new space on the third floor of the TSC given to ASUSU.

As amended, the bill will remove the hall west of the TSC Senate Chambers, making the chambers larger with more seating available for Executive Council and other organizations that use the room.

TSC Room 332A, formerly used by the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils, will be used for the Programming Board offices. The wall between the current programming and college senators' offices will be removed, and the new room will become the new Val R. Christiansen Service Center.

The former Service Center will be divided into eight rooms, each of which will be an individual office for the college senators. The senators currently share one large office, and some complained that the noise interfered with professionalism.

Other offices, such as the Multicultural Student Center and the offices of the ASUSU vice presidents, will remain the same.

- ECB 00-18, Other Fee Reallocation. This bill passed unanimously. It takes fees distributed through the "other" fee committee from three groups who no longer use the money. The money will be moved to the ASUSU activities vice president's budget.

- ECB 00-22, Student Involvement Center. This bill passed 11 to 7. As amended, it uses \$800 from the ASUSU Capital and Support account to be distributed among 16 students who were involved in the new Student Involvement Center and the Student Recreation Center projects.

The bill originally asked for \$500 to give \$50 cash awards to each of 10 students who submitted design proposals for the new Student Involvement Center.

As part of a class, these students submitted ideas for the center. The designers of the

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Stoned

Dan Kainz's sculpture consisting of two monolithic-sized rocks was set in front of the Fine Arts building Wednesday. Kainz's sculpture was purchased by the university after it won the International Sculpture Competition.

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U.S. Forest Service managers also have new incentive to use computerized technology.

Starting this year, the U.S. Forest Service no longer receives federal aid on request. Audits showed some districts were misusing funds, so district and regional forests have been required to show what money will be used for and why it is necessary, said Connie McCaughey, the support services specialist in charge of budgeting the Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

Computer technology provides a means to illustrate those things.

"They want to know how many miles of trail we have, and all this different criteria they base budgets on. GIS and GPS (global positioning system) give us a good way to create, collect and store that information," said Ron Vance, the outdoor recreation coordinator for Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

Six years ago Wasatch-Cache National Forest was monitored by people who flew

over and took pictures of the vegetation. Now satellite imagery has replaced that process so information can be stored and manipulated much more easily.

Images provided via satellite are used to determine whether current management strategies are effective.

If not, the satellite images can also help forest managers create useful changes in their plans, Vance said.

The uses for GIS software seem endless. It is even being used to computerize burial and genealogy records in cemeteries, yet the software is far from flawless.

Collecting data and getting it into the correct format, minus inaccuracies, is a hassle, according to Panja and Workman.

And often the large amounts of data required to get accurate information fill the computer's memory. Vance said it can be difficult to find a work force able to keep up with rapidly changing technology.

But all three men agreed that the benefits of computer technology are worth the frustrations.

NewsBRIEFS

➤ Logan to build water tank at USU

Logan City Mayor Doug Thompson and Utah State University President George Emert have signed a land use agreement that will allow Logan City to build a two million gallon culinary water reservoir tank on university property above the Logan Golf and Country Club.

Current growth on Logan's east bench means USU's one million gallon reservoir tank now supplying water to the university and much of the east bench has reached its capacity.

The state continually upgrades requirements regulating water supplies for fire protection and culinary use, according to Brian Andersen, assistant director of facilities operations at USU. The supply from the new reservoir will provide better fire protection for both USU and Logan City and keep them up to date with state regulations, he said.

The agreement provides fire protection that will serve both Logan and USU and increase fire protection capabilities for both. It also deals with some improvements to First Dam at the mouth of Logan Canyon.

➤ Chamber to sponsor breakfast

The Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a breakfast Tuesday at 8 a.m. at JJ North's.

The Mother's of Utah for the Children of Russia will give a slide presentation sharing a recent humanitarian trip to aid the abandoned and destitute children of Vladivostok, Russia. Photos have been provided through *Deseret News* photographer Jeff Allred who accompanied the group on the trip.

The public is invited to attend, but must R.S.V.P. by Monday. For reservations call 752-2161.

➤ Students run for "health of it"

The Bear River Health Department and Healthier You 2002 will sponsor a 5K and one mile "Run for the Health of it" Saturday. Those interested in participating may register the day of the race from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. The 5K individual race costs \$7 while a team of five costs \$30. The one mile walk begins at 9:10 a.m. and is \$6.

➤ Diversity award winners announced

Utah State University has announced the recipients of the 7th annual President's Diversity Awards. The presentations will be made Tuesday at the President's Diversity Forum, "Opportunities for Diversity in Utah Part I: Ethnic Diversity."

The forum is from 10 a.m. until noon in the Eccles Conference Center.

➤ Correction

In Wednesday's article in the *Statesman* about Utah State University President George Emert living in Bullen Hall misidentified who cleaned the bathroom in the room he stayed in. It was actually cleaned by the Housing and Food Services custodial staff. The *Statesman* regrets the error.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Mr. President

He's the president of Utah State University.
 But who is he? Find out in
 Monday's Lifestyles section.



USU alumnus Craig Jessop conducts the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in his first General Conference appearance as director. Jessop said his family is an "Aggie family."

USU alum leads LDS choir

CORINNE KATOR
 Senior Features Writer

"My advice to current Aggies: to follow the deep passion of your

heart."

Craig Jessop, a Utah State University alumnus who currently serves as director of the Mormon Tabernacle

Choir, said in a recent interview he believes it is important for students to do what they love.

"If you know what

you really enjoy and love to do it — and it's honorable — go for it," Jessop said. "It's amazing how the good Lord provides if you follow

those deepest feelings of your heart."

Jessop said he has pursued his passion, choral music, with all his heart and has never regretted it.

Jessop had some of his first experiences with choral music at USU. He grew up in Cache Valley, taking music lessons and attending performances at the university.

"You can't grow up in Cache Valley and not be influenced by USU," Jessop said.

After graduating from Sky View High School, Jessop was invited to audition for a vacancy in one of the USU choirs. He was selected and joined the choir for a tour.

"I was representing USU before I was a USU student," Jessop said.

Jessop became a USU student and graduated from the university with a bachelor's degree in music.

Jessop said his entire family is involved with USU. His mother, Dortha, worked at the bookstore for many years; his brother, Lamont, works for the Physical Plant; his wife, Ranae, is a USU alumna; three of his four children have attended USU and his youngest daughter will probably attend USU as well.

"We're an Aggie family," Jessop said. "We've always been loyal, devoted Aggies."

After leaving USU, Jessop earned a master's degree from Brigham Young University.

He taught high school for two years and then went on to earn a

doctorate from Stanford University. Jessop said he intended to teach at a university, but a phone call from another USU alumnus changed his plans.

The friend called to invite Jessop, who had been a member of the ROTC at both BYU and USU, to audition for the United States Air Force Singing Sergeants.

This audition was the beginning of Jessop's career in the USAF music programs.

According to a biographical sketch prepared by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Jessop directed the Singing Sergeants from 1980 to 1987, conducted the Band of the USAF in Europe from 1987 to 1991 and conducted the Air Combat Command Heartland of America Band from 1991 to 1995. These positions took Jessop to Washington, D.C., Ramstein, Germany, and Omaha, Neb.

Jessop returned to Utah in 1995 when he became the associate director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. In December 1999 he took full responsibility for the choir, becoming the choir's director.

Last weekend, Jessop conducted the choir as it provided music for the 170th Semiannual General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Jessop said this conference was special for him for two reasons: It was his first general conference as director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and it

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Craig Jessop leads the congregation in a hymn at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' 170th Semiannual General Conference Saturday, when church members met for the first time in the new Conference Center.

USU opera a fairy tale for adults

KATHRYN SUMMERS
 Staff Writer

This weekend the Utah State University Opera Theatre will be performing *Hansel and Gretel* at the Lyric Theatre in downtown Logan.

The three-act opera will run Friday and Saturday, starting at 7:30 p.m. both nights.

Hansel and Gretel is a full-length grand opera and runs over three hours long. Tickets are \$5 at the door, with USU students admitted free with student ID. No chil-

dren under 6 will be admitted.

The opera was written by Englebert Humperdink who, according to a press release from the Lyric Theatre, was a student of Richard Wagner and a great admirer of Strauss.

In the latter part of the 19th century, Humperdink decided to set the Grimm Brother's fairy tale to music, the press release says.

According to the press release, this story features themes common in fairy tales, including stern parents, a foreboding mystical forest,

a wicked witch and the powers of magic.

Brittney Dunn sings the role of Hansel since a woman's voice can more easily reproduce the high voice of a child.

Deon James acts as Gretel, and Loralee Choate is the witch.

The opera features many memorable songs, according to the release, including "The Dew Fairy," an aria sung by Tamma Burningham while she plays the harp, and "When at Night I Go to Sleep," a hymn the release says is popular with children.



Brittney Dunn (left) plays Hansel, Loralee Choate is the witch and Deon James (right) is Gretel in USU Opera's 'Hansel and Gretel.'

Out

things to see

Places to go

Friday

CONCERT

Masterworks Concert
 Utah Symphony
 Abravanel Hall
 123 W. South Temple
 Salt Lake City
 8 p.m.
 \$8 with student ID
 \$14 to \$33 without ID
 Also on Saturday

CONCERT

Fishbone
 20/20
 150 N. Main Street
 Pocatello
 7:30 p.m.
 \$10 at the door

DANCE

Rock Around the World
 Especially for
 International Students
 LDS Institute
 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.
 \$2 with ID
 \$4 without ID

Saturday

RACE

5K and 1 mile
 Bear River
 Health Department
 655 E. 1300 North
 9 a.m.
 Registration 7:45 a.m.
 \$7 individual
 \$30 team of five

POETRY

Poetry and a Beverage
 Featuring The Jenna
 Land Band
 Old Main Amphitheater
 7 to 10 p.m.
 free with ID

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Voice Mail, That One,
 Gentlemen of
 the Court,
 Mountain Crest
 High School
 7:30 p.m.
 \$4

DANCE

Featuring Blue Kilts
 Benefit for Schools
 for Africa
 Fieldhouse
 9 p.m. to midnight
 \$2

Tuesday

PANEL DISCUSSION

President's Diversity
 Forum
 Eccles Conference
 Center Auditorium
 10 a.m. to noon
 free

Thursday

MOVIE

Multicultural Cinema
 'Empire of the Sun'
 Old Main Room 117
 7 p.m.
 free

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Steppin' Out

'Erin Brockovich' a tolerable David and Goliath rehash

Movie REVIEW

/ Grade: B+

ANDY MORGAN
Staff Writer

The theme of David versus Goliath has been repeated countless times in the movie industry, but theatergoers still cannot get enough of the dogfight between the two biblical contenders.

Everybody loves it when the little guy whoops the big guy's can.

It's that simple.

Even better when the film sustains itself on something more than overused emotion.

Hence, *Erin Brockovich* succeeds.

Based on a true story, the movie introduces us to Erin Brockovich (Julia Roberts), a mother of three kids struggling to make ends meet in an ever-cruel California job market.

Brockovich believes hard work makes up for a lack of knowledge and is frustrated by the lack of enthusiasm in her interviews toward her attitude of "I'm a fast learner."

Down on her luck, the tide begins to turn for Brockovich when she meets George (Aaron Eckhart), her Hell's Angel neighbor, and he offers to watch her kids.

Of course, George also quickly becomes a love interest, adding a tempestuous love story to the drama.

Brockovich is working as a secretary in a small legal firm owned by Ed Masry (Albert Finney). While working for Masry, she stumbles upon a peculiar case involving Pacific Gas and Electric and the citizens of Hinckley, Calif.

Apparently, PG&E paid some residents to visit the doctor — and, strangely, all visits were related to injuries caused by pollutants in the water.

After spending countless hours doing research, Brockovich is convinced PG&E has injured the residents of Hinckley, and she



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Julia Roberts is Erin Brockovich, a real-life David who defeats Goliath. 'Erin Brockovich' finds Roberts stepping outside her comfort zone.

and Masry begin the long process of taking the enormous gas and electric company to court.

Julia Roberts steps out of the comfort zone of her usual characters to play the gritty, loudmouthed Brockovich.

Her performance allows us to feel sympathy for the female protagonist, rather than looking down on her because of her wrong choices or behavior. With the success of Erin Brockovich,

Roberts has solidified her status as a huge moneymaker and securing a threepeat of wealth for her studios (*Notting Hill*, *Runaway Bride*, *Erin Brockovich*).

Finney (*The Entertainer*, *Simpatico*, *Annie*) is wonderful as Ed Masry, Brockovich's boss and legal partner.

He is a fine actor, but — I'm sorry — I just couldn't

help but notice he has the hairiest eyebrows I've seen in a long time. It looks like two fuzzy caterpillars have attached themselves above his eyes.

Eckhart (*Any Given Sunday*) does a respectable job as Brockovich's biker babysitter, and the movie is graced with a wonderful performance from Peter Coyote (*Random Hearts*, *Patch Adams*, *Sphere*) as a big-name, corporate lawyer. Marg Helgenberger (*Bad Boys*, *Species*, *Species II*) cameos as one of the victims of the Hinckley disaster and adds emotional intensity to the movie.

Erin Brockovich seems to drag in places, and the movie checks in at two hours and 10 minutes. However, the time issue is placated by the story, its characters and our need to see justice be served.

One person's junk, another person's treasure

LIFE SENTENCES / Bryce Casselman



When you were a kid, did movies like *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *Jurassic Park* ever make you want to become an archeologist or a paleontologist, digging deep into the earth and bringing forth treasures of the past?

They did for me.

As an adult, I have learned that I can come close to this level of joy without the inconvenience of being chased by Nazis or Velociraptors.

All you really need is a house, at least one small child or a roommate that acts like one and about six months of school, work, family and church.

This leaves approximately 4.9 hours remaining in the day to squeeze in some food and just enough sleep to keep you looking like an extra on the set of *The Night of the Living Dead: The Campus Years*.

Then one day, the planets align, the sun begins to shine and you realize your car hasn't been vacuumed this century and the cream-colored carpet in your house now has an eerie grayish-green tint.

In the past, I have seriously considered at this point whether it would be easier to simply burn down the house and roll the car into the nearest lake, find myself a handcart, a tepee and of course a television and a generator so I can still get my weekly fix

of "The X-Files."

With all options weighed, I would pull on the doctor's mask, rubber gloves and bulletproof vest and grab the latest cleaner that's being pushed by the Antibacterial Mafia, which is usually some kryptonite-green colored concoction with added baking soda, topped off with a lovely potpourri scent.

But now, I've found that from an archeological point of view, cleaning a car after a long time can be extremely exciting, especially for parents of toddlers.

You see, pulling a child's car seat from a car is like looking into a newly discovered tomb.

Underneath a layer of dust, spilled root beer and fossilized fruit snacks, a treasure is found. A shrine of items that are similar to those that would be placed in a time capsule to celebrate our existence, each object a perfect symbol of our culture, society and depth of the humanity.

In the back seat of my four-door vault-on-wheels, I've found money, french fries, Mr. Potato Head's glasses, Kix cereal, a Pokemon something, a Phil Collins LP, the evidence that would have convicted O.J. and hundreds upon hundreds of cheap, irritating Happy Meal toys.

For those of you out there who do not have kids and whose lives do not revolve around "cute" clothes, snotty noses and trying to find a balance between the least annoying and most educational children's program-

ming on TV, there is archeology of the home for you too.

Simply go to your favorite couch, preferably one with a hide-a-bed that hasn't been used in about twenty years, and crack that baby open.

When the nuclear, mushroom cloud of lint and soot clears, the treasures contained within could be the basis for a best-selling book of memoirs. Silverware, golf tees, broken sunglasses, that weird Abflex something-or-other you ordered off the television in the middle of the night, the shriveled form of your lost pet hamster Lenny, some love letters, candy wrappers, your bachelor's degree and, of course, Book Four in the Robert Jordan "Wheel of Time" series.

It's amazing. Suddenly, a job you have put off for a decade or so becomes a major event with surprises, reunions and sometimes even some tears.

When all is said and done, six months to a year later, as the artifacts begin to pile up in your strained existence and someone gets into your car or comes into your house and gives you that look — you know, the look like, "Hey, why don't you clean this pigsty up?" — you can feel good inside because you know the truth. It's all just being done in the name of science.

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Utah State UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE TEXTBOOK ADOPTION REPORT

As of 5 pm, March 29, 2000

What are textbook adoptions, and why are they important?

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

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

As of 5 pm, Wednesday, March 29, 2000, the Bookstore had received the following percent of adoptions from corresponding departments:

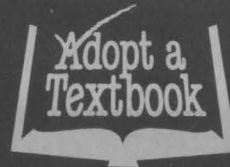
College & Department	Total # of Courses*	% of Adoptions (Orders) Received at the Bookstore from Faculty
Agriculture		
ADVS	11	100%
ASTE	6	100%
BMET	0	0%
PLSC	4	100%
PSB	8	100%
SOIL	0	0%
College Total	29	100%
Business		
ACCT	24	96%
BA	14	100%
BIS	49	100%
ECON	18	100%
MHR	21	81%
College Total	126	96%
Education		
COMD	16	88%
EDUC	11	73%
ELED	58	95%
HEP	27	96%
INST	45	64%
PE	18	100%
PEP	27	100%
PRP	9	100%
PSY	44	93%
REH	16	100%
SCED	38	79%
SPED	75	96%
College Total	384	90%
Engineering		
BIE	7	100%
CEE	13	92%
ECE	19	68%
ENGR	1	100%
ITE	29	79%
MAE	14	100%
College Total	83	84%
Family Life		
FHD	28	100%
FL	0	0%
HENV	17	94%
NFS	12	100%
College Total	57	98%
HASS		
ANTH	2	100%
ART	33	100%
AS	2	100%
CHIN	0	0%
COMM	11	100%
ENGL	46	96%
FREN	1	100%
GERM	0	0%
GRK	0	0%
HASS	8	100%
HIST	20	100%
HONR	2	100%
IELI	27	78%
ITAL	0	0%
JAPN	0	0%
KOR	0	0%
LAEP	8	100%
LAS	3	67%
LATN	0	0%
LING	5	100%
MUSC	76	100%
PHIL	3	100%
POLS	13	69%
PORT	0	0%
RUSS	0	0%
SOC	12	83%
SPAN	1	100%
SPCH	1	100%
SW	1	100%
THEA	13	100%
College Total	288	95%
Natural Resources		
FR	11	100%
FW	8	100%
GEOG	14	86%
NR	1	100%
RLR	12	100%
RR	15	100%
WS	7	100%
College Total	68	97%
Science		
BIOL	23	100%
CHEM	9	100%
CS	18	89%
GEOL	10	100%
MATH	32	88%
NURS	0	0%
PHYX	10	100%
PUBH	3	100%
SCI	1	100%
STAT	17	76%
College Total	123	92%
USU Courses		
USU	3	67%
University Total	1161	93%

* Based on class information published in the Summer 2000 Class Schedule.

Several variables impact the effective processing of adoptions including:

- Timely faculty adoption submissions
- Back-ordered textbooks at the publisher
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- New courses being added

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was the first general conference held in the church's new Conference Center in Salt Lake City.

Jessop said conducting in the Conference Center, which seats 21,000 people, was an exciting experience.

"It's beautiful. It's magnificent," Jessop said of the Center.

Jessop said he has performed in many of the world's great halls, and he considers this new facility to be one of the greatest.

He said he and the members of the choir look forward to the next general conference, to be held in October, when the Center's enormous pipe organ will be operational.

"It's important to love, with a passion, your life work," Jessop said.

Retiring professor's art shown

DOUG SMEATH
Assistant Features Editor

After working at Utah State University for more than 30 years, one of the Art department's faculty is about to retire.

Illustration professor Glen Edwards will leave USU this spring, Marcia Roberts, a secretary at the gallery, said.

His work is currently on display at the Tippetts Gallery in the Chase Fine Arts building.

Edwards' work is usually in the form of posters or paintings in gallery shows, though some people think of illustration as an art form for children's books, Roberts said.

"He can use a lot of different kinds of mediums," she said.

She said this includes pen

and ink, charcoals and mostly oil.

Roberts said Edwards has not only been teaching at USU for 34 years but also earned all his degrees from this school.

"I think he's one of the favorite professors here," she said. "He's a really nice guy."

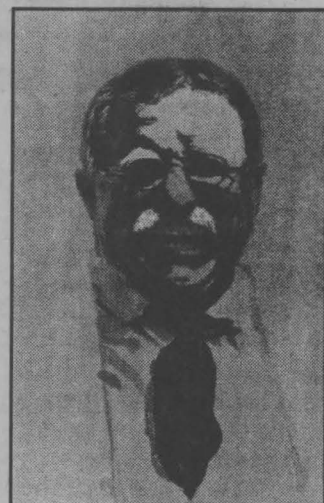
A closing reception will be held in his honor at the gallery Saturday, April 15.

The reception is free and open to the public, Robert said. The reception is from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Prior to the reception, a dinner will be held at the Copper Mill Restaurant at 55 N. Main Street. Roberts said the dinner is also open to the public and will cost \$15 per person.

The dinner begins at 5:30 p.m.

More information on the



Art professor Glen Edwards' illustrations, including this one of Theodore Roosevelt, are on display at the Tippetts Art Gallery.

reception, dinner and art show can be obtained by calling 797-3460.

The gallery is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Mulder leaving? Another 'Jurassic Park'? 'The Statesman' provides all the Hollywood details

ANDY MORGAN
Staff Writer

Can "The X-Files" make it without Mulder?

Rumor has it David Duchovny is not interested in portraying Fox Mulder for another season. The star of Fox's hit supernatural drama doesn't feel like the program has any gas left in its tank.

If Duchovny's departure is a certainty, than Fox must either decide to end "The X-Files" this year or ride the back of Gillian Anderson (Dana Scully) for another season. Anderson has one

more year on her contract.

Although Duchovny's agent denies the gossip, sources say the actor has been offered \$1 million dollars per episode if he agrees to stick around another year.

Harry Potter going to the movies

Steven Spielberg was the frontrunner to direct Warner Brothers' highly anticipated movie version of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series.

Apparently, Spielberg had prior commitments, so the directorial duties will be handed to Chris Columbus (*Home Alone*, *Stepmom*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*, *Bicentennial Man*).

Will there be another Indiana Jones movie?

Harrison Ford, Steven Spielberg and George Lucas think another movie is possible.

However, current projects have the three celebrities tied up, and there seems to be some confusion as to when the movie will start production and when it will be released.

Lucas doesn't plan to go anywhere near the Indiana Jones franchise until he is through with his Star Wars prequels. *Episode Two* is scheduled for release in May of 2002 and *Episode Three* will hit theaters in May of 2005.

While it appears that Indiana Jones isn't on the fast track, both Spielberg and Ford are ready to do the project as soon as possible. Ford's next project links him with Michelle Pfeiffer in the thriller *What Lies Beneath*, due to hit theaters later this year.

Oscar winner to play tomb raider

Angelina Jolie, this year's best supporting actress (*Girl, Interrupted*) has been snagged to play video-game vixen Lara Croft, the heroine

from the popular Tomb Raider series. The film is due for release next summer. Simon West (*Con Air*, *The General's Daughter*) will direct the film.

Braveheart Meets Saving Private Ryan

The early buzz on Mel Gibson's June 30 release of *The Patriot* taps the Revolutionary War film as a mix of *Braveheart* and *Saving Private Ryan*. Dean Devlin and Roland Emmerich, the duo behind 1996's *Independence Day* and 1998's *Godzilla*, are said to have created sweeping, enormous, panoramic battle scenes, with the gory reality that made Spielberg's aforementioned war epic come to life. John Williams (*Star Wars*, *Superman*, *Schindler's List*, *Jurassic Park*, *Saving Private Ryan*) composed the soundtrack.

Let's hope this film makes us forget *Godzilla*.

Jurassic Park 3: Are you kidding?

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to Costa Rica, another appendage to the 1993 dinosaur flick is due to hit theaters next summer.

How much faith does Universal have in the project?

Not much. Spielberg has told Universal he will only advise on the film and Michael Crichton, the author of "Jurassic Park" and "The Lost World," will not be involved with the script, nor compose another book relating to the movie.

The budget has been set at \$84 million, and it is being directed by Joe Johnston (*Jumanji*, *The Rocketeer*).

Pearl Harbor

This film sounds like it will rock. Michael Bay and Jerry Bruckheimer (*Bad Boys*, *The Rock*, *Armageddon*) are joining forces again to create

a true and factual account of the Japanese bombing in Hawaii on December 7, 1942. Filming is set to begin soon with Ben Affleck, Cuba Gooding Jr. and Tom Sizemore as the lead actors. Other rumored actors interested in the project are Gene Hackman and Alec Baldwin.

Rushdie is a closet actor

Salman Rushdie, the author behind the controversial novel "Satanic Verses" recently told the *New York Times* he feels he can make it in show business, expressing a desire to be an actor. Rushdie's aforementioned novel resulted in an Iranian-imposed exile against him. The British author plans to move to New York to pursue his dream of acting.

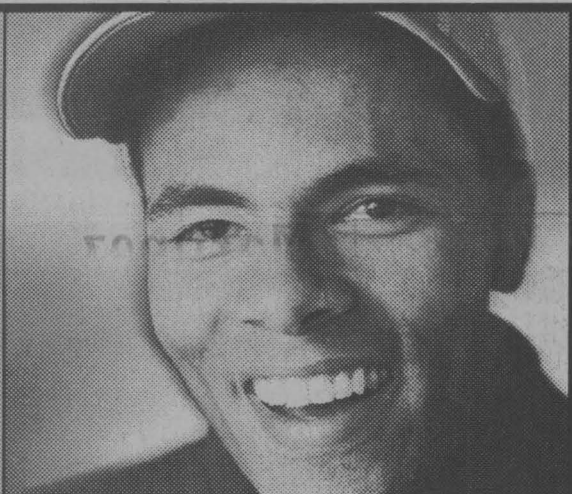
The status of Star Wars: Episode Two

It seems like just the other day that anticipation for the first *Star Wars* movie in 16 years was coming to a boil. Most folks were not disappointed, but a few people had to endure massive psychotherapy to rid their minds of Jar Jar Binks.

Almost a year later, many people wonder what is happening with the second installment of the *Star Wars* prequels. One thing can be certain, Leonardo DiCaprio will not be donning the Jedi wardrobe any time soon to play Anakin Skywalker. Lucas is a big fan of anonymity and is said to be looking for an unknown to play the role of the almost 20-year-old Jedi.

Apparently, the script still has work to be done, and while that is happening, producer Rick McCallum is scouting locations that include Italy, Tunisia and Australia. Filming will start this summer and most of the original *Episode One* cast will return to reprise their roles. Oh, bad news for some of you, Jar Jar Binks will be back for a second stint as the "racist" amphibian.

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On the road again

USU SOFTBALL:
Pick up a copy of Monday's *Statesman* to see if the Aggies beat Sacramento State.

Bagwell will hit 40 – maybe 45 – but not 50

THE HOBSON HUT
/ Casey Hobson



It's been an interesting opening week in baseball. Ken Griffey Jr. is still 0-for-Cincy, M a r k

McGwire didn't even take the field until Thursday, and the Minnesota Twins are above .500.

A lot of column-worthy things have happened over the past few days, such as the 206 runs scored in the Major Leagues on Wednesday night — the third highest run production for one night ever. But I want to focus on Houston's Jeff Bagwell today.

I received a letter to the editor last week about Bagwell and his chances of hitting 50-plus home runs this season.

"With the move to batting-friendly Enron Field, expect (Bagwell) to join the 50 and possibly even the 60 home run club," the letter said. "And if you were to look into it, you would notice that only 12 of his home runs came at home last year. That was because of the depth of the power alleys (in the Astrodome) which have always been friendly to Astro pitching. But this year Enron Field is designed to do the exact opposite and show it's friendliness to the batter.

"My predictions would show 64 home runs for Bagwell this year. Count him in as the league leader in my opinion."

Bagwell is a good hitter, but I don't think he's going to hit 50 homers this season. It's not out of the question, but I think it would take a career year. His highest total was 43 in 1997.

As for the Astrodome vs. Enron Field theory, I don't think it will make too much difference. True, Bagwell hit 12 home runs at home last year and 30 on the road, but I think that stat is a fluke. From 1994 to 1998, Bagwell hit 91 home runs in the Astrodome and 77 on the road.

No, that was not a misprint. He hit 14 fewer home runs on the road than he did in the pitcher-friendly Astrodome.

If all we had to go on was last season's stats, then we could probably expect a 50-homer season this year for Bags. However, to judge merely on last season's performance and exclude the previous five years would be absurd. And judging from the previous five years, I don't think the Astrodome affected Bagwell too much. It may have robbed him of a home run here and there, but it did not keep him out of the 50 or 60 home run club.

I imagine Bagwell will hit somewhere around 25 homers on the road, which is probably a little bit generous. And if Enron Field is indeed more homer-friendly than the Astrodome (which I expect it will be), then Bags will probably hit another 20 to 25 at home too. That gives him somewhere between 45 and 50 home runs.

Bagwell will, to an extent, benefit from the short porch at Enron Field where the fence is just 315 feet away. It will probably add as many home runs as the Astrodome took away. But it won't make the difference between 45 and 60, and he certainly won't hit 64. He might throw his helmet into the MVP race again this year, but he won't challenge the likes of McGwire, Sammy Sosa or even Griffey for the home run title.

Casey Hobson, a junior from Boise, Idaho, is the sports editor at the *Statesman*. E-mail him and let him know who you think will hit the most home runs this year. sports@statesman.usu.edu

Aggies take win streak on road

USU pits two-game win streak against Sacramento State's five-game losing streak

AARON MORTON
Assistant Sports Editor

Fresh off an easy sweep of Southern Utah University, the Aggie softball team will try to add to its recent success at Sacramento State University.

The timing is good for Utah State University as they are on the up and the Hornets are on the fall, having lost five games in a row.

The Aggies (2-4 BWC, 13-23 overall) bounced back from a tough weekend against the University of the Pacific to sweep SUU in a doubleheader Tuesday, 8-0 and 7-4.

"We feel good," head coach Pam McCreesh said. "Confidence is high."

Sacramento was picked to place fifth by Big West Conference coaches and has struggled to a 1-8 record in the conference — the worst BWC start for the Hornets in four years — while hovering at an even 16-16 on the season.

They were swept at California State University at Northridge, losing by a combined score of 23-4 in the three-game series.

USU will start sophomore Kristin Hommel at the mound for the first game of the three-game series, which starts at 1 p.m. Saturday at Shea Stadium in Sacramento. The question of who will pitch the second and third games will depend on how the

first game goes, McCreesh said. Game two starts at 3 p.m. Saturday and game three starts at 1 p.m. Sunday.

As for the Hornet's pitching, all four Sacramento State pitchers have better ERAs (2.04-3.18) than any of the Aggie hurlers (4.36-12.96).

McCreesh, who saw the team play at the Sacramento State Tournament, is not worried.

"(Their pitchers) don't come at you with anything special," she said.

In fact, they pitch similar to SUU, who the Aggies beat with 23 hits.

The Aggies took Wednesday off from practice and did lighter, more focused hitting and throwing practices Thursday.

Utah State busted out of a hitting slump against SUU, and hope they can have the

same success against the Hornet pitching.

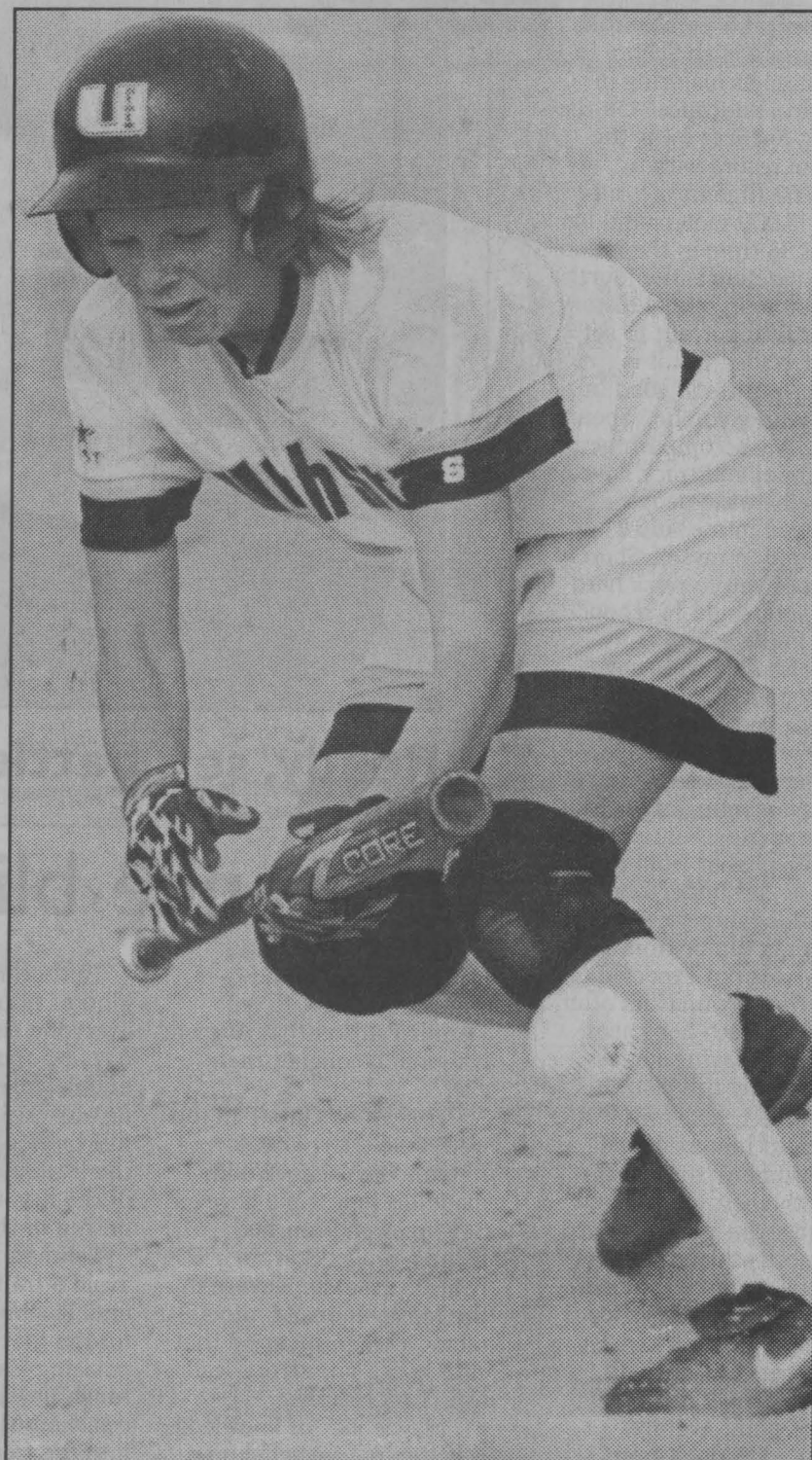
Senior Sandy Taylor leads the Aggies in hitting with a .419 batting average (.529 in BWC games). Freshman third baseman Stephanie Vasarhely is batting second best at .308. Lead-off hitter will be Tiffany Pugmire, while she is only hitting .218, hits .389 in Big West competition.

Sacramento State has eight players that bat above .300.

After this weekend's series, the Aggies come home for a five-game home stand, starting with a doubleheader Wednesday against the University of Utah.

'(Their pitchers) don't come at you with anything special.'

• **USU HEAD COACH**
PAM MCCREESH •
ON SSU'S PITCHERS



USU's Tiffany Pugmire lays down a bunt during USU's game against Pacific on Saturday. The Aggies play Sacramento State this weekend, who has lost five straight.

Martinez earns Utah State athlete-of-the-week honors

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
Athletic Media Relations

Utah State University women's tennis player Amelia Martinez was voted USU's athlete of the week by a local media panel this week.

Martinez, a freshman from Brigham City, Utah, led the Aggies in four straight wins over Chicago State, Oakland, Missouri-Kansas City, and Southern Utah last week. Martinez defeated three of her opponents in just two sets and handled the fourth in three sets.

USU's four wins last week bring the Aggies to 7-9 on the season. Utah State's women's tennis team looks to hit the .500 mark with wins in the last two dual meets before heading to the Big West Championships April 26-30. The women's final two matches of the season will be at Weber State on April 12 and then at home on April 15 against Southern Utah.

OTHER ATHLETE-OF-THE-WEEK
NOMINEES:

Gymnastics: KIRRA DEGENER, sophomore; turned in three solid scores for the Aggies at the 2000 Regional Championship April 1. She recorded marks of 9.775 on bars, 9.750 on beam and 9.650 on floor.

Golf: CASEY BECK, senior; was the top Aggie finisher at the Anteater Invitational last week. Beck had his best finish of the year placing ninth in the field of 205 with a final score of 220 (77-75-68).

Men's Track: MARCUS MORGAN, senior; recorded a first place finish in the 1500-meter race with a time of 3:56.65 at the U.S. Collegiate Track and Field Series April 1.

Men's Tennis: RYAN BURBIDGE, junior; won one set 6-1 before dropping the last two sets 3-6, 3-6 to fall to Kris Hauck of Montana State last week.

Softball: SANDY TAYLOR, senior; was 7-12 with a .583 batting average in two games against Utah and three games versus Pacific last week. Taylor recorded two doubles and five singles.

Utah State honors record 73 student-athletes

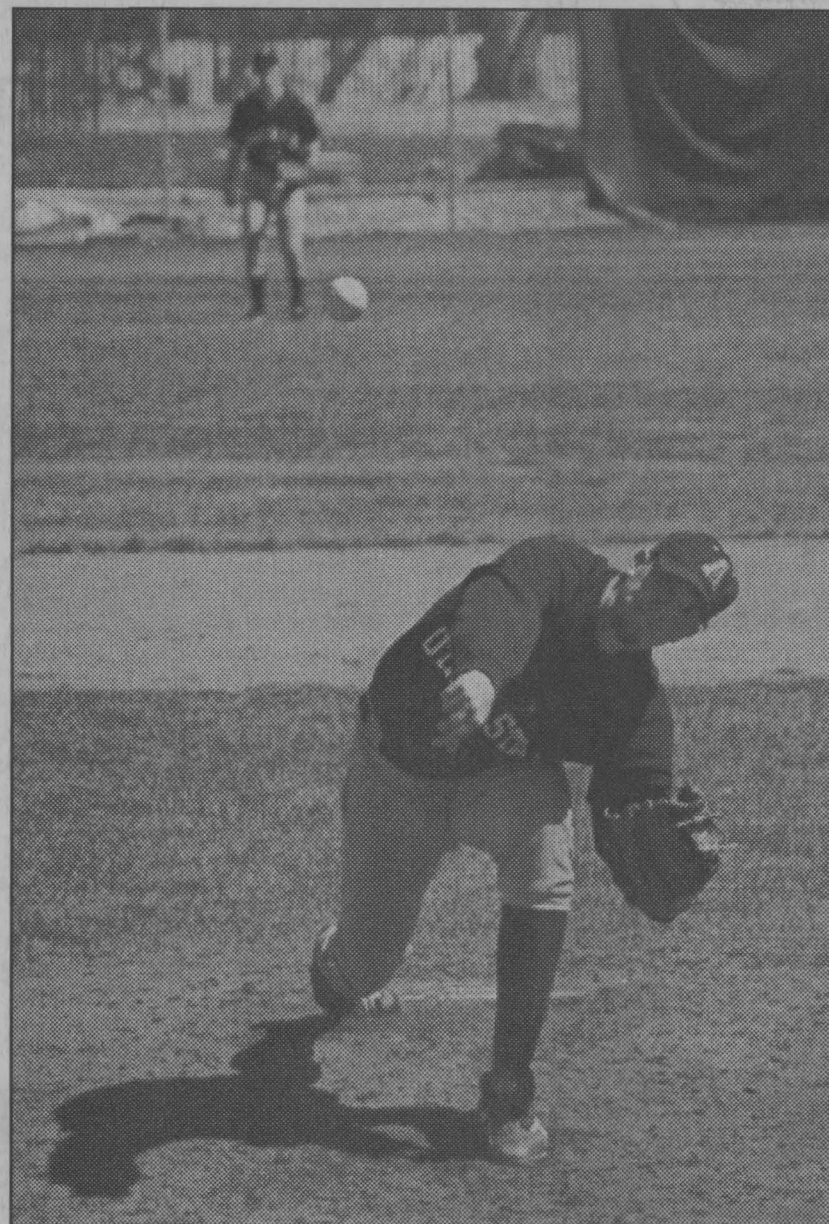
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
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Utah State University held its annual Joe E. Whitesides Scholar-Athlete Honors luncheon on Tuesday and recognized a school-record 73 student-athletes, managers and trainers, who have earned better than a 3.2 cumulative grade-

point average.

In all, 69 student-athletes from 10 different sports as well as two student trainers and two student-managers were honored at the seventh-annual luncheon, held in the Stevenson Ballroom in the Taggart Student Center.

The annual Joe E. Whitesides award, which is given to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade point average, was presented to



Tough times

USU's Brian Wolfley delivers a pitch during the first game of Monday's doubleheader in Providence. Colorado Northwestern Community College outscored the Aggies 29-1 in the two games combined, winning both. USU fell to 1-6 this season and will try to get back on track this weekend in Montana against the University of Montana.

Aggies IN ACTION

Saturday

Softball

USU at Sacramento State (doubleheader), noon

Track

USU at Washington State Invitational Southern Utah 6

Rugby

Game at 1 p.m. on the HPER field

Sunday

Softball

USU at Sacramento State, noon

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ATHLETES

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dent-athlete with the top grade-point average, was given to track standout Loni Spencer.

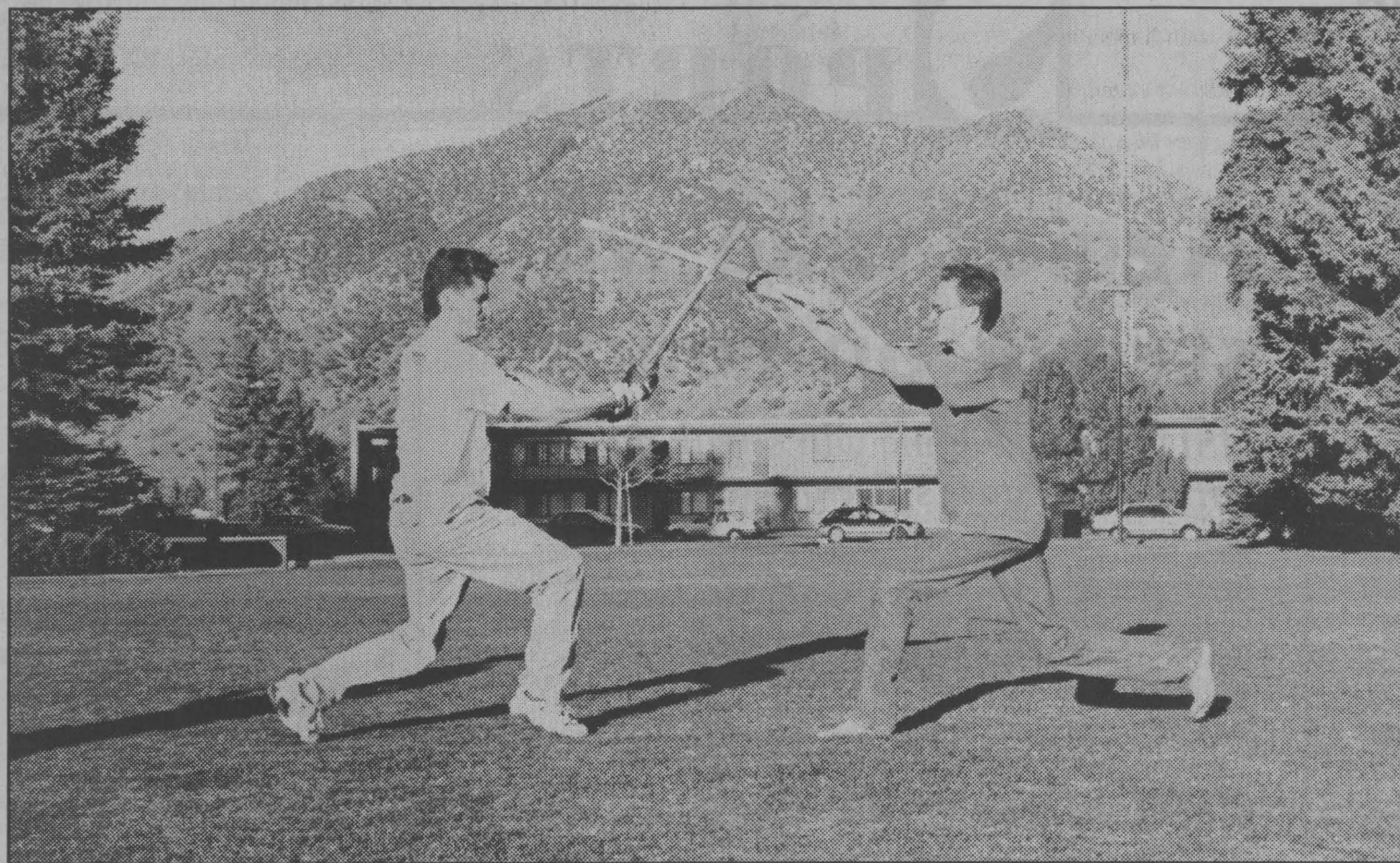
Spencer, a senior from Clearfield High School in Syracuse, is majoring in physical education. On the track, Spencer owns the school record with a 17:27.62 time in the outdoor 5,000-meters and her 10:13.38 time in the indoor 3,000-meters is the fourth best time in school history.

"It is important to get good grades, but it is important to do good in everything you do," Spencer said. "My accomplishments in school and track have come because people believed in me, and I believed in myself. Sports teaches you to work hard like you would in school and in life."

Softball player Amy Settlemier and gymnast Jessica Porter were the co-recipients of the Aggie Achievement Award, given for overcoming obstacles to have success. Settlemier, a senior pitcher from Kelso, Wash., has undergone three shoulder surgeries, while Porter, a senior from Reno, Nev., was not expected to return to gymnastics after injuring both her knees. Both are having success athletically this year.

Three USU teams received honors as well, as the women's track team had the best grade-point average for teams with 20 or more athletes, the volleyball team had the best grade-point average for teams with less than 20 members and the golf team had the most improved grade-point average.

In addition, Karen Peterson, the director of the Student Service Center in the college of business was honored with the Meet The Challenge Award for her efforts in meeting with potential student-athletes on their recruiting visits.



Ready, set, battle

USU students Carl Elsworth, left, and Kenneth Sunberg practice sword fighting on the lawn in front of the Junction on Tuesday afternoon. Warm weather has allowed many people to get out and play sports.

Ignorance bliss for Paulson

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Somebody forgot to tell Dennis Paulson that Augusta National is tougher than ever.

Tiger Woods knew all too well.

On a day when Woods made his first triple bogey in 541 holes and finished behind two guys in their 60s, Paulson's maiden voyage in the Masters turned into a memorable 4-under 68 that gave him a one-stroke lead over Tom Lehman.

"Maybe lack of knowledge is better, not knowing how hard this course is supposed to be," said Paulson, a 37-year-old Californian whose biggest victory came on the Nike Tour.

Or maybe he just was too happy to be in the Masters to care.

Paulson ran into the same kind of trouble that stalled everyone else on a blustery day at Augusta, making a double bogey on No. 11. But he also had an eagle and five birdies that gave him the lead after the first round of the first major championship of the year.

Lehman managed to avoid a train wreck until the end. Playing without a bogey for the first 17 holes, an amazing feat considering the tough new rough and always treacherous winds, he drove into the trees on the 18th and took double bogey to lose the lead.

"If you avoid hitting shots that cost you ... that was the whole key out there," said Lehman, the Masters runner-up in 1994. "But I feel good about the round. It's a

tremendous score in these conditions. I'm not going to let one blip on the radar screen bother me."

Make that two blips for Woods, the prohibitive favorite to win his second green jacket. And he wasn't bothered, either.

Even-par at the turn, Woods three-putted for double bogey on No. 10 and then made his first triple bogey since November on the par-3 12th, hitting into the water and then three-putting from about 12 feet.

He managed two birdies the rest of the way for a 3-over 75, his worst score since the final round of the Masters last year. The last time Woods opened with a 75 at Augusta, he missed the cut. He was also a 20-year-old amateur.

Track travels to Pullman to compete

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
Athletic Media Relations

Utah State University's track and field team will compete in a dual meet on Saturday in Pullman, Wash., against Washington State University.

The Aggies are no strangers to the Washington Cougars as the men's team edged out WSU by one point at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Indoor Championships this year.

Among those competing for USU will be junior James Parker who is currently ranked 20th nationally in the hammer throw with a mark of 185-feet 11-inches. Senior Jacob Pugsley will be competing in the long jump, javelin and hurdles as he has already provisionally qualified for the NCAA in the decathlon.

Junior Shae Jones is also looking to improve her NCAA provisionally qualifying mark of 13-feet 1.5-inches in the pole vault.

Hewitt will bring a run-and-gun style to Georgia Tech basketball

ATLANTA (AP) — ACC teams might not be familiar with new Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt, but they should recognize his system.

Hewitt's Siena teams used the same pressing and running style that helped Florida defeat Duke and North Carolina on the Gators' run to the national championship game.

"I think the people here are going to enjoy our style of play," Hewitt said at a news conference introducing him Thursday.

"We're going to run and press. I think it's the best way to play," he said. "Florida runs that same system. The system is important, but the thing I think that has made us successful is our efforts in the area

of player development."

Hewitt, 36, quickly turned around the team at Siena, where he had a 71-27 record in three seasons at a school that had won only 22 games in the three previous years. The Saints reached the NCAA tournament in 1999, their first appearance in 10 seasons.

They finished 24-9 this year, losing to Penn State in the second round of the NIT.

"He is a good fit for us," Tech athletic director Dave Braine said. "First of all, he's an excellent recruiter. Secondly, he's a tremendous communicator. Third, he's an excellent teacher."

Hewitt, the first black basketball coach in Tech history, was given a five-year contract worth \$400,000 a

year. He succeeds Bobby Cremins, who announced Feb. 18 that his 19th season would be his last.

Cremins had a 354-237 record at Tech, but failed to reach the NCAA tournament his last four years when the team went 56-65. He took the Jackets to the NCAA 10 times, reaching the Final Four once.

"I was looking for a place with a winning tradition, where it's been proven that you can win," Hewitt said. "When you talk about Georgia Tech basketball, the guy who literally picked this program up and carried it for the last 19 years and developing that winning tradition is Bobby Cremins."

Hewitt inherits a team that really doesn't fit his style. Throughout his tenure, Cremins generally played a

rotation of seven players, rarely having a deep bench. Hewitt's running game puts a premium on having at least 10 who can play.

Hewitt said players can easily adapt to his style, which gives them the freedom to make their own decisions on the fly.

"I think if you watch us play you will see a team that is not over-coached, but is very well taught," he said. "I expect to win next year. I have high expectations."

Hewitt met briefly with Tech's players Wednesday to tell them what he expects.

"The coaching staff that I will put in place is going to be very strong in the area of player development," he said. "If you play the style that we play ... you've got to

teach people how to play the game."

Starting point guard Tony Akins said the Yellow Jackets, 13-17 last year, were excited about the selection of Hewitt.

"He's going to make us work," Akins said. "He's a fast-tempo coach. He seems like the kind of coach I want to play for."

Hewitt said he was ready to hit the recruiting trail immediately.

Georgia Tech, which loses senior Jason Collier to graduation and may lose 6-11 shot blocker Alvin Jones early to the NBA, landed three players during the early signing period. Only 6-foot-4 guard Marvin Lewis of Rockville, Md., is expected to make an immediate impact.

Thursday's sports transactions

BASEBALL
American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Activated SS Luis Orta. Sent INF Ray Holbert to Omaha of the PCL.
National League
NEW YORK METS — Claimed LHP Radhames Dykhoff off waivers from Baltimore and optioned him to Norfolk of the International League.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Signed 1B Young-Jin Jung and assigned him to extended spring training.

BASKETBALL
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Signed F Etdrick Bohannon to a contract through the 2000-2001 season.

FOOTBALL
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Re-signed LB Adrian Ross to a one-year contract.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed K Tim Seder.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed LB Anthony Harris.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed P Toby Gowin. Released P Tommy Barnhardt.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Named Bill Smith director of corporate sponsorships.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Agreed to terms with OL Tom Myslinski on a three-year contract.

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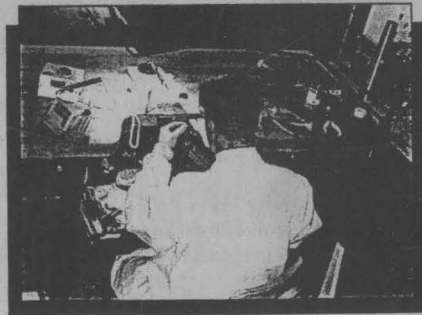
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top three ideas were to be given cash prizes.

However, no one proposal was used. Instead, because those involved in deciding the design felt all proposals were excellent, the new center will feature aspects of all the designs, Anderson, a co-sponsor of the bill, said.

The bill's other sponsor, ASUSU Public Relations Vice President Christina Domichel, said the students deserved the awards because they saved the university time and money.

"By these students doing this, although it's part of a class, they are saving us a tremendous amount of design fees," she said.

Some members of the council were concerned other groups of students involved in similar projects did as much work and equally helped the university without any compensation.

ASUSU Athletics Vice President Sam Winward proposed an amendment to include those involved in the project to create a new Student Recreation Center. The amendment passed.

Still, Winward voted against the bill.

• ECB 00-23, Operation Senator. This bill passed unanimously. It provides funds from ASUSU Capital and Support, up to but not exceeding \$12,000, for computers, printers, telephones, phone lines, desks, chairs and cabinets for the college senators.

Currently, in their shared office, the eight senators share two computers and two telephones. The funds will give a telephone and computer to each senator.

ASUSU Extension Vice President and sponsor of the bill Steve Palmer said the cost will probably be closer to \$10,775, but he said providing up to \$12,000 will leave some leeway for unexpected costs.

• ECB 00-24, Legislative Senate. This bill passed 13 to 5. The controversy it ignited occasionally left council members yelling out of order, and Anderson had to call the group to order more than once.

The bill, as amended, is no more than a recommendation to next year's officers to consider organizing the council a different way. Still, the bill

made many council members uneasy.

As currently organized, all members of the council, excluding the president and administrative assistant, are speaking, voting members of the council.

The new bill divides the council into three distinct groups: legislators, senators and programmers.

College of Business Senator Allyson Luekenga, one of the bill's three sponsors, said the issue the bill aims to fix is council inefficiency.

"I think this is a way to make Executive Council as a whole more smooth and a more efficient body," she said.

The bill would give each group of officers a specific job. Legislators would represent the students to administration and through voting. Programmers would organize activities and programs. And senators would represent students by voting on university-wide issues in the council.

In other words, the bill recommends the new council take votes on school-wide issues from the programmers.

All members would still vote on issues that affect the council, such as budget allocation, social gatherings and charter revisions.

Four members whose offices would become non-voting programmers — Winward, Domichel, ASUSU Organizations and Traditions Vice President Jodi Lee and ASUSU Activities Vice President Mandy Saunders — voiced the most disapproval of the bill.

The changes would not affect them personally as officers since they would take effect only after the new officers took over.

Still, these four said their offices represent large groups on campus that deserve to have representation in voting.

When the bill was changed from legislation to an official council recommendation, the debate slowed down. Still, all four of those officers voted no.

• ECB 00-25, Removal of the Newsletter. This bill passed by consensus. It was written during a 10-minute recess in the meeting. Its purpose, according to Domichel, one of the sponsors, was so her revision of the public relations vice president charter could pass.

Her new charter would

remove the duty of writing an ASUSU newsletter from the vice president's jobs.

However, the newsletter was a result of previous legislation and couldn't be removed without new legislation. ECB 00-25 removes the newsletter, which Domichel said she didn't do all year.

Some members of the council said Domichel did an excellent job publicizing events without the newsletter, including using the ASUSU Web site.

• Charter Changes. The changes to each office's charter passed by consensus. The charters were changed to clarify the duties of the council members.

Most changes were minor. All members added the following paragraph to the top of their charters:

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Seinfeld's new role: Daddy

NEW YORK (AP) — Imagine Jerry Seinfeld inside his Long Island mansion, baby bottle in one hand, burp cloth in the other, musing: Whyyyyy do they call it a burp cloth?

That's right. First came love (1998), then came marriage (last December) — and now Seinfeld and bride, Jessica Sklar, will soon be pushing a baby carriage.

The big announcement was made Thursday by Seinfeld pal Regis Philbin on TV's "Live With Regis and Kathie Lee."

"Yes. It's true. There will be a new little Seinfeld sometime this fall," said Seinfeld's spokeswoman, Elizabeth Clarke.

It is the first child for both Sklar and Seinfeld, who made millions from a TV show that glorified single life and poked fun at commitment.

But that was then and this is now, and soon the 45-year-old Seinfeld will be up to his diaper bag in commitment.

Seinfeld apparently asked Philbin to serve up the news for him. Philbin did it gladly, informing viewers that the little Seinfeld is scheduled to arrive in October. Clarke did not want to pinpoint the due date.

The new arrival may have the undevoted attention of his dad, who retired his series in 1998.

Baby Seinfeld will also have plenty of room for all that kid stuff like swing sets, playhouses, bicycles and building blocks. The couple are reportedly paying as much as \$40 million for Billy Joel's 12-acre oceanfront mansion in East Hampton.

And there are other kids in the neighborhood for playdates. Steven Spielberg has a place nearby and he has five children.

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Just what are we
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A few thoughts on watching the edited version of *The Matrix*, for free, on the USU campus Monday night:

Good movie, *The Matrix*. Fun, full of action, adventure, laughs, even a little romance. Save the world (which really isn't the world) from the evil computers. Discover your true reason for being. Food for thought, but mostly a bucketful of pure excitement.

Maybe even a little too much. I mean, two hours of gunfire, kung fu and tight leather pants is enough to get anyone's pulse racing, so it was good to see the censors did their job. Any word that could be considered even mildly objectionable was dubbed over, so poorly that every glaring "darn," "shoot," "heck" and "jeepers creepers" drew a wave of embarrassed giggles from the packed house. Yes, it's nice to be protected from anything that just might possibly cause offense.

They did seem to miss a few things, though. A couple of big explosions. One helicopter crashing into a building (quite impressive, actually), and a lot of people doing nasty things to each other. Flying kicks to the head, punches to the gut hard enough to snap ribs and squirt blood from the nostrils. Interrogation drugs. And the bullets — more bullets than Bosnia, plunking from pistols and spraying from cannons, embedding themselves in almost every body in sight, knocking plaster loose in lobbies, leaving small holes in the chest and red smears on the wall.

Don't get me wrong. I know this is America: land of the free, home of the brave, nation of rugged settlers and Wild West outlaws, Lee Harvey Oswald and Al Capone, professional wrestling and the NRA and gang-bangers and schoolyard shootouts. And believe me, I know that Utah redefines the concept of a pious, conservative heartland.

It does leave you wondering, though, just what it is exactly that we're afraid of. What do we really need to protect ourselves from?

Julian Smith

Student asks for real
news in newspaper

I recently moved to the great state of Utah to attend school. One of the observation's I soon made upon arriving is that nearly everyone is Mormon. I admit that I also fall into that category, but I find it troubling that the biggest news in town is that the church had asked Trax to run on conference Sunday. In this very newspaper it made front page news and yet world issues and "real" news did not make the front page and often the one paragraph blurb that it does receive is lucky to make it to page three.

It seems as though in Utah, no one wants to face reality: the focus is the church and what they have to say rather than what is going on in the world. It is the same with television news, they too put their emphasis on the church. Yes, there are many Mormons in Utah but, there are also people out there that want to hear and read world news, not just "Mormon news." I guess my main concern is how did church gain priority over state? And why is that so widely accepted?

Elise R. Arnett

Does Bible call for
murder?

This is in response to the letter written in Wednesday's Statesman by Dave Bethers.

If you believe the Bible to be true, then why aren't you killing homosexuals? It says quite clearly in Leviticus 20:13:

"If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them."

The death penalty applies to other things as well. You are commanded by your God to kill: anyone who curses their father or mother (Leviticus 20:9), people who commit adultery (Leviticus 20:10), people who worship another God (Exodus 22:20), people who don't keep the Sabbath day holy (Exodus 31:15) and many other examples I won't get into here.

I find it hard to believe that a loving and kind God

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would maim 42 children for calling Elisha a 'bald head' (2 Kings 2:23-24).

It seems to me that believing in a loving and kind God while believing in the Bible is quite hard to do.

Zachary Haddenham

New executive council
deserves support

I want to extend my thanks to everyone who helped on my campaign — you all worked very hard and I wouldn't have done as well as I did without your efforts. I would also like to thank those of you who voted for me. Of the 1,283 people who voted for me, I met maybe 300 and appreciate the votes of those of you I was unable to meet.

One issue I want to address is that of the value of students' votes. Because I lost by only two votes, I can personally feel the importance of a single vote. However, it is important that students not only vote but also support the election process here at USU. Unless you participate in the process and attempt to change things either by running for office yourself or by voting, you have no right to complain about any of the decisions made by ASUSU. We should all be grateful to ASUSU because without this group, few student concerns would be heard. It is not only unfortunate but also offensive to hear other students and student organizations tearing down those willing to risk losing an election. Rather than complain about uncontested or single candidate races, why not be useful and actually run? Don't pick on candidates because they choose to run; pick on the students who chose not to.

I wish the new ASUSU executive council the best of luck. Each person on this council is an intelligent and capable student. It is their newly-found job to help the students — make sure that you utilize this resource.

Cherissa Smith

Who cares anymore?

It seems that the Letters to the Editor page has become nothing more than a platform for a homosexuality debate. Yes the Bible states that homosexuality is wrong. It also states "Judge not lest ye be judged with the same judgment with which ye have judged." The point is it's here. We probably all know someone who is gay, and we probably all know someone who is not gay. Sexual orientation should not be a factor for judging a human being. We are all human beings with a basic desire for human relationships. We condemn and criticize a world where children carry guns to school and shoot classmates. Maybe this would be a less frequent occurrence if we taught love and acceptance over hate and intolerance.

The arguments are old on both sides. No one is saying anything new. I suggest we stop worrying about how a person orients his own sexuality, and focus more on caring about the person as a whole.

JayC Stoddard

Rec center money
should be spent on
education

Students currently attending Utah State should exercise their right not to vote for the proposed Student Recreation Center. The committee that is over seeing this operation is pulling the wool over our eyes.

First, students currently attending USU will never see the day that it is opened, unless they are on the eight year plan. Therefore we shouldn't be penalized by having to pay higher student fees. I currently pay out of state tuition, and any increase that is unnecessary I try to avoid. If anything USU should look to put \$12.5 million into the education of its students, not into a wanna-be Club Med spa.

Last time I checked we weren't in the Ivy league, and it wouldn't hurt to increase the capacity of our education. I understand physical health is important, but save yourself some money and go run around the block four times.

Todd Johnson

My life:
A day in
the blank

UNDERGRADUATED / Kevin Peel



T o tell y'all the truth, I'm tired of writing articles. I mean, the sun is

out and the sand-volleyball courts and pools are beckoning — there's just not enough daylight to waste on other stuff. Choosing which words to write is just too tough. That's why, this week, I've decided to just tell you what I did while on campus yesterday and leave you to fill in the blanks with the option of your liking — then I can get back to frolicking with Mr. Sun.

I started my day by waking up and showering before dawn because _____ (A) I'd gone to bed early and was well rested (B) my alarm went off (C) somebody in the building was playing "Bye Bye Bye" at buzz saw decibels.

Leaving my apartment, I headed toward campus. While walking up the hill on 800 East, I was overtaken by _____ (A) two fellow students in better shape than I (B) two yodeling students and a mountain goat (C) a yodeling yeti, a mountain goat and the uneaten portion of the Donner Party.

As I passed a frat house, they were congregated on the porch yelling because _____ (A) they felt a sudden simula-

neous pang of school spirit (B) they saw a buddy across the street and were attempting to get his attention (C) Biff had just successfully defended his "largest ball of bellybutton lint" championship.

While crossing the street at the crosswalk, I was struck _____ (A) by how beautiful the morning light was against the dewy grass (B) with a brilliant idea for my term paper (C) by a rusty Honda running the yellow light.

Looking to my left, I noticed a crowd of people running out of the Fieldhouse. This was because _____ (A) the women's lockers had caught fire (B) a jogging class was beginning a group jog (C) George Emert had shown up in gym shorts and a tank top.

I passed the Institute of Religion building and everyone was smiling. I asked a guy why they were so chipper and he said _____ (A) they were feeling a warm glow after an especially good class (B) someone had just told a real zinger about J. Golden Kimball (C) the smokers across the street at the TSC had just been struck by a rusty Honda.

As I walked toward the library, a cute girl was lying on the grass because _____ (A) she was early for a class and she wanted to work on her tan (B) she'd slipped on a disregarded insert from The

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Advising at USU:
Recent student
perceptions

GUEST COMMENTARY / Grayson Osborne



Given student concerns about the advising process at USU, it is

important to share the most recent results of a survey of USU's graduating students insofar as these results relate to advising. This survey contained responses of 1,263 students who applied for graduation between May 1998 and May 1999. Most survey respondents were receiving baccalaureate degrees. The sample constituted 44 percent of the baccalaureate graduating class and was representative of the student body in terms of majors, colleges, sex, citizenship and minority status, among other characteristics.

In response to the question, "Were you assigned an advisor by your college/departement?" about 94 percent answered yes. Seventy-one percent visited with their advisors at least once per term, while about one in four only visited their advisors once per year. Over 63 percent had faculty advisors while 27 percent had professional advisors. Over 82 percent of respondents stated that their advisors (47.8 percent) and the major requirement sheets (35 percent) constituted their major sources of information for planning their academic programs.

In a series of items we asked respondents to rate their agreement with the items. These items are shown along with the percent who responded with strongly agree and agree.

Interactions with my advisor were positive: 77.2 percent
My Advisor: Gave me correct information on services/programs: 75.9 per-

cent
Overall I was satisfied with my advisor: 71.4 percent
My Advisor: Was interested in my welfare: 66.7 percent
My Advisor: Was readily available for consultation: 65.6 percent

Overall I was satisfied with the advising system in my college/departement: 65.3 percent
Overall I was satisfied with the advising system at USU: 59.1 percent

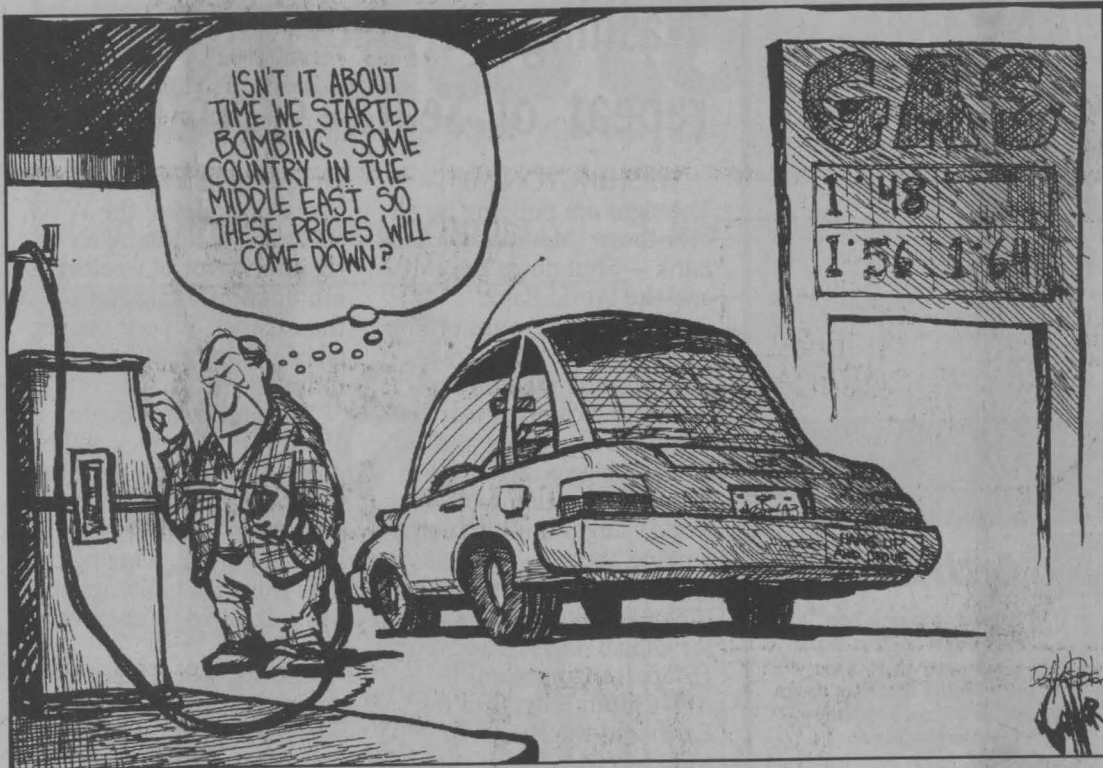
My Advisor: Helped me make academic/career decisions: 54.5 percent

These responses are uniformly lower than those obtained (but not shown here) with respect to educational/faculty quality at the university in the rest of this survey. And, the responses suggest that as many as 1 in 2 to 1 in 5 respondents were either neutral or did not agree with the above statements. In terms of advising then, the glass can be considered either half full or half empty. The above figures suggest that there is room for improvement in the advising process. Advising is a principal concern of students across the country, not just at USU.

We also looked at responses to the items in the table based on what type of advisor a student had (i.e., faculty, professional advisor at the department level, or professional advisor at the college level). There were no differences in ratings by type of advisor.

Readers who are interested in more detail can see it soon on the University Assessment Web site. On the university's Web site index, click on University Assessment and then click on Reports. These data are from the Graduating Students' Survey for 1999.

Grayson Osborne is a professor in the Psychology Department at Utah State University.



Saving the environment from activists

PROZAC FOR THE SOUL / Travis Call



Earth Day is coming up and I count myself lucky that this year it falls on a Saturday. That means I can stay home and avoid the celebration. You see, as much as I dig nature, I'm not crazy about its self-appointed defenders.

Last year on April 22 I sat watching news highlights of several Earth Day gatherings. Thousands attended each one. Most of the celebrants looked like they were just one bong hit away from ducking out early, finding an International House of Pancakes, and eating until they sobered up or ran out of cash.

There were always a few smarmy speeches given by people nobody's ever heard of. Speeches were usually followed with music, performed badly, by artists who had clearly written their unsettling fare in the van on the way into town. All promulgated the same tired rhetoric: big business was bad; nature was good. I soon lost interest and switched channels.

The next morning Earth Day was over—its pseudo-hippy disciples returning back to reality for another year.

What is Earth Day? It's a day when we all go out, buy something recycled, and praise ourselves for being enlightened. It's another fumbling attempt at reviving an era where entire subcultures lived to protest and reason was the enemy. It's a day

when anyone who loves baby seals, trees or breathing can step forward and say, "Hey, I support the environmental movement! Hell, if I weren't working to make payments on my new S.U.V., I'd be up in Alaska scrubbing otters and beating up loggers for their lunch money!"

I recently visited the Earth First Web site. After all, I need to be ready for the 22nd. And if I'm not ready to discuss the trendiest environmental causes I'm likely to be drummed off campus until I redeem myself by doing something really earth-friendly like convert my car to run on compost.

Actually our friends over at Earth First might not think that's good enough. I'm pretty sure they believe the only acceptable solution to our environmental woes is to kill every-

Solutions will come with education and thoughtful study. They'll come with communication and reason, not eco-terrorism and propaganda.

one who's ever polluted, or bathed. Every page on their site contains photos of people (like the ones at the

Earth Day rallies, but without jobs) resisting the tyranny of the anti-environmentalists. Some are chained to tractors, others to trees; others were holed up in some kind of tree-fort bravely holding up a sign that said "Go Clear-Cut in Hell."

The problem with Earth First, and other environmental movements is that they try to stand for everything and end up solving nothing. The ranks of the environmental movement are rife with hypocrites.

In Utah, they rally to prevent the erection of an electric sign in Wellsville canyon while at the same time painting enviro-graffiti all over a

water tower in Logan Canyon. They litter our campus with flyers that advertise forums on pollution prevention.

They cry foul over the misuse of public lands while at the same time swarming all over them like some kind of Biblical plague of locusts. Whatever they mobilize to save ends up becoming the tourist attraction du jour.

They don't understand that shutting down a coal-fired electric plant necessitates the construction of another dam to feed our increasing power needs. Activism doesn't solve problems, it creates more of them.

Solutions will come with education and thoughtful study. They'll come with communication and reason, not eco-terrorism and propaganda. Our hypocrisy doesn't stop there.

According to the Department of Education, from 1971 to 1995 the percentage of bachelor's degrees conferred in the physical sciences has dropped from 2.5 to 1.7. The louder we cry to save the earth, the fewer ears there are to hear us that will actually know how.

Let's start seeing the environmental movement for what it is—trendy. Let's teach education and reason instead of resistance. Perhaps our friends at Earth First don't want scientists saving the earth. If science were successful, they'd all have to get jobs.

For those of you who litter our campus with flyers, inviting us to meetings about cleaning up the environment, I'll give you a hint where to start—try the sidewalk between the Student Center and Old Main.

Travis Call's column appears every Friday in the Statesman. Comments can be sent to subbdermal@hotmail.com.

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Statesman (C) she had passed out from the fumes after Research Farms had secretly spread rotten silage over the Quad the night before.

I made my way toward the Merrill Library. When I reached the doors, I hesitated because (A) I remembered the elevator wasn't working and I was going to the third floor (B) I was searching for my student ID card (C) I saw someone walking out with THE book.

So, I went to class instead, where I started to doze because (A) the professor was spouting the usual left-wing propaganda (B) learning is exhausting (C) the heating system still thought it was December and was attempting to reach the elusive 100-degree-Celsius barrier.

After class, I strolled to the TSC. I tried to enter near the Hub, but couldn't get in because (A) someone had robbed the Taco Time and police were checking for evidence (B) the people who want to be noticed were conversing and blocking the entrance (C) someone had EATEN at the Taco Time and police were checking for evidence.

So I had to go through the bookstore. Asking about a commotion in the front, an employee answered that (A) a student was yelling that text book prices were too high (B) a student was yelling that the guy buying his book back had ripped him off (C) the book buyer was yelling that someone had tried to sell him THE book from the Merrill Library.

At the computer lab, a fellow walked out looking disgruntled because (A) he was out of free copies (B) he had been caught drinking a Mountain Dew (C) he was asked to leave because there was a waiting list and he'd been playing "Zormac: Prince of the Bloody Entrails" since 1994.

I made my way past the parking terrace (because I'd forgotten a book at the Veterinary Science Building—accounting for my sudden change in direction) and noticed that people lined up in their cars were backed up on the street and furiously honking. I noticed that (A) they were angry because the terrace was full (B) someone had closed the terrace off for Career Fair parking only (C) they were behind a stalled and vacant rusty Honda.

Well, that was pretty much my day on campus. A pretty

typical day in the life, to be sure. So anyway, hope I'm off the hook for this week, because now I'm going to (A) First Dam (B) take a nap (C) Hell, if I don't mend my ways (D) end this column.

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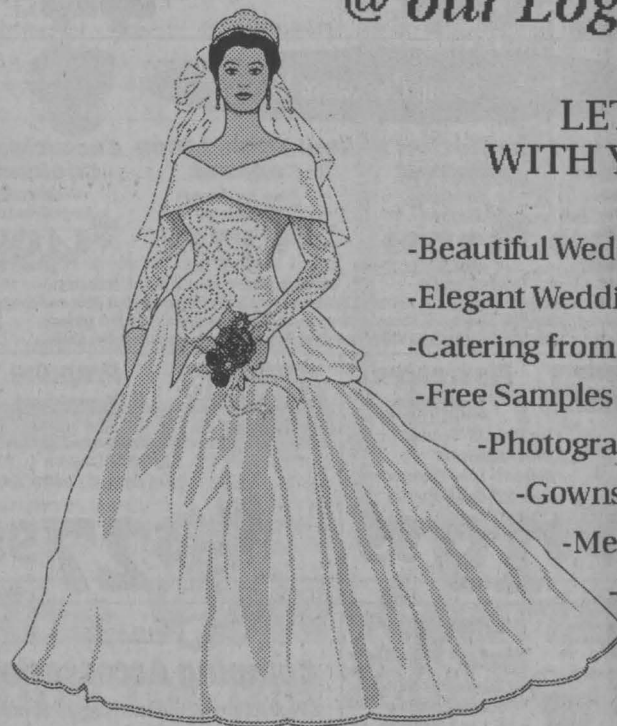
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Washington pledges to avoid repeat of Seattle's protest

WASHINGTON (AP) — The signs are popping up all over town: "More World, Less Bank — Shut down the IMF and the World Bank."

The protest groups on the streets as the World Trade Organization meetings collapsed in a cloud of tear gas in Seattle are taking aim at an even bigger target: the world's largest multinational lending agencies.

Organized under the umbrella name Mobilization for Global Justice, the protest groups, ranging from the AFL-CIO to Friends of the Earth and the Forum of Indian Leftists, are planning 10 days of teach-ins and street protests starting Saturday.

All the activity will be aimed at a massive rally on the Ellipse, the park across the street from the White House, on April 16. That's when finance ministers from around the world will be in town for the start of the spring meetings of the 182-nation International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

"We think this will be the biggest thing to happen to the IMF in its history. It will serve like Seattle did for the WTO to put the IMF on the map for people to notice. The IMF is doing some very bad things," said Scott Nova, director of Citizens Global Trade Watch, an anti-WTO group that helped organized the Seattle demonstrations.

Parading under an anti-globalization banner, the

protesters believe that the operating rules of the WTO, IMF and World Bank are rigged in favor of wealthy multinational corporations at the expense of poor people, labor unions and the environment.

The groups are vague about just what they will be doing during their protests, but there have been training sessions in such activities as blocking traffic, hanging banners from tall buildings and being chained to immovable objects.

Group leaders insist the demonstrations will be non-violent. District of Columbia police and federal authorities are taking no chances, given what happened in Seattle.

"The protesters are the ones who will decide if this is going to be peaceful or if it's not going to be peaceful," said the city's police chief, Charles Ramsey.

His department will have 1,500 officers ready — nearly half the force. They have been taking lessons since January, watching videos of how the Seattle police lost control and brushing up on their crowd control tactics.

The police department has spent \$1 million on new helmets and body armor. Backing up those officers will be hundreds of others from federal agencies.

While the IMF and World Bank have been meeting every spring in Washington for decades without incident, the anti-globalization groups say they are energized by what happened in Seattle.

Internet users estimate retirement benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Social Security Administration is offering a new Internet service for Americans who want to get an online estimate of future retirement benefits.

Three increasingly detailed levels of estimates are available, each requiring the user to type in more information about themselves. The simplest, "quick calculator," asks only for a person's age and current-year earnings. The most sophisticated requires the user to download software onto their home computer and allows him or her to try out various retirement scenarios.

"Our new Internet service ... will accomplish step one of retirement planning, helping workers to understand the amount of Social Security benefits they can expect in retirement," said Social Security

Administrator Kenneth S. Apfel.

President Clinton planned to unveil the new Internet service at the White House on Friday. At the same time, he is scheduled to sign legislation repealing a Depression-era law that reduces the Social Security benefits of older Americans who work past age 65.

The new online retirement calculators will not tap into private records that Social Security keeps about individuals' work and earnings histories.

They rely solely on information provided by online users.

The Social Security Administration met with privacy concerns raised by Congress and in 1997 dismantled a service giving people the opportunity to check their Social Security records online.

SHARIF

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became embroiled in confrontations with Pakistani institutions. He eventually dismissed the Supreme Court Chief Justice, caused the president to resign and forced Musharraf's predecessor as army chief to resign.

He tried to introduce Islamic law in Pakistan but failed to get it through the Senate or Upper House of Parliament, which was dominated by opposition politicians. However it did pass in the Lower House of Parliament, the more powerful lawmaking body that his Pakistan Muslim League dominated.

The antiterrorist court that tried Sharif was established during his term in power. When the legislation was introduced, Sharif sought to deny anyone convicted by the court the right of appeal. The Supreme Court stepped in, ruled the legislation unconstitutional and ordered at least one right of appeal.

Sharif's ouster was widely welcomed by Pakistanis who expressed frustration with widespread corruption.

COLUMBINE

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defending athletes who were said to have terrorized gunman Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold. "We have really good jocks. Sure, Eric and Dylan got picked on, but we've all been picked on by different people."

Another student said he believed blame was improperly placed on the school system, the sheriff's department and even parents for ignoring warning signs.

"How can you possibly prepare for a day like that?" asked Matt Varney, a senior who left the school two minutes before the shooting started.

In addition to media attention, one student said the school has become something of a tourist attraction.

"It's hard to move on when you have a vanload of people coming into the parking lot and taking pictures of where the library used to be, or coming up to you and asking you where the library is," said Sarah Bay, a senior. "Having pictures taken of where people died makes it hard."

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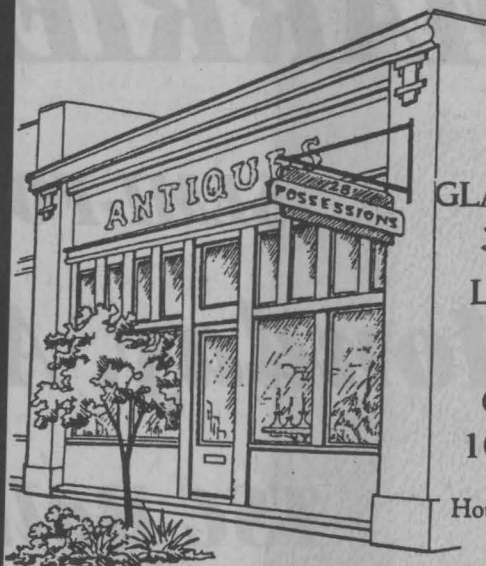
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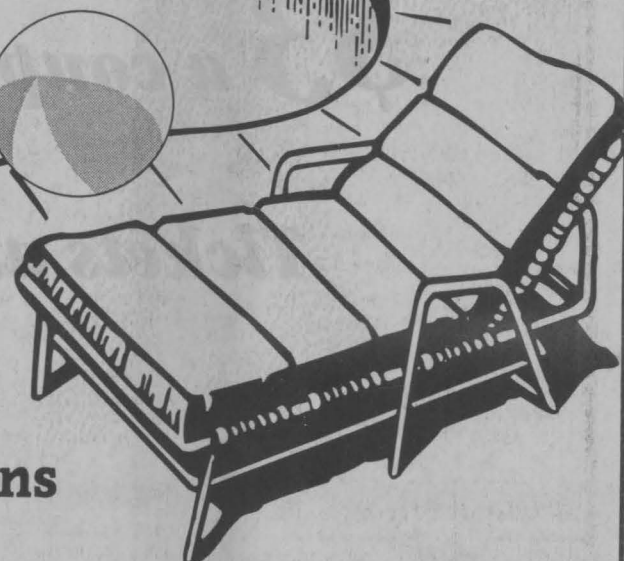


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•Friday Night Free **Dinner & Movie**: *Life is Beautiful* 6:30 p.m. at the Faith & Fellowship Center, 1315 E. 700 North.
•**House Party** featuring Brother Sage, April 8, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., 565 E. 800 North. Bonfire, Dancing and Fun!
•The History Department invites its majors to the **History Student and Faculty Recognition Night**, April 12, 7 pm, New Widtsoe Hall Room 007, Dr. Anne Butler, USU Trustee Professor, will present a talk on "The View From The Big House". Please come and bring your friends and parents!
•**MULTICULTURAL CINEMA** presents *Empire of the Sun*, April 12, 7 pm, Old Main 117. Free film and refreshments!
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•Hospice will host a Satellite Teleconference moderated by Cokie Roberts of ABC News on **"Living With Grief Children, Adolescents, and Loss"** April 26 For more information call 716-5349.
•**Dates to Remember**: August 16 Fee payment deadline (in person); August 28 Fall Semester begins.
•The AVA is starting new **Ceramics classes** Classes are available for children April 11, 3:30 to 5 p.m. fee \$75; adults April 12 6 to 9 pm & April 14 noon to 3 pm. fee \$90. Call AVA 753-2970
•Applications for **Undergraduate Reentry Scholarships** are now available from the Women's Center. Criteria: Undergraduate reentry women and men with a five year gap or more in their education and a minimum of 2.5 GPA are eligible. Deadline April 28. More info. 797-1728.
•Applications for the 2000/01 **Classified Employees Scholarships** are accepted now through April 14, 2000. The Scholarships are awarded annually to a child, grandchild or spouse of a USU Classified Employee. Applications are available Merrill Library Room 115. TSC Information desk, Physical Plant Room 110 or Paula Baker 7-0068

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