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## A-day through the years: An evolving tradition

*USU tradition began as spring clean-up, service project, became 'Agathon' and is now a week-long celebration*

JESSICA WARREN  
Staff Writer

Imagine an A-day where books are traded in for rakes and shovels.

Listening to bands and buying Navajo fry bread on the Quad would be swapped for a lunch served by the sororities and relay races at the stadium.

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That's how A-day originated. The first record found by Patty Halaufia, at the Student Alumni Association, was in the 1917 *Buzzer*, the USU yearbook up until 1971 when the university became too big to include everybody.

A-day was a day of spring clean-up. Classes were cancelled and students and faculty members would arm themselves with rakes and shovels for a campus makeover.

A picture in the 1947 *Buzzer* shows people laying the sidewalk on the north end of the Quad. It also shows women waving cleaning cloths at the camera as they wash the windows of the Fieldhouse.

The day didn't just center on cleaning, but involved building projects such as pouring concrete for new sidewalks.

The projects went on all day, with a lunch served by the Spurs, a group for women.

At the end of the day, activities were held such as relay races. Fraternities competed against each other, as did the sororities with the help of members of the track team.

There was often a dance, such as the sport dance at the Armory in 1947.

Halaufia said she remembers looking at the 1945 yearbook where A-day service was oriented toward the war.

### Aggies to attempt to reclaim world smooching record

KATHRYN SUMMERS  
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"The 'A' ... where a kiss is more than just a kiss ... here it is a rite of passage."

These words engraved on the plaque near Utah State University's concrete "A" explain some of the meaning behind the True Aggie tradition.

On a full-moon night, one may stand on top of the "A" and kiss someone who is a True Aggie in order to attain the same status.

On A-Day and Homecoming nights, couples may kiss and become True Aggies without either one being True, said Patty Halaufia, the director of major events for Alumni Relations.

A-Day is sponsored by the Student Alumni Association (SAA), which also distributes True Aggie cards and maintains the "A."

This year for A-Day, everything revolves around the number 2,000, said Doug Horton, the A-Day Chair.

As part of this year's A-Day activities, USU is going to attempt to set a Guinness record for the most people kissing at one time in one spot for 10 seconds. Two years ago, USU set the record, but a college in Canada beat it, Halaufia said.

The goal is to get 2,000 couples kissing to go along with the millennium, Halaufia said.

The SAA will hand out numbered stickers, video tape the midnight kiss and a clock will count down the required 10 seconds of kissing.

Projects were often held in Brigham City and included making bandages for the wounded soldiers.

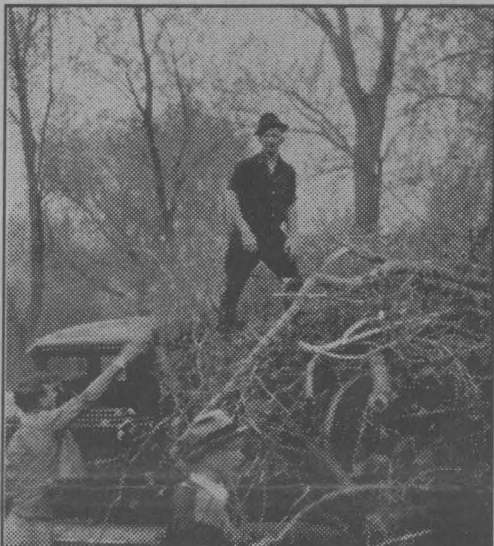
In the 1950s, A-day evolved into Agathon. This was a student day with a lot more activities and a party-type atmosphere rather than a spring cleaning focus.

Into the '60s and '70s, A-day, or Agathon was gone, Halaufia said.

"A lot of traditions were put on the way-side in the '60s and '70s," Halaufia said.

A-day was brought back again in the '80s by the Student Alumni Association, who is still in charge of it.

A-day is now four days of service and one day of activities. This year's service includes a Deseret Industries drive with a drop-off in front of the Fieldhouse and a fundraiser for a needy family in the community.



USU students load up branches from trees they pruned as part of 'A' Day in 1937.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BUZZER, 1937



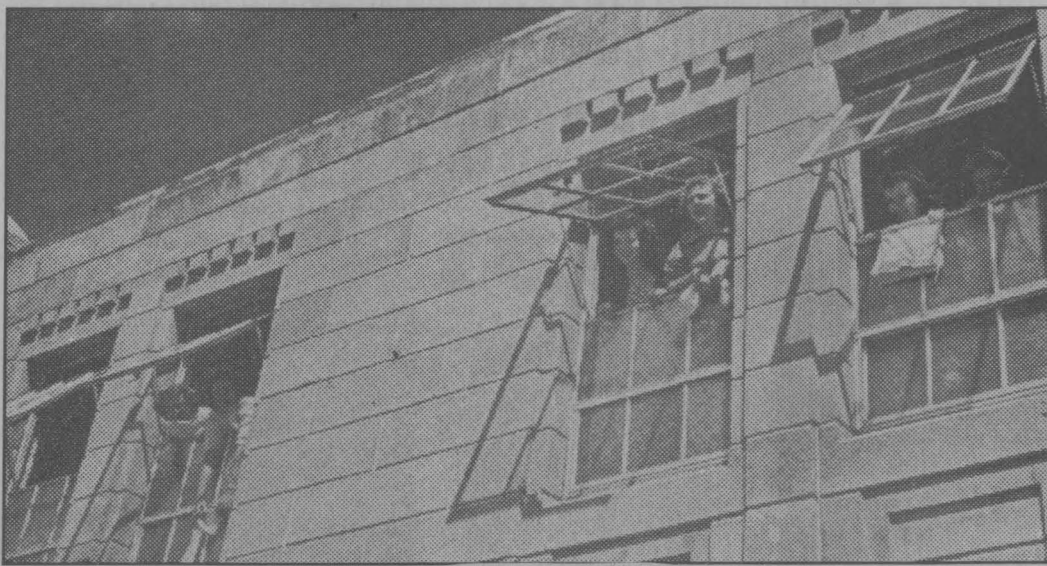
Lunch on the Quad rewards hard workers after a service project during 'A' Day in 1947. Those who tried to hide from the project were 'hosed down.'

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BUZZER, 1947



The Aggie 'A' is unveiled in 1917 in front of a small gathering of students and faculty. Since its unveiling the 'A' has been subject to thousands of couples participating in the True Aggie tradition of kissing while standing on top of the 'A,' or while touching someone who is, on a full-moon night, A-day or Homecoming night. Fame of the event has spread, especially since the university broke a Guinness record.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BUZZER, 1917



Women peer out of the Fieldhouse windows while scrubbing them down during 'A' Day in 1947. Everyone was expected to do his or her part, according to USU's yearbook, which was produced until 1971.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BUZZER, 1947

it wasn't a big deal until SAA began promoting it, Halaufia said. Now most everyone on campus knows what it means to be a True Aggie.

Over the years the 'A' has been moved around a lot. It has been by the Widtsoe building, Merrill Library, Old Main Hill, and now it is between Old Main and the Quad, Halaufia said.

When SAA first started maintaining the "A," which is painted once a year, Halaufia said, it was stripped down, and they found orange, red and purple paint, probably from rival schools painting the USU school symbol.

Halaufia said most people don't take kissing

on A-Day very seriously.

"It's fun because it's so Utah State. So many schools know about it ...," Halaufia said. "Kids come up for A-Day (from other schools because) they want to see it to believe it."

To raise money for a family in Cache Valley, admission will be charged for the True Aggie Dance, Horton said. It will be \$2 with USU ID and \$5 without. The dance will go from 9 to 11:30 p.m. on the Taggart Student Center patio. Then everyone will move over to the "A" for the midnight kiss. Following that, The Sixth Sense will be shown at the amphitheater on Old Main Hill.

## Local Burger King robbed by armed males, female employee treated for cuts and bruises

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An undetermined amount of money was stolen from the Burger King restaurant at 1275 N. Main St. in Logan in an armed robbery early Monday morning.

A 46-year-old female employee of the Burger King was unlocking the restaurant to go in at approximately 5 a.m. Monday when she was accosted by a man with "bright green eyes" wearing a gray ski mask, according to a news release from the Logan City

Police Department.

The man, armed with a hand gun, entered the restaurant with the employee. Once inside, he doused her with an unknown fluid and said he would light her on fire if she did not obey his commands. The suspect pushed the victim to the rear of the business where a second suspect, a man with shoulder-length black hair, was let into the restaurant.

The woman was then ordered to open the safe, located in the restaurant's office. She was hit in the face for not complying with the orders, accord-

ing to the release.

The victim then opened the safe and was tied up by the two men.

The two suspects then left the restaurant with an unknown amount of money.

The victim was taken to Logan Regional Hospital to be treated, but appeared to have suffered only minor bruises and abrasions.

According to the employee's description, the suspect with the green eyes is a white male, approximately 6 feet tall. He is of medium build and was wearing a dark nylon jacket, cot-

ton-type jogging pants, a gray ski mask and black tennis shoes.

The second suspect is a Hispanic male approximately 5-foot-10 inches tall. He has a heavy build and shoulder-length black hair. He has some type of facial hair which was covered by a nylon stocking he wore over his face. He was also wearing a heavy, dark-colored "military type" jacket and dark jeans.

No specific vehicle has been attributed to the suspects, but a white vehicle was seen around the time of the robbery in a parking lot across Main

Street from the Burger King. Also, a blue vehicle was seen in the Burger King parking lot around the same time.

Investigators are interested in talking to anyone driving by Burger King Monday between 4:30 and 5:45 a.m. who may have seen anything that would help with the investigation.

Contact the Logan City Police Department investigation division at 750-9914 or 750-9905 with information about the incident or call Crime Call at 750-7199 to remain anonymous.



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## WORLD &amp; NATION

## D.C. shaken in protest aftermath

WASHINGTON (AP) — District of Columbia officials are heartened that bands of protesters were prevented from sabotaging world finance meetings but a debate about police tactics erupted in the wake of nasty street confrontations that led to more than 1,300 arrests.

"Nobody wanted to see another Seattle," said Chief Charles H. Ramsey of the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, particularly the nation's capital — tourist haven, host to diplomats, presidents, kings and queens, the nation's showcase.

The department's commanders had a nightmare scenario in mind — protesters like those in Seattle last fall, rampaging and destroying property, police reacting and perhaps overreacting with tear gas — when they drafted a plan to prevent criminal activity without muzzling social activism.

"They really probe to see where your weak points are," said Ramsey. He said demonstrators were organized and often communicated with two-way radios and cellular telephones. During three difficult days, Saturday through Monday, they won his grudging admiration.

Prior to the protests targeting World Bank and International Monetary Fund meetings, more than 1,500 police went through crowd control training. The city bought body armor to protect its officers from the rocks, bottles and sticks that injured Seattle police when demonstrators disrupted a World Trade Organization meeting.

Ramsey kept a high profile throughout, wading into crowds of protesters to engage them in debate and even, on occasion, to laugh with them. At one point, the chief's deputy, Terry Gainer, gave a bouquet of flowers to a cluster of protesters. The demonstrations ended with a negotiated mass arrest that injured no one.

At times, 90 city blocks were closed off and steel barriers set up to block alleys within the security zone. Cameras on roofs enabled police to watch protesters and move officers to places where they could respond to protesters quickly.



A protester tries to keep the peace as other throw bottles at D.C. police standing guard near the World Bank in Washington, D.C.

Despite their intelligence information and technology, critics contend police did not always differentiate between peaceful protesters and those considered capable of violence and they accuse Ramsey of trying to discredit their movement by distorting their image.

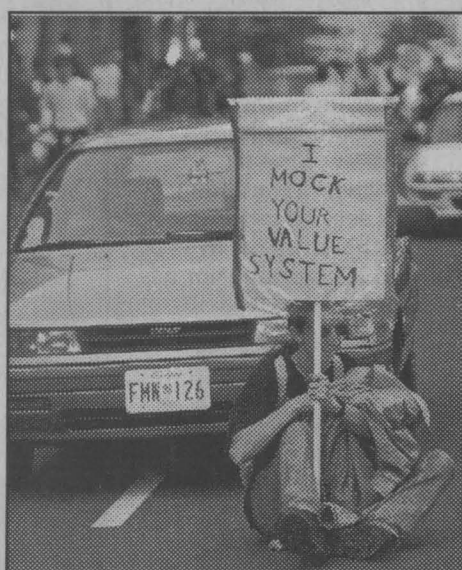
'Nobody wanted to see another Seattle.'

• CHARLES H. RAMSEY •  
D.C. POLICE CHIEF

"He's said things about the protesters that were inaccurate," including allegations that members of Mobilization for Global Justice manufactured Molotov cocktails and homemade pepper spray, said Adam Eidinger, a protest organizer.

Lingering resentment by demonstrators in the aftermath of the protest marches surfaced Tuesday in a clash at the District of Columbia Superior Court, where a small number of protesters went to complain about how U.S. marshals treated their fellow demonstrators when they were arrested.

One young man rushed the court-house door. He was tackled and pepper-sprayed and several others were also pepper-sprayed. When order was restored, the protesters held a news conference.



One protester brought traffic to a halt Monday as part of the protest against the World Bank and related meetings.

Coalition members have threatened to file lawsuits and civil rights complaints accusing the police of brutality and alleging that their constitutional rights were violated.

Laura Ennis, who came from Massachusetts to participate in the

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## Vermont Senate gives preliminary approval to civil unions for gays

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — A bill that would create the closest thing in America to gay marriage won preliminary approval in the state Senate on Tuesday after a debate watched by people wearing either white ribbons or pink stickers to show where they stood.

The 19-11 vote came after the Senate defeated two proposed constitutional amendments designed to outlaw same-sex marriage.

The bill will be up for final approval in the Senate on Wednesday. A similar measure has already passed the House, but that chamber will have to

consider changes made by the Senate. Democratic Gov. Howard Dean has said he will sign the bill.

The measure would enable gay couples to form "civil unions" that would entitle them to all 300 or so rights and benefits available under state law to married couples. No other state has gone as far as Vermont to give gay couples something approximating marriage.

However, Vermont's gay couples would still not be entitled to the federal benefits available to married couples

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## WorldGLANCE

## &gt; Philippine plane crashes with 120 aboard

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — An Air Philippines jetliner carrying 120 passengers crashed Wednesday in the southern Philippines, officials said.

The Boeing 727-200, which began its flight in Manila, circled the city of Davao, 625 miles southeast of Manila, before crashing on nearby Samal Island, said Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado said.

There was no immediate confirmation of any casualties or what caused the plane to go down.

However, the pilot of a small plane which flew over the crash site told authorities that the craft appeared to be totally destroyed.

"We have an initial report that one Air Philippines flight circled around Davao first and then crashed," Mercado said. We are getting final confirmation of the other details."

The airline said that the plane was carrying 120 passengers. It did not say how many crew were aboard.

The plane was given its normal maintenance check before taking off and it checked out OK, the airline said.

Weather conditions at the time of the crash were good, the government weather bureau said.

It appeared to be the most serious crash in the Philippines since a twin-engine plane slammed into the hills in the northern part of the country on Dec. 7, killing all 17 people aboard.

In 1998, a Cebu Pacific DC-9 jet crashed near the top of a fog-shrouded mountain in the southern Philippines, killing all 104 people aboard in the country's worst air disaster.

## &gt; Helicopter crash injures six Germans

TUSAYAN, Arizona (AP) — A sightseeing helicopter has crashed just south of Grand Canyon National Park, injuring seven people.

Authorities say there are no fatalities.

The victims included the pilot and six German tourists. Coconino County sheriff's spokesman Tom Forman says the helicopter apparently lost power while taking off from Grand Canyon Airport. He did not know how far the helicopter was off the ground when it crashed.

The helicopter belongs to Kenai Helicopters, an air-tour company based at the airport.

Sheriff's Sergeant Randy Servis says three of the injured were taken to Grand Canyon Clinic, presumably with minor injuries. The other four, including the pilot, were transported to Flagstaff Medical Center.

Conditions were not immediately available.

Grand Canyon Airport is located in Tusayan (TU'-say-ahn). That's a community just outside the south entrance to Grand Canyon National Park.

## &gt; Actor's union plans advertising strike

NEW YORK (AP) — The East Coast units of two actors unions authorized a May 1 strike against producers of television and radio commercials and awaited word on whether West Coast counterparts will do the same.

East Coast board members of the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Actors voted unanimously Sunday to reject a final offer from the American Association of Advertising Agencies and the Association of National Advertisers.

The units authorized their leadership to call a strike May 1, but the vote isn't final until the unions' West Coast units cast ballots, expected Tuesday night. The unions' combined membership of about 135,000 had voted in March authorizing the unions to call a strike.

## &gt; Exotic dancer punished for practicing

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Neighbors of an exotic dancer don't appreciate the free show they've been getting.

Still, county officials say it's up to police and prosecutors to decide whether to stop her from practicing her routines in her front yard.

Kim Mattes' "performances" have threatened public safety because motorists often drive irresponsibly while gawking at the dancer, neighbor Sherri DesEnfants said.

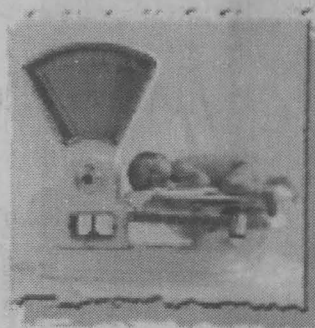
"When something gets done about this, I guess, is when there's an accident and somebody gets killed," DesEnfants said.

The practices have gone on for two years, but got out of hand recently when Mattes incorporated a 10-foot flagpole into her routine, said neighbor Mitch Robbins.

Neighbors have complained to Tippecanoe County officials, who say they can't do a thing about it.

"It's in the jurisdiction of the law enforcement," commission president Ruth Shedd told the (Lafayette) Journal and Courier.

The sheriff's department says it has forwarded the complaints, and turned over videotape of Mattes' practices to the prosecutor.

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## University to analyze day care through survey

JESSICA WARREN  
Staff Writer

Parents who use or are in need of child care are being asked by Utah State University's Child Care Resource and Referral to fill out a survey that will be used to assess the needs and types of child care provided at USU.

The survey can be accessed at [www.usuchild.usu.edu](http://www.usuchild.usu.edu). The survey is available through April 30.

"Since that first weekend in April, it's gone to a trickle," said Connie Shultz, co-director for Child Care Resource and Referral. She said she is hoping people will take the time to express their opinion so they can get some decent data.

The data will be used for future planning for child care, Shultz said. The needs vary heavily from family to family, she said.

One example, Shultz said, is a family in Hyrum with three children ages 6, 3 and 1. The parents work swing shifts and look at several factors when choosing a child care facility.

The facility must have three openings, one must accommodate an infant because the 1-year-old still falls into the infant category, and it needs to be available for the 6-year-old to get to after school. The facility must also be open to accommodate the swing shift schedule. Cost is also a factor that must be considered, she said.

"Cost is a huge problem," Shultz said. On average, a parent will spend \$400 per child per month, Shultz said.

Child Care Resource and Referral works as a sort of search engine for parents. All of these specifications are entered into a computer and facilities that match are brought up.

Shultz said their rate of placement has been about 55 to 75 percent in the last six months.

Shultz said the survey will help them see what students' needs are in terms of child care. For example, they are looking into opening a drop-in service, which doesn't require regular full-time care.

This type of facility caters to minimal child care needs such as



Employees at the Children's House, located north of the Spectrum, care for Utah State University students' children.

three hours on Thursday afternoons. Most facilities favor full-time children because it is more equitable for them.

"We need to look at all the kinds of services that people need," Shultz said.

The survey will help determine whether a drop-in service is even needed at all.

Right now, the only facility on

campus is the Children's House 2 located behind the Spectrum at 826 E. 900 North. This is an accredited facility available to student parents as well as faculty and staff parents.

Currently Children's House 1, 923 N. 900 East, is closed for renovations to accommodate toddlers. The planned site for the new USU heating facility is Children's House

1, although Children's House director Linda Gilgen said they are still registering for Summer and Fall semesters.

"Whatever decisions are made," she said, "I hope the institution will really take into consideration the importance of child care."

Janet Osborne, director of the Women's Center/Reentry Student Center, said,

## \$32 million conservation initiative largest attempted in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Nature Conservancy has launched a \$32 million effort aimed at preserving Utah wetlands, farmlands, riparian systems and wildlife habitats.

Organizers said the Lastings Landscapes campaign, announced Tuesday, is the largest public-private conservation initiative ever attempted in Utah.

Former Sen. Jake Garn, vice chairman of the Huntsman Corp., said the conservancy strategy targets voluntary conservation and cooperation in Utah

communities.

"Lasting Landscapes is an ambitious program with a big price tag. But with rising land costs, this is an investment we must make," Garn said.

The campaign will target six high-priority areas: the Great Salt Lake, the Provo River and Utah Lake area, Utah High Plateaus, the Colorado River Corridor, the Dugout-Canyonlands area and the Virgin River Basin.

Special emphasis was placed on the Great Salt Lake. Nearly \$17 million in

public and private funds will go to protect wetlands, upland and salinity resources for the lake.

"If we are to protect this ecological treasure, we're going to have to bring all the communities around the lake together," said John Milliken, co-chairman of the conservancy's Utah chapter board.

The Nature Conservancy also announced an \$8 million commitment from the George S. and Delores Dor Eccles Foundation. The commitment is the largest private donation

to conservation in Utah history and one of the largest the Nature Conservancy has received nationally.

The group initially plans to create a "conservation blueprint" to inventory Utah's ecoregions. Next, it will try to preserve intact landscapes of at least 50,000 acres.

"The idea is to bring people back to the land and back to natural surroundings," said Dave Livermore, state director of the Nature Conservancy of Utah. "We'd like to re-educate folks about what's here."

## Fees increased for sexually oriented business licenses

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — A license to run a sexually oriented business in Davis County will soon cost \$200 — twice the price of any other license.

The County Commission unanimously approved new fees Monday for businesses located in unincorporated parts of the county. The fee schedule lists home occupation licenses at \$30, construction company and off-premise beer retailers each at \$75, and on-premise beer retailers at \$100.

Also included is a 28-page business license ordinance that planning commission members added to deal with sexually oriented businesses.

Barry Burton, Davis County assistant director of Community and Economic Development, said he wanted to make sure there was something on the books before a sexually oriented business approaches the county. A topless maid service, Black Rose Enterprises, recently received a home occupation business license in West Point.

But Commissioner Gayle Stevenson said the higher license fee for sex businesses might open the county up to criticism.



Officers of the round table

The newly-elected ASUSU Executive Council learns the ropes Tuesday during an informative meeting. The meetings will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays next year rather than 5:48 p.m., which is when the 1999-2000 council elected to hold its meetings. The council also discussed some budget issues relevant to the members' new positions.

## Soldier who died saving woman, child will be honored

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah (AP) — An Army private from Utah who saved the lives of a woman and infant before he drowned will be posthumously honored.

PFC Benjamin Donaldson was on his way home from Fort Gordon in Georgia in December when the driver of the car in which he was traveling fell asleep, plunging the vehicle into the Arkansas River.

Eyewitness accounts indicate Donaldson helped the driver's wife and infant son from the car before it was swept away by the currents and submerged with Donaldson inside.

The 20-year-old graduate of Clearfield High School was headed home to Ogden for his Dec. 22 wedding and Christmas with his family.

"It's important to know his death had meaning, that others lived because Ben

did not," said Marge Donaldson, his mother.

On Wednesday, the Army will posthumously present Donaldson's family with the Soldier's Medal during a ceremony at Hill's Air Museum Chapel.

Established by Congress in 1926, the medal is awarded to any member of the U.S. Armed Forces who distinguishes himself in service by heroism not involving actual enemy conflict.

## NewsBRIEFS

### ➤ Sen. Bennett speaks about media

U.S. Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, will give a Media & Society Lecture entitled "About the Mass Media: All the things you were afraid to ask" today at 3 p.m. in the Eccles Conference Center Auditorium. The lecture is sponsored by the Journalism and Communication department.

### ➤ Ballroom Dance team to perform

The Utah State University Ballroom Dance Company will present its annual spring concert Friday and Saturday in the Ellen Eccles Theater. Show times are at 7:30 p.m. both nights with a 1:30 matinee on Saturday.

Ticket prices are \$6 for the general public and \$4 with a USU student ID. Tickets may be purchased at the Eccles box office or by calling 752-0026.

Special guest performers will be the ballroom dance teams from Sky View and Bonneville High Schools. For information, contact Ryan Randall at 753-9592 or Ann Geary at 753-0157.

### ➤ Bookstore to have sidewalk sale

The USU Bookstore will be holding its Annual Sidewalk Sale today through Friday.

USU apparel, office supplies, books and other merchandise will be marked down between 25 and 75 percent.

The sale will be held on the patio outside of the bookstore. In case of bad weather, the sale will take place inside the bookstore.

### ➤ Last Lecturer speaks about future

The Last Lecture, with USU biology professor Anne Anderson, will be held Thursday as part of Student Showcase 2000.

The showcase will also include music, posters and paper presentations from various USU students.

Anderson's lecture, to be held at 12:30 p.m. in the TSC Ballroom, is titled "Research: both crystal ball gazing and detective work." The showcase will run from noon to 5 p.m.

### ➤ LDS church to restore Kirtland

KIRTLAND, Ohio (AP) — As the first members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints journeyed across America in the 19th century, looking for a place to settle, this city just east of Cleveland was an important stop.

Now the church plans to expand, restore and renovate its historical sites in Kirtland. The aim is to explain Mormonism's early days to outsiders and give church members a chance to see what life was like for their ancestors.

The project, scheduled for completion in 2003, is being welcomed by local officials who expect it to draw more tourists. An existing visitors center brought in 35,000 people last year.

"Kirtland was and is part of our church of history," said Karl Anderson, a project coordinator and state patriarch of Latter-day Saint church.

"We were headquartered here longer than anywhere other than Salt Lake City. Our first five presidents lived here and many of our members trace their roots here."

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# FEATURES

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## Send-off, last party

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Assistant Features Editor

Seniors graduating from Utah State University have the chance for one last university-sponsored party before going on with their post-collegiate lives.

Wednesday, April 26, the USU Alumni Association will be holding its traditional Senior Send-off.

Director of major events for the Alumni Association Scott Olson said the Senior Send-off is an event for graduating seniors and their guests to say good-bye to the university.

"It's a last opportunity for seniors before they graduate to kind of relax," he said.

Olson said it's also a chance for the Alumni Association to welcome graduating seniors who are about to become alumni themselves.

"It's just kind of a fun party atmosphere," he said.

This party atmosphere will include food, games and activities sponsored by each college, music and a performance by comedian Frank Caliendo.

The Senior Send-off starts at 7 p.m. April 26 and lasts till 10 p.m., Olson said. He said tickets are free to graduating seniors and cost \$5 for each guest. It will take place in the Taggart Student Center Ballroom.

Tickets are available at the Alumni Center. The center will also have a table set up on the first floor of the TSC later this week where students can get tickets.

More information can be found by calling the Alumni Association at 797-2055.

## A celebration in service

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Staff Writer

For most Utah State University students, A-day and partying go hand-in-hand, but that wasn't the original intent of this Aggie tradition.

According to Heather Webster, a A-day committee member, A-day started out focusing on service, and the A-day committee's goal for this year is to return it to that focus.

On Monday, over 100 people showed up to help clean-up Willow Park.

"Logan City suggested this project," said A-day head chairman Doug Horton.

Also this week, there is a Deseret Industries (D.I.) drive where students can donate used clothes and other arti-

cles that will be given to the D.I. for distribution to those in need. The clothes can be dropped off in a trailer outside the Taggart Student Center next to the Fieldhouse.

According to a press release, the main focus of the service efforts will be directed towards earning money to give to Shari Hawkes, a local woman who is being treated for a rare form of cancer.

Hawkes is the mother of six children who used to teach piano lessons, but now may have to have her right hand amputated.

She was diagnosed with cancer in February. She was pregnant at the time, which made her unable to receive treatment because of the risk to her unborn child, according to the release.

Ty Hawkes was born prematurely, and his medical bills have added to the family's concerns.

Hawkes can now undergo treatment for her cancer, but the family is struggling to fill the bill.

To help her, the A-day committee has organized a raffle. They will be selling Ping-Pong balls in the TSC for \$1 to students.

The prizes for this include a treadmill donated by ICON, a Dutch oven and gift certificates to Tony Romas, according to the release.

The committee will be dorm storming for donations tonight and proceeds from Friday's dance will also be donated.

According to the release, collection cans have been



USU students paint the railing of the race track at the Willow Park rodeo grounds during an A-day service project. The project kicked off the week on Monday afternoon.

Photos by Sylvia Turner



placed in the Hub and in the Alumni House.

Anyone who is interested in donating is encouraged to take his/her money to the Alumni House, or it can be given to those who are manning the Ping-Pong booth in the TSC.

On Monday, dorm storming raised \$300.

Melissa Swenson, who is on the A-day committee said, "It's been neat to see all the help so far. We want to thank all the students who have donated."

"So far the students have been very generous," Webster

said.

This is the fourth year the Ping-Pong raffle has been held.

According to Horton, last year between \$1,200 and \$1,300 was raised and given to a needy family.

Organizers hope to give \$2000 to Hawkes.

"It would be a big, big help for them," Horton said.

The committee has future plans to create an endowment fund for USU alumni who are in need of medical assistance.

"It's a vision we have," Horton said. "We're all trying to take it on."

## A-day activities and events, taking part in the fun

HOLLY HANSON  
Staff Writer

If you missed your chance to become a True Aggie Tuesday night, don't worry. You can still become one before the school year is over.

As part of the A-day activities, True Aggie night is offered twice this week, but A-day is supposed to be more than becoming a True Aggie, it's all about service.

"A-day started way back when as a service opportunity on campus and has escalated to incorporate True Aggie night, a dance, a party on the Quad and service projects," Heather Webster, activities chair at Utah State

University said.

The celebrations of A-day started Sunday night with the A-day logo being painted on the street she said.

Monday, students and friends of USU went to Willow Park to clean up the area. This was the first service project of A-day week. Tuesday, a free senior citizens ball was held at the Alumni house followed by True Aggie night.

Today at noon, a service project will take place on the Taggart Student Center patio.

"We will paint toys for the Happy Factory, then send them to kids in impoverished countries," Webster said.

Thursday, a 5K fun run will take

place at midnight. The course will run through the USU campus and the surrounding neighborhood. To participate, meet in front of the HPER at 11:45 p.m.

Friday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., A-day activities will take place on the Quad. The Utah Jazz Dancers, the USU Ballroom Dance Company and the Polynesian dancers from the Polynesian Student Union will be there along with a few bands.

"We will have an inflatable slide, an obstacle course, a bungee run, food, vendors, a volleyball tournament and other fun things," Webster said.

Throughout the week, Ping-Pong

balls will be sold for a dollar. Friday, whoever purchased the balls will have an opportunity to drop them on a target for prizes, Webster said. All the money from this activity will go towards a needy family in Logan.

Friday at 9 p.m., a dance will be held on the TSC patio. Those in attendance will be directed to the "A" at midnight.

"We are trying to have 2,000 couples there to kiss, we are going for the Guinness Book (of World Records)," Webster said.

The final activity for A-day will be a showing of *The Sixth Sense* in the amphitheater on Old Main Hill at 12:30 a.m.

## Earth Day raises planet awariness

DOUG SMEATH  
Assistant Features Editor

In 1970, the human population was just beginning to feel a collective sense of guilt for the way it had been treating Earth's environment throughout its history.

Now the world is preparing to celebrate its 30th-annual Earth Day, which will take place Saturday.

Organizations across the Utah State University campus, throughout the United States and all over the world are gearing up for events they hope will show the world that, 30 years after Earth Day caught the public's attention, people still have a long way to go in creating a clean, healthy environment, according to the Earth Day Network's Web site at [www.earthday.net](http://www.earthday.net).

At USU, the Outdoor Recreation Center traditionally hosts a couple of events each year in support of Earth Day.

"We usually do canyon clean-up," Alison Reichert, an office assistant in the ORC,

said. "This year we're doing the clean-up and more."

According to a press release from the ORC, the center will organize an Earth Day tree-planting event in Logan Canyon.

Volunteers will meet at the ORC, which is located at 1050 N. 950 East, at 10 a.m. Saturday. They will then go to the Temple Fork area of the canyon, according to the press release.

At Temple Fork, ORC members and volunteers will plant willows which are native to the area but have been harmed by canyon road construction, according to the release.

"This is an excellent opportunity to experience a hands-on Earth Day, act locally and celebrate this special day with half a billion people worldwide," according to the press release.

More information about the tree-planting, including how to volunteer, as well as information about other ORC Earth Day events, can be found by

calling the ORC at 797-3264.

Across the country, Earth Day events will be taking place in virtually every big city — and in many smaller cities and towns — before, during and after Earth Day, according to the Earth Day Network's site.

The site lists events for many cities, states and nations.

One of the major events in the United States is Washington, D.C.'s, EarthFair 2000. The event will be hosted by actor and environmentalist Leonardo DiCaprio and will feature musical acts and speakers on a stage powered by renewable energy.

In fact, worldwide, the major focus of this year's Earth Day is clean, renewable energy and especially the development of cars that use less fuel and create less pollution, according to the site.

The site also offers a contest to win one of these so-called "green cars," a Toyota Prius.

According to the site, the American version of the Prius is 86 percent cleaner than federal requirements.

In addition to this contest, the site offers educational tools, news items, links and online shopping for Earth Day and environmental items.



## Exploring Cache Valley on a bike

CORINNE KATOR  
Senior Features Writer

Last year a group of Cache Valley bicyclists rode 12,880 collective miles. Their season was so successful that they plan on increasing that mileage this year.

This group of cyclists forms the Cache Valley Veloists bicycle touring club. According to the club's brochure, the CVV is "committed to fun, moderately-paced recreational bicycle touring."

The CVV's founder, Hal Cain, said the club is designed for cyclists of all ages and abilities, offering everything from physically demanding rides to slow, easy, flat ones.

The club plans rides from April to October. Some are week night rides of less than five miles, and others are weekend tours of 50 miles and more.

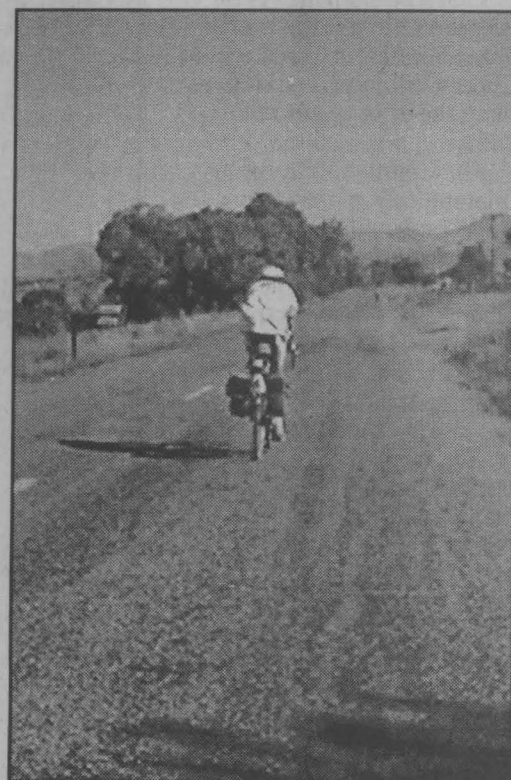
Cain, who is a professor at Utah State University, said the group does not focus on competition or even on getting fit.

"If we get exercise," he said, "it's accidental."

The CVV is about being a tourist on a bike, Cain said. He said the CVV "promotes cycling as a means of transportation for travel and leisure."

The club's tours, Cain said, are designed for people to get out and enjoy the beauty of their surroundings.

The Cache Valley Veloists 2000 Tour Schedule lists 31 weekend tours, 14 short Monday evening rides, and 15 more advanced Wednesday evening rides. The weekend tours include such trips as a 10-mile mountain bike ride up Green Canyon, a 50-mile tour around Bear Lake, an 80-mile ride to Riverdale Hot Springs in Idaho, and a 25-mile tour of Cache



Hal Cain makes the trek between Richmond, Utah and Franklin, Idaho on Labor Day 1999 as part of the Cache Valley Century Ride.

Valley's cheese factories. Cain said the rides often include stops for snacks and photo opportunities. The schedule rates the rides A through D, from difficult rides to relaxed rides suitable for novice cyclists.

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## The Golden Mean

COMMENTS ON LIFE / Emily Proctor



By the time most of us are graduate students, or have dalled so long in school that we've graduated or quit, we might see that balance is the only road to survival.

It's easier to work when your mind has been cleared after two hours of play and likewise easier to play after you've been working for 20 hours.

But moderation is a hard thing to learn, and it's easy to get stuck in the rut of excess. I had one roommate that over-studied for two months. By the time Thanksgiving rolled around she was a dragging pair of droopy eyelids, and she was no fun to be around. I had another that over-played basketball, soccer, volleyball and the sitting-around game. It was hard to study around her. Another over-starved.

I felt guilty eating my humble macaroni and cheese when she was in the room. Glancing in her bare cupboard from time-to-time I saw 100 percent real peanut butter she couldn't force herself to eat and some stale, no-name, no-flavor crackers. We both appreciated our other roommate who occasionally over-fed us because she often baked some overly-good cinnamon rolls. (But woman cannot live on cinnamon rolls alone.)

Excess is an old theme among youth. I'm reminded of the myth of Icarus. He and his father, Daedalus, were kept prisoner in a complex maze by old King Minos. To escape, Daedalus built wings of wax and feathers, and they planned to fly to freedom.

While they were escaping, Icarus flew too high and died because the sun melted his waxy wings. Of course his father had warned him not to fly too high nor too low for this reason. Had he flown low, the ocean mist would have soaked the feathers, rendering them flightless. Had he flown somewhere in the middle he would have survived.

Icarus is not so different from the average college student. He focused more on the journey — the flight — than he did on the destination: freedom.

What student hasn't stayed up until 2 a.m. to hang out with friends even though he has an unfinished paper due at 9:30 the next morning? Few students think of their destination, which is graduation, before they think of the journey, which would be those fun activities that get us through this college existence. Maybe graduation seems too far away.

The implication of excess is that it can ruin us, just like it did to Icarus. If we party too much along the way, we can get kicked out of school. Hopefully, the joys of the journey don't supersede the final destination.

Now, if Icarus had had more foresight, he would've followed the "Golden Mean," which is the Greek principle of moderation.

We can still see evidences of this principal in such sayings as, "moderation in all things," and "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." While being wealthy and wise is appealing, these lessons are hard for a college student to learn. What kind of a social life can you keep with a

bedtime at 10 p.m.?

It would be easy to play your way out of an education, or work your way out of a life. But somewhere in the middle is a golden thread between discipline and indulgence that keeps us balanced. It's probably a thin thread, though, and you've got to cover a lot of ground and swing a big stick to find it.

Daedalus followed the Golden Mean, and it kept him alive. I always wonder how he felt as he watched and yelled after Icarus as he flew up and down. What could the father do? He had to keep flying right in the middle. Had he followed his son he would have been killed too. And after Icarus fell, Daedalus had to keep flying or he would've fallen into the ocean himself.

I suppose those are the pains of parenthood. Like Daedalus, parents have to give their kids freedom and just hope that the kids will follow their advice. Daedalus had to fly himself. There was no way he could've carried Icarus.

So I think that the Golden Mean is the way to go. Don't stay up too late. Don't wake up too early. Eat so you're not hungry and not overly full. Study every day. Play a little every day. And drink 1 percent milk.

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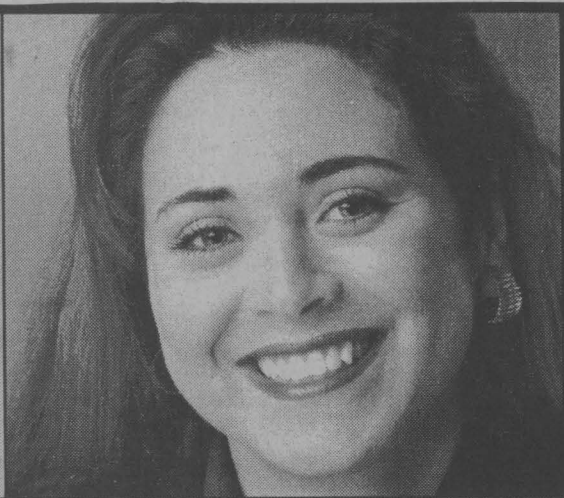
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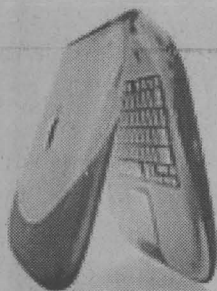
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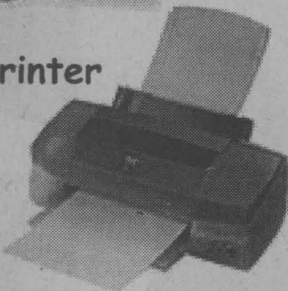


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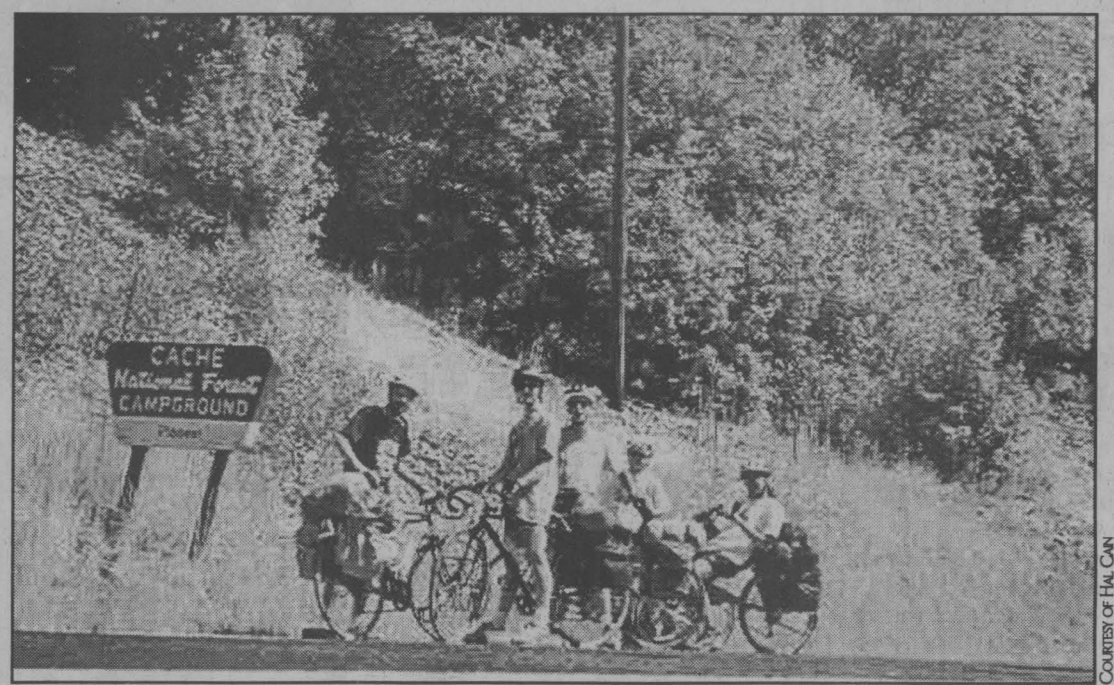
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The CVV camping tour in September represents bicycle touring at its best. The tour was a self supported multi-day tour. Left to right, Hal Cain, Rosemary Lysaght, Glenn Jarkell, Marita Shaughnessy and Myq Larson.

## VELOISTS

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The Monday evening rides, according to the schedule, are "shorter, social rides designed to meet the needs of novice riders and families." All of these rides are under five miles and are generally flat. Monday evening rides scheduled for this summer include a Logan Zoo ride, a Charlie's Ice Cream ride and a Logan Canyon Park ride. All of these rides start at 7 p.m. from the Garff Wayside Park behind Tony Roma's at 100 S. 100 East.

Wednesday evening rides provide an opportunity for noncompetitive group rides for moderately-skilled and advanced riders, according to the schedule. These rides begin at 6:30 p.m., also at the park behind Tony Roma's. Wednesday evening rides scheduled for this summer include a 10-mile ride to the Logan Airport, a 17-mile ride to Eddie's restaurant in Smithfield, and a 22-mile ride to Hyrum Reservoir.

Cain said the club has planned quite an ambitious schedule for this summer because last year, the club's first year of existence, was so successful that club members decided to plan more rides.

Cain said the club has been more successful than he thought it would be. He and his wife, Rosemary Lysaght, started the club last year, modeling it after a cycling club they used to belong to in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. They are now in the process of making the club a more formal organization, writing bylaws and electing officers.

This year the club is charging dues of \$10 per person and \$15 per family. Student dues are \$5. Cain said he feels these dues are very reasonable for a cycling club. Those who haven't paid club dues are still welcome on CVV's tours.

"You don't have to be a member to ride with the club," Cain said. He said anyone is welcome on any of the tours. Nonmembers who ride with



USU professor of Special Education and rehabilitation Hal Cain, is the founder of the Cache Valley Veloists, a touring group that bikes around the area.

the club often, however, are encouraged to become members. Once riders become members of the CVV, the club officers will keep track of their miles, adding them to the club's total mileage.

Cain said the club has members from all walks of life. One of the best things about the CVV, he said, is its ability to bring many different people together to enjoy a common activity. Those interested in joining the Cache Valley Veloists or in obtaining a club schedule may call 713-0212. Cain said riders need not be experienced cyclists or have expensive gear. They just need an interest in seeing the countryside from the seat of a bicycle.



The CVV's take a break from their ride along river trail in Logan Canyon. This ride was one of the Tuesday night rides that take place each week. The rides have now been changed to Monday nights.

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# Pennsylvania custodian to get degree

MICHEAL VITEZ  
Knight-Ridder Tribune

When Dan Harrell applied to the University of Pennsylvania at age 46, he was asked to take a composition class to prove he was Ivy League material. The first assignment: write about a favorite place.

The young woman on his left chose Paris in the spring; the one on his right, the slopes of Aspen.

"I've never been out of Southwest Philly," Harrell recalled, "and I'm thinking I'm in trouble."

He decided his favorite place was the john.

"Do you know there are 50 different names for it?" he said. "It's a great place to check out the horses for the next race. Your boss can't find you there. I wrote four pages, and I got an A."

On May 22, after 10 years as a part-time student, Harrell will receive his bachelor's degree. He will graduate surrounded by people who revere him as a Penn institution — not only because of his academic achievement at age 56, but because of the love he lavishes on a fabled floor and the students who play on it.

Harrell is custodian of the Palestra.

Once a day, sometimes twice, he mops the hardwood in one of the most celebrated arenas in college hoops. He has spent, in sum, an eternity on one knee, scraping gum. And when he does his job right, the floor sings to him with the squeak of sneakers.

With a toilet brush in one hand, cleanser in the other, he scours the locker rooms. Not once in his eight years there, he brags, "has there been a ase of athlete's foot."

"I think he's the greatest Penn success story," said Cynthia Johnson Crowley, who played basketball at Penn in 1952 and has since been a fixture at the Palestra. "There isn't anything he won't do to make your life better. And in return, it all comes back."

Fran Dunphy, the men's coach, calls him "kind of a hero of mine."

On graduation day, Harrell

will dye his six-foot-wide dust mop red and blue, Penn's colors. He will tape photographs of his mother, father, and brother Frankie, all of them gone now, to the back of the mop, and march with it down Locust Walk to collect his diploma.

"The mop," he said, "represents where I'm from."

He lives just three blocks from the rowhouse where he grew up, near 67th and Elmwood.

His six daughters are sweet on him, but joke that he does not take his work home with him.

"He's never picked up a towel, taken out the trash, cut the lawn, or even picked up the remote," said his third-eldest, Debbie Cianci. "He has the remote handed to him."

"But," added his wife, Regina, "the Palestra sparkles." After graduating from West Catholic High School in 1961, Harrell went to the mail room at General Electric. "In those days, maybe only one kid in 10 went to college," he said.

He worked at GE 20 years, moving up to marketing. But in 1981, everyone in his office was laid off. He dug ditches for a plumber, processed support payments for Family Court, and tended bar.

"I was down, drinking too much," he said. "I had to get a goal."

He learned that, as a university employee, he could enroll for free in the College of General Studies, providing he qualified.

Penn also would pay part of his daughters' tuition. That is how he put Melissa and Jackie, his fourth and fifth, through Penn State.

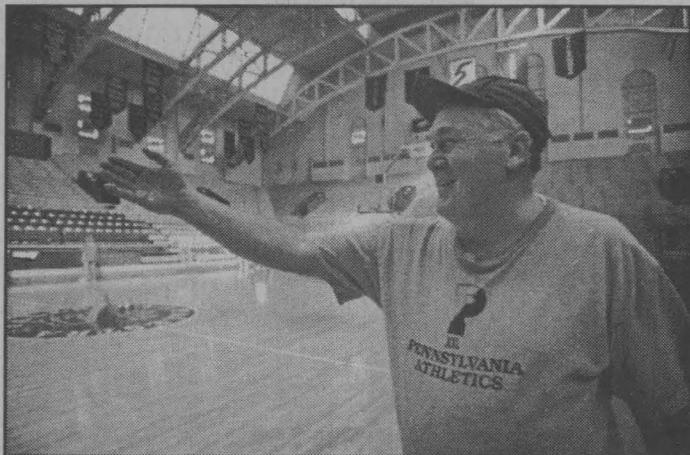
"I owe this place a lot," he said.

After he graduates, Harrell wants to keep working at Penn. His youngest daughter is a high school junior; the tuition benefit could be a big help.

He might continue as the Palestra custodian, but, he said, "I think I have a lot more to offer."

"I think a natural for him is to be in teaching or counseling or mentoring," Dunphy said. "He's got a doctorate in life."

By 10 a.m. on a March



Dan Harrell, head custodian at the University of Pennsylvania's Palestra, will be graduating from the university this spring.

Tuesday, the day of the big Penn-Princeton doubleheader, Harrell's forehead was pasted with sweat, and his gray Pennsylvania Athletics XXL T-shirt soaked. He put on another CD, 13 versions of "Danny Boy."

The floors done, he headed for the locker rooms with a handful of envelopes.

Inside each was a jade shamrock key ring, bought the night before in South Philly, and a handwritten note. He tucked them in the lockers of the seniors on the men's and women's teams, for whom this would be the last home game.

In the last decade, he has studied Russian history and the American West, anthropology and even Swahili, though he dropped that. To fulfill the language requirement, he studied sign language — useful for a man who is deaf in one ear.

For a class on the American Indian, he wrote a paper on the Lenapi's version of football. For a class on modern American cultural values, he observed the dynamics of the Penn women's volleyball team. For another, he studied how West Philadelphia real estate agents adapted to a changing population.

"One of the things I got from going to Penn," Harrell said, "was a better understanding of what happened to my own city. It was white flight based on fear and ignorance. Nobody really knew each other."

Since 1961, he has tried to preserve that culture, and his neighborhood, by coaching

football at parish schools.

Two weeks ago, he became the first inductee to a new hall of fame established by graduates of St. Barnabas School, his alma mater.

The same night, Penn was playing Yale at the Palestra. Before the induction, he dropped in to check the floor. In suit, tie and fancy loafers, he bent and scraped some gum.

"If you are a good person, you're in with Dan," said Julie Soriero, the former Penn women's coach. "If you are a little shady, you're out. He likes to be around good people. And in return, he's a good person to all those he cares about."

Matt Langel, a senior guard, found the proof of that in his locker that Tuesday afternoon.

When he walked out on the floor for a warm-up, the first thing he did was thank Dan for the shamrock and the note and hug him.

Next in line was senior forward Frank Brown. "Dan is such an example of perseverance," Brown said. "He's like another coach to us."

In the front row was Karim Sadak, a senior who took Group Dynamics 240 at Wharton with Harrell.

"You walking with me at graduation, right?" Harrell yelled.

"Absolutely," Sadak replied. With Harrell out of earshot, he confided: "I learned as much from him as I did from the professor in that class. He showed me how to interact with people, to treat people with respect. . . He made the classroom a nicer place."

## Utah State Theatre to host reading of student plays

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Utah State Theatre Conservatory Series presents six different one-act plays over three nights in "Script & Stage," April 24 through 26 on the Studio Stage of the Utah State University Chase Fine Arts Center (FAC room 224).

Hot off the press (and sometimes with the ink still wet), these original one-act plays, written by student playwrights in the advanced play writing seminar in the Department of Theatre, showcase the creative process of play writing itself, said Mark Damen, USU theatre arts professor.

Curtain for "Script & Stage" is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and are available only at the door, beginning at 7 p.m. Patrons are encouraged to arrive early as seating is limited. Tickets are free to USU students with valid ID. Children under 6 are not admitted.

According to Damen, "Script & Stage" is

presented as staged readings (actors reading the text), an exciting forum for innovative theatre where playwrights shine and ideas rule. Patrons are encouraged to join the artists at the end of the evening for an invited roundtable where the audience may discuss with the playwrights the plays just performed.

The six plays to be read are "Mulch" by E. G. Stoddard, "One Night, Two Bags, and a Couple Of Bodies" by Paul Filan, "Fault" by Sage Davis, "Forgiven Not Forgotten: The Legacy of Fear" by Tina Lambard, "Sisters" by Melinda Bastian, and "What Is Sacred?" by Amber Tuttle.

All plays except "Forgiven Not Forgotten: The Legacy of Fear" contain adult themes and/or language.

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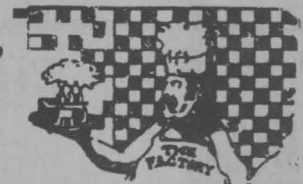
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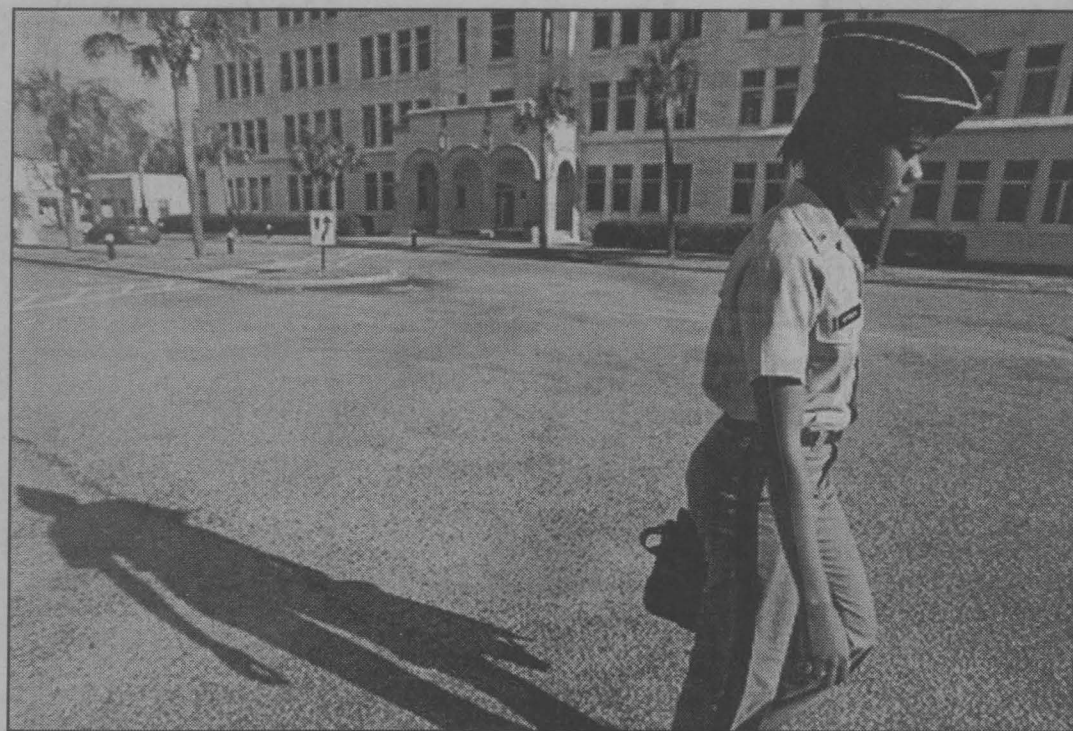
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Sha Peterson walks across campus on her way back to her barracks after working at the campus post office. As a sophomore, she is not allowed to walk across "the deck," a large grassy area in the middle of the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina.

## Citadel cadet determined to earn class ring

MARJA MILLS  
Chicago Tribune

A horn sounds, and Cadet Peterson snaps to attention. Shoes polished to a gleam, spine ramrod straight, poker face in place, she is ready for the next military maneuver: lunch.

On this warm March afternoon, like all weekday afternoons at the Citadel, that means marching in lock step from barracks to mess hall with 1,600 fellow students.

In this sea of blue-gray uniforms, in her classes, around campus, Sha (pronounced Shay) Peterson has a habit: Quickly, quietly, she steals a glance around her. She is looking for a face that resembles her own.

"I see, am I the only black? Am I the only female? Usually I'm the only something."

At 20 years of age, the soft-spoken Chicagoan is 750 miles and a world away from her gritty Roseland neighborhood. She is an African-American at a Southern bastion of tradition with proud ties to its Confederate history, a woman at a military college famous for fighting like hell to keep females from marching in its ranks.

Through an odd mix of choice and chance, the young woman from deep on Chicago's South Side is at the heart of a struggle she did not start or even sympathize with at first.

Once here, though, her stubborn streak prevailed. She decided — muscles aching, heels dug in — that there was no going back. Women belonged at the Citadel. She belonged at the Citadel.

Four and a half years after Shannon Faulkner became the first female to enroll at the state military college, women make up a small but growing portion of the ranks. Currently, 1,587 of the school's cadets are male; 61 are female.

And so Peterson marches with the guys under a cloudless South Carolina sky, tiny gnats biting the back of her neck. She doesn't swat them away. That would break the all-important precision.

Peterson is a sophomore. What stands between her and becoming one of the first 50 women to graduate the Citadel is 2 1/2 more years of tests — academic, physical, mental — at a college that moves to its own rigid rhythms and rituals.

Her education began on the blazingly hot first day she arrived on campus. She learned, as all first year students do, how to respond to that upperclassman yelling in your face about a lapse, however minor: Reply with a crisp, "Sir, yes sir."

Two other possibilities: "Sir, no sir." "Sir, no excuse, sir."

Though only 30 percent of Citadel students now go into the military, the campus retains the flavor of a the campus retains the flavor of a four-year boot camp. Rules and hierarchies reign, and there are a lot of both.

Peterson's mother had her doubts about how the slender daughter she calls "no bigger than a dime" would adjust to the demands of a military college, especially the Citadel.

But Rena Sterling, 39, also knew her daughter was bent on achievement.

That's one reason Peterson excelled in the JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) program at Chicago's Whitney Young High School. She liked the teamwork, the discipline, the ribbons for accomplishment.

She wanted a career, and she thought maybe the military would be the place to start.

Peterson answered her mother's doubts about the Citadel with a characteristic confidence: "Don't worry. I can handle this."

Only about 80 percent of the students who showed up that first day were still here a year later to begin sophomore year. But Peterson stuck with it.

Peterson returned this year, she said, because she wanted to finish what she started. Pride of perseverance, no matter how rough or even senseless the

rules may seem, is a kind of religion here.

That might be why some of the men, including Peterson's boyfriend, senior Lorenzo Champagne, said they admire the women's fortitude.

"To deal with a lot of the guys who have this attitude that (the women) don't really need to be here, they have to be determined," he said. "If they weren't, they wouldn't make it. They have to know how to handle rejection and be alone."

Female cadets said the men who oppose them seem to be less vocal about it each year, though formidable tensions remain. Last year, the Citadel graduated its first woman, Nancy Mace.

Perhaps it is a measure of changing times at the Citadel that Peterson said what is most difficult is simply not knowing how many fellow cadets resent her presence.

"The worst thing is walking around the campus and not knowing," she said. "You'll be sitting in class next to someone who doesn't want you here, not knowing."

Exhausted, with a tight schedule and a difficult calculus course, Peterson had only a C average spring semester of last year. But last semester, Peterson triumphed in the classroom and has the hardware to prove it. A political-science major, the sophomore earned straight A's and the right to wear gold stars on her collar, a mark of excellence.

Like many here, Peterson ultimately has her eye on the chunky gold class ring that Citadel seniors receive in a solemn ceremony. Students, Peterson included, talk about it as entree to a powerful network of alumni, business and political elites who open doors to fellow graduates.

"Once you have that ring, you're in that society," Peterson said. "I guess you can't call it a fraternity anymore."

Peterson has chosen a different path. "If they like me, fine," she said. "If they don't, fine."

Lorenzo Champagne, Peterson's boyfriend, is a senior from Sumter, S.C. He plans to become a physical therapist.

When she wonders "What am I doing here?" and needs encouragement, Peterson said, she turns to him. "He's my support," Peterson said. He said the same of her.

They talk about getting married one day, maybe having kids. If that happens, Peterson has told Champagne, she would consider sending any of their children to the Citadel, daughters included.

"I think it would teach them morals and values," she said.

"And to respect us," Champagne added.

Mother-and-daughter Citadel graduates. The normally reserved Peterson let out a hearty laugh at her idea. It could be the start of a Citadel tradition.

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## Reform Party press secretary resigning

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reform Party's press secretary resigned Tuesday, officials said, in a sign of a widening rift between presidential hopeful Pat Buchanan and allies of party founder Ross Perot.

"I think she resigned because she feels that the Buchanan campaign is attempting to take over the party and is preventing her from being able to do her job," said party secretary Jim Mangia, who as a member of the board was informed of Donna Donovan's resignation during the day.

Mangia and other senior party officials told The Associated Press that Donovan's resignation was emblematic of deepening problems between Buchanan, who joined the Reform Party last year, and longtime officials just as the party was recovering from other factional fighting.

"I hope we can still sit down and work things out with the Buchanan campaign," Mangia said. "This is an example of a deteriorating situation that we have to start to try to remedy soon or it will be too late."

Donovan declined to comment, but officials said her resignation was to take effect on Friday. The Buchanan campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Following a party meeting in Nashville, Tenn., that turned into a televised wrestling match between factions, a federal judge in Virginia last month settled some of the party's infighting by ousting Jack Gargan from the chairmanship and replacing him with Pat Choate, who was Perot's running mate in 1996.

Choate is also a Buchanan fan. They are allies on trade and other foreign policies who have known each other for years. Earlier this year, Choate appeared at Buchanan's side during a press conference in which the two urged the Clinton administration and Congress to reject normal

## Buchanan launches ballot bid in back yard of Bush, Perot

DALLAS (AP) — Pat Buchanan is launching a bid to qualify for the presidential ballot in Texas, home of presumptive Republican nominee Gov. George W. Bush and former candidate Ross Perot.

Buchanan planned a rally Tuesday night in the Dallas suburb of Irving and another Wednesday in Houston. Buchanan, a former Republican candidate, is seeking the Reform Party nomination and is trying to gather 56,000 signatures by May 8 to earn a spot as an independent on the Texas ballot.

The Reform Party is conducting its own petition drive to win ballot status in Texas.

Buchanan said this week that Texas is the toughest state for independent or third-party candidates to get on the ballot. Only the signatures of registered voters who did not vote in a party primary or sign another access petition count toward a candidate's bid to get on the ballot.

The former television talk-show host and speechwriter for President Nixon said Bush, the Texas governor, is nearly indistinguishable from his Democratic rival, Vice President Al Gore.

Buchanan criticized Bush's meeting last week with gay activists and has accused him of wavering on abortion. Buchanan also has criticized Gore's support for abortion rights.

Buchanan staunchly opposes abortion but ists shun social issues.

Texas also is home for Perot, the billionaire and Reform Party founder who ran for president in 1992 and 1996. Perot has not said whether he will run again this year.

trade status for China.

In a move that may have permanently inflamed Perot's allies on the ruling committee, Choate also sided with Buchanan on the location of the party's presidential nominating convention.

Perot's supporters had fought Gargan's backers to hold it in Long Beach, Calif. But citing a competing religious convention and a lack of hotel space there, Buchanan and Choate pushed for Nashville instead. Perot's allies overruled that proposal.

Almost immediately, Buchanan reached out to the group and invited them to his house for a peacemaking session, but a time and place have yet to be established.

Several Reform Party leaders said that peace may be far away.

Donovan felt that Buchanan was usurping her job of talking with reporters and setting up press events.

She also was one of several leaders who have become uncomfortable with Buchanan's cross-country drive to get on the ballot in dozens of states and control the delegates admitted to the convention who will pick the nominee, officials said.

"I think the credentialing committee is being stacked with Buchanan supporters and not reflective of the broad cross section of Reform Party activists," Mangia said.

Also simmering is disenchantment with Buchanan's social positions. His staunch anti-abortion stance, for example, clashes with the party's platform, which says government should stay out of such private matters. His remarks about homosexuals and Nazis also chafe some Reform Party members.

Buchanan was in Texas Tuesday kicking off a three-week drive to get on the ballot there.

## NBC to rebroadcast news on PAX stations

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC plans to rebroadcast its early evening news program on the PAX network, owned by Paxson Communications, the family-oriented broadcaster partially owned by NBC.

Under a deal announced today, a monthlong trial period for rebroadcast of "NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw" will begin in May. It is likely to further strain relations between NBC and its affiliated stations by providing a competing outlet for a popular network show.

NBC recently bought a 32 percent stake in the PAX network, which is carried on smaller stations

and cable systems throughout the country.

The PAX network will broadcast Brokaw's news program at 7:30 p.m. nationwide, one hour after airing on network-affiliated stations. After the one-month test, the rebroadcast is expected to become a regular part of Pax TV's schedule in the fall.

PAX will also rebroadcast some NBC coverage of U.S. Olympic trials beginning in June.

Like CBS and ABC, NBC's rapport with its affiliates has been on the decline as the networks seek to revise decades-old agreements requiring them to pay station owners to carry their pro-



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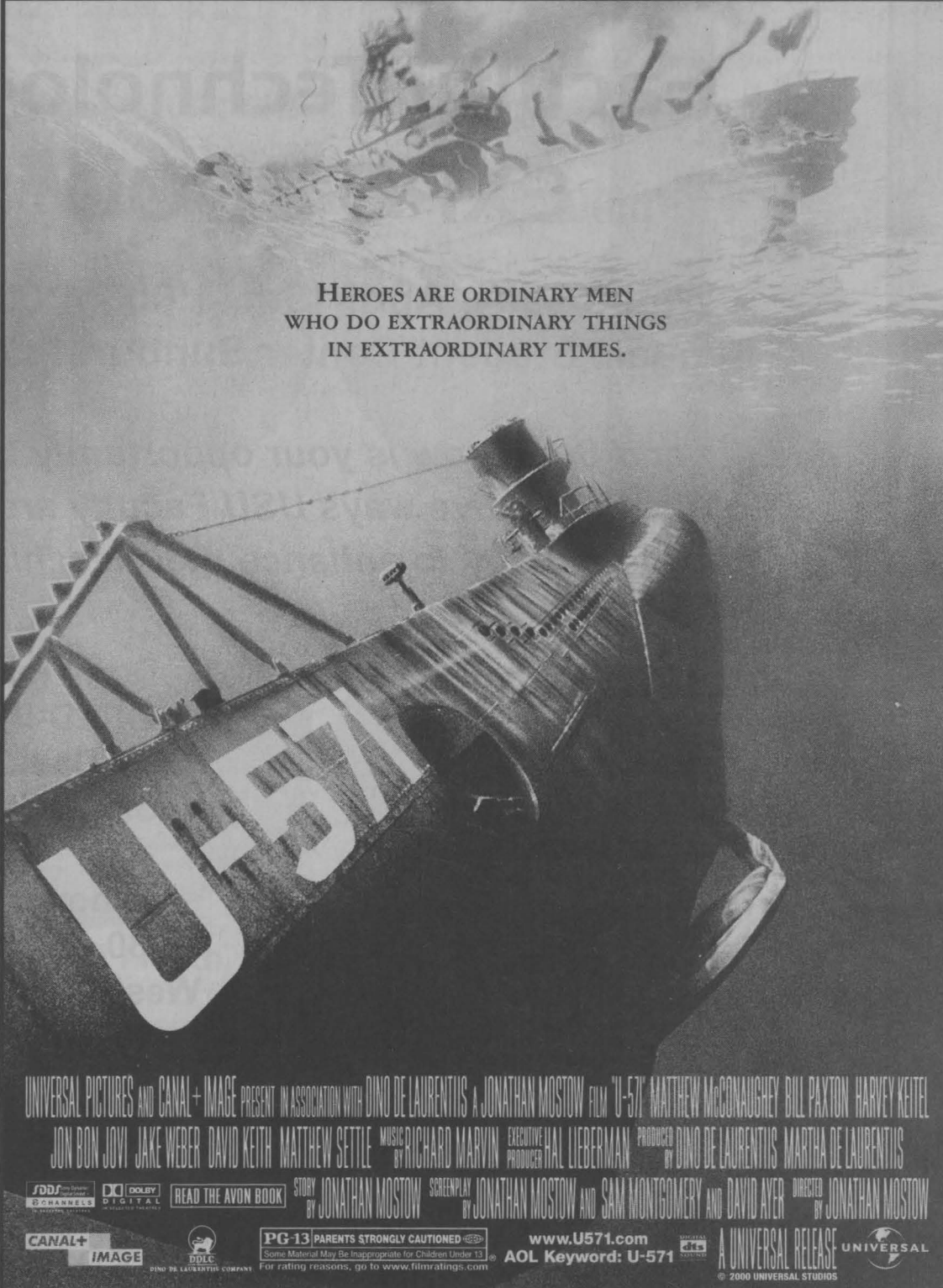
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anniversary and brace for impact**

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Thursday's anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre neared, education officials nationwide took steps to prevent their schools from suffering the same fate.

They suspended students caught making threats, hired more officers and volunteers for the day, canceled classes or major school events and held meetings with parents and community members.

"The date has them worried about a lot of copycats or kids who may try to send a very, very strong message," said Curt Lavarello, executive director of the National Association of School Resource Officers, a group of K-12 school officers that has nearly doubled to 5,500 members in the last year. "Let's face it, it's been absolutely clear in the tragedies we see on school campuses that these incidents can occur at any time, at any school."

On April 20, 1999, two students at Columbine High in Littleton, Colo., fatally shot 12 students and a teacher before killing themselves. On Thursday, Colorado Gov. Bill Owens will lead thousands in a moment of silence at 11:21 a.m., the time the attack began.

But the school itself is on alert, with 24-hour police patrols and special badges for anyone wanting to get in.

"Schools are under pressure to be prepared," said June Arnett, associate director of the Westlake, Calif.-based National School Safety Center.

The safety center, which advises school security officers, says its statistics show that youngsters are 99 times more likely to be shot and killed on the street or at home than in school. And this school year's 11 homicides and suicides — even with the Feb. 29 shooting of Michigan first-grader by a classmate — is well below last year's tally of 26. But multiple-victim shootings — such as Littleton, Jonesboro, Ark., and Springfield, Ore. — have nonetheless left schools recently guarding against or preparing for a major school-wide crisis.

For example:

—Four Anchorage, Alaska, students were suspended Friday after allegedly threatening to use guns and bombs at Wendler Middle School.

—In Rush City, Minn., high school officials suspended four students Thursday after saying the teen-agers threatened to take over their school and shoot it up on the Columbine anniversary.

—In Jay, Okla., where threats of gun violence prompted parents to pull their children out of classes Friday, police are expected to return to school halls this week, which also marks the fifth anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing.

But some officials fear they may be overreacting to perceived threats.

Extra police officers will work Wednesday and Thursday at Rich East High School in Park Forest, Ill. But Cmdr. Patrick Fitzgerald, a city police officer who coordinates school safety, said he's heard more from reporters writing about the anniversary than scared parents and students.

"Things have been very quiet out here," he said. "When we take attendance on Thursday, we'll find out."

The year since the shooting has left schools open to critics who contend they prefer SWAT teams to mental health counselors. Nearly two dozen schools have tested Mosaic-2000, an FBI computer profiling program that rates potentially violent students on a scale of 1 to 10. And hundreds of officers trained at R.U. Ready High, a school-shooting simulation at the Blackwater Training Center in Moyock, N.C.

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in such areas as taxes and Social Security. And unlike marriage, civil unions would not confer portable rights; other states would probably not recognize such unions.

National groups quickly weighed in after the Senate vote.

"Vermont is taking care of its gay and lesbian citizens in a way that other states are not. Vermont is restating its commitment to fairness by today's action," said David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay rights organization.

In a statement, Janet Parshall of the Family Research Council said: "It's a tragic day for the state of Vermont, for the Senate has ignored the will of the people. But it's an even sadder day for the state of marriage, for the Senate action today was a direct assault on this sacred institution."

Sen. Richard McCormack, a Democrat, said in support of the bill, "We can do something very, very important."

The reaction of the dozens of people sitting in the Senate galleries, standing along the chamber's walls and milling about the hallways was subdued.

The Senate debate lacked much of the passion displayed during 17 hours of debate last month in the House, where the Legislature's only openly gay member spoke several times, drawing tears to the eyes of many observers.

Opponents of the legislation, wearing white ribbons to signify their support for traditional marriage, stood shoulder-to-shoulder with supporters wearing pink stickers favoring civil unions.

Several senators who voted against the bill said they were doing so because their constituents opposed it. Others said they feared the national and international reaction.

"All of the United States and the world will judge our

decision today," warned Republican Sen. Julius Canns.

The state Supreme Court set the stage for the legislation with its unanimous December ruling that same-sex couples were being unconstitutionally denied the benefits of marriage.

The legislation would create a status parallel to marriage by allowing gay and lesbian couples to obtain a license from their town clerks and then have their unions certified by a judge or member of the clergy.

Same-sex couples then would qualify for the wide array of benefits available to married couples, from being able to make medical decisions on behalf of their partners to qualifying for certain tax breaks.

To break up a civil union, couples would have to go through Family Court to obtain dissolutions, just as when married couples divorce.

Opponents of the measure had attempted to derail it Tuesday with the pair of constitutional amendments. One amendment would have added to the state

Constitution the definition of marriage as a union between a man and a woman. The second would have overturned the Supreme Court ruling.

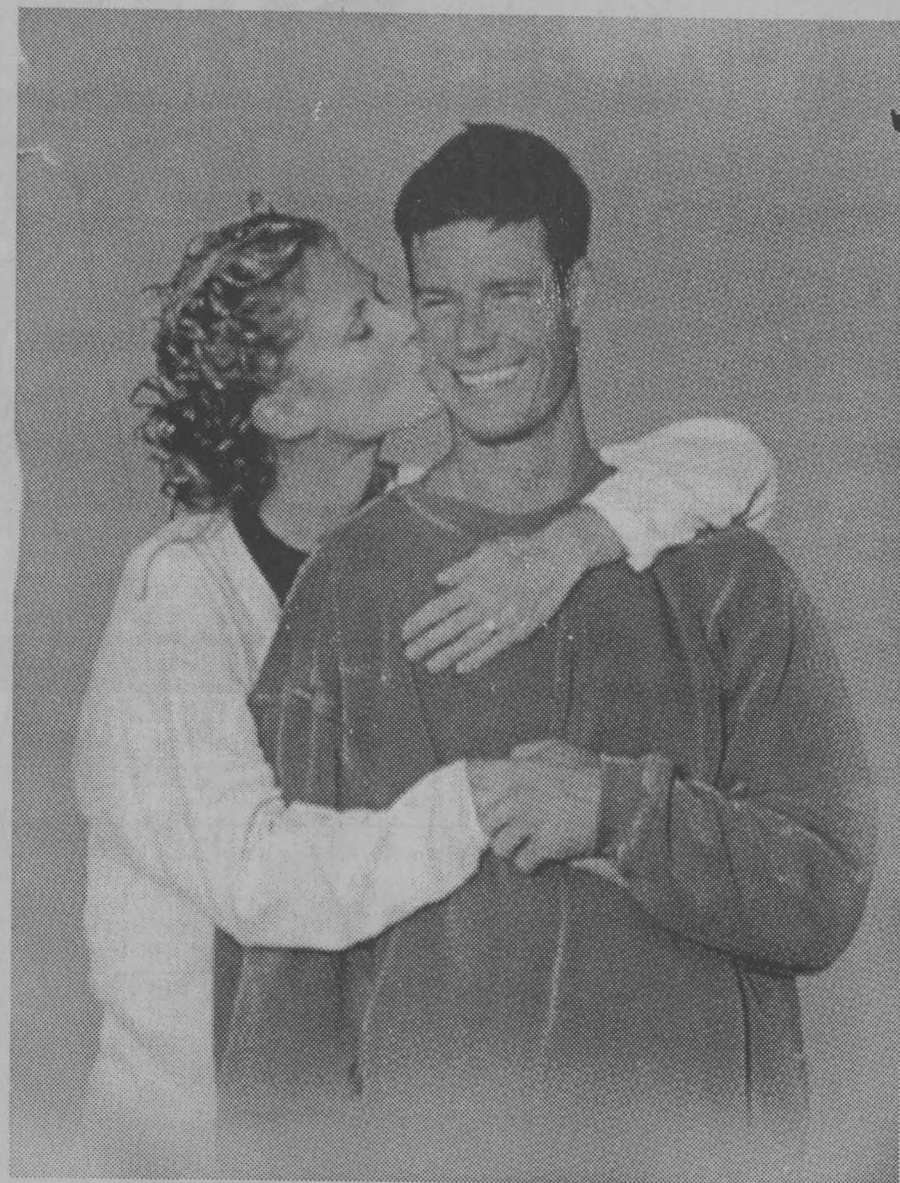
"I believe their sexual orientation runs counter to natural law," Republican Sen. John Crowley said of same-sex couples as he argued for the marriage definition.

Neither amendment won a simple majority, let alone the two-thirds required for constitutional amendments.

Scores of people listened to debate on the amendments over speakers in hallways outside the small Senate chamber.

Nicole Christian stood with a brightly colored sign that read: "Friendship does not equal marriage! Get real!"

Chuck Kletecka, a social worker who is gay, surveyed the crowd of white ribbons and said: "It's always sobering to see how many people would oppose civil rights."

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# Two killed in senior citizen shooting

LINCOLN PARK, Mich. (AP) — A tenant at a senior-citizen apartment house opened fire with a rifle Tuesday after he was summoned to a meeting because of neighbors' complaints about his vulgar language, authorities said. Two women were killed, including a former city councilwoman who was delivering food to the needy.

The man was taken into custody three hours later when police stormed his apartment, said police Lt. Donald Gentner. He did not resist and was not injured, but was on narcotics and taken to the hospital for observation, he said. He was in fair condition.

The suspect's name was not released, and no charges were filed.

Police had spent several hours searching the 14-story building for the gunman after the noon shooting. Other tenants were told to stay in their apartments during the search of the high-rise, and youngsters on the playground of an elementary school nearby were hurried inside and kept

there until parents arrived to pick them up.

Apartment officials had summoned the man to a meeting after other residents complained of inappropriate language, said Phyllis McLendon, deputy director of the Housing Commission in the suburb 10 miles south of Detroit. McLendon did not explain what she meant by inappropriate language.

At the meeting, the man "was very dissatisfied and making threats. ... He kept saying he wouldn't have this character assassination and that he would take care of it," she told WDIV-TV. "He was very upset, and was very upset with some of the ladies who were complaining about him."

The man said he had a continuing problem with the women, she said. Police did not say if the women who were shot were the ones who had complained.

McLendon said the man left the meeting and was gone for about 10 minutes, and then the building's maintenance man warned by radio that the

man was coming back shooting.

One of the victims was Marilyn Higgins, 64, a former city council member and a longtime Lincoln Park Housing Commission member. Fire Chief Ernie Moon said.

Charles Higgins said he and his wife were delivering day-old bakery good to needy residents of the building. They were in a meeting room when the gunman entered, he said.

"One of the residents from the tower came down into the break room and started shooting with a rifle and killed my wife," Higgins told the Detroit Free Press.

"We were all looking at him, when I realized he was shooting," Higgins said. "I went to a room where I thought I could get to a phone and my wife came down the hall after me. She started hollering at him to stop doing that and he just shot her."

Marilyn Higgins was elected to City Council in 1979 and re-elected in 1981. A 48-year resident of Lincoln Park, she

said an activist for the aged and city preservation.

The identity of the other woman killed, a resident of the building, was not released.

One of the women was shot in the face in the building office and another was shot in the doorway, McLendon said. Some people ran to a bathroom or scrambled under a desk to hide. "He came in looking for us," she said.

Chris Sullivan, who lives on the 13th floor, said he had heard some women complain about the man's language. "I never heard him use foul language but a lot of the ladies complained he was vulgar," Sullivan said.

In addition to the two women who were killed, a woman was hospitalized in critical condition.

## Census-takers face challenges in rural areas

SIERRA BLANCA, Texas (AP) — Nineteen miles north of this tiny West Texas town, past endless fields of tall yellow grass and desert shrubs, is the beginning of a hilly dirt road.

From there, it's eight miles down the bumpy path, beyond the signs that read "No trespassing" and "Keep out — Private property," before you reach Jim Walker's trailer.

It is the task of Census Bureau workers to find Walker and thousands of other Americans who live way out in the country.

Census-takers must go door-to-door in rural areas because the agency has a rule against mailing census forms to post office or rural route boxes.

Walker, 80, doubts the headcounters will be able to find everyone. The census-takers are dropping by known homes and driving around, looking for other residences, only until May 1, but will make follow-up visits through early July.

Out here, "it's pretty hard to get around," said Walker, who has raised cattle for the last 25 years on the Gunsight Ranch in Hudspeth County, estimated population 3,200. A census worker called to tell Walker to expect a visit, but five days after the appointment, no one had shown up.

Some politicians fear that many rural Americans will go uncounted.

Val Beard, the county judge, or top elected official, in Brewster County — the largest county in Texas and home to Big Bend National Park — believes the count would be higher if the Census Bureau would mail forms to people with P.O. boxes.

Beard contends that census-takers driving around will never be able to locate everyone in sparsely populated yet vast counties such as hers, which is bigger than Connecticut and Rhode Island combined.

## PROTEST

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protests, was part of Monday's peaceful mass arrest. She said the gentle treatment ended there. She saw federal marshals kick demonstrators and was threatened by them herself when she asked to make a phone call.

"I felt physically endangered the entire time," Ennis said.

Other protesters said they were kept handcuffed or chained overnight and were given no food, water or blankets, although many were soaked from drenching rains Monday. Some suffered severe chills and had to be hospitalized.

"They refused to eat what we gave them," Ramsey said. "This isn't the Hilton. You don't call room service and say, 'I'm a vegetarian. I want fish. I want tofu.' You get what we got. You get bologna and bread."

Spokesmen for the U.S. Marshals Service did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Robert W. Klotz, a security consultant who used to command the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department's Special Operations Division, said police in Seattle had to retake ground lost to protesters. But here, he said, police never let protesters gain a foothold near the World Bank, IMF or impor-

tant federal buildings.

"It's called seizing the high ground," Klotz said.

Ramsey also had active support from other federal and state agencies.

The U.S. Postal Service unbolted 86 mailboxes from 60 locations within what became the police security zone. The boxes are often removed during major Washington events to make them unavailable to protesters looking for a place to hide bombs. Hundreds of newspaper vending machines were also removed from downtown streets.

The estimated cost for the equipment, overtime, and support services could top \$5 million, officials said — a figure equivalent to an appropriation Congress provided for Seattle to pay for security for last fall's WTO meetings.

Police drew praise from business leaders, even though disruptions left many offices nearly inaccessible from Friday through Monday and cost nearby restaurants and shops a day's business.

"We're very grateful that there wasn't any loss of property or personal injury," said David Rutstein, chairman of the Greater Washington Board of Trade, representing the region's largest private employers.

"People's confidence in this government has increased markedly," Rutstein said.

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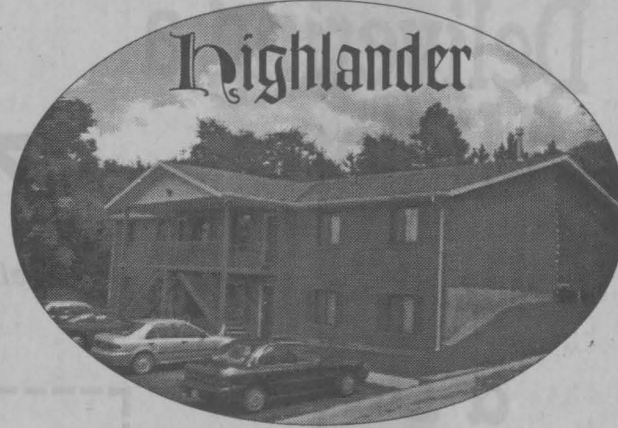
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◆ USU Jazz Ensembles Concert, special guests the USU Jazz Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Kent Concert Hall, \$3 or Free to USU Students w/ID

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**Thursday, April 20**  
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- **USU Student Showcase 2000**, April 20, TSC. Last Lecture, Dr. Anne Anderson, Ballroom 12:30 p.m.

Poster Presentations International Lounge, 1:30 to 4 p.m.: Paper Presentations, East & West Colony Rooms, 1:30 to 5 p.m.  
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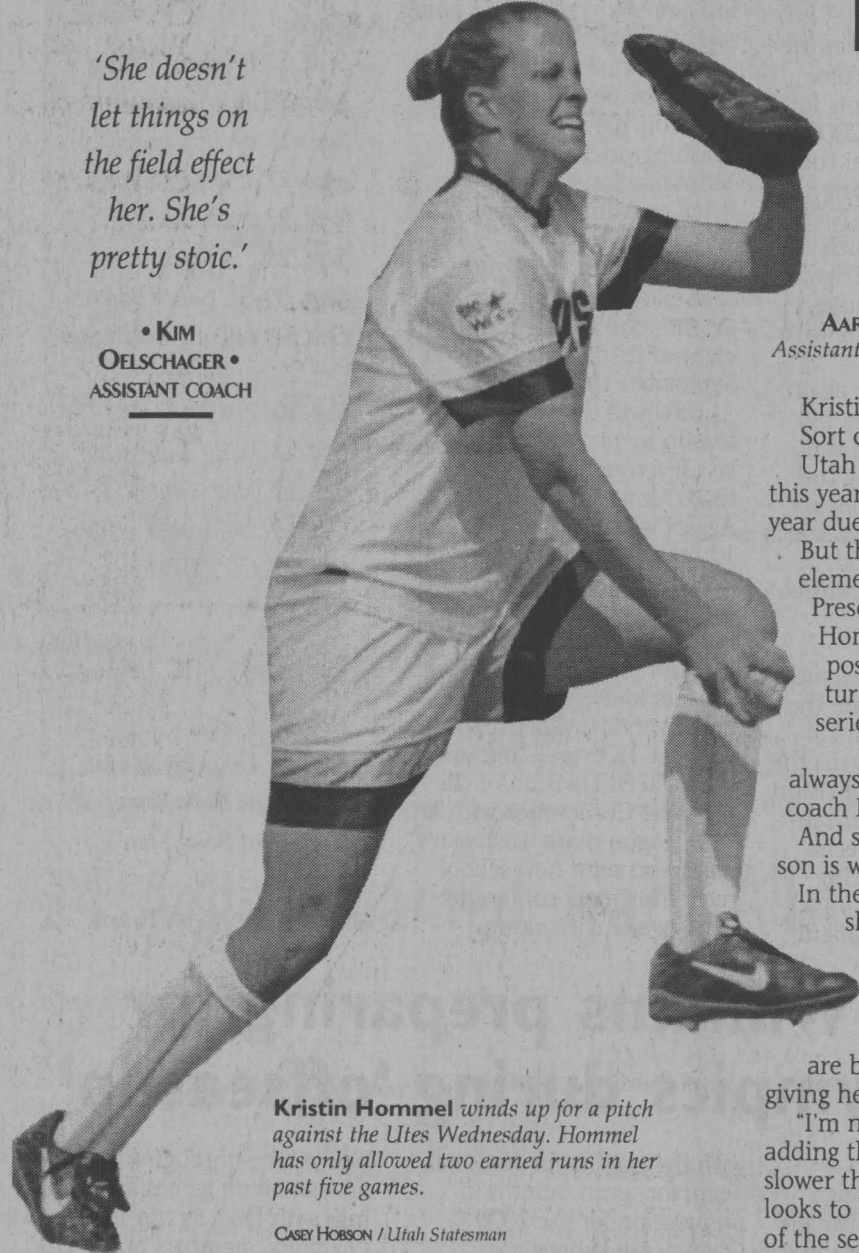
Aggies take on the best of the Big West, starting with Long Beach State Friday. Details on Friday.

## From the ashes

Back from shoulder surgery, Kristin Hommel has become Utah State's No. 1 pitcher

'She doesn't let things on the field effect her. She's pretty stoic.'

• KIM OELSCHLAGER •  
ASSISTANT COACH



Kristin Hommel winds up for a pitch against the Utes Wednesday. Hommel has only allowed two earned runs in her past five games.

CASEY HOBSON / Utah Statesman

AARON MORTON  
Assistant Sports Editor

Kristin Hommel is a sophomore. Sort of. Utah State University's No. 1 pitcher this year only pitched two games last year due to a shoulder injury. But this year is another story for the elementary education major from Prescott, Ariz. After a rough start, Hommel (9-11) has settled into her position as the pitcher the Aggies turn to for the first game of every series.

"When she's on the mound, we always have a chance (to win)," head coach Pam McCreesh said.

And she is getting stronger as the season is wearing on.

In the last five outings for Hommel, she has allowed only two earned runs, winning four and completing all five. She has won nine of USU's 17 games. Most of the pitches in her arsenal are back; the rise ball is the only one giving her problems.

"I'm not all the way back," she said, adding that her fast ball is five m.p.h. slower than it was before the surgery. She looks to be completely back by the end of the season.

Before last Sunday, she hadn't pitched two full games in two days. In game one

on Saturday against California Polytechnic State University, she pitched a one-hitter. But on Sunday she needed some help from the USU defense to keep the Mustangs scoreless on seven hits.

"(That was) definitely my limit," she said. "Almost past my limit."

Hommel's right shoulder needed surgery in the fall of her freshman year because of over use in high school. In her four years at Prescott High School, she pitched all but two games. This injury has been common among pitchers in recent years (Aggie pitchers Kelly Warner and Amy Settlemyer had the same surgery).

Hommel said only recently have studies been published showing the harm of playing pitchers several consecutive games in a row at the high school level.

The right hander has been playing softball since she was eight, and pitching soon after, despite misgivings from her parents, Tom and Marcia.

"I always wanted to be a pitcher," Hommel said, but her parents felt there was too much pressure on the pitchers.

But pressure is the thing she has been able to handle — with or without an injury.

"Pressure has never gotten to me," Hommel said.

"She doesn't let things on the field affect her," assistant coach Kim Oelschlagler said. "She's pretty stoic."

## Softball SPOTLIGHT

## KRISTIN HOMMEL

## PITCHER

• sophomore  
Prescott, Ariz.

• 5 feet 10 inches

• right handed

## 2000 stats:

- 9-11 record
- 3.41 earned run average
- 88 strikeouts
- 59 walks



And it gets even easier to pitch as the Aggie defense has gotten progressively better through the season, Hommel said.

Although this is more or less her first year of college softball, she said the adjustment from high school has been easier because she was the Aggies' scout last year. Because she was stuck on the bench, she became USU's unofficial scout in preseason tournaments. It helped because she got to know Big West Conference hitters' weaknesses.

Hommel only pitched in two games

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## Will USU's basketball success translate to better recruiting?

## AD Pugmire is still trying to shed the Big West for the WAC

REUBEN WADSWORTH  
Sports Writer

What will bring a winning record back to Utah State University football? How can the football team show boosters it deserves money? How can USU land a spot in another league such as the Western Athletic Conference?

According to Rance Pugmire, USU athletic director, there is a "two-part dynamic" for recruiting and funding success in a winning record and an entertaining product.

At the last two home games of the season, when the USU basketball team was putting the finishing touches on its unbeaten conference season, fans came in droves. However, earlier in the year, even though the Aggies were winning, Pugmire said he was disappointed with the attendance at basketball games.

According to Pugmire, fans should want to sup-

port USU athletics no matter what the win/loss record looks like. Less than 8,000 were in attendance at the last football game last season, Pugmire said, at a time when the squad was only 2-6.

Many think the hiring of Mick Dennehy as football coach will lead to a more exciting product, and more importantly, a winning record, Pugmire said. Two of the most important keys to a winning program according to Dennehy are effort and intelligence.

Dennehy said it is not the coaches that win games, players can only "digest" what they hear from the coaches and apply it to the game.

"We'll win when the players are ready to win," he said.

In recruiting, Dennehy is in an uphill battle.

"The initial perception is we're behind," he said of recruiting. USU is constantly trying to recruit the same young men as the

University of Utah and Brigham Young University. Those two programs have an advantage because they are more visible, Dennehy said.

Conference affiliation makes a big difference in recruiting, Dennehy said. The Mountain West Conference, which Utah and BYU are part of, is on solid ground, he said. However USU's league, the Big West Conference, will only have a football program for one more year.

Despite the setbacks, Dennehy remains optimistic.

"I think you can recruit young men to Logan, Utah," he said.

Conference affiliation is something constantly on the mind of Pugmire. He said he is confident that USU will be included in the Western Athletic Conference — if it expands.

But will it expand? And when?

When the WAC expanded the last time, it took Nevada and Boise State, two former Big West squads. The kicker for Nevada was the success of

its baseball team and BSU was helped in its quest for WAC membership by its appearance in the most recent Humanitarian Bowl, Pugmire said.

Pugmire is concerned, however, that the WAC may not expand. He said he worries about it every day. Many WAC representatives and officials at WAC member schools seem open to expansion, Pugmire said. However, some want stability and think 12 members is too many. If USU gets into the WAC, women's basketball will be added to the university's currently sanctioned sports, Pugmire said it may be added regardless of league affiliation.

In order for boosters to fund USU athletics and attract attention to USU from other conferences, the program needs integrity, credibility and leadership, Pugmire said.

Winning also increases interest and exposure, he said. With Dennehy at the helm of the football program, Pugmire said he'd be surprised if contributions

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Aggies Blake Eagal (47) and Jimmy Walker (72) crush former Ute runner Mike Anderson (drafted by the Denver Broncos) in a game last season.

## Football still has a lot to cover in summer offseason

WADE DENNISTON  
Senior Sports Writer

With spring practice now over, what's next for the Utah State University football team once summer comes?

"Well, we'd like to keep as many guys around as we possibly can," said first-year Aggie head coach Mick Dennehy. "The summer program that Shawn Griswold (strength and conditioning coach) has got incorporated is a real big benefit."

"I think the fact that the kids staying around (and) working together gives them the opportunity to toss the ball around, and do some things that, if they're all spread out, won't have a chance to do."

Dennehy said it isn't mandatory for the players to hang around, but he'd like to get them all back by the first week of July.

While it is optional what the players will be doing come summer, the coaching staff will continue to remain busy in preparation for the fall.

And there are several important items the coaching staff would like to get accomplished before it's time for the players to put the pads back on.

The first of those things is to attend coaching clinics.

"One of the means that we have to try and keep up with the profession, and gain new knowledge and information is clinics and camps,"

Dennehy said. "Our defensive guys are going to go to the San Diego Charger mini-camp in the last week in April. Our offensive coaches are going to spend time at the St. Louis Rams camp at the end of April."

"Then, in May, we go out for two weeks and spring recruit. We'll take a look at what our needs are and go out and try to begin identifying players who are within those needs."

When that's over, the coaching staff will return to Logan to begin preparations for hosting its own summer camp, June 19 through 22.

And if that's not enough to keep the staff busy, there's the playbook to worry about.

"We've got to have our playbooks done," Dennehy said, "and all of those kinds of things hopefully by the end of June. We'll take a little bit of time off in July to kind of recharge the batteries a little bit."

Although those items of business are important for the Aggie coaches, they are not nearly as important as making the team better by Sept. 2, when USU kicks off the season at Texas Tech University.

"Probably the biggest thing, really, while we're here, is taking what we've found out that the kids can do and can't do, based on spring practice and incorporating new thoughts and ideas from camps and clinics, and things that we attend," Dennehy said.

## Thrower Wahlin named Utah State Aggie athlete of the week for record hammer toss

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY  
Athletic Media Relations

Utah State University women's track team member Charlotte Wahlin was voted USU's athlete of the week by the local media panel, it was announced today.

Wahlin, a junior from Copenhagen, Denmark, broke the school record, the Danish national record, and her personal record, while also provisionally qualifying for NCAA Championships with her first-place mark of 190-feet 10-inches in the hammer throw at the Mark Faldo Open this weekend. Wahlin's mark beat the previous school record of 190-feet 3-inches, set in 1998 by Jessica Drake.

Wahlin will be back in action this weekend as the Aggie track team competes at the Clarence Robison Invitational in Provo, Utah

Apr. 20-22.

## Other Nominees:

**Men's Track:** BRETT GUYMON/ Sophomore... finished first and provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 400m hurdles with a time of 50.81 this weekend at the Mark Faldo Open. Guymon's mark was also a new personal record.

**Golf:** KEVIN BLOTTER/ Junior... was the top Aggie finisher at the Grand Canyon Thunderbird Invitational last week. Blotter tied for 28th shooting a three round score of 331 (75-73-73). Utah State finished 12th out of the 18 team field.

**Men's Tennis:** RYAN BURBIDGE/ Junior... was the only Aggie to defeat his opponent Tuesday as

Utah State fell to Idaho State 1-6. Burbidge won his match in three sets (6-3, 3-6, 6-3).

**Women's Tennis:** TRACY BERTAGNA/ Sophomore... led USU to its second win over Southern Utah (5-4) this year by defeating opponent Andi Moreno 6-1, 6-1 at the number three seed.

**Softball:** HEATHER CURTIS/ Sophomore... led Utah State to a 3-2 record last week as it split a doubleheader with Utah Wednesday, and then won two of three versus Cal Poly over the weekend. Curtis was 3-5 in the second game against Utah hitting her first career home run and a double. In the five games last week Curtis had 28 assists and seven putouts with no errors at shortstop. Curtis has only recorded one error in her last twelve games.









COURTESY / Utah Statesman

As Sandy Taylor looks on, Kristin Hommel zings in a pitch against Utah Wednesday in a 1-3 loss.

## HOMMEL

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last year, towards the end of the season, shutting out Southern Utah University and getting rocked by Cal Poly.

And in her first game this season, Arizona State University beat her up for eight earned runs on 10 hits. But just one day later, she held the University of Kansas to two runs. Two weeks later, she finally felt she was back.

"Oh my gosh I can pitch," Hommel said against the University of Stanford. "I'm not worried about batters hitting a home run."

Teaching is the only thing she is more excited to talk about than softball. She is an aspiring kindergarten teacher.

"I'm very excited about teaching," she said.

She took one education class last year and was hooked. Since then, she has volunteered at Head Start and Edith Bowen School. With two or more years left in school, she might have to wait awhile before she can teach for good.

Until then, she'll just have to take Big West batters to school.

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## 24 Aggies named track All-Conference

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY  
Athletic Media Relations

Sixteen women and eight men from the Utah State University Track and Field Teams were selected to the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Academic all-conference teams it was announced today.

To qualify for the team, student-athletes must obtain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better, be a sophomore academically, have completed at least one full academic year at the school, and participate in 50 percent of their teams' competitions.

Utah State's 24 overall selections tied for second in the league with Stanford and trailed only Washington State's 28 total selections. Nevada landed 19 picks, Arizona 11 and Long Beach State nine total.

### Utah State Women Academic all-Conference Selections

Student-Athlete	Event
Michala Bluhm-Thomsen	400m
Kristi Connors	400m
Katrina Dart	Mile

Hayley Graves	400m
Kristy Guymon	800m
Kristen Hillam	400m
Amber Jensen	800m
Jennifer Jensen	Shot Put, Weight Throw

Melissa Jensen	800m
Karen Olsen	3000m, 5000m
Loni Spencer	3000m, 5000m
Brittany Thompson	55hh
Rebekah Thornley	Mile
Amber Tubb	3000m
Charlotte Wahlin	Weight Throw
Tiffany Whitaker	Mile

### Utah State Men Academic all-Conference Selections

Student-Athlete	Event
Brian Gorman	Hurdles
Jerome Jenkins	Pole Vault
Jason Jones	3000m, 5000m
Joel Jorgenson	Sprints
James Parker	Throws
Jacob Pugsley	Hurdles
Brad Reed	Throws
Lance Thurston	High Jump

## Royals sale approved by baseball owners

HOUSTON (AP) — Baseball owners voted unanimously Monday to approve the \$96 million sale of the Kansas City Royals to team chairman David Glass.

Glass took over as Royals chairman in September 1993, shortly after the death of founding owner Ewing Kauffman.

Under Kauffman's succession plan, the team was offered for sale to Kansas City-area individuals and companies, with the money earmarked for charity.

"It's been a long time coming," Glass said. "I've already raised the cash. Thank goodness I didn't have it in the Nasdaq."

While deferring a decision on realignment until they meet again in June, and approving a plan on how to handle disasters such as a team plane crash, the main business was approving Glass, and that took just 40 seconds.

The Royals' board agreed in November 1998 to accept a \$75 million offer from lawyer Miles Prentice, but commissioner Bud Selig convinced owners not to approve that deal when it came up for a vote last September.

## Kenyans continue to dominate Boston Marathon, now up to 10 straight wins

BOSTON (AP) — First, it was the Kenyan men. Now, even the women are winning the Boston Marathon.

Kenya's domination in Boston extended to a record 10 consecutive victories Monday, as Elijah Lagat out-kicked Ethiopia's Gezahenge Abera and Kenya's Moses Tanui in the closest finish in the race's 104-year history.

Lagat and Abera were both timed in 2 hours, 9 minutes, 47 seconds, with Tanui three seconds back.

The women's ending wasn't as close but it was still the same: A Kenyan wearing the laurel wreath.

Catherine Ndereba, competing in only her third marathon, pulled away in the final mile and became the first Kenyan winner, at 2:26:11. Ndereba thwarted the bid of Ethiopia's Fatuma Roba to become the first competitor — male or female — to win the race four consecutive times.

The struggling Roba finished third at 2:26:27, the same time as runner-up Irina Bogacheva of Kyrgyzstan, who came from behind and beat her in the final stride.

Like the men, the women's finish was the closest ever between the top two and among the top three runners.

"I'm not only happy to win, but I'm going to the Olympics and represent my country," said Lagat, who took up running professionally only after his doctor told him in 1992 that he had a heart condition and might die.

With this race being an Olympic qualifier for the Kenyan men's Olympic team, Lagat and Tanui earned places on the squad, joining Kenneth Cheruiyot, winner of Sunday's Rotterdam Marathon.

The 33-year-old Lagat said

his doctor warned him that he had a lot of fat around his heart and urged him to lose weight. At the time, he weighed 158 1-2 pounds. Now, he weighs 125 1-2.

"After I started running, my heart problem disappeared," he said. "I'm OK now."

Make that sensational.

Staying with the lead pack throughout the race that was slowed by headwinds and cold, the persistent Lagat came into the final stretch locked in a dramatic duel with Abera and Tanui, the 1996 and 1998 winner.

The three exchanged the lead a couple of times, and with less than a half-mile remaining, it appeared Tanui would go on to his third victory.

But Lagat was not to be denied, and his final surge enabled him to edge the charging Abera as Tanui faded.

Abera, running on his 22nd birthday, contended the Kenyans were kicking and pushing him.

"I can't say it was intentional," he said, "but it was a strain on my muscles."

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NOTES

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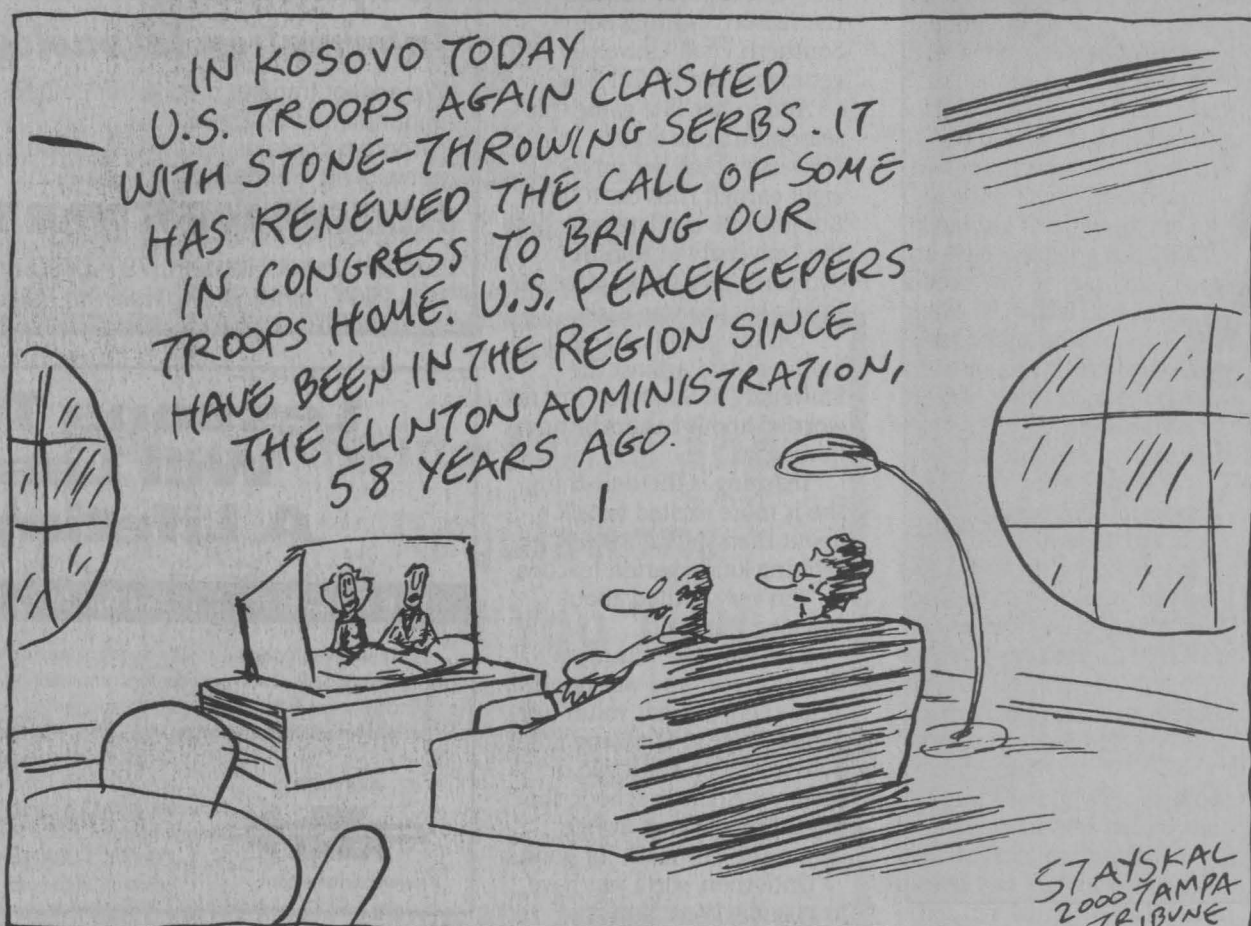
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Verify facts before  
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I am continually astounded that newspapers feel they can publish any number that their reporters or editors have read somewhere. No matter how phony the number is, if they have read it somewhere else, they will tell their readers it is a true statistic.

For instance, in your Monday, April 17, issue on Page 9 you printed "425,972: Number of showers the average American takes in his/her lifetime." The average American lifetime is close to 80 years. We find a number close to the number of days in the average American lifetime by multiplying 80 x 365. The answer is 29,200. We now calculate the average number of showers you claim an American takes each day by 425,972/29,200 = 14.6 showers per day.

If you are stupid enough to believe the average American takes 14.6 showers per day throughout his/her lifetime, you are too stupid to be a journalist. If you don't believe it, you may be too careless or untruthful to be a journalist. There is hope, however, for your future career. Try to learn to think critically. Don't just accept anything you are told as the truth. Take your responsibility to inform, rather than mislead, your readers.

Admittedly, this isn't an important issue. But your newspaper has recently published obviously phony statistics about abortion in the United States and starvation in Iraq. These ARE important issues, and you do yourself, your newspaper and especially the public a disservice in misreporting them.

Greg Jones

In Monday's Random Numbers, it was printed that the average American takes 425,972 shower in their lifetime. It should have read that the average American takes 25,972 showers in a lifetime. The Statesman regrets the error.

## Republicans: a view on issues

KADE'S KORNER / Kade Minchey



that deals with the Elian Gonzalez issue. This is Ann Coulter's, a conservative Republican, take on Elian. She says:

"Liberals ... are forever kvetching about federal laws that require the deportation of aliens who actually commit felonies in this country. Let a criminal wash ashore and the Left sees him as part of the American dream.

"But if it's a little boy who lands on our shores only because — by all accounts — his mother simply wished for him to grow up in freedom, and Liberals can't see him deported fast enough ... The Left has never thought parents important enough to be informed if their minor children have abortions, perennially opposing parental notification laws.

"Indeed, fathers are so irrelevant under the law that they have no say over the decision of whether or not their own children will be aborted. Elian's mother could have aborted Elian without input from the father, but she can't give him freedom without the father's consent." — Ann Coulter, taken from the Federalist at federalist.com.

I think Ann brings up a beautiful example of the liberal double standard. As I have tried to illustrate in some of my other columns, extreme liberalism doesn't have concrete val-

ues. Rather, as the Elian case shows, they waver and change their position as time and issues change.

Now to turn to another issue, the state of Tennessee is scheduled to execute their first prisoner in over two generations. Gov. Don Sundquist has refused to grant clemency. The Nashville Tennessean reported Tuesday that 18 people were arrested for protesting in front of the Governor's mansion.

Indeed the controversy surrounding the death penalty is vast. However, I think Alan Keyes put it into perspective when he wrote:

"Ultimately, support for the death penalty must be grounded on the love of justice and an unqualified respect for the dignity of innocent human life. ... (It) is an imperative of the respect for life that we retain the death penalty as an element of law in certain limited cases. If we do not, we risk applying a 'corrosive relativism to our national respect for life.'" taken from the Federalist at federalist.com.

Now my column wouldn't be complete if I didn't mention something about Al Gore and his attempts to deceive the American public. However, this time instead of interpreting Al's tactics for you, I am going to let the American public speak for me.

The following are polls taken from the Los Angeles Times, ABC news and yrock.com. These polls summarily say what I have been saying all along — that Al Gore just doesn't get it. Even more Americans don't want empty promises and more legislation. They want strong

Where have all  
the Aggies  
gone

I would like to give a special thanks to all of the USU students that support the ultimate frisbee team, all three of them. It's nice to see that Utah State students have so much school spirit, and are so willing to drive all the way to Pocatello, Idaho, to watch one of the biggest tournaments of the year. There is little more awe inspiring than listening to three people belt out The Scotsman. It brings a tear to ones eye hearing them chant, "Utah State hey! Aggies all the way!" Even greater than that was the infamous three man wave, which made it twice around the whole field!

The tournament consisted of three rounds, the last two lasted over two hours each; no team at USU can even come close to that type of endurance. Even though the team did not win in the final round, they still played better and harder than the football team did all last year.

The frisbee team is a sanctioned school sport, but the school is not willing to do anything for them. The members of both the women's and men's teams have to furnish half of the money for their jerseys and provide their own transportation to and from their games. Imagine the controversy if the football or basketball teams had to pay for their own things and provide transportation to their games.

This lack of school support and funding shows that "disk huckers" play for the love of the game and not for some farce that they'll make it to the NFL or NBA. I know very well that frisbee doesn't draw the crowd or the income that any of the "mainstream" teams do, but it is fun to watch and admission is always free for everybody. With that said, you can take your 4 percent tuition hike and your \$11 payment for the rec center and stuff 'em where the sun don't shine.

I want my money to go to the frisbee team.

Brian Decaria

A-day has lost its traditional base of

service and pride in Utah State University. Started as a way to involve students in the upkeep of their school, A-day served a useful purpose.

Students traded in their books for a day with rakes, shovels, cleaning rags and fun to spiff up campus creating a sense of pride.

Today, A-day has elongated into a week of "service" projects including cleaning Logan Canyon, Willow Park, fund-raising for community members and the ever-important kissing on the "A."

Granted, the kissing doesn't exactly contribute to the "service" aspect of A-day, but it is the most-focused on part of the week. Some people plan who they'll go kissing with for days, even months, for a total of 10 seconds.

Gaining an entry into the Guinness Book of World Records is an interesting pursuit, but hardly one worth the hype by Wrigley's DOUBLEMENT gum, the Alumni Association

and students.

Perhaps students

could shoot for breaking the world record for the number of service/cleaning/improvement projects to a university in a week's time. That's a goal worth shooting for.

A couple of the service projects are admirable, like the Deseret Industries used items drive. But others are sadly lacking in lofty expectations generally assumed during fund raisers.

Students at Utah State are generally community oriented and have often reached out through either school- or church-related service projects. While it is good for students to become well-rounded citizens through service, it's not something that should be condensed into one week of intense activity.

Get out there all year long and serve the school and the community. Service can only benefit those involved, and USU just might make it into the record books for something important.

Democrats:  
a different view  
on life

OK, THE WAY I SEE IT / Rich Timothy



The minority has just been given a voice. What minority you may

be asking yourself? The Liberals? The Democrats? All the free thinking individuals that don't believe the conservative point of view is necessarily the correct one?

No one has called me to this position. I wasn't voted in. And I'm sure that not all liberals are going to agree with me all of the time. But if you think about it, isn't that the best part? We all have differing views, and it's time that the differing view finally had a place to make its voice known.

The surplus amount of Republicans on campus is a rather noticeable quality. But I am curious to know if many of you are that way because of your parents and your avoidance of the issues. Or do you have a clear understanding of what you believe and why?

One of my main purposes is to inflict a little more thought in the Republican Party, although the occasional tangent of how I see it will grace your reading at times.

OK. The way I see it, an article I was reading last week seemed overly insightful. Well, it would have if I were a 14-year-old boy sitting in art class. I was so pleased that the writer was able to find at least one difference between Democrats and Republicans. Nice manipulation skills as well. He brought in the father figure, working hard to support his family and trying to make a living. Then he threw in the

angelic saint (the Republican) to save the family from financial peril.

But along comes the evil doers (the Democrats) to steal from the All-American family so the homeless are fed. What evil, evil people they are. A truly great, and obviously real-life, situation that happens every ten minutes in this country. I do wonder if any research was done or, as usual, was it a fabricated story to suit only one person — the author. And just like he said, the major difference is "those who think and don't think." I think this individual needs to think a little more if that's the best discrepancy he has with Democrats.

And let me express how pleased I am that the homeless were brought up. Let me guess. We should just get rid of homeless shelters so dear old Dad can eat a little more beef and buy that houseboat he's always wanted. I question if this writer has ever been to a homeless shelter. I doubt if he has ever taken the time to give something a little more valuable than money — time — to get to know a homeless person. I imagine he is stuck in that elitist mind set that all homeless are scam artists trying to get free money to buy drugs. I also doubt whether he has ever gone to a shelter and helped, viewing the gratitude in the eyes of a homeless person when you give them some food?

All people have the right to life, liberty and happiness and as Americans we should help those who don't have those rights in this country.

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# Mark common sense absent

CHICAGO TRIBUNE / Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service



As the first anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre approaches, it becomes clear that there were not just 15, but 16 casualties in that Colorado shooting rampage last April 20. The last victim: common sense.

What else but the death of common sense could account for a decision like that of the school authorities in Sayreville, N.J., who earlier this month suspended four kindergartners because, aiming their index fingers as if they were guns, they pretended to shoot at other children on a school playground?

Surely these so-called adults

have taken leave of their senses.

To be sure, Columbine served as a wake-up call to school officials throughout the country, a warning against taking too lightly what may seem adolescent bluster or idle threats by schoolkids. You have to pay attention; you have to be alert.

That message was underscored by the shooting to death of a first-grader in Michigan several weeks ago by a 6-year-old classmate. You have to pay attention, be alert.

But it is one thing to pay attention, to be alert, to be careful, and another to be plain damn foolish.

For how many generations have children aimed their fingers like guns and pretended to shoot them? Has anyone ever been killed or hurt by such play? Can it possibly be that the Sayreville school officials can't tell the difference between a finger and a pistol barrel? And could they really think of nothing short of a suspension from school to make their point with the suspended children?

Officials of the conservative Rutherford Institute, who have announced plans to challenge the suspensions in the courts, were dead on right when they said the school district had

*In their concern to protect children ... some school officials are turning schools into grim, joyless, unimaginative cells ...*

"gone off the deep end" with this action. This is of a piece with lunatic applications of "zero tolerance" that have flourished in recent years and resulted in some stupendously unfair instances of school discipline.

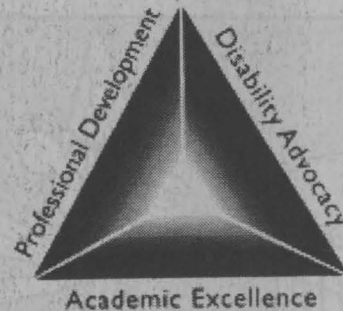
In their concern to protect children (and, we suspect, to insulate themselves from political attacks and lawsuits) some school officials are turning schools into grim, joyless, unimaginative cells, as far removed from what a school should be as an index finger is from a gun barrel.

Chill out, folks. Lighten up. Get a grip. And for the kids' sake, start using some common sense.

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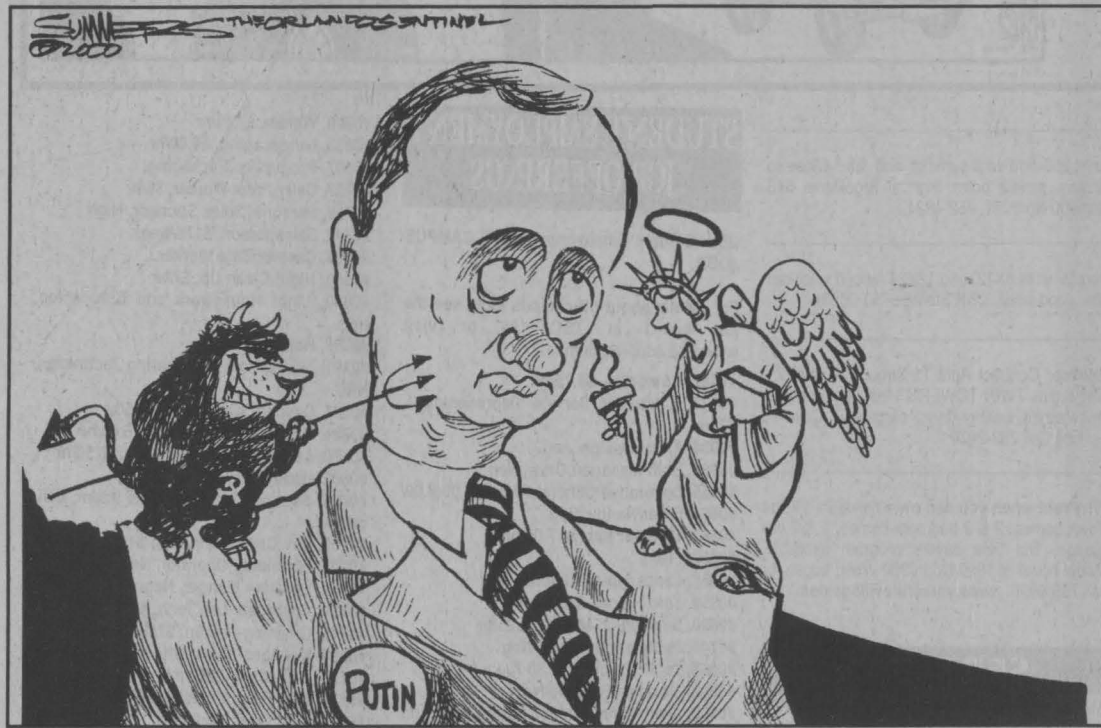
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## What about the kids in this country?

ROBBY MESSER / Northern Arizona University



It's frustrating to have to pick up a newspaper everyday or read about reports from organizations such as the Children's Action Alliance about the hardships of the nation's youth. It seems as though children in the United States are growing up in worse conditions than ever. The divorce rate is more than 50 percent.

And in the state of Arizona alone, 310,000 children live in poverty. Add 60,000 to that number and you'll have the number of uninsured children there.

With that said, it's time to send Elian Gonzalez back to Cuba. If so many of our own children are being neglected, there's work to be done in this country before the federal government allows another to live here.

Elian's babysitters in Florida might have the best intentions, but there's one thing that should not be overlooked: kids

belong with their parents.

And while, yes, Cuba is a communist country, America is also turning into a terrible country to raise a kid.

Every week in Arizona, 62 babies are born to teen-aged mothers — many of whom are abandoned by the men who fathered their children. At least

Elian's father wants his boy back and is here in the U.S. to pick him up.

Every day, 87 teens drop out of school in Arizona. At least Juan Gonzalez has made his interest in the welfare and education of his child, Elian, publicly known. Juan Gonzalez has made it clear he's eager to teach his son about life. About right and wrong. About how to grow up and be a man.

And while he's at it, Juan Gonzalez can also explain to Elian that the United States only used him as a political pawn. A way to show the world that the United States is better than Cuba.

The only thing proven in this case is that the government is very good at trying to look good by rescuing one child from an oppressive situation. If only it made as big a fuss about

the children right in its own back yard.

Government officials don't even know if Elian's life was that bad in Cuba. All they know was that his mother and 10 others died when their boat capsized. His Miami relatives have said he doesn't want to go back to Cuba, and well, is it any surprise that they'd say anything to keep the boy here?

The answer to this mess is simple: Elian lost one parent and he needs to be reunited with the other. This boy needs to be raised by the man who apparently wants to raise him. He shouldn't be denied that privilege. Elian will be fine back in his home country. To the people of Cuba, he's a hero.

To us, he's taking up space in the news for issues that pertain to us.

The only thing they don't put in the newspapers is every time Elian goes to the bathroom. But give it time. The United States needs to send Elian back. He's not ours.

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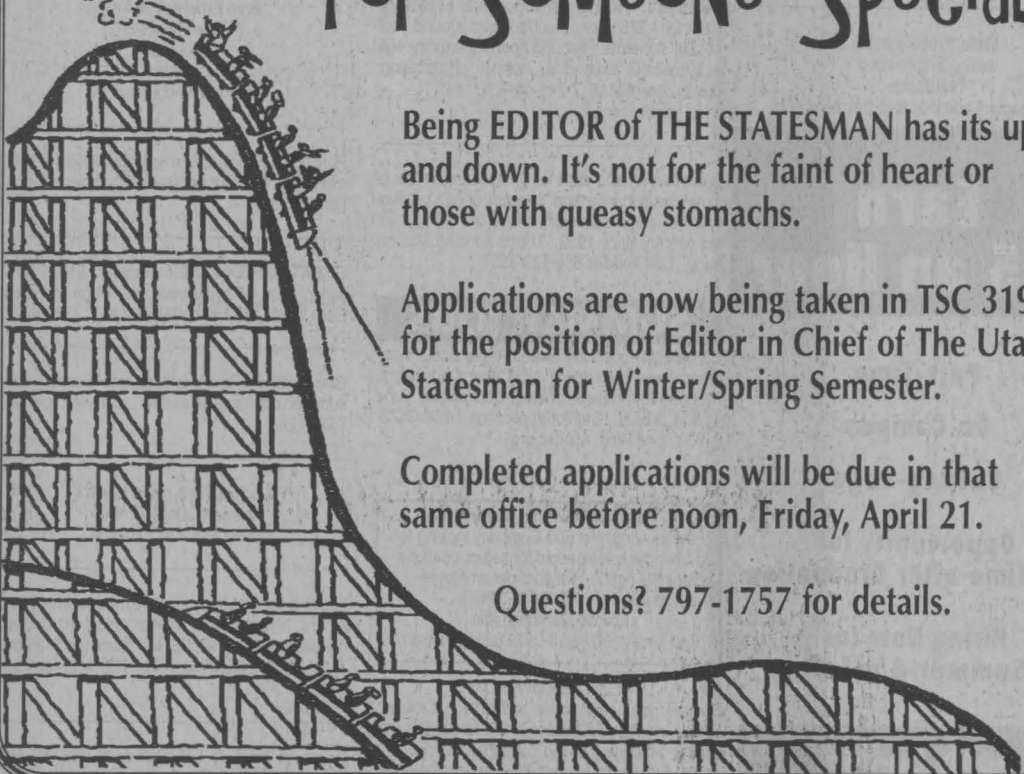
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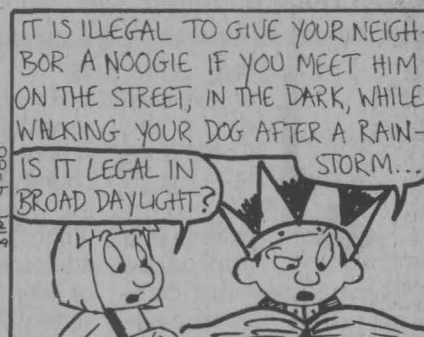
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#0611, Aide to work with people with Disabilities, \$6.50/hr  
#0609, Substitutes, \$6/hr  
#0831, Office Supply, BOE  
#0844, Life Skills Instructor,  
#0840, Cleaning, \$7.50/hr  
#0839, Working Supervisor/Cleaning, \$8.50/hr  
#0836, Salon and Spa  
#0835, Receptionist/Coordinator, \$6/hr  
#0835, Yardworker, \$5.15/hr  
#0834, Cashier, \$6/hr  
#0830, Computer Sales, BOE  
#0458, Nanny, \$6/hr  
#0829, Cashier, BOE  
#0825, P.T. Cook, \$8/hr  
#1110, PT Garden Worker, \$5.50/hr  
#0833, House Director,  
#0824, International Coordinator,  
#0826, Customer Service Manager, BOE  
#0822, Administrative Assistant in Master Scheduling,  
#0823, Foam and Fill Operator,  
#0198, Delivery, \$5.25/hr  
#0773, Internet Consultant, Comm.  
#0624, Trainer/Intervener/Companion, \$7 (BOE)  
#0820, Server, \$6/hr  
#0225, Youth Counselor, \$7.50/hr  
#0161, Donut Fryer, \$7.00/hr  
#0305, Youth Counselor, \$8.00/hr  
#0819, Housekeeper, \$5.50/hr  
#0815, Drivers,  
#0816, Sculptor, \$8.00/hr  
#0806, Receptionist, \$5.15/hr  
#0810, Team Member, \$5.15/hr

#0808, Welder, \$7.00/hr  
#0811, Landscaping, \$6.00/hr  
#0807, Production/Packaging,  
#0797, Dairy Farm Worker, \$6/hr  
#0799, Personal Sales Sponsor, High  
#0742, Salesperson, \$175/week  
#0702, Cashier/Cafe Worker,  
#1061, Night Clean Up, \$7/hr  
#0800, Light Housework and Companion, Neg.  
#0795, Houseparents,  
#0791, Mechanical Engineering Technician, NEG.  
#0527, Daycare Assistant, \$5.15/hr  
#0821, Counter Help & Cooks, 6.00/hr  
#0570, Administrative Assistant, \$6.50/hr  
#0802, Handyman, \$6/hr  
#0763, Summer Stories Series Intern, USU credit  
#0762, Day Camp Instructor, \$100/wk  
#0752, Emroidery Operator, Negotiable  
#0751, Location Manager, Negotiable  
#0750, Aggregate Lab Tech, \$8/hr  
#0745, Cleaning Person, \$7/hr  
#0693, Manager, Sales, Office, Negotiable  
#0726, Babysitter, \$240/mon  
#0728, Web Programmer, 9.50/hr  
#0952, Yard Work, \$6.00/hr  
#0475, Enumerators/Crew Leaders, \$9.50/hr  
#1095, Foster/Proctor Care, \$500/month  
#0186, Preschool Teacher, \$5.15/hr  
#0427, Sales Team, \$7.00/hr  
#0271, Market Research, 5.50/hr  
#0721, Cafe Manager/Waiter/Waitress, BOE  
#0131, Personal Care Attendant, \$12/hr  
#0692, Cashier,  
#0671, Safety Tainer, 6.95/hr  
#0659, Technician,  
#0601, Sales Representative,  
#1109, Personal Attendant, \$5.25/hr  
#0486, Pharmanex Representative, commission

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#C490-98, Dishroom Worker, \$5.15/hr  
#C235-00, Laboratory Aide, \$5.15  
#C135-91, Intramural Official, \$6 to \$8 per game  
#C265-97, Substitute Activity Leader, \$5.50/hr  
#C274-91, Applied Music Instructor, Negotiable  
#C050-94, Undergraduate Teaching Fellow, \$5.15/hr  
#C593-90, Piano Youth Conservatory Teacher, Negotiable  
#C719-95, Undergrad Teaching Fellow--Music Technology, \$5.15/hr  
#C124-92, Speech Instructional Assistant, \$5.25/hr  
#C208-96, Tutor, \$5.25/hr  
#C532-98, Technical Assistant, \$5.50/hr  
#C335-97, Biological Technician, \$5.15/hr  
#P017-93, Photographer, BOE  
#C263-95, Model (Art Classes), \$8.00/hr  
#C599-98, Italian Instructor,  
#C417-00, Part-time Event Assistant, \$6-7/hr  
#C389-00, Clerical Assistant, \$7.50/hr  
#C371-95, Lab Technician, \$6-9/hr  
#C506-97, Administrative Assistant, \$300/mon  
#C416-00, Academic Graduate Assistant, \$7/hr  
#C659-98, Geol 1100 SI Leader, \$5.50/hr  
#C648-98, USU 1300 SI Leader, \$5.50/hr  
#C660-98, PHYX 1000 SI Leader, \$5.50/hr  
#C589-97, POLS 1100 SI Leader, \$5.50/hr  
#C309-99, Econ 1500 (Econ 200) SI Leader, \$5.50/hr  
#C474-97, Telephone Software/Technical Support, \$6.00/hr  
#C059-98, Biology 1110 (Micro) SI Leader, \$5.50/hr  
#C654-98, Biology 1010 (sec 2) SI Leader, \$5.50/hr  
#C653-98, Bio 1010 (sec 1) SI Leader, \$5.50/hr  
#C060-98, Biology 2000 (Physl 130) SI Leader, \$5.50/hr  
#C413-00, TEMPORARY Project Assistant, \$8/hr  
#C415-00, Research & Technical Assistant, \$8/hr

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