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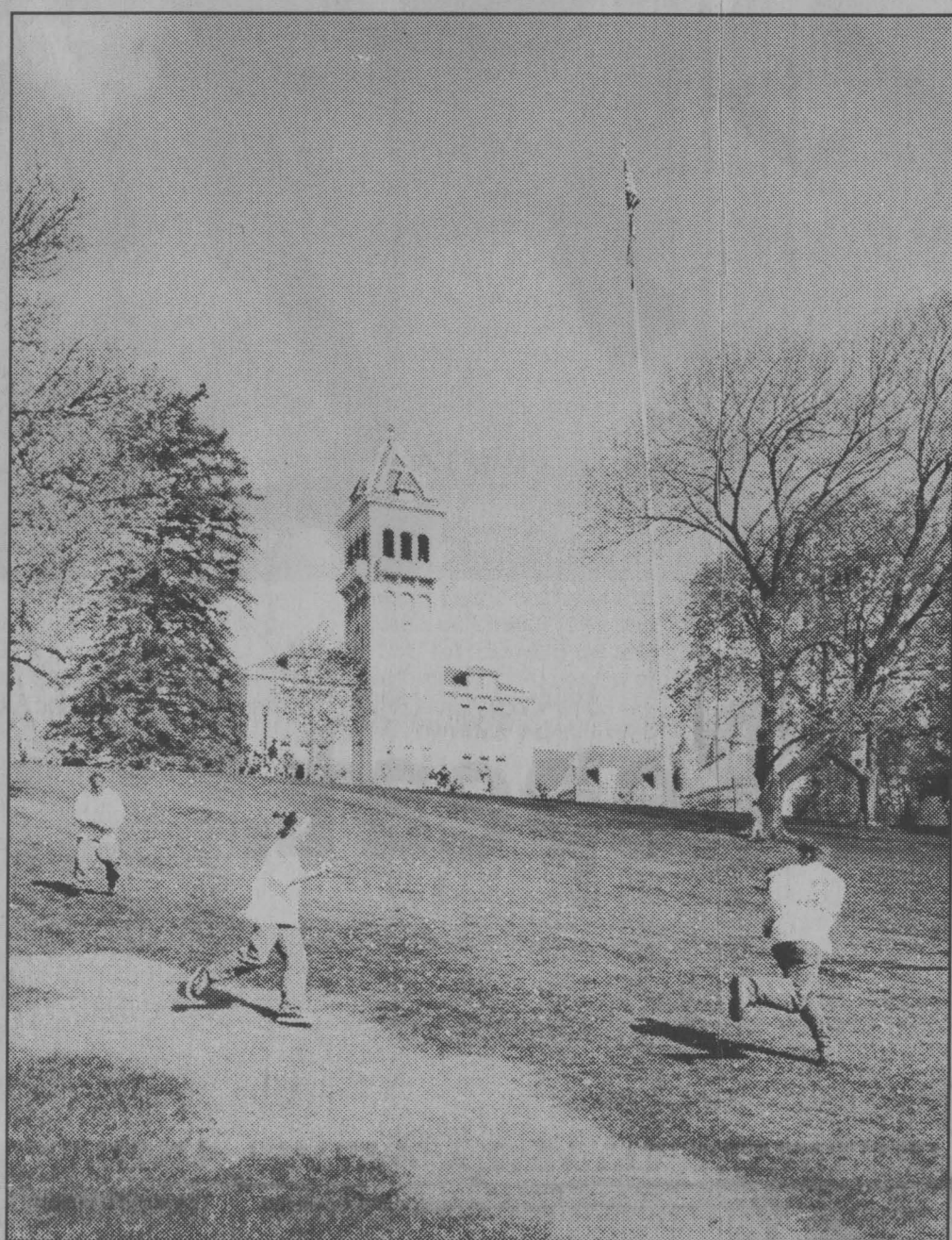
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## Egg toss

Gardell Paul, far left, and Joan Kraus, left, chase USU sophomore Jon Kraus, right, with the remnants of Easter eggs rolled down Old Main Hill Sunday afternoon.

## Canyons can be dangerous when wet, take caution when hiking

BILLIE READ  
Staff Writer

Moist conditions in canyons have turned some "rewarding" hikes into treacherous activities, according to Kevin Cobe, director of the Outdoor Recreation Center at Utah State University.

On April 15 a USU student was injured by a boulder while hiking in Logan Canyon. Sadie Enright, 21, suffered back and neck injuries after she was struck by a 1,500-pound boulder in Logan Canyon. Enright was with her parents; her father Michael was also injured by the boulder. Cody Williams, 21, was also with the group, sustaining minor head injuries

after being clipped by the boulder.

Currently, Enright has been released from Logan Regional Hospital and is recovering in her home.

Cobe said this kind of accident is one that is hard to avoid because one "cannot predict rock fall." However, there are some precautions that should be taken when hiking, especially off trail, he said.

Cobe said it is a good idea to call around for information on local hiking areas. He said Logan has a "hiking community" composed of people with great knowledge about the surrounding areas. Additionally, he said the ORC provides informa-

tion about what can be expected from hikes around Logan.

Trail hiking is safer, Cobe said. This type of hiking is done on trails that are maintained and beginners may find they enjoy this type of hiking better, he said.

No matter what kind of hiking an individual plans on doing, Cobe suggests to always be prepared. It is vital to have extra supplies including clothes and water, he said. Cobe said packing and knowing how to use a map and first-aid kit are also good ideas. Lastly, Cobe said hikers should notify someone of the areas they're going to and the anticipated time they will return.

## ASUSU works to revise USU Student Code

LAURA BELLAMY  
Senior News Writer

Trying to make policies more clearly defined for teachers and wanting to protect student rights, the Associated Students of Utah State University have been working on revising the USU Student Code.

According to Campus Judicial Officer Dallin Phillips, the revisions in the Student Code will include defining a classroom civility policy, outlining timeliness for student violations and creating procedures for students with psychological disorders.

The civility in the classroom policy would give teachers the authority to remove students from class and give students the right to have a hearing after being kicked out, Phillips said.

"There is no provision in the Student Code to remove a student from a classroom if they were very disruptive,"

Phillips said. "You'd be surprised, but problems occur quite often."

Under the policy, which is still in the works, teachers could remove students for disruptive or threatening behavior, Phillips said. The code will eventually outline what can be considered disruptive behavior.

"Some teachers think reading a newspaper or coming in late is disruptive behavior," Phillips said. "I think over time those issues will be defined, but now we're dealing with clear-cut cases."

According to former ASUSU Academic Vice President Emily Croshaw, one of the code's major problems is that it is inconsistent in handling situations.

"We're trying to create equal treatment," Croshaw said. "Inconsistency won't solve any problems."

The revision would also include treatment of students with psychological disorders. "Usually students with psy-

chological disorders are discovered because they've violated some aspect of the student code," Phillips said. "Punishing those students doesn't solve anything."

Phillips said the counseling and wellness center will be helping to draft new policies to protect and help these students.

"We're going to try to deal with the actual problem rather than it's symptoms," Phillips said.

Hopefully, revising the code will also bring it to students' attention, he said.

"Most students aren't aware of the Student Code and don't become aware of it until they violate it," he said.

According to Phillips, the Faculty Senate has been working on the policy for more than a year and it is expected to be passed on to the administration soon.

"I suppose it could be resolved as soon as the Board of Regents meeting in May," Phillips said.

## Possible addition of honor code at USU will encourage behavior, not set rules

LAURA BELLAMY  
Senior News Writer

With a revision of the Student Code may come the addition of an honor code.

According to former Associated Students of Utah State University Academic Vice President Emily Croshaw, a committee has been formed to draft an honor code for USU.

According to Campus Judicial Officer Dallin Phillips, the honor code would not dictate lifestyle choices to any student.

"It won't be like BYU or anything," Croshaw said. "That's not what we're trying to do. They would be more suggestions about what kind of behavior the university encourages."

Phillips said the honor code probably won't be attached to the Student Code but would be a separate document.

"The primary reason ... is to have a very short document that is very accessible to students," Phillips said.

According to Croshaw, the honor code would discourage academic dishonesty and encourage students witnessing cheating to report it.

"We don't want to create an environment of a tattletale system," Croshaw said. "We just want something that when all students come to USU they are aware of the standard of

behavior that we expect."

The honor code is only in preliminary stages right now. The committee has looked at several other universities' honor codes including the University of Virginia and Stanford, but still needs to write the code and have the language approved.

"Something like this takes a long time to go through and approve," Croshaw said. "It needs to be written and rewritten and approved by our lawyers."

When the draft is finally written, it will need to be approved by lawyers and administrators, but not students.

"Of course, whatever we draft will have to be approved by the new council, but it won't have to go to a general vote," Croshaw said.

According to Croshaw, since it is only a change in the Student Code and not the constitution, it does not need to be approved by students, only by the ASUSU Executive Council.

Phillips said a new honor code would need to be approved by the ASUSU Executive Council, USU President George H. Emert, and the Board of Regents.

Phillips said he would also run it past Vice President of Student Services Pat Terrell, the Educational Policies Committee and the Faculty Senate.

## USU's Class of 2000 prepares itself for upcoming commencement

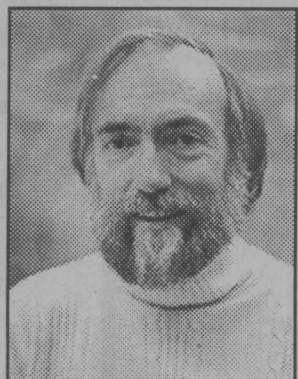
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Armed with the as-yet-unnamed '00, the 3,827 graduates of Utah State University's class of 2000 receive their diplomas and accolades May 6. The university ceremony takes place at 9:30 a.m. in the USU Dee Glen Smith Spectrum, following the academic procession that begins in the Taggart Student Center at 8:30 a.m.

USU's eight colleges hold separate events around campus in the afternoon.

Among those receiving honorary degrees is Kip Thorne, author of "Black Holes and Time Warps: Einstein's Outrageous Legacy," and the Feynman Professor of Theoretical Physics at the California Institute of Technology. He will give the commencement address.

Honorary degrees also will be bestowed on William Leftwich, Ray Marshall, Don Olsen and Alison C. Thorne. The class of 2000 includes



KIP THORNE

3,062 receiving bachelor's degrees, 685 master's degrees, 66 doctorates and four educational specialist degrees.

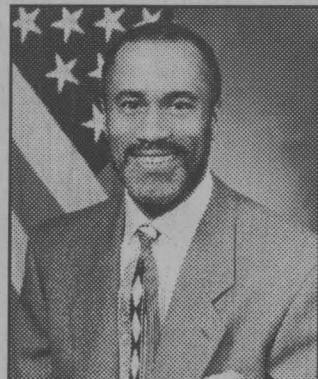
Kip Thorne is one of the preeminent theoretical physicists in the world. He is a friend of Stephen Hawking and appeared in the PBS special "Hawking's Universe." He was also in the video version of "A Brief History of Time."

The son of former USU professors Alison Thorne and the late D. Wynne Thorne, he is an expert on black holes and a proponent of numerous theories about the laws of

physics. He was a professor of theoretical physics at the California Institute of Technology from 1970 through 1991 before being named the Feynman Professor. With an international reputation, he has been a visiting lecturer in Italy, France, Canada, Germany, Chile and the former Soviet Union. He holds honorary degrees from Illinois College and Moscow University.

Leftwich oversees the equal opportunity policies of the Department of Defense worldwide. He has been superintendent of employment for the Chicago Park District and principal adviser to the U.S. Department of Defense in matters of equality and fairness.

He serves as the Department of Defense project officer on the White House committee to develop and report on activities in support of "One America in the 21st Century: The President's Initiative on Race." He personally answered



WILLIAM LEFTWICH

President Clinton's call to conduct roundtable discussions about race relations and has hosted nearly 50 discussions.

Marshall, Secretary of Labor in the Carter administration, currently chairs the board of trustees of the National Center on Education and the Economy and is a board member of the Economic Policy Institute and a member of the Citizens' Commission on Civil Rights.

He is author of more than 30 books and innumerable other publications dealing

with labor and economic policy. Most recently, he held the Audre and Bernard Rapoport Centennial Chair in Economics and Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. He has taught at the University of Kentucky, Louisiana State University, the University of Mississippi and San Francisco State University.

Olsen is one of the world's foremost authorities on the creation and implantation of artificial organs and was the first in the world to successfully implant an artificial heart in a calf.

He began a veterinary career in Cache Valley before becoming Extension veterinarian at the University of Nevada. At the University of Utah's Artificial Heart Institute, he carried out more successful artificial heart implants in cattle. Dr. William DeVries ask him to serve as the primary surgical consultant on the first implantation of an artificial heart in a human being. Since then, he

has been at the epicenter of research on artificial organs. Though retired from the university he continues to be involved in artificial heart research.

Alison Comish Thorne was the first woman to receive a doctorate in consumption economics from Iowa State University and has been involved in social change and economic justice for more than seven decades.

She taught in four departments at USU. She has been active with the Logan Board of Education, Cache Migrant Council, Community Action Programs, the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women in Utah, the State Building Board, the State Department of Employment Security, the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth and the Women's Center for Lifelong Learning, to name a few. She is the mother of five youngsters, including Kip Thorne who is also receiving an honorary degree.





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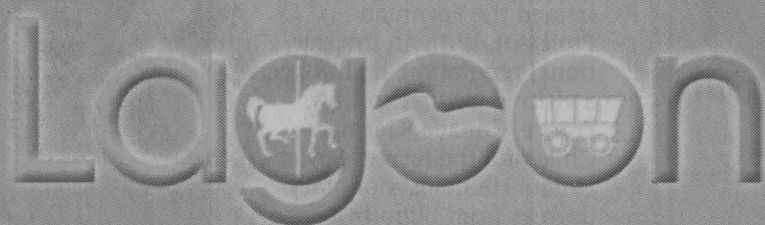


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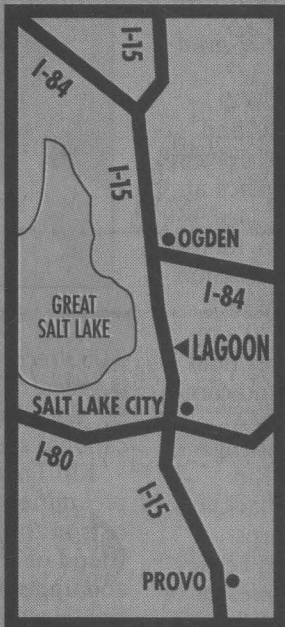
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# Petition asks for support on religious, moral issues

**LEAH L. CULLER**  
Assistant News Editor

The writer of an assumedly "anonymous" petition that has been circulating at Utah State University and in the City of Logan said she didn't mean for her identity to be a mystery.

Melanie Smith, a resident of Logan who is not a student at USU, began the petition in an effort to bring up issues that will "inspire the leaders of USU to have integrity to defend those things that they know to be right."

"I've written letters before with my name," she said. "No one has said anything until it's anonymous."

Smith said she distributed 1,000 copies of the petition, which addresses issues of morality and religion, during

the weekend of April 14. She said she had no help and has been alone in the entire process.

Although it is against campus policy to put fliers on cars, Smith said she put her petition on car windshields in campus lots because she could see no other alternative.

"It was a hard thing," she said. "It was like choosing between two evils. It wasn't to be dishonest or disobedient. It's something I believe in and that was the only way I could go about it."

Smith is asking individuals to sign the petition and mail it to individuals in various positions of authority at USU and in the state. Among other things, the petition asks that creationism be allowed to be taught in school, sports and

other activities maintain respect in language and morality, time be allowed at the beginning of classes for prayer and the Pride! Alliance be disacknowledged.

Smith said she hopes students will be able to vote on the issues she has named in the petition and possibly change the current policy.

Former Associated Students of USU President Nate Anderson said while students are allowed to take surveys or opinion polls on any issue, their ability to change policy is advisory in nature.

"Students do have an ability to influence university decision-making, but do not have the authority to enact policy changes by a majority vote," he said.

Smith's petition also asks that all non-profit organiza-

tions have the same rights as campus organizations and be allowed to participate in door-to-door solicitation in on-campus housing.

John Ringle, associate director of USU Housing, said there was a suggestion made from ASUSU to allow door-to-door solicitation. The decision was made by the Resident Hall Student Association that students shouldn't be bothered all the time, he said.

"We have an obligation to residents to manage all the intrusion into their daily lives," he said.

Ringle said he has received two petitions from a married couple. The couple was unavailable for comment.

Concerning Smith's petition and ideas, Ringle said he feels it is a very extremist position to take.

"It's not very inclusive of all diversity," Ringle said. "It's a step backward in human relations."

Smith, however, said there is "no diversity where right and wrong is concerned." She said she wants to disacknowledge the Pride! Alliance because it is "unfair to promote or support any group that promotes an act that can only bring sorrow to this world."

"I believe homosexuality is a choice just as I can choose to be moral or immoral," she said.

Smith said although this issue has created controversy, she isn't trying to upset people.

"I don't like contention, I like peace," she said. "But I am afraid to offend God more than people."

## NewsBRIEFS

### ➤ 'Pistol-packin' mamas' to rally

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Self-proclaimed "pistol packin' mamas" plan to rally at the state Capitol to oppose the Million Mom March, a gathering planned by mothers backing gun control.

"We are sick and tired of the irrational gun-haters exploiting defenseless children and families to push their fanatical anti-gun legislation," said Janalee Tobias, president of the Women Against Gun Control.

Disarming women makes them "easy prey for the ruthless criminals," said Tobias, who instead wants women and children taught gun safety.

The pro-gun control Million Mom March is scheduled for Mothers' Day, focusing on a rally in Washington, with others held in cities around the country. Organizers are pushing for safety locks on guns, gun-owner licensing, background checks for purchases and a waiting period for gun buys.

An announcement of Saturday's counter-protest said, "One million mothers are coming after your guns!"

Richard Mack, a former Arizona sheriff who helped overturn part of the Brady Bill in a U.S. Supreme Court decision, will be the

### ➤ Utah woman wins \$9 million

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A Utah woman says she wants to pay all her bills and see about adopting two children after winning a \$9,632,620 Megabucks jackpot.

Cathie Allred and her husband, Willie, had driven from their home in St. George to the Oasis Resort Casino in Mesquite, Nev. Wednesday night for dinner and some entertainment.

She said she started playing with \$20 and the machine kept paying off for over an hour.

"Then the Megabucks hit and even though I saw the numbers, I grabbed a slot attendant and asked her how much I had really won," she recalled.

Allred said she won \$8,500 several years ago and was overwhelmed.

"Now I'm just speechless," she said.

Allred, 37, has three children and is district manager for The Spectrum newspaper in St. George.

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## Crime at USU way up in last few weeks

**BRIAN CARTER**  
Staff Writer

The Utah State University Police Department is "almost overwhelmed" with increasing theft reports and trying to wrap up its cases before the end of the year, said James Nye, an investigator with USU Police.

The last two weeks of any semester the opportunity for theft increases, Nye said.

Students moving out of their dorms and apartments tend to leave doors open or unlocked, he said. CD's, laptops, books and backpacks are the most common items stolen, he said.

"I think we need to be more cautious. You can be in and out in 30 seconds with a pair of skis," Nye said. "People need to pay a little more attention to their property these next two weeks."

According to Nye, theft is

the most common crime at USU and resulted in \$70,000 of lost USU and personal property in 1999 and \$100,000 in 1998. The Taggart Student Center and on-campus housing areas around the junction are the most common locations for property theft, Nye said.

"The amount of stolen property varies from year to year. It depends on the quality of the students on campus," Nye said.

USU Police officers are able to recover about 20 percent of stolen property, Nye said. When they find stolen property, Nye said, campus police are usually good at running a search of related property and returning it to the owner, he said.

"The tragedy is we do come across a ton of stolen property and we don't know where it came from. It is rare to find the owner because the property was never reported stolen," Nye said.

"Even when a theft is reported it is difficult to investigate because there is usually no evidence or witnesses," Nye said.

To return stolen property, Nye said it is helpful to have serial numbers and write names on items. Property recovered by USU Police can be sold at the university's bid sale after the police have held it for 90 days, Nye said.

With the end of the year approaching, Nye said they are also trying to wrap up cases as fast as possible.

"If you've got a warrant for your arrest, go take care of it," Nye said. "We got a whole bunch of people and we'll catch up to you."

Nye said USU Police will, in the next two weeks, arrest those students and a professor who have bench warrants for their arrest unless they come in and resolve the matter on their own.

## Bail revoked for Mormon killer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A British judge has revoked bail for Robert Elmer Kleasen, suspected of killing two Mormon missionaries in Texas more than 25 years ago, and he will be kept in jail pending sentencing for weapons violations.

Kleasen has been free on bail since March 17 when he pleaded guilty to four firearms charges in England, where he has lived since 1990. On April 10, police in Hull arrested him while he allegedly was attempting to flee the country.

On Wednesday, Grimsby Crown Court Judge Michael Heath said he considered Kleasen a flight risk and revoked bail. Kleasen, 67, faces up to five years in prison on charges of illegal possession of weapons and ammunition.

Kleasen spent two years on death row for the slaying of a Mormon missionary in Texas but the conviction was over-

turned.

In 1974, Kleasen lived in a trailer behind a taxidermy shop in the hills west of Austin, Texas. That Oct. 28, two missionaries were to dine with him.

Police believe Gary Darley, 20, of Simi Valley, Calif., and Mark Fischer, 19, of Milwaukee, kept that date and were shot to death.

Police found Fischer's bloody watch and bullet-punctured name tag in Kleasen's trailer. The victims' bodies never were found.

Investigators did find blood and body tissue on a band saw in the taxidermy shop, and prosecutors at Kleasen's 1975 murder trial alleged he dismembered the victims and buried the remains.

A jury found Kleasen guilty, but an appeals court overturned the conviction, based on a faulty search warrant.

## PoliceBLOTTER

Information detailed in this section is a Statesman staff report obtained from USU Police incident reports.

### Friday, April 14

• USU Police assisted the Narcotics Strike Force in the arrest of several USU Housing residents.

• USU Police received the report of some damage done to a piano in the Fine Arts Center.

### Saturday, April 15

• Police received a report of a broken window in the Taggart Student Center. The window is valued at \$600.

• Two female juveniles were picking an individual's flowers in the USU Trailer Court. They were warned about their actions.

### Sunday, April 16

• USU Police received a report of an individual riding a motorcycle on private property in West Stadium Villa.

• USU Police responded to an elevator alarm in Mountain View Tower.

### Monday, April 17

• USU Police responded to assist ambulance personnel with a possible heart attack in North Logan.

• A stolen speed limit sign was recovered from a room in Snow Hall.

• An individual reported being assaulted while in the Parking Terrace.

• USU Police responded to an emergency phone alarm at Valley View Tower. No one in the area needed assistance. It was a false alarm.

### Tuesday, April 18

• An individual reported the theft of her bicycle from the bike rack between Morgan and Jones Halls.

• USU Police responded to a noise complaint on the lawn north of Snow Hall. A large group there was warned.

### Wednesday, April 19

• An individual was cited for driving a motorcycle on the sidewalk on the east side of Old Main.

• A dog was found running loose in the Taggart Student Center and returned to its owner.

• An individual reported that the hub caps from his car were stolen from the parking lot of Mountain View Tower.

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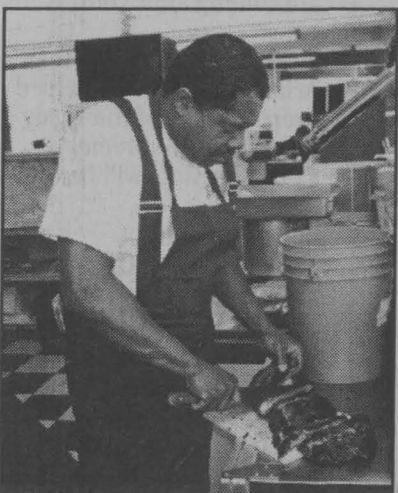
Here's a question for all the marketing and economics gurus out there: How does a restaurant that doesn't have a big name, a fancy building or the luxury of being the only hamburger joint in town make money?

If one looked hard enough, he or she could probably find a graph or a magical economic equation that answers this question. It's possible the answer might be hidden somewhere in some supply and demand curves — lodged between guns and butter.

But that type of research isn't necessary. One need look no further than Eddie Baker, owner of Eddie's Restaurant at 695 So. Main Street in Smithfield. It just so happens that his restaurant fits the description perfectly, and he has the answer to the question.

"You've got to have a unique product," Baker said. "You've got to be able to chance the rapids and dance the tides. I know I've got a unique product."

What's his product? Barbecued



Eddie Baker cuts some ribs before throwing them in the pot of barbecue sauce. Baker serves all-you-can-eat ribs for \$8.75

ribs. Good, home-style, slow cooked barbecue ribs — the kind of ribs the meat just falls off. Ribs so good some people call them the best in town.

"I think they're as good as any around," said Jon Pitcher, a regular at Eddie's Restaurant. "Everything he's got is a little bit better (than the competition) and a little bit cheaper. I think it's really picked up for him here lately, and I think it's because he puts forth a good product. There ain't a thing on (the menu) that I'd really turn down."

So in reality, it's more than just the ribs that keep people like Pitcher coming back to Eddie's. His product is more than just ribs; that's only the tip of the iceberg. His service is quick, the food is fresh and the atmosphere is friendly.

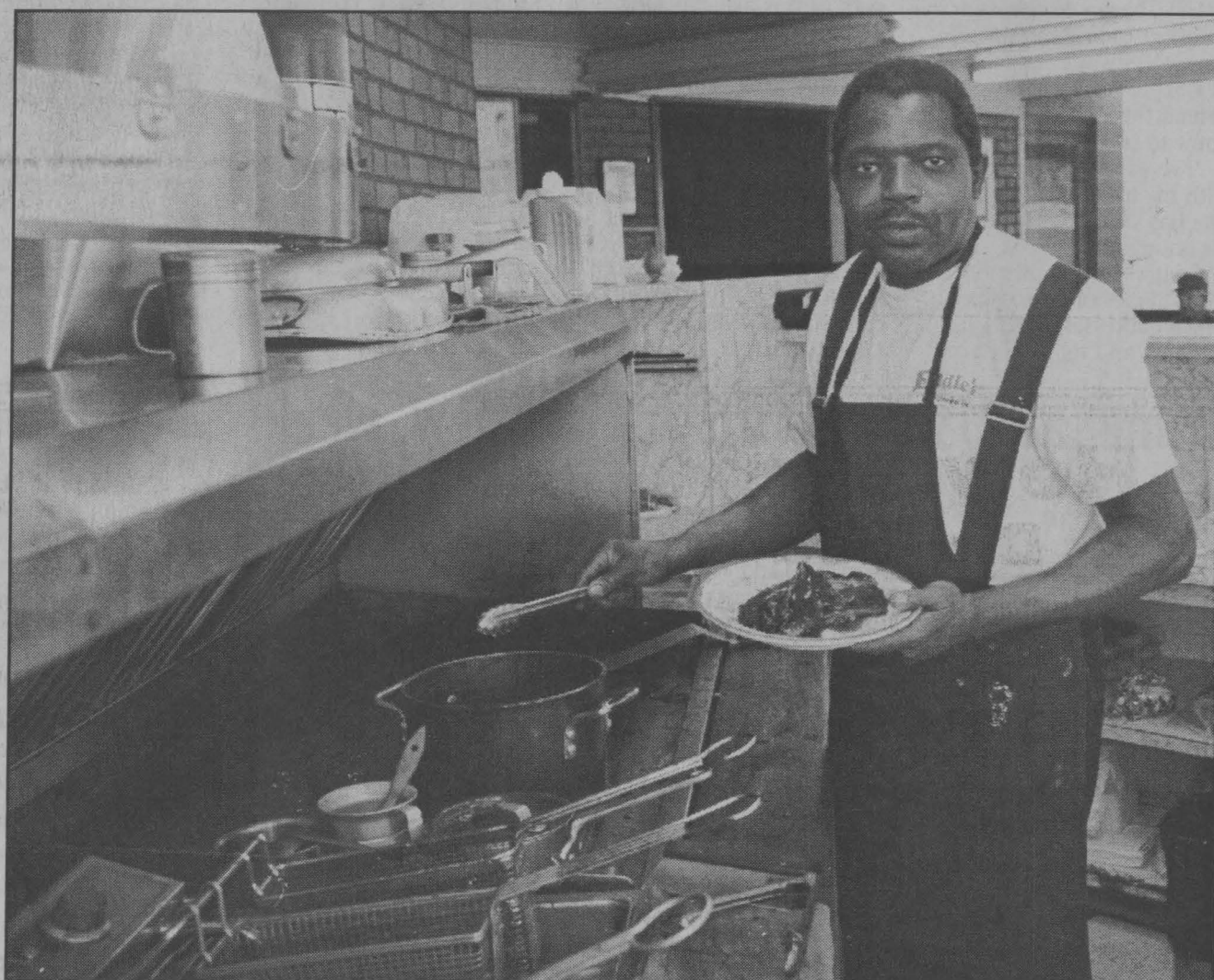
"We still do their fast food stuff, but we use fresh patties," Baker said as he tossed some freshly cut mushrooms on the grill, bathed them in butter and threw on a dash of seasoning. "There's nothing too good for your fellow human being. Why not give it your best shot?"

That philosophy is the foundation on which Baker has established his restaurant. Why not offer the best? That's the approach Baker has taken with his restaurant, and after a rough beginning a year ago, he said it's starting to pay dividends.

"We're starting to show signs of life," Baker said. "Boy did I ever get in debt. But I'm relentless. I know I can succeed."

Baker, who turned 46 on Tuesday, attacks everything with that same relentless zeal. His resume reads, "There is no greater freedom than the freedom that we have in this country to achieve." And Baker has taken advantage of that freedom to achieve everywhere from the oil fields of Texas to the kitchens of Utah.

He graduated from Kilgore College in Kilgore, Texas, in May of 1982 with an associate's degree in oil and gas



Eddie Baker, owner of Eddie's Restaurant in Smithfield, pulls ribs out of a pot in the kitchen of his restaurant. Eddie has owned the restaurant for just over a year. Eddie's is located at 695 So. Main Street in Smithfield.

technology — "drilling holes in Mother Earth," as he calls it. Unfortunately, the oil market fell through the floor around that same time and Delta Drilling in Tyler, Texas, laid him off. Baker had been working as a roughneck for Delta, handling the equipment, connecting pipe and drilling holes.

"It's fun," he said. "I thought I'd be working for those guys all my life."

After two years of applying for jobs throughout the oil industry, Baker

left Texas. He spent nine years in Alaska, then moved to Utah. Now his restaurant is his passion. He greets his customers with a smile, calls them by name and chats with them while cooking their meals.

"It seems like everyone that comes in here, he knows them," said Luis Pitcher, another regular at Eddie's Restaurant and Jon's brother. "Now whether or not he does, I don't know, but it seems like he does."

Maybe that's all part of the prod-

uct Baker offers. Maybe it's not just great ribs and good prices. Maybe it's a more complete package — a dining experience based not only on good food, but a pleasant atmosphere; the type of scene one might find on a "Cheers" rerun.

How dose one succeed with a restaurant like Baker's? The answer isn't in any graphs or thick textbooks. It's in the product offered.

And according to several loyal customers, Baker offers a good one.

## Internships offer insight and experience

LARA GALE  
Staff Writer

Five years ago she wasn't interested in working for a big accounting firm and told her counselor she didn't want to apply for the internship with a large Salt Lake-based international public accounting firm.

Now Utah State University alumna Tami Van Tassell is manager of PricewaterhouseCoopers Global Capital Markets Group in Sweden.

"Remember the conversation we had about 4 and one-half years ago when I didn't know what to do out of college?" she wrote in a recent e-mail to her counselor, Melissa Scheaffer, assistant director of USU Career Services at. "I guess you could say it's all your fault I'm now living abroad working for PwC."

Van Tassell's is only one of many success stories that have come out of the internship program at USU, Scheaffer said.

"Students become so much more marketable. Employers look at that and say 'That person's really motivated. That person's got some great skills,'" said Jan Lyons, an assistant director at Career Services.

Over 60 percent of interns get a job offer from the business they intern with, Lyons said.

An internship can also help validate a student's choice of major, Scheaffer said.

"It helps you get a real picture of what it's really like to do the job you're majoring in," she said.

Attesting to this is Brooke Linton, who graduated with a bachelor's in accounting from USU in December and is finishing an internship with another Salt Lake accounting firm.

"Now I feel so much more confident in the direction that I'm going," she said. "Even though I had good grades in the classroom, I didn't necessarily know what I was

going into for a job."

Opportunities are out there for any student who wants an internship, Scheaffer said.

"Often times there are more opportunities than we have students applying for," she said.

Counselors in the Career Services Center focus on the career fields specific to the majors, Scheaffer said. These counselors know the job market and hiring trends of careers in each major and can help guide students through a path that will ultimately lead to success in the career field.

"I would definitely recommend students come here for guidance," Lyons said.

The center will direct students to a career counselor within their own college as well. These counselors can do much to help, but landing a successful internship depends mostly on the student, who can increase chances in a number of ways.

Even at the freshman level it's important to start thinking about and preparing for an internship, Lyons said.

"Most people don't get started early enough," she said. "Junior year they're going, 'Oh my gosh, I need to do an internship.'"

Starting early means researching different possibilities, working to become a desirable candidate and networking.

"The more you know about the internship, the better," Lyons said. "I would recommend trying to get on the home page of different companies you're interested in and learn as much as you can."

Research can help a student hone in on specific skills companies they are interested in are looking for. Students should also bear in mind the basics that all companies are looking for — motivation, good organization, leadership and people skills.

"Students want to do things while they're in school to build

these up," Lyons said. "You don't have to be involved in student government, though that's certainly a good thing to do. There are a lot of organizations you can get involved in where you have to work with people."

She said reading and writing skills are also a must.

"You make sure you learn how to write," she said. "When you get out in the world, you have to write all the time. There are memos and all kinds of things where people are going to expect succinct, good writing."

Students can also take major strides toward success by networking.

"Seventy percent of people who get full-time jobs say they get them through networking," Scheaffer said.

Students can network by attending or volunteering to host at career fairs, talking to professors and talking with people involved in the career field they are interested in.

"A lot of good internships are set up that way, so a student shouldn't hesitate and be shy," Lyons said.

It's never too late for a student to look for an internship, but the ideal is to start looking as a freshman and be ready to apply after sophomore year. This way a student has the opportunity to learn early in their major if it's right for them. It also allows time for a second internship later on if desired, Scheaffer said.

Lyons suggested students arrange their schedules early to go to school during Summer Semester and find an internship for Fall Semester when fewer students are competing for a spot.

The Career Services Center has many resources in addition to counselors to help students apply for internships, including a short video and pamphlets to guide them through the process of writing a resume and cover letter and interviewing.

Many companies set application deadlines for summer internships as early as January, but there are still opportunities available for students interested in interning this summer.

## Finding love, friends online

ASTA YTRE  
UNC — Chapel Hill

Michelle Scuba, a junior business major at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, and her boyfriend Huang, who lives outside San Francisco, have been together for almost a year.

They live far away from each other, but talk on the phone every day and meet once a month. They are planning to get married soon and talk about having kids one day.

All of this having flowed from a chance meeting not at school, in a bar or at a religious service — but in a chat room.

More and more people have discovered, and now prefer, meeting new friends and significant others without leaving the safety of their homes, where they can simply log

on to the Internet.

Scuba said she preferred meeting people online first because the pool to choose from was more diverse and from a larger area.

"When you go out and meet people, you exclude because of looks, and you could exclude the right person," she said. "I have met people from all over the world online."

Scuba also maintains that couples who meet online get a better start because the foundation of their relationship is based on strong communication.

"They find out right from the start that all they have is communication, and if they can hold on to that, it is good," she said.

There are chat rooms and dating services for all kinds of interests

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## Swingin' Glenn Miller style

MEDIA RELATIONS  
Utah State University

Jump, jive and swing with the Utah State University Alumni Association's one-time show, "Swingin' Through WWII," at 7 p.m. May 13 in the Utah Jet Center hangar at the Logan-Cache Airport.

The Cache County alumni present the Sunburst Singers and Crestmark Orchestra in a special dinner and dance. The band and singers have performed in numerous events locally and throughout Utah. The music is reminiscent of the Glenn Miller Orchestra's big band sound from World War II.

The floorshow presented by the Sunburst Singers is modeled after the USO shows presented to troops serving in England during the war, according to Emma Rae Eyre, Cache County Alumni president.

"The whole evening is an exciting return to the swinging days of the big bands," Eyre said. "It includes a delicious dinner, a patriotic USO tribute to the troops and dancing to that great 1940s music."

Tickets are \$29.95 plus tax and handling. Tickets and information are available at 797-1738.

The Cache Alumni Association is also seeking nominations for its first-ever Cache County Alumni Award to be presented during the May 13 Swingin' Through WWII show. The association seeks to recognize with the award, a resident of Cache County and USU graduate for outstanding service and contributions to the university, according to Bernice McCowin, chapter vice president.

Nomination forms can be picked up at the USU Alumni House or at the Sports Academy. Additional information and nomination forms are also available from McCowin at 753-5570.



## Workaholics

Several employees of the Utah State University Physical Plant, haven't missed a day of work in years. They were recently honored by the organization for their dedication to their work. The amount of years with spotless records varied from 6 to 18. Physical Plant employees are responsible for keeping the campus clean and in working order with jobs including custodial, maintenance and grounds work. From left to right: Larry Kidman, 18 years; Roger Yost, 6 years; Dale Elwood, 6 years; Craig Johnson, 8 years and Steve Nelson 13 years.



Cover Photo: Utah Statesman

## Busted? Opera for you

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. (TMS) — Minor violations of campus code land students at Eastern Connecticut State University a seat at the opera.

After finding that free tickets to the opera and symphony didn't generate much interest among students, Kirk Peters, associate dean of student affairs established the university's Alternative Restitution Program, which gives students guilty of minor offenses a choice between performing community service or attending an opera performance.

So far, about 50 students have taken Peters up on the show. Among them is Felipe Dossou, a first-year student cited for tearing up the women's softball field during a rain-drenched pick-up football game. Dossou said he'd always thought the opera was a "rich, snobby" thing to do, but would definitely return now that he's actually been.

Despite the chance to attract new fans, officials at the Connecticut Opera have complained about having their art being presented as a form of punishment, but Peters shrugs off the criticism.

"My idea was to raise the bar here anyway I could," he said.

## How much are you telling your parents? Did you know they could be contacted if you violate certain points of the Student Code?

**Recent changes have now made this possible if you are under 21 and commit a disciplinary violation of the alcohol or controlled substances provisions. No matter what your age, the Student Code prohibits possession, consumption, or distribution of alcoholic beverages on campus; and the possession, consumption, or distribution of hallucinatory, narcotic, or other illegal drugs. Anyone breaking these rules as well as any city, state, or federal regulations on or off campus are in violation of the policy and may be subject to university discipline. And there are more things you should know....**

## Want to know what they are?

The following are excerpts from the Student Code in regards to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; violence and sexual assault issues; as well as possible disciplinary actions for each.

### ARTICLE V. University Regulations

The student at Utah State University is a member of two communities—the civil and the educational. The regulations of both communities are applicable to the student.

#### SECTION 1. Off-Campus Conduct

The University is concerned and involved with student conduct both on and off campus. The University Standards apply to violations committed on campus, on any property owned, leased, or controlled by the University, or at any location where a student is engaged in an official University activity or the student represents the University, as well as occurring in practicum, internship, student field trip, student teaching, and independent study settings. Students may also be subject to disciplinary action for a violation of federal, state, or local law or of University Standards which occurs off-campus. When conduct occurs off-campus, the Vice President for Student Services, in concert with University attorney(s) and other University officials, shall determine whether disciplinary action should be undertaken.

#### SECTION 3. Violations of University Standards

A. The following activities have been found to interfere with University functions or threaten the well-being and the educational purposes of students and subject the student to discipline under the provisions of this Code. The following list of violations is not an all inclusive list; other misconduct may also subject the student to discipline.

2. Possessing, consuming, selling, distributing, manufacturing, and/or storing any alcoholic beverage on campus (or property owned or controlled by the University, including athletic events) or at any off-campus University function or event. Off-campus University functions are subject to federal, state, and local laws. (See: Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace pamphlet for summaries of these laws.) Any students who choose to drink off-campus are expected to obey federal, state, and local laws and maintain responsible control over their drinking.

3. Possessing, using, selling, manufacturing, or distributing any hallucinatory, narcotic, illegal, or controlled substance, as defined by federal or state laws, except as expressly permitted by such laws. (See: Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace pamphlet for summaries of these laws.)

4. Possessing, purchasing, selling, distributing, attempting to possess or purchase, or offering to sell or distribute any psychotoxic chemical solvent (as defined by state law), either on campus (or property owned or controlled by the University, including athletic events) or at any off-campus University sponsored function or event. Also, intentionally smelling or inhaling the fumes of any such psychotoxic chemical solvent for the purpose of causing a condition of intoxication, inebriation, excitement, stupefaction, or dulling of the brain or nervous system.

5. Smoking in (or within 25 feet of an entry to) any indoor building owned or controlled by the University (including the football stadium) or, if under the age of 19, smoking or otherwise using any cigar, cigarette, or tobacco product in any form. Selling, offering for sell, giving, or furnishing (1) any cigar, cigarette, or tobacco product in any form to any person under 19 years of age, or (2) any "clove cigarette" (as defined by state law) to any person, either on campus (or property owned or controlled by the University, including athletic events) or at any off-campus University sponsored function or event.

6. Using University funds or any funds under the management and control of the University to defray the cost of purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverages either on or off campus.

24. Wrongfully inflicting physical or mental duress, harm, or abuse upon another person, including but not limited to verbal abuse, threats and intimidation, stalking, sexual violence, arson, and murder.

a. Utah State University will not tolerate sexual assault/violence in any form, including incidents which arise in acquaintance and date situations. Where there is reasonable cause that a sexual assault/violence has occurred, the University will pursue strong disciplinary action, including the possibility of suspension or expulsion from the University.

b. Stalking occurs when (1) a student intentionally or knowingly engages in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear bodily injury or to suffer emotional distress; (2) the student has knowledge or should have knowledge that the specific person will be placed in reasonable fear of bodily injury or will suffer emotional distress; and (3) the student's conduct induces fear in the specific person of bodily injury or causes emotional distress. The course of conduct must have occurred on two or more occasions, and consist of either (a) maintain-

ing a visual or physical proximity to the specific person or (b) conveying verbal or written threats, or threats implied by conduct, or a combination thereof, directed at or toward the specific person.

25. Sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is defined under the Utah State University Policy Number 339, Utah State University Policy Manual, as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, when:

a. submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or a student's academic success.

b. submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment or academic decisions affecting such individuals.

c. such conduct unreasonably interferes with an individual's work or academic performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or learning environment.

Sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to: (1) continued or repeated verbal abuse of a sexual nature; (2) repeated offensive sexual flirtations, advances, propositions; (3) graphic verbal commentaries about an individual's body; (4) sexually degrading words used to describe an individual; and (5) sexual assault/violence.

### ARTICLE IV. Discipline

The purposes for disciplinary action are: (1) to maintain the University's integrity as an educational institution; (2) to protect the rights of individuals; and (3) to help individuals solve their problems. The procedures in this Article are structured to deal uniformly and fairly with students. The disciplinary procedures are not subject to the same procedural due process as is established in criminal and civil courts.

#### SECTION 1. Penalties

B. If the University determines that a student has committed a disciplinary violation of the alcohol or controlled substance provisions and the student is under age 21 the University may disclose, in writing, to the student's parent(s) or guardian notice of said violation.

G. A hold on a student's admission, registration or financial aid is not an independent penalty, but may be utilized by the University as a means to either direct a student's attention to, and subsequent participation in, a pending disciplinary (or grievance proceeding) or obtain the student's compliance with a penalty which has been imposed, or other action which has been taken, under the Student Code.

#### SECTION 2. Reporting Violations of Campus Rules and Regulations

The Vice President for Student Services shall be responsible to the President of the University for all matters pertaining directly, or indirectly, to non-academic discipline or student conduct. All violations or suspected violations of University rules and regulations, including the Student Code, shall be reported to the Vice President for Student Services, and anyone may so report. It is the duty of faculty, staff, and students to report such violations.

#### SECTION 6. Discipline Regarding Non-academic Violations

A. Non-academic violations may require one or a combination of the following penalties (see: Article VI, Section 1 A., pages 13-14): (1) warning or reprimand; (2) probation; (3) suspension; (4) expulsion; (5) extra fee assessment; (6) payment of restitution; (7) withholding transcripts; (8) temporary and/or permanent removal from a class; (9) performance of community service; (10) referral to psychological counseling or substance abuse office; and (11) other appropriate disciplinary actions.

#### SECTION 8. Recording and Disclosure of the Penalty

B. Upon the specific written release of the student, the Vice President for Student Services shall make available a copy of the final University Judicial Board report which has resulted in a disciplinary action of probation, suspension, expulsion, or denial or revocation of degree to a prospective/present employer, parent (if the student is over the legal age), and other persons or entities. If a report is not available because a hearing was not conducted, a summary statement regarding the disposition of the violation shall be provided. Such a report or summary statement will be disclosed, without the prior consent of the student, to another educational institution that has requested the record and at which the student seeks or intends to enroll; but the University will make a reasonable attempt to notify the student (or his or her parent if under the legal age) of the disclosure and, upon request, provide the student a copy of the record that was disclosed. No other information shall be provided to a third party without the express written direction of the student.

## WANT TO KNOW ALL THE STANDARDS YOU ARE BEING HELD TO?

**You can find the whole student code on the web at:**

**<<http://www.usu.edu/~stuserv/SCode/>>**

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Utah State UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE **TEXTBOOK ADOPTION REPORT** As of 5 pm, April 17, 2000

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

In order to have textbooks and materials available on the first day of class for FALL SEMESTER, the Bookstore should have received faculty orders on **April 15, 2000**. Adoptions that have not been made are now past due.

**As of 5 pm, Monday, April 17, 2000, the Bookstore had received the following percent of adoptions from corresponding departments:**

College & Department	Total # of Courses*	% of Adoptions (Orders) Received at the Bookstore from Faculty
<b>Agriculture</b>		
ADVS	44	55%
ASTE	27	89%
BMET	4	100%
ECON**	53	28%
NFS**	50	88%
PLSC	19	95%
PSB	17	100%
SOIL	8	100%
College Total	222	69%
<b>Business</b>		
ACCT	42	74%
BA	35	91%
BIS	86	64%
ECON**	53	28%
MHR	41	85%
College Total	257	65%
<b>Education</b>		
COMD	60	55%
EDUC	10	30%
ELED	62	97%
HEP	35	100%
INST	50	74%
PE	130	100%
PEP	42	95%
PRP	16	100%
PSY	70	61%
REH	14	93%
SCED	61	100%
SPED	84	93%
College Total	634	87%
<b>Engineering</b>		
BIE	29	45%
CEE	73	79%
ECE	51	47%
ENGR	6	50%
ITE	74	76%
MAE	38	92%
College Total	271	70%
<b>Family Life</b>		
FHD	62	47%
FL	1	100%
HENV	62	61%
NFS**	50	88%
College Total	175	64%
<b>HASS</b>		
ANTH	21	67%
ART	75	36%
AS	13	100%
CHIN	3	100%
COMM	43	74%
ENGL	140	84%
FREN	8	75%
GERM	9	67%
GRK	1	0%
HASS	7	100%
HIST	39	54%
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IELI	31	71%
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JAPN	4	50%
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LAEP	29	48%
LAS	7	57%
LATN	3	0%
LING	13	46%
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PHIL	12	58%
POLS	36	39%
PORT	3	67%
RUSS	4	50%
SOC	32	84%
SPAN	15	67%
SPCH	9	100%
SV	10	70%
THEA	54	96%
College Total	783	72%
<b>Natural Resources</b>		
FR	28	89%
FVW	36	83%
GEOG	40	45%
NR	11	64%
RLR	33	73%
RR	15	87%
WVS	17	47%
College Total	180	69%
<b>Science</b>		
BIOL	56	86%
CHEM	108	99%
CS	80	33%
GEOL	26	81%
MATH	117	49%
NURS		
PHYX	29	100%
PUBH	9	56%
SCI	1	100%
STAT	42	67%
College Total	468	69%
<b>USU Courses</b>		
USU	20	35%
University Total	2907	73%

\* Based on class information published in the Fall 2000 Class Schedule.  
\*\* Represents depts. co-administered by multiple colleges.

Several variables impact the effective processing of adoptions including:  
• Timely faculty adoption submissions • Back-ordered textbooks at the publisher  
• Out-of-print textbooks • New courses being added

FACULTY: Please submit adoptions to the Bookstore Curriculum Manager, 797-1670.



TRACEY A. REEVES  
The Washington Post

5-year-old piano prodigy ready for big time

When Kenneth Adams first set down the Casio keyboard before his 3-year-old son, the boy reached eagerly for the electronic instrument, his face lighting up at the sounds it made when he touched the keys.

Jordan Adams plinked out a jumble of notes, happily composing discordant "songs."

Unlike toys that briefly kept the boy's attention, the keyboard became a favorite. Day after day, he'd reach for it, sometimes playing for hours.

Along the way, the notes started sounding like melodies. And it struck Adams: "He wasn't just smacking the keys, he was playing them."

Jordan, 5, is still tapping, but he's graduated to an upright piano and a more-sophisticated sound. No more "Jingle Bells." This kid plays Mozart — without sheet music.

This summer, he'll play at the United Nations and two embassies in Washington. Last month, he performed for Maryland Gov. Parris N. Glendening during a celebration of the state's arts. This month, Jordan's parents will take him to an open audition in New York City for a chance to appear on the television program "It's Showtime at the Apollo." Not bad for a kid whose legs don't even reach the foot pedals.



Jordan Adams practices at least one hour each day. The 5-year-old piano player began playing when he was three.

With his talent still budding, Jordan already draws comparisons to a young Denyce Graves, Leontyne Price or Simon Estes — African Americans who helped break the color barrier in classical music.

"It's rare to find a child of any age who is that focused on anything," said Raymond Jackson, a professor of piano at Howard University, who also began playing as a toddler. "And certainly, you don't run into many African-American classical pianists."

Jordan's piano teacher, Bella Oster, said she certainly doesn't. Of the 106 students ages 3 to 16 whom she teaches at her European Academy of Music and Art in Burtonsville, Md.,

Jordan is the only African American.

"I'm proud of them all. But he is special," Oster said. The native of the former Soviet Union began teaching Jordan 18 months ago, after his father picked her name from the telephone book.

Jordan learned to read sheet music soon after meeting Oster. He practices at least an hour a day. And he plays as if he feels the music, leaning into and away from the piano, curling his wrists up and down with each stroke of the keys.

"This is a gift," she said, snapping her fingers to the rhythm of Jordan's playing. "How much, how wide, I don't know. But with lessons, he will go far. I will teach him."

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and goals. Users can talk about their favorite pets, discuss current global situations, or meet a virtual tennis partner or soul mate. Services such as matchmaker.com and got-dates.com are becoming more popular and more accepted among students as well as other teen-agers and adults.

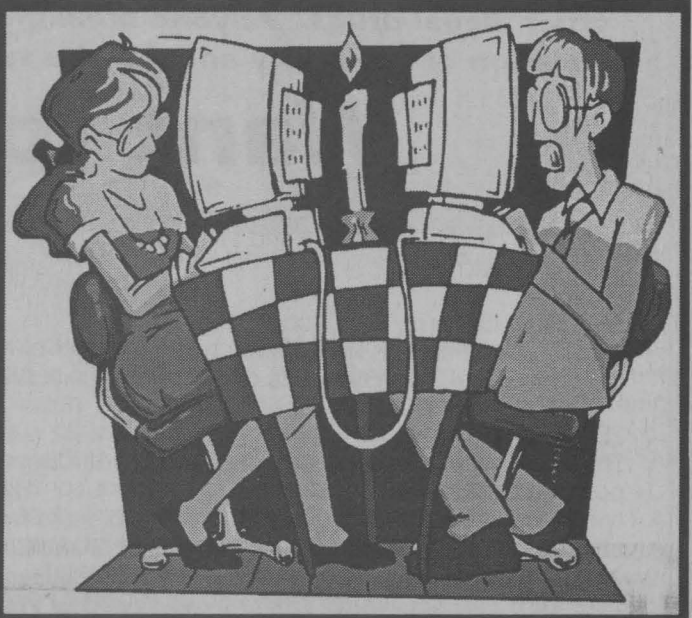
Jodie Dominguez of Fort Lauderdale Fla., runs the Matchmaker.com site, which encourages users to complete detailed surveys about their likes and dislikes and to "Go meet somebody!" Dominguez followed that command and met her husband of six years there. The site ensures the privacy of members by keeping them anonymous.

Keeping user names a secret is designed to promote safety, which is a concern for many using the Internet to find promising partners. Dominguez insists that with the additional security, Internet dating isn't any more dangerous than trolling for Mr. or Mrs. Right in a bar.

"At least with the matchmaker, you can prescreen the people," she said.

Ummmm, not exactly, said Scuba, who has learned never to let down her guard when chatting online with people she doesn't know very well.

"After talking to someone



intimately, you feel you know them, but you have to be careful," she said. "They could be telling the truth or they could be lying."

Scuba said she learned that the hard way when she moved with her family to Las Vegas last year. She met a man from the area online and invited him to go out for dinner or coffee. When he arrived at her apartment, Scuba said he sexually assaulted her.

Nowadays, Scuba said she provides online friends with minimal personal information while checking out their stories for consistency. She also thinks people should consider safety when meeting someone through the Internet or in

person. "When meeting someone, no matter how nice they sound or how long you've been talking, you should be careful," she said. "Don't give your name, phone number or address and never meet them alone."

That doesn't mean the relationship can't get more personal with time. Meredith Perry, a first-year student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, said she met one of her best friends through an AOL newsletter designed for people with shared movie interests.

"It seems like a weird way of meeting people, but I am glad we did," she said.

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# David Duchovny returns to himself

KNIGHT-RIDDER  
TMS Campus

The truth is out there. David Duchovny, star of the long-running TV hit "The X-Files," isn't exactly a sucker for schmaltzy movies. That, however, didn't stop him from starring in a schmaltzy movie, namely *Return to Me*, in which he co-stars with Minnie Driver, Carroll O'Connor, James Belushi and director/co-writer/co-star Bonnie Hunt.

"I love this movie," says Duchovny, who's as tall, sharp and dry as his reputation suggests, during a conversation at the Four Seasons Hotel in Los Angeles. "It's not the kind of movie I'd run out and see. I don't run out and see ANY movie. I shouldn't say that. I only see the movies that come to the theater near me, which is why I'm enjoying (chatting up the movie) today."

I'd be really happy if I can get the word out that this movie is not what it seems to be, that it is actually a very complicated, tricky movie that is both profoundly funny and sad at the same time, that it's not one of those romantic comedies where you have the sing-along, even though we do. I'd be really happy if people came to see it, because if I stumbled into it, I would be really happy."

The film unfolds in Chicago and it casts Duchovny as Bob Rueland, whose life is shattered when his wife Elizabeth (Joely Richardson) dies in a car accident. Elizabeth's organs are promptly given to others, with a desperately ill woman named Grace (Driver) receiving Elizabeth's heart. As time passes, Bob and Elizabeth struggle to move on with their lives. Eventually, they meet and, well, you know the rest.

Duchovny acquits himself well in the film, displaying his range as the story veers from

comedy to heavy-duty pathos to pure romance. Bob is the Un-Mulder, as far removed from Duchovny's signature "X-Files" role as could be. And just how freeing was that? "It was less (the chance to show) warmth, emotion and humor and more the idea of we're all making this light fairy tale," he says. "And in order to make it, we've gotta believe. We can't be winking at the audience."

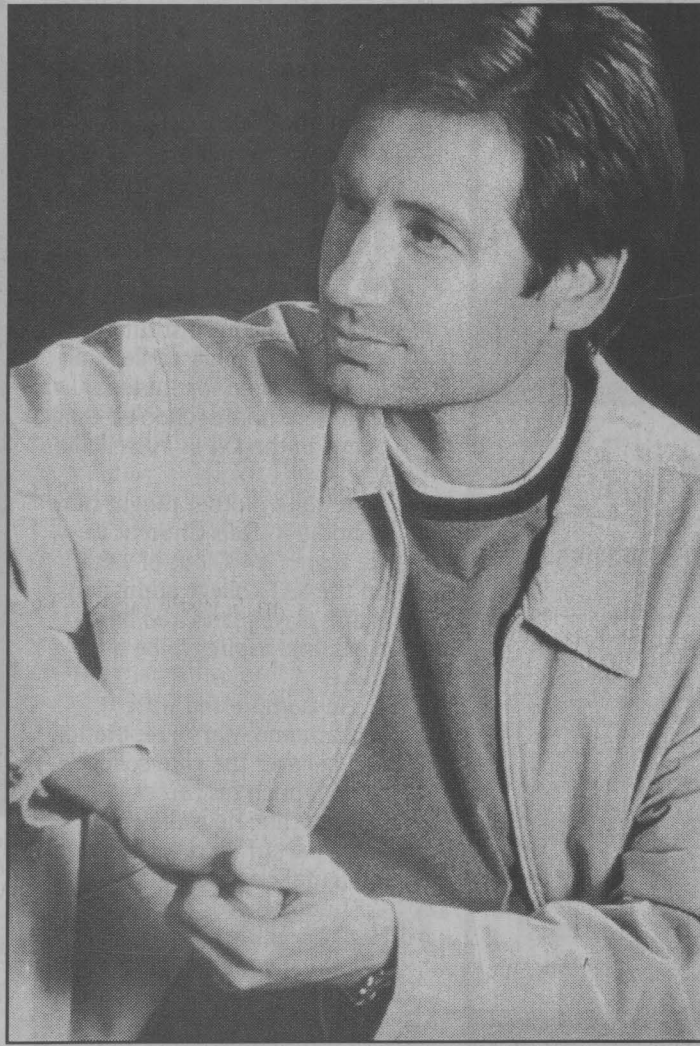
"It can't be any of this kind of meta-performance where you are aware that the actor is having fun with the role. 'You know, I really don't believe, we're just playing at this.' Early on, Minnie and I decided that we've got to believe or else this is just going to sink. That was fun, to have to get myself in a place where I believed in the innocence of it and that these things could actually happen."

Wherever the cast and crew went in Chicago, people who recognized Carroll O'Connor were quick to yell, "Archie!" Of course, they were referring to O'Connor's legendary "All in the Family" character.

"I will no longer get pissed off at people yelling 'Mulder!' at me," Duchovny says, because here's a guy who has done all these great roles, a great actor who has nothing to prove, and to his grave they're going to be yelling 'Archie!' at him. That's just the way it goes. It's no reflection on you. I felt sorry for him, but he didn't get angry, and then I felt sorry for myself. I was like, 'Grow up! They're going to call you Mulder and it doesn't mean you can't act or that you can't do anything else.'"

Speaking of "The X-Files," however, the end is in sight. Possibly.

After seven years of chasing aliens, searching for his sister and seeking to expose a government conspiracy, Duchovny is ready to move on. However, Fox is in a hole, what with "Beverly Hills, 90210" and



David Duchovny star of 'The X-files' and the new 'Return to Me' is uncertain about his return to television in the fall line-up.

"Party of Five" both closing up shop, and it would seem only prudent to do everything and anything - which could mean an astronomical raise for Duchovny and finally settling the actor's lawsuit (over monies from syndication) — to keep "The X-Files" on the air for an eighth season.

What's the latest? "I don't know," Duchovny replies. "I'm not under contract. Everything is up in the air. I don't know if there's going to be an eighth year. I don't know if there's going to be an eighth year without me. I don't know anything."

Would he actually consider

coming back?

"It all depends," he says. "As an actor, creatively, there's nothing for me to do on the show. But I wrote and directed one last year ('The Unnatural') and I'm directing one right now ('Hollywood, A.D.," which airs on April 30 and guest-stars Garry Shandling and Duchovny's real-life wife Tea Leoni) that I also wrote. It's like an invaluable school for me. There's a certain aspect that I would love to come back to. It's like they say, 'OK, here is \$3.5 million. Go make your little film.' You know, jeez, that's a pretty good deal."

"So I never say never."

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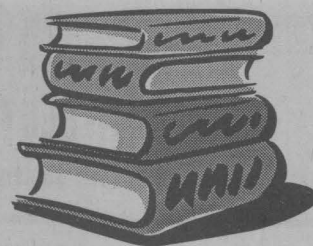
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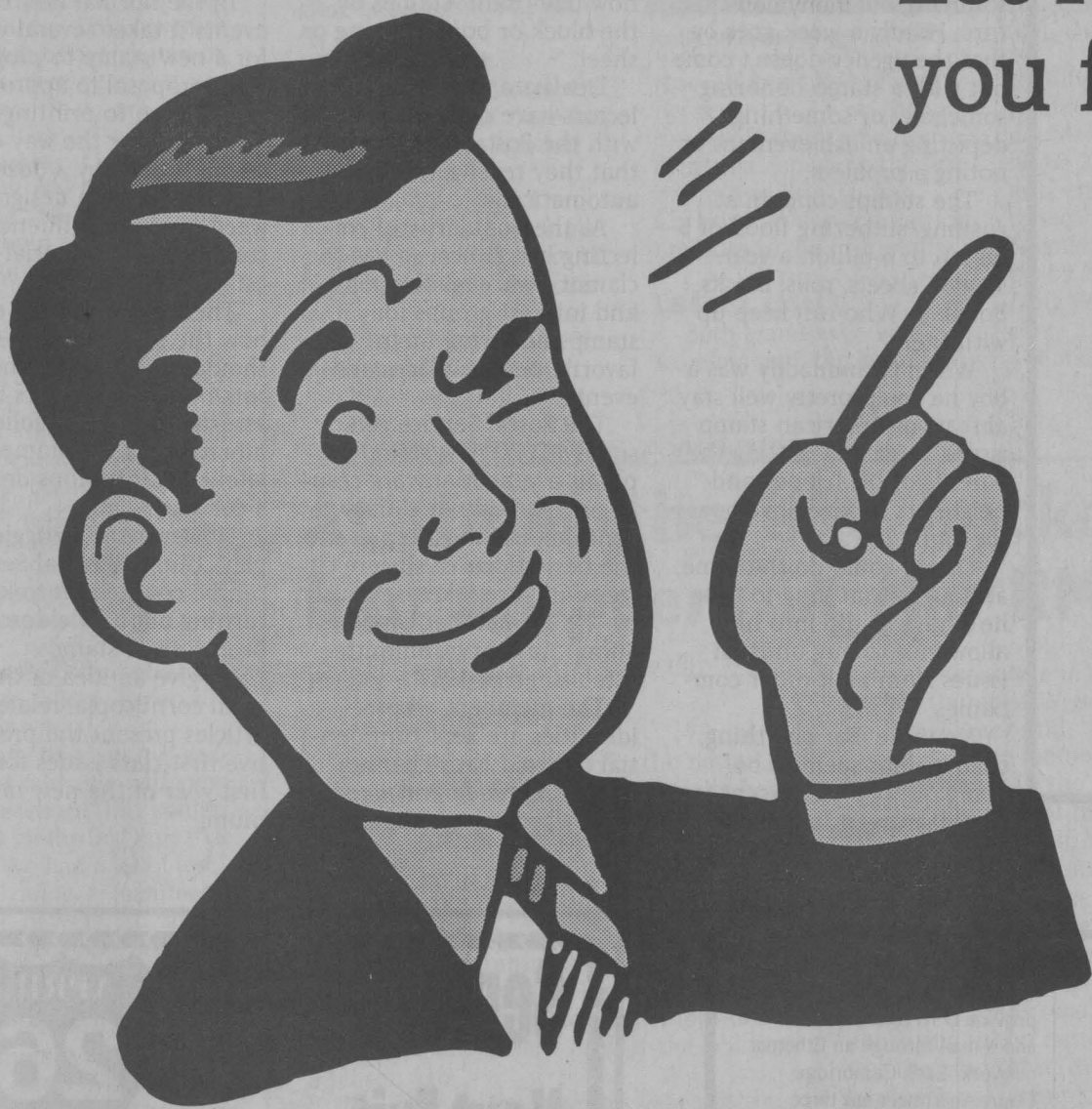
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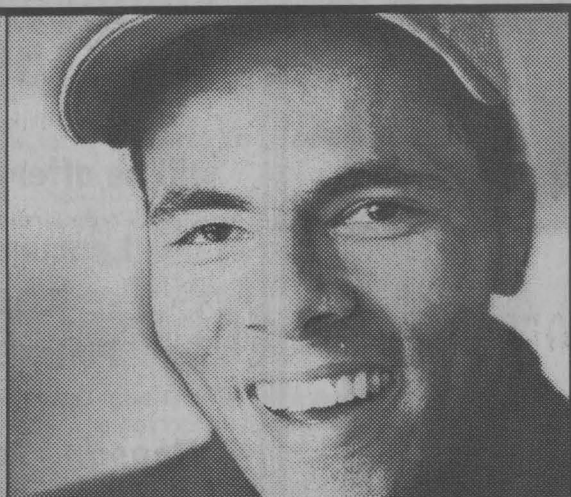
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## College for home-schooled to open

LIZ SEYMOUR

The Washington Post

In homes nationwide, many high school seniors are agonizing over where they'll attend college in the fall. But few face a starker choice than Jeremy L. Sewall.

His options are the College of William and Mary — Virginia's oldest and arguably most prestigious institution — and Patrick Henry College, a campus geared for students who were home-schooled that opens in the fall in Purcellville, Va.

Sewall's mother taught him at home in Falls Church, Va. He scored 1,480 out of 1,600 on the SAT college admissions exam, plays piano and bagpipes, and aspires to be a lawyer.

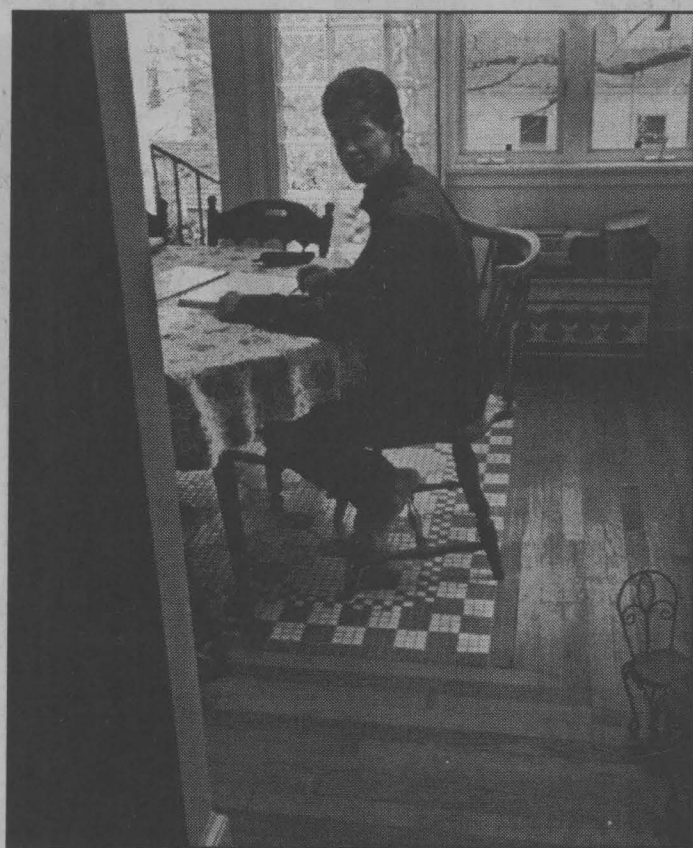
He is impressed with William and Mary's reputation and believes the elite college could launch his career. Despite that, he is drawn to being part of Patrick Henry's inaugural class.

"I just believe that Patrick Henry is going to succeed beyond anyone's wildest dreams," said Sewall, 18. "If I'm not a part of it, I'll feel like I have missed out on a chance of a lifetime to get in on ground zero."

Michael P. Farris, president of Patrick Henry and head of the Home School Legal Defense Association, had estimated the school would enroll 120 students in September. But it has received just over 90 applications.

He said the school's admissions requirements might have put off some students. Most competitive colleges require one or two essays; Patrick Henry asks for three, including one describing the student's "relationship with Jesus Christ and — personal walk of faith."

Farris hopes enrollment eventually will reach 600 at the four-year school, which is being built in Loudoun County.



Jeremy L. Sewall of Falls Church, Va., tackles some homework for his home-schooling. He is deciding between the College of William and Mary and Patrick Henry College, which will open this fall.

Students will pay \$15,000 a year to attend the privately financed college.

Nationwide, home-schooled students in kindergarten through 12th grade have increased from about 800,000 in 1990 to 1.7 million in 1998, according to the National Center for Home Education. It estimates that more than 200,000 home-schooled students now attend college.

Eighty-four percent of the students who applied to Patrick Henry were home-schooled at some point, its officials said.

Matthew S. Thornton, 18, of Warner Robins, Ga., put off college for a year while waiting for Patrick Henry to open. He took a job at a department store and hasn't applied to other colleges.

"I really liked the apprenticeship model," Thornton said, referring to the requirement

that Patrick Henry students spend half their time interning on Capitol Hill or in other public-policy jobs.

Thornton hopes to start a political action committee before running for elective office.

Farris, a onetime candidate for lieutenant governor in Virginia, said many Patrick Henry admittees and their families feel loyal to the school because they have been active in his home-school association.

"It's as if their parents had graduated from the college. The families know us and believe that we're trustworthy," Farris said. "It's not truly starting from scratch. It's really two decades of relationships."

Sewall said he planned to attend a reception for students admitted to William and Mary before deciding. He has been talking to his parents and praying for guidance, he said.

## Postmodern: Collecting the stamps of 2000

HANK BURCHARD

The Washington Post

The U.S. Postal Service is stamping out American culture. Hardly a week goes by that the agency doesn't come out with a stamp honoring somebody or something, depicting an achievement or noting a problem.

The stamps come in a rustling, slithering flood of 5 billion to 6 billion a year: singles, sheets, rolls, blocks, booklets. Who can keep up with them?

When Granddaddy was a boy he could pretty well stay abreast of American stamp issues, largely by getting the parents of his friends and neighbors to save envelopes for him.

Daddy could do the same, although from time to time he'd have to dip into his allowance to buy unusual issues from mail-order companies.

No more. For one thing, used stamps seem to be going out of style, except for first-day covers, stamped

envelopes postmarked on the day and at the place where they were first issued.

Otherwise, most collectors now buy "mint" stamps by the block or booklet, pane or sheet.

Dealers and serious collectors have open accounts with the Postal Service so that they receive new issues automatically.

As the popularity of collecting has grown, so has the clamor from organizations and interest groups for stamps honoring their favorite people, places and events.

The Postal Service gets some 40,000 new stamp proposals a year. Many are casual, or too crude or clumsy to consider, but most represent the best efforts of sincere citizens and are taken seriously by the 15-member Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee, established in 1957.

The members, whose identities are kept confidential to avoid back-channel badgering, wade and weed their way through the pro-

posals and forward the best to the postmaster general, who makes the final decisions.

In the normal flow of events it takes several years for a new stamp to progress from proposal to approval to final design to printing.

Along the way every step is guided by a dozen selection criteria designed to weed out such influences as commercialism, special interests or trivialities.

There's controversy over how the research money should be allocated, and some stamp collectors have asserted that since collectors buy many of the stamps, philatelic organizations deserve a cut also.

However the struggle plays out, the Postal Service can be counted on to keep turning out a kaleidoscopic profusion of stamps.

To give an idea of the colorful cornucopia, related articles present the prospective first-class issues for this first year of the new millennium.

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## The good and bad of USU quotes

### NEVER BEHIND

/ Aaron Morton



"Win the next game."

When Utah State University assistant basketball

coach Randy Rahe said this before the season, I really didn't think this team philosophy would be so successful. Boy was I wrong.

As this school year winds down, I took a look back at the quotes that made it what it was. This year had a lot of twists and turns, successes and pathetic defeats. Here is the gambit of what I heard. Quotes are sometimes more interesting in hindsight. Take then-head football coach Dave Arslanian after the team's final scrimmage before the regular season.

"This is like a dress rehearsal for our game next week," Arslanian said. "Tomorrow morning we'll make all our corrections, then we'll be perfect. Perfect."

Maybe not.

Head basketball coach Stew Morrill said something similar after the home loss to Brigham Young University.

"These two games are going to be good for us no matter what," he said. "We'll be all right."

And then two months later: "I'm happy," he said after USU won the Big West Championship. "It's hard to imagine what these kids have accomplished. I'm not sure it will ever happen again. They have been the most unselfish group I've ever been a part of. We don't have egos, we just have guys that are good men."

Sometimes it was what they didn't say that told you everything. No Aggies were quoted about their 31-3 loss to the University of Idaho at Pullman, Wash. They went straight to their busses.

Other quotes make me smile because of what they remind me of.

"I was kind of tickled that he stayed in my way," Troy Rolle said of his thundering dunk over a poor Boise State University player in USU's final home game. "I was like, 'Nothing is going to stop me from getting to this rim.'"

Head women's soccer coach Stacey Enos is always a pleasure to talk to, especially after a big win.

"Wasn't that pretty soccer?" Enos said after whipping BSU to reach .500 in conference play for the first time that season. "We had a lot of fun."

While doing a feature on overseas players, I asked back-up linebacker and special teams player Jeff Mauga why school is so important in his family.

"My mom wouldn't allow anything else," Mauga said. Getting to know the players behind the face mask is one of my favorite parts of the job.

I will leave you to the thrills and spills of summer with visions of the future.

"I've met a couple of the players," new head football coach Mick Dennehy said in his opening press conference.

"The one thing that the players have impressed upon me is that you're the fourth coach I've had here and that's a damn shame. It really is."

"I'm confident he will win," Athletic Director Rance Pugmire said at the same press conference. "We expect him to win."

Aaron Morton is the assistant sports editor of the *Statesman*. He would like to thank all the gang at the softball media shed for a great season.

## The more the merrier: Four more Aggies qualify for track nationals

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY  
Athletic Media Relations

Utah State University's track team qualified four athletes for the NCAA championships as they competed at the Clarence Robinson Invitational hosted by Brigham Young University over the weekend.

"The thing we want to do is keep improving every week," said head coach Gregg Gensel. "Not only do you want them to qualify for nationals, but you want the team to keep improving and having them qualify show us they are doing

that."

Sophomore Brett Guymon qualified for the NCAA championships in the 400-meter hurdles with his personal record time of 50.07. The mark is the second best in USU history, just behind former Aggie hurdler Corey Murdock.

Freshman Joel Johnson provisionally qualified for nationals in the decathlon with his personal record mark of 7,132. The mark is third best in school history.

Other Aggies who provisionally qualified for the NCAA were freshman Neil Warr in

the javelin with his personal record throw of 211-11.25 and senior Mark Calvin with his second-place mark in the pole vault with a jump of 17 feet 4.75 inches.

More top performances for the USU men's team came from junior James Parker with a first-place finish in the Hammer (228-02.5), a second-place mark in the discus (184-07) and a third-place mark in the shot put (55-09.25). Freshman Josh Sides finished second in the shot put (55-09.25) and freshman Bruce McCannel finished with a second-place mark in the long

*'We had a great weekend and a lot of great performances.'*

• GREGG GENSEL •  
HEAD COACH

jump (12-06.75).

Senior Marcus Morgan just barely missed qualifying for nationals in the 1,500-meter with a season-best time of 3:49.59. Brick Bregeson also had a season-best time in the 1,500-meter of 3:54.27.

The women's team brought home three first-place finishes. Junior Shae Bair won the pole

vault as she cleared 13 feet 3.5 inches, freshman Tatyana Hovhannisyan took first in the triple jump with a leap of 39 feet 9.5 inches, and junior Melissa Jensen won the 400-meters with a time of 56.99.

USU's women's team also had top performances come

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## Utah State swept by Long Beach State

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY  
Athletic Media Relations

Despite only scoring seven runs in three games, No. 15-ranked Long Beach State University swept Utah State University 1-0, 4-1 and 2-0.

The Aggies fell to 19-30 overall and 5-10 in the Big West Conference while LBSU solidified its second-place position (34-17, 12-3).

### LBSU 1, USU 0

The Aggies and the 49ers battled it out in the first game holding the score to zeros until the sixth inning when Long Beach's Jennifer Springer stole third and then scored on an RBI by Kristi Fox. Utah State recorded no runs on no hits with no errors in the match-up.

USU pitcher Kristin Hommel pitched all six innings and allowed just two hits, three strike outs and gave up five walks, bringing her record to 9-12. First baseman Sandy Taylor was responsible for 10 of the Aggies' 18 put-outs in the close battle against LBSU.

### LBSU 4, USU 1

In the second contest USU recorded a total of three hits, two coming from Heather Curtis and one from Stephanie Vasarhely. The Aggies' one run came from Tiffany Pugmire after an RBI from Vasarhely in the sixth inning.

Kelly Warner pitched 5 innings and allowed four



Kelly Warner zings the ball past a Southern Utah University batter earlier in the season. Warner was part of the pitching dual weekend.

runs off four hits bringing her record to 2-6 on the season. LBSU runs came from Christina Zepeda in the first inning and Erin Tucker, Christina Ashley and Patricia Espinosa in the fifth inning.

### LBSU 2, USU 0

Both teams were held scoreless until the bottom of

the fifth inning when LBSU's Jennifer Spigner blasted a double to left field to bring home Zepeda who had earlier been walked and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Spigner then scored on a single by Natalie Walker to give Long Beach State its final run.

Sandy Taylor recorded the

only hit for the Aggies during the game belting a double to left center field in the bottom of the seventh. Hommel held Long Beach State to just four hits and recorded three strikeouts in her four-and-one-half innings of play. Freshman Xochitl Ramirez finished off the game recording one strikeout.

The Aggies return to action Thursday when Colorado State comes to town for a doubleheader beginning at 2 p.m. Utah State will then have one day to rest before it hosts Cal State Fullerton in a three-game series Saturday and Sunday. Games will begin at 1 p.m. on both days.

## Statesman SPORTS AWARDS

## At times the USU hockey club had no peers in the RMCHA

REUBEN WADSWORTH  
Sports Writer

First in league and fifth in the nation. That's what the Utah State University hockey team accomplished this year.

Along with winning the Robin's Award for organization of the year, the hockey squad was also voted the top club team of the year by *The Utah Statesman* sports staff.

A 19-game winning streak and a 3-1 record against archrival Weber State University were two major accomplishments. The squad was winless against the Wildcats a season ago.

The icing on the cake this year was the final game against Weber in a 5-2 victory in the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Hockey Association title game.

"One of the best things I will remember from this year is winning the conference championship," Aggie Clint Stosich said. "After suffering a big loss to Weber State just one week earlier, we came back and domi-

nated Weber State in a 5-2 victory."

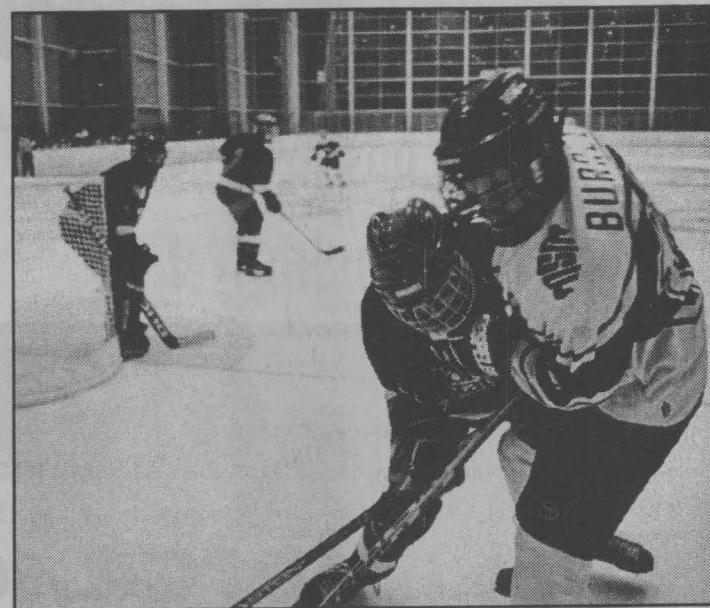
"We thumped Weber all season," USU forward Ian Tracy said.

"My favorite memory of this season was beating Weber in the championship game and seeing some of their players cry," said USU goaltender Eric Moldenhauer. Moldenhauer, a freshman this year, said immediately after the RMCHA championship game that winning the title was the best hockey feeling he has ever had.

The week after the RMCHA title game, only 2.2 seconds separated the Aggies from appearing in the national semifinals. That was the amount of time left when the eventual national champions, Miami University (Ohio), scored the last goal to keep USU out of the final four.

Despite only placing fifth at nationals, the Aggies weren't thoroughly disappointed. Tracy said his team and the rest of the squads in the West demonstrated they are a

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Aaron Burrell battles a Colorado State University player for the puck in the corner. CSU was one of the few teams that gave the Aggies trouble.

### THE STATESMAN SPORTS AWARDS

**Today** — Club of the Year:  
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Utah State 0

**Saturday**  
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Long Beach State 2  
Utah State 0

Softball (game 2)  
Long Beach State 4  
Utah State 1

Golf  
Utah State: 15th place  
at the Ben Hogan  
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### Ryan undergoes heart bypass surgery

AUSTIN (AP) — Nolan Ryan underwent emergency double-bypass surgery Sunday at the Heart Hospital of Austin.

The Hall of Fame pitcher did not suffer a heart attack, Texas Rangers spokesman John Blake said. Ryan, 53, experienced

shortness of breath and chest pains around 9 a.m. after taking a morning walk with his wife, Ruth, at the Dell Diamond in Round Rock.

Ryan was there to watch a game between the Texas League's Round Rock Express, which he owns, and the Midland RockHounds.





## Aggie golf team takes last place at BYU tourney

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY  
Athletic Media Relations

PROVO, Utah — Utah State University's golf team shot a three-day 922 to finish 15th at the Ben Hogan Cougar Classic this weekend. The Aggies' top finisher was junior Kevin Blotter who tied for 77th place with a three-round total of 231.

Blotter turned in scores of 80 and 76 on the first day of play before concluding with a team low 75 on Saturday. Andy Miller of BYU was the top golfer of the weekend shooting 201, which included a final day nine-under-par 63.

BYU easily won the tournament with a 43-under-par-821. BYU was followed by New Mexico with a 19-under-845, and Fresno State rounded out the top three with an 859.

Other Aggie performances included junior Mike Haws who tied for 79th with a 232, Chris Olsen finished 81st with a 233, Casey Beck tied for 82nd with a 235, Kevin Peterson finished 89th with a 239 and Nate Blotter placed

90th with a final score of 240.

Utah State will be back in action Monday and Tuesday, when it travels to Sacramento, Calif., to compete in the Big West Championships.

### TEAM RESULTS

1. BYU	821
2. New Mexico	845
3. Fresno State	859
4. San Diego State	865
5. Tulsa	868
6. Colorado State	872
7. Wyoming	872
8. Hawaii	873
9. Air Force	879
10. Utah	880
11. Nevada	882
12. Weber State	893
13. Boise State	900
13. Southern Utah	900
15. UTAH STATE	922

### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Andy Miller, BYU	201
2. Manuel Merizalde, BYU	202
3. Scott Miller, BYU	207
4. Scott Hailes, New Mexico	208
5. Micheal Letzig, New Mex.	210

### Utah State Results

t77. Kevin Blotter	231
t79. Mike Haws	232
81. Chris Olsen	233
t82. Casey Beck	235
89. Kevin Peterson	239
90. Nate Blotter	240

## QUALIFIERS

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from freshman Sandra Reategui who finished second in the 200-meters (24.71), sophomore Kristin Hillam with a second-place time in the 400-meters (57.29), junior Karen Olsen in the 5,000-meters, also with a second-place finish (18:27.77) and the USU women's 4x100 relay team with a second-place time of 47.51.

Sophomore April Fisher had a huge personal record in the javelin with a throw of 151 feet, 5 inches beating her old mark of 138 feet 8 inches.

"We had a great weekend and a lot of great performances," Gensel said. "The reason we recruited these freshmen was so they could get better and help the team and they are starting to do that."

The Aggies will host their last home meet as they prepare to take on Weber in the fourth annual USU/Weber dual meet held today in Logan. The field events will start at 2:30 p.m. with the running events starting at 4 p.m.

This weekend a few members from the team will travel to Oregon to compete at the Oregon Invitational held Friday.

## Malone doesn't want to discuss 50 point game

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Karl Malone played the first game of Utah's series against Seattle like he's determined to finally win a championship.

But by Sunday, his career playoff high of 50 points was old news where Malone was concerned. When it was mentioned before the Jazz practiced, Malone broke off the interviews.

"Last night's over with," he said. "I just want to look at tomorrow."

His teammates didn't wait so long to start looking ahead. After Utah's 104-93 victory

over the Supersonics on Saturday, John Stockton declared Malone's big game irrelevant.

"He can't carry over any of it and neither can we," Stockton said. "To put it into perspective is difficult when you don't want to look back. We want to look ahead and see what we can do to win this game Monday."

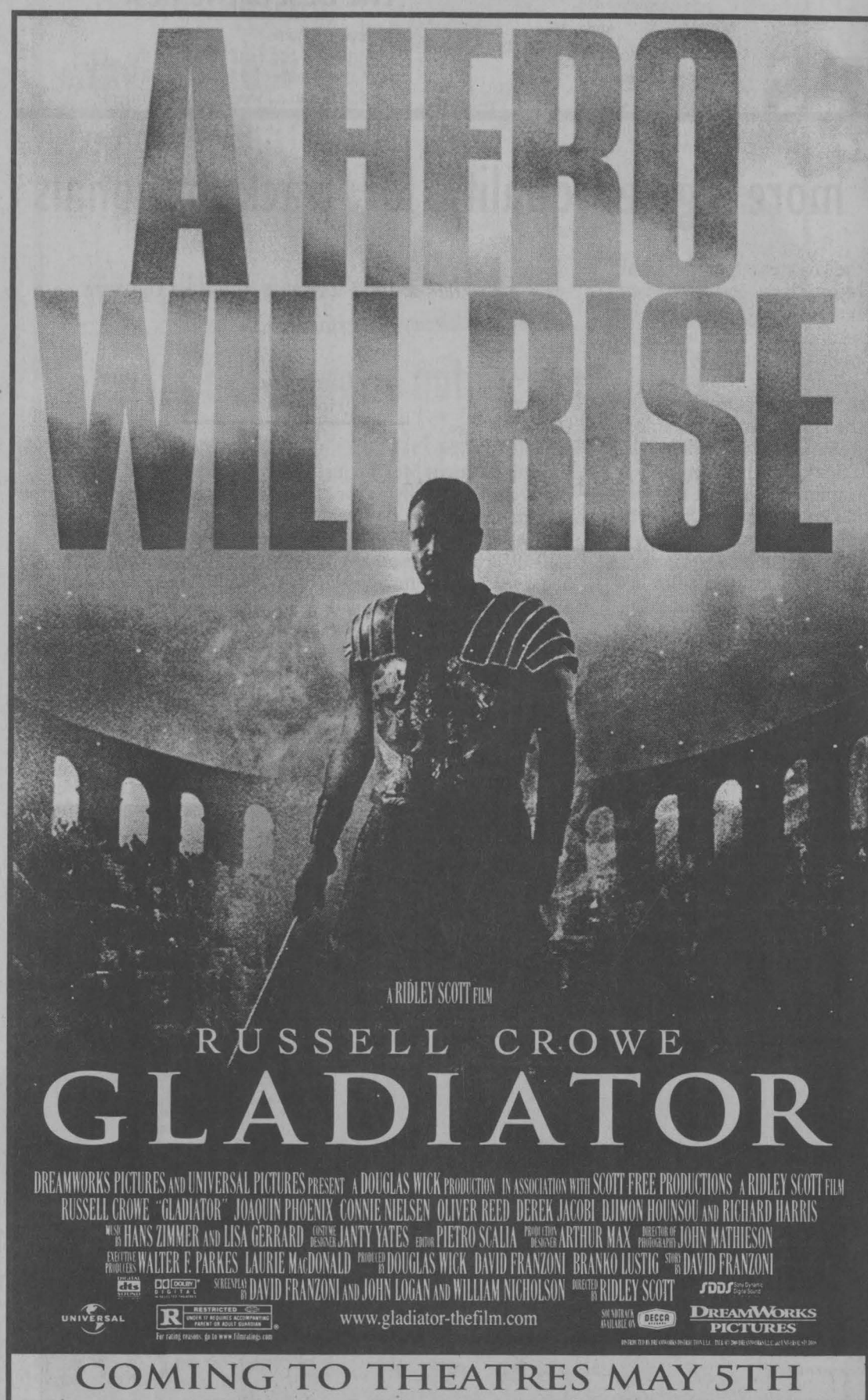
Not surprisingly, the Sonics were ready to look ahead, too.

"You have to say, 'OK, you got that one but we'll be ready to go at you tomorrow,'" Seattle coach Paul Westphal

said. "Every game is its own entity."

The Sonics spoke of their respect for Malone and the Jazz, but they were upbeat Sunday. After all, the teams split four regular-season games, with each winning once on the other's home-court.

"If we can win one here, it can change the outcome of the whole series," Sonics point guard Gary Payton said. "We missed a lot of shots that we usually make. Tomorrow it might be different. We know we can play with this team."



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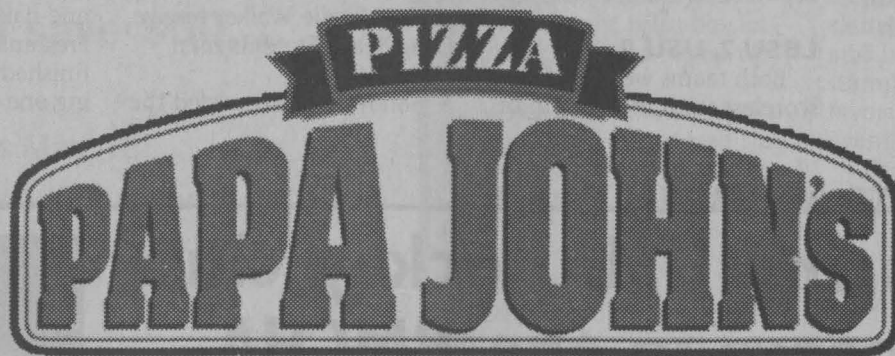
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## Rough and Tumble

**Above:** USU's Jessica Shurtz tries to shake a University of Utah player, running toward the goal. The Aggies hosted a tournament that also included clubs from Weber State and Brigham Young Universities.

**Left:** Jodi Petersen receives treatment from a Utah player after being struck in the head by a Ute stick. She was later taken to the hospital.

Zak Larsen/Utah Statesman



## HOCKEY

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force to be reckoned with in an East-dominated sport.

"This year at nationals the West region had the best showing — all four teams, top to bottom, than it ever has," Tracy said. "I think the West is finally getting the respect it deserves on a national level."

Another positive point this season was the sellout crowds, Stosich said.

"Obviously a winning season and great fan base make for a great year in any program, and selling out a University of Utah game was quite impressive because that means almost all of the fans at the game were USU fans," he said.

Stosich said fans can expect the winning to continue next year.

"Aggie hockey will again have a winning season and fans should expect USU hockey to represent USU as it appears in the national tournament for its sixth straight time," he said.

However, next year's hockey squad will be slightly different than this year.

"There will be some changes in the lineup," Stosich said. "Nate Anderson and Alan Babicky, aside from an astronomical phenomenon, will not be returning next year. Aaron Matern and goaltender Mike Burgraff will be gone as well. There are a couple of question marks, but most likely everyone else will return."

A welcome addition, according to Stosich, will be Deryk Anderson. His season was cut short by a torn ACL in November. Anderson has never played a full season in an Aggie uniform but will likely go the duration next year, Stosich said. Anderson contributed 13 points in just 10 games this season.

"Club president and general manager Len Bauman and head coach Jerry Crossley have made this program one of the best-run programs in the country," Stosich said. "The fan and university support we have is probably unrivaled in school history for club sports."

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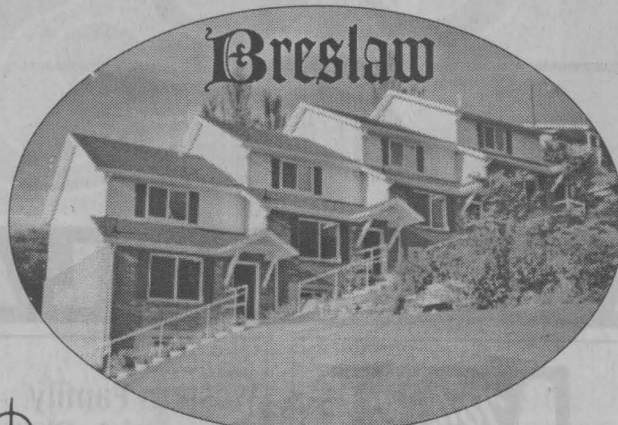
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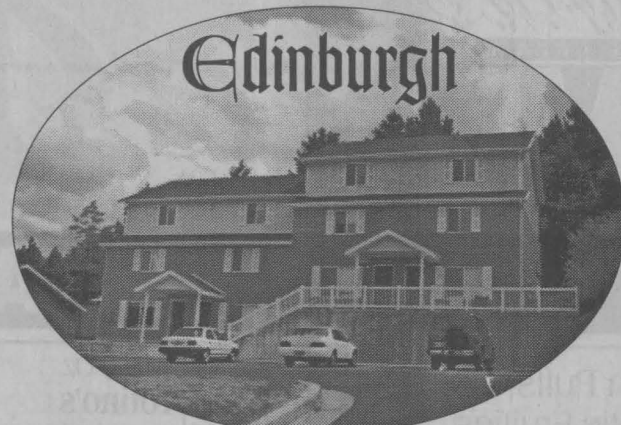
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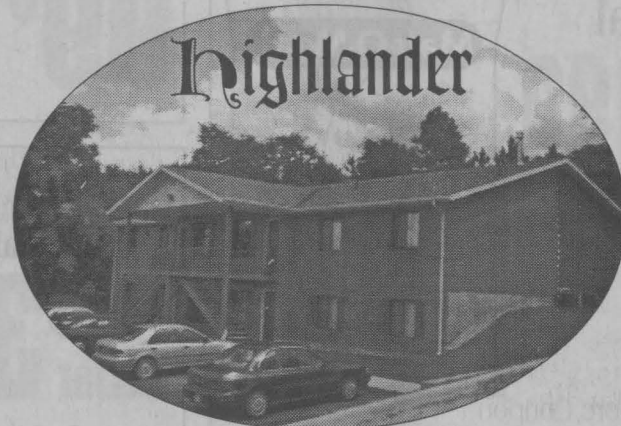
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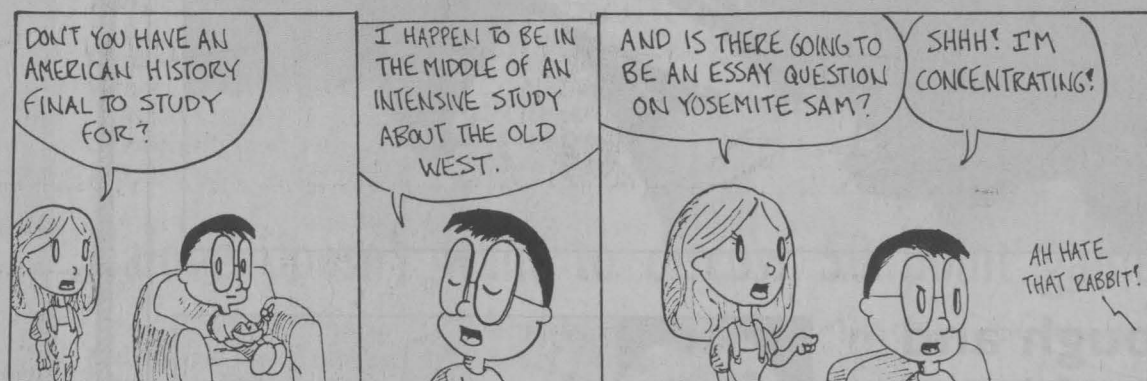
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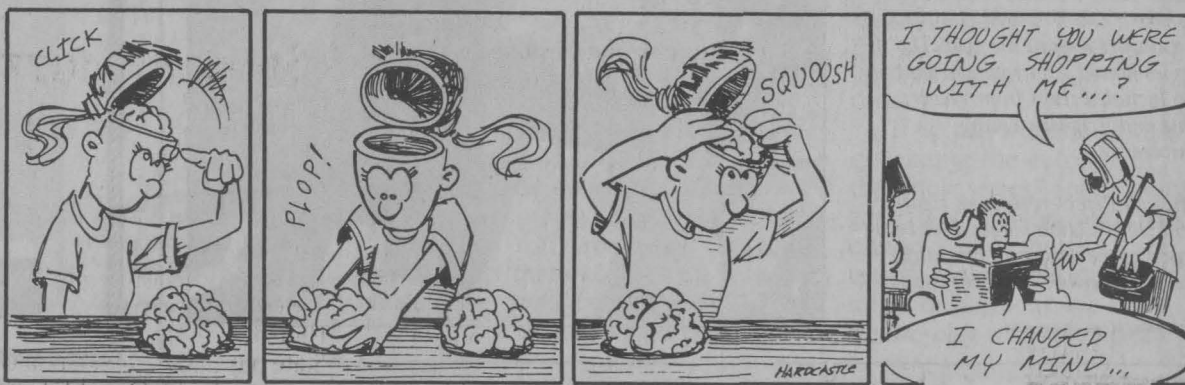
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## To the EDITOR

### Don't write letter to attack people

While reading the section of the *Statesman* entitled "To the Editor," it is nearly impossible for someone not to notice that there seems to be a lot of contention floating around out there. I do not hesitate to say that my favorite part of the whole news paper is the section of which I speak. I think that it is wonderful that we have a local paper here on campus that keeps us up to date on community, national, and world wide events.

I also think it is great that the editor has dedicated a whole column to the students, giving us an opportunity to state our opinion on these current events in the form of letters to the editor. I would like to say, however, that it bothers me greatly to see that people use this opportunity to simply bad-mouth another individual, group or religion.

My fellow students, I simply wish we would not use the paper as a weapon in our personal mud-slinging wars and that we would keep our hateful words to ourselves. It is very true that people do or say things that bother or even offend us, but frankly, we all don't really need to know about it. It is clear to me that this letter may sound contradictory and even hypocritical in my writing a letter to criticize those who write with a similar purpose, but I wanted to state that if anyone has something to say that doesn't uplift, enlighten or minds or promote aggie spirit, we don't need to hear it.

I do realize that sometimes a negative opinion must be publicly stated in order to make students aware of important facts that concern the student body as a whole, and I respect that, but may our criticism be

made constructive as opposed to derogatory. I simply invite you to consider what I have said. Thank you very much for your valued time.

Rob France

### Student puzzled by new sculpture

The Art Department here at Utah State University, along with campus planning, from time to time procures sculptures to be placed around campus. The sculptures originally are on loan while an administrative body decides on buying them or not. On Thursday, April 20, I was horrified to see that Utah State has allowed McDonald's (as in the golden arches) to provide McDonald Land climbing gyms for the beautifying of the campus as part of such a process.

The particular sculpture of which I speak has been placed between the Biotechnology and the Biology Natural Resources buildings in an area that I once thought to be the most relaxing place on campus. The whole area is now DOMINATED with a bright yellow statue that loosely resembles how french fries are arranged in a fry sack. This leaves me with several questions: Who even considered this monstrous monument to consumerism? Do they still have a job? And when is the giant statue of Ronald McDonald set to be placed in front of Old Main?

Chad E. Junkermeier

## Last week of activities before finals

### SOCIAL CALENDARING WITH ANN / Ann Bluemlein



Don't be sad, but this is the last Social Calendarizing with Ann. I am personally excited, because this

means that in 17 days I am off to safari in Africa (really).

So in honor of the last column, you should haul out the planner, point this column out to your neighbor or simply ask someone to go do something this week.

This is your last chance to write down all that free stuff that is happening out there in the world. Take advantage of this great column and have a great finals week (if that is pos-

sible).

**Monday** — Guitar concert at the Eccles Conference Center, 7:30 p.m., free with ID.

One-act plays in the Studio Stage theater (the Black Box) starts at 8 p.m., need your ID to get in free. These plays run through Wednesday. Go early, seats ALWAYS sell out.

**Tuesday** — There is a wind orchestra concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Morgan theater. Music is good — they say it makes your brain absorb more, so why not go with a friend and THEN do your final paper?

Plan your finals week in order to make sure you can sell all your books back. DO NOT sell books back BEFORE finals, but rather right after. Don't wait days and days or they will

have purchased their "quota" of that psychology text and you get less money because they have to ship it to some other school.

**Wednesday** — The Arcata quartet (string instrument music) plays at 7:30 p.m. at the Morgan Theatre. This is likely fabulous classical music. See reasoning to attend above.

The Multicultural Cinema people are showing their last film — "The Bicycle Thief" at 7 p.m. in Old Main Room 117. Great film — in Italian with English subtitles. Go and be cultured! Foreign films really open your mind to new things and are GREAT conversation topics afterwards. Take a date you like to talk to and discuss it over Aggie ice cream.

**Thursday** — There will be a reception for the new outdoor sculpture at 3:30 p.m. in the foyer area of the Biology-Natural Resources building. A catered reception is planned and everyone is invited. WOW — free food!

Come and have free food in front of the Animal Science building starting at 5 p.m. (is it ok if I invite all these people Ted?) We have lots of hot dogs — free dinner!

**Friday** — Just celebrate it is done. Think of something that would be nice and do it for yourself — dinner out, a movie, a picnic up the canyon, destroying your textbooks (not advisable), a huge nap, whatever. You survived spring semester! You deserve something

happy. I think I'll go out to eat and then watch a movie with my man (how about it Josh?)

**Saturday** — Get up early and go to the Outdoor Recreation Center sale! Starting at 9 a.m. the center is selling old equipment (which has been rented and used by students). They have sleeping bags, kayaks, climbing shoes, etc. The center is located just east of Romney Stadium. Look for cars.

Ann Bluemlein is really going to Africa with her friend Bobbie Jo (who is conveniently graduating from medical school the day before they leave), to canoe with the hippopotami. To put yourself on the "e-mail from Africa" list, e-mail Ann now at slzk7@cc.usu.edu.

## A fine whine

### SLIGHTLY OFF CENTER / Dennis Hinkamp



Since I'm not going to live long enough to either gloat or to have people taunt me about my mistakes, I'm going to make some needless next millennium predictions.

This week will go down as the whiniest of the century. Either that or the dumbest, but I'm holding that distinction for the upcoming presidential election.

Page 14, section B of USA Today, April 17 featured a story on oppressed sports utility owners. And, though I am loathe to make fun of any minorities in this PC world, I think this begs the question "are you sure the exhaust isn't leaking into your SUV?"

Nuclear disarmament, human rights, end world hunger and now this? Yeah

we'll get right on that SUV oppression. You know, I drive a big old van sometimes, my socks are smelly and some people don't even think I'm funny, but I'm not asking for oppressed minority status.

According to William Brouse he is fed up and he can't take it any longer because the tide is turning and people are starting to make fun of SUVs. Not throwing rocks, slashing tires or monkey wrenching of any kind, just "vilifying SUV drivers." He has created the SUV Owners Association and of course has a web page (www.suvoa.com) where SUV owners can seek solace from a cold, uncaring world. "Say it loud, I'm big and I'm proud." Right on brother, fight the power.

You may think you are big and delude

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## Life lessons and raisins

### STATESMAN SOAPBOX / Heather Fredrickson



you learned anything at all? Oh, that's right. We're here to learn, so of course you have. Silly me.

Like many students, I took my 12 credits per semester and worked a couple of jobs to pay for it all and had some incredible experiences along the way. The classes taught me quite a bit about the media and life in general, but it was the outside experiences with work and home that taught me invaluable life lessons. I'll share some of those with you.

First up: Keep every piece of paper you sign until you a) get your credit card bill, b) receive your bank statement or c) move out of your apartment. I have a bad habit of letting those little yellow slips from credit or debit card transactions out of my sight, but my Dad will be proud I thought of it.

The last point — moving out of your apartment — has been the cause of a lot of stress in my apartment this past week. Our landlords sent my roommates and I a nifty little note saying we owed for our last month's rent. This was not the first problem we'd had all year.

First, in October, we called the gas company in an emergency (nasty gas smell that our landlord said could wait till Monday) and they came to check it out. Turns out our carbon monoxide levels were about 10 times higher than allowed.

Hmmmm. Yeah, we could have waited a couple more days.

The roommates that spent

the day at home complained of headaches and lightheadedness, and after talking to the gas guy in our apartment, we called the landlord. He eventually offered to put us up in a hotel for the night until the CO dissipated, but none of us had any way of getting there. We declined and slept with every window open. I've since purchased a CO detector.

Next, we've had nothing but problems with our rent. More than once, we've had to call our landlords with canceled checks, bank statements or check duplicates to prove our rent was paid. They must have a great bookkeeping system.

The coup de grace came this past week. I called my landlord yesterday with a beautiful little piece of paper that both of us signed in September which said I already paid my last month's rent. She went through her records, couldn't find the same paper I had, but added up all the checks I'd ever sent and, after a five-minute silence, said, "Oh. Yep, you're OK."

Great. And the other roommates?

"Well, it's been a really hectic weekend for us and I haven't gotten to that yet, but I'll call her Monday."

So, it's a hectic weekend for my roomie, too. Thanks.

That's why you should always keep every piece of paper you'd ever signed. If I hadn't, and I don't normally, I'd be out \$155.

What else have I learned this year?

Oh yeah. When you write columns for the *Statesman*, such as this one, you get much better responses if you piss someone off than if you don't. Hence my usually heavy-handed opinions on

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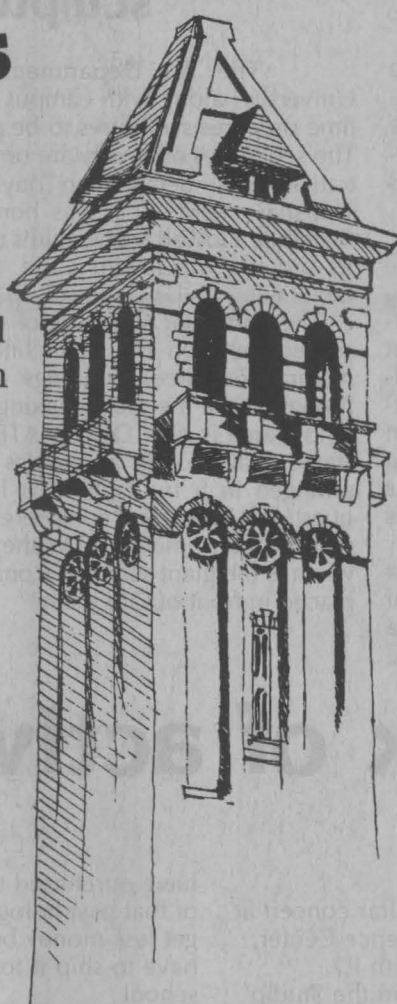
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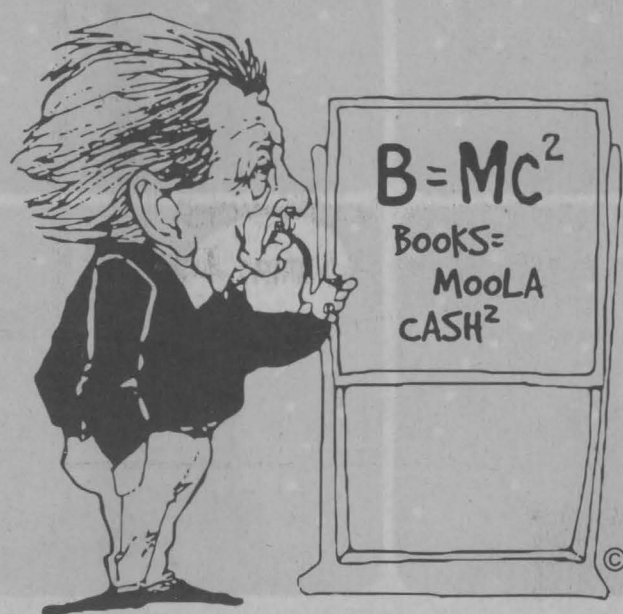
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## Front-line drug warrior calls for peace

SYLVESTER L. SALCEDO / Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service



I have served on the front lines of the war on drugs. I am reporting back that it is a failure.

Last year I received a Navy achievement medal for my military service in the drug war. Last month I returned this medal to President Clinton to protest his proposed \$1.7 billion special appropriation for Colombia.

Under the guise of fighting drugs, this aid package will dramatically escalate U.S. military involvement in Colombia's civil war. Colombians are exhausted and dispirited after 40 years of civil strife. In recent months Colombians by the millions have taken to the streets in huge national marches calling for peace.

Representatives of the insurgents and government negotiators have just returned from a watershed 25-day tour of Western Europe, where they explored peace. Increased U.S. military aid to Colombia will derail this peace process. More than 80 percent of the funds destined for Colombia will be spent on helicopters and other military aid. These are the wrong

tools to fight a problem that is fundamentally political and economic.

Moreover, the Colombian military is profoundly ineffective and tied to right-wing paramilitary forces that are human-rights abusers and drug traffickers. The U.S. aid package is a recipe for more lawlessness and military failure on the battlefield.

Our drug-war leaders say their goal is a "drug-free America." But three decades of the drug war have shown that goal to be unrealistic, so our strategy must be replaced. Pursuing an unrealistic goal has resulted in insufficient funding for effective programs, such as making treatment available on request and providing after-school programs for our children.

At the same time, we waste tax dollars on ineffective, expensive and dangerous programs such as the massive imprisonment of drug users and the exorbitant military-aid package to Colombia. As a result, today we have more prisoners per capita than any other country, and Colombia receives the most U.S. military aid in this hemisphere.

The best way to help Colombia and to help the United States is to reduce the demand for illicit drugs here at home. My conclusion is reinforced by my work as a Spanish teacher in Roxbury, Mass., — a low-income, drug-riddled section of Boston — where I have seen drug abuse among our kids and witnessed the deleterious effects of our domestic drug war.

As an alternative to the drug war, I propose a "Plan USA" to provide treatment, on request, for our hard-core drug-addict population that

now exceeds 5 million people. The Rand Corp. has found that treatment is 10 times more cost effective than interdiction in reducing the use of cocaine. Plan USA would also discourage drug use by adolescents by providing adequate funding of after-school programs and mentor programs. In addition, Plan USA would move to treat and reintegrate the more than 100,000 prisoners imprisoned on nonviolent drug charges.

With the proper programs, these people should be able to return to their families and communities, where they could work and pay taxes.

We need to set realistic goals — fewer deaths from drugs, less adolescent drug use, less disease and less crime from drug abuse. We can implement a strategy of control. We can achieve a safer and healthier America that is no longer at war with itself. These are not utopian platitudes, but achievable goals.

Other countries, especially in Europe, are more successfully controlling drug abuse through public-health approaches. We should follow their lead. It is time to admit failure and end the war on drugs.

As a first step, Congress should say no to more aid for the Colombian military. Instead, we should take that \$1.7 billion and invest it to support the peace plan in Colombia and to provide treatment and prevention programs here at home. Weapons and war are not the answer. Americans and Colombians both need peace for their

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### WHINE

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yourself you are protecting yourself, but not unlike the old West, there is always a bigger, faster gun around the corner. You think you are safer than a Honda Civic? Of course you are, but only because you don't care about the person driving the Honda Civic. And you know that sooner or later Peterbilt is going to come out with the full time 18-wheel drive Everest REI-Edition SUV that is going to kick your butt around the road.

Whiners of the millenium part two: The nameless World Trade Organization protester who complained that he and his fellow militants were locked up and fed nothing but bologna sandwiches and bad fruit drink for

a whole day. I love them for it, but I'm never quite sure if National Public Radio is pulling my leg or not. Monday they featured this sound bite.

"We were starving because most of us are vegetarians and we couldn't eat the bologna sandwiches. And the fruit juice was, like, only two percent real juice."

Like dude, civil disobedience is your right, but if you can't do the time, don't do the crime. It's too bad that prison doesn't take special order meals like the airlines.

And I didn't even mention the stock market where hundreds of billionaires were reduced, at least temporarily, to millionaires. Oh, the pain.

"Life is hard, wear a helmet" — Dennis Leary

*Dennis Hinkamp's column appears every Monday in The Utah Statesman.*

### LIFE

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most topics.

I must say I'm quite surprised at the reaction most people take to my ramblings. Last semester, I wrote about gun control. I forgot how many responses I got to that one, but it did instigate one helluva debate up here in the office. People from Provo even e-mailed me. None of them were kind, but it didn't matter. They read it.

The radio station. That one still makes me laugh. To think these two guys had nothing better to do during their morning show (for more than one day) to make fun of some column writer at Utah State? I'm not sure what those two were trying to do, but it increased readership, if only for that one day. Thanks, guys. I appreciate that.

Just recently, a student approached me before the second showing of *U-571* in the Taggart Auditorium. He said he disagreed with something I wrote four months ago. Wow. My words stuck with him that long? To think I made that kind of an impression on people, even just one. I was shocked, even though it

was the absolute worst time to bring up a subject like that. There I was, just a student like everyone else trying to mind my own business, and I get this guy from out of nowhere telling me I'm wrong. Thanks, but leave it to a more appropriate time.

I told a mentor of mine in the Journalism department about it, and he seemed really pleased. "They remembered you," he said. Yeah, great. I'm thrilled. Could they not do it rudely to my face? Great.

In short, I guess I've really only learned three lessons this year, which is more than most.

First, always keep every piece of paper you sign. Second, if you want responses, piss 'em off or make 'em think (you think I'll get any response from this column?) Third, you can always do more than you think you can.

Oh yeah. And everyone should eat more raisins.

*Heather Fredrickson is the Copy Editor for the Utah Statesman. She will spend her summer reading, writing, playing with dogs and thinking up new column ideas for fall semester. She welcomes comments at slr4h@cc.usu.edu.*



## Canadian school knife attack was planned for Columbine anniversary

TORONTO (AP) — A 15-year-old boy accused of stabbing five people at his high school apparently planned the attacks to coincide with the first anniversary of the massacre in Littleton, Colo., police said Sunday.

Det. Sgt. Ken Doyle said comments by witnesses and other evidence indicated the attacks Thursday were tied to the anniversary of the April 20, 1999, shootings at Columbine High School, where two students killed 13 people before turning their guns on themselves.

The stabbings Thursday began at about 11:21 a.m. — the exact same time of day that the Columbine shootings started.

Doyle refused to provide specifics about the evidence. Sgt. Leo Janveau said police had "some evidence of planning" prior to the stabbings.

which left minor puncture wounds on four students and a lab technician who worked at Cairine Wilson high school in Orleans, a suburb of Ottawa.

Some witnesses interviewed by police would be interviewed again because of details they gave to news media that were missing from their police statements, Doyle said.

Classmates quoted in newspaper and television reports said the boy, who was not identified, was a loner and was teased about his thick, curly hair and acne. Doyle said none of the people interviewed by police so far had mentioned teasing.

Also, a 16-year-old who described himself as a friend of the suspect told The Ottawa Citizen newspaper that the youth had been counting the days to the

anniversary of the Colorado shootings.

The suspect would say: "Seven days to Columbine, 11:21, six days till Columbine, 11:21," the newspaper quoted the boy as saying.

According to the newspaper, the witness made the comments about the countdown in a taped statement to police. But Doyle said he did the interview himself and nothing like that was said.

"That is certainly not what that particular witness said to police, not as they are stating it," Doyle said.

The stabbings took place during lunch break. The injuries were described as minor puncture wounds, and the victims were released from the hospital later that day. The youth also had self-inflicted cuts to his hands and wrists.

He has been charged with one count of attempted murder, five counts of assault with a weapon, one count of mischief and possession of a dangerous weapon. He remained in custody until a Youth Court hearing Wednesday.

The Columbine shootings are believed to have inspired other school attacks. One came a week later when a student at a Taber, Alberta, high school shot to death one student and wounded another.

Several Canadian schools had received threats of violence as the Columbine anniversary approached. A 14-year-old boy in Regina, Saskatchewan, was charged Thursday with threatening to set off a bomb in a high school, while other schools reported low attendance on the day of the Columbine anniversary.

## World GLANCE

### ➤ Pope leads vigil for Holy Year Easter

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II led thousands of faithful Saturday in an open-air candlelit vigil for the approach of Easter, lighting a twinkling flame shared hand-to-hand as twilight fell over St. Peter's Square.

The ceremony, normally held in the darkness of St. Peter's Basilica, moved outside for the Holy Year.

An estimated 20,000 worshippers gathered before the flower-banked steps of the basilica, sunset lighting up jet trails in the apricot sky behind the dome on a warm spring evening.

"Christ is risen!" John Paul proclaimed to the crowd as darkness settled. "We proclaim this witness to the world, so that the joy which is ours will reach countless other hearts, kindling in them the light that does not disappoint."

### ➤ Several tornados strike Shreveport Louisiana

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Several tornados toppled trees and utility poles and damaged numerous structures in northwest Louisiana Sunday night, authorities said.

Area television stations reported several injuries but none were immediately confirmed by Caddo Parish Sheriff's spokesman Edward Vailes.

"There are still a lot of areas we have not checked, but we've got major damage," Vailes said.

The storm knocked out power throughout the city, forcing law enforcement agencies to rely on backup power, Vailes said.

At least one of the funnel clouds touched down in the heart of the city, ripping up siding, shattering windows and scattering the broken glass.

### ➤ 911 call sheds light on train murder

SINKING SPRING, Pa. (AP) — Friends and family say the final terrifying moments of Candace Wertz's life followed five years of abuse from the boyfriend suspected of using his car to push hers in front of a freight train.

"It's so horrible that no one was able to get to her in time to help," said Tammy Wertz, Candace Wertz's sister-in-law. "But something should have been done about this guy a long time ago. ... She tried to get away from him and she just couldn't."

On Saturday, several sources revealed the contents of Wertz's frantic 911 call made before she was struck by the train Thursday night. Carlos Angel Diaz Santiago, 22, was arrested Friday and charged with four counts of murder and aggravated assault.

Another dispatcher who heard a tape of the call said Wertz never gave enough detail for police to locate her.

The tape of the five-minute conversation reveals the two women in the car were trying to keep their crying children calm. Police believe the crashes heard on the tape are Santiago pushing Wertz's car onto the train track. A scream follows, then the phone went silent.

## Raid at center of storm as quiet descends for Elian

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elian Gonzalez spent a secluded Easter with his father, insulated from the clatter in two nation's capitals and a shaken Miami over the armed raid used to take him away. "Finally," said his father's lawyer, "some silence around them."

But criticism mounted over the government's tactics, with congressional Republicans calling the actions akin to those of the communist regime that the Cuban boy had fled with his mother.

"This is a frightening event, that

American citizens now can expect that the executive branch on their own can decide on whether to raid a home," said House Republican whip Tom DeLay of Texas.

A top Justice official said the only regret was that authorities waited as long as they did.

"We were forced into the action we took by the intransigence of that family," Eric Holder, deputy attorney general, said of the boy's Miami relatives. "We probably should have taken a decisive action sooner."

After a day of raw anger, street fires

and violence in the Little Havana neighborhood, Miami fell quiet for Easter celebration but was still a city under tight police control after more than 350 arrests Saturday.

"We will celebrate in tears," said Sergio Perez, a Miami neighbor of the relatives who kept Elian for five months until federal agents brandishing guns burst through their door before dawn Saturday and seized him.

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## Supreme Court case pits gay Eagle Scout against Boy Scouts of America

WASHINGTON (AP) — It took James Dale 11 years to rise through the ranks of the Boy Scouts. It took the Boy Scouts only 11 days to kick him out after learning he was gay.

Dale was a Cub Scout at 8, a Boy Scout at 11, a member of the Order of the Arrow at 13, an Eagle Scout at 17. His mom was a den mother. His dad was a scouting commissioner. At 18, Dale became an assistant scoutmaster.

But the Boy Scouts of America expelled him in 1990 after discovering he was co-president of Rutgers University's gay and lesbian organization.

James Anderson, faculty adviser to the group and Dale's friend said the expulsion was a real setback for Dale.

"(Scouting) was really so central to his life, to his growing up, to becoming a man," Anderson said. "They slapped him for such a core aspect of his being."

Dale struck back with a 1992 lawsuit accusing the Boy Scouts of discrimination. The U.S. Supreme Court hears arguments in the case Wednesday.

The Boy Scouts of America says homosexuality contradicts its oath requiring scouts to be "morally straight." That policy has withstood numerous court challenges, said Gregg Shields, national spokesman for the organization.

"We've always taught traditional family values," Shields said. "That goes back to our

founding in 1910. An avowed homosexual would not be a role model for those values."

But Evan Wolfson, who will argue Dale's case before the Supreme Court, said an organization that claims to be open to all boys and works in partnership with public schools "cannot discriminate against any young boy or young man because of his identity as gay."

Dale, now 29, lives in New York City and is advertising director for a magazine for people who are HIV-positive. He declined an interview through his representatives at the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

In public comments over the years, Dale has spoken

highly of his scouting experience, saying it instilled in him the self-confidence and fortitude he now needs in his legal battle. But he has nothing good to say about the organization's treatment of homosexuals.

In a 1998 interview with The Advocate, a national gay and lesbian news magazine, Dale said the Boy Scouts spend valuable resources defending their anti-gay policy.

"There are often these drives for kids to go to camp who can't afford it," Dale said. "If they stopped suing people for being gay, they could afford to

send a lot more people to camp."

Dale — who changed his name before the dispute with the scouts — is the younger of two sons of Gerald Dick, a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve, and his wife Doris.

As a student at a military high school in New Jersey, "I remember hoping to God that I wouldn't be gay," Dale told The New York Times in 1992. "It wasn't part of my big picture."

Rutgers offered Dale a new vista. His friendship with a gay man the summer between his freshman and sophomore years helped him accept his homosexuality. He joined the campus gay and lesbian organization, becoming co-president after three months.

It was in that capacity that Dale attended a daylong conference in 1990 on the struggles of lesbian and gay adolescents. A story on the conference in the July 8, 1990, Newark Star-Ledger quoted Dale describing his difficult path toward accepting his homosexuality.

The story was not well received at the Monmouth Council of the Boy Scouts, which 16 months earlier had made Dale an assistant scoutmaster of Troop 73 in Matawan, N.J. In a letter dated July 19, council executive James W. Kay notified Dale that his registration was revoked.

Dale demanded an explanation. Kay responded with a second letter citing "the standards for leadership established by the Boy Scouts of America, which specifically forbid membership to homosexuals."

## Baby photographed reaching from womb fuels abortion debate

DOUGLASVILLE, Ga. (AP) — Samuel Armas' parents love to show off photos of their baby boy, particularly one taken nearly four months before he was born.

The photo, shot during in-utero surgery to correct a birth defect, shows Samuel's penny-sized fist reaching outside Julie Armas' womb, grasping at a doctor's finger.

That tiny fist has added fuel to an international abortion debate, appearing on anti-abortion billboards in Ireland and in even at only 21 weeks — are viable and aware.

Abortion-rights supporters say the parents' decision to have fetal surgery to correct spina bifida is a good example of how every woman should have the right to determine the course of her pregnancy.

"It mushroomed beyond what we thought it would," said Mrs. Armas, 28. "We wanted people to know that when we found out about our baby, it was not the end of the world. There are options to abortion and even to traditional treatment."

She and her husband, Alex, 29, allowed USA Today in the operating room for an article on the surgical team at Nashville's Vanderbilt University.

Samuel was the youngest fetus to have the surgery. Doctors opened his mother's womb Aug. 19, 1999, and closed the opening in his spine caused by the spina bifida, a congenital disease that often leads to paralysis and other problems.

As Dr. Joseph Bruner prepared to close the womb, Samuel rolled over and thrust his fist through the surgical opening. Bruner gently tucked the tiny hand back inside and finished the procedure.

Free-lance photographer Michael Clancy captured the moment.

"It shows a baby before when we would consider it to be viable. Clearly you have a tiny hand," said Laura Echevarria, spokeswoman for the National Right to Life Committee. "With the notoriety the picture has garnered, we're seeing people becoming more educated about fetal development. With that knowledge comes a renewed respect for life."

Abortion-rights supporters, however, say the photo doesn't hurt their cause.

"This is one of the prime examples of where it must be between the doctor and the family," said Patricia Ireland, President of the National Organization for Women.

## New cockpit gives astronauts safety edge during launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The eight-minute climb to orbit will be as tense and dangerous as always. But this time, the seven astronauts aboard space shuttle Atlantis have a technological edge.

After nearly 100 launches and 20 years, the cockpit's outdated mechanical gauges and four monochromatic screens are gone, replaced by 11 color screens and attention-grabbing images.

In a launch emergency where every millisecond counts, the new cockpit could mean the difference between life and death, says Andrew Allen, a former astronaut who works for shuttle contractor United Space Alliance.

"Any time you can provide a crew with more data, the right data at the right time, they can make better decisions," said NASA launch director Dave King.

The new cockpit, patterned after those in Boeing 777s, makes its debut aboard Atlantis on Monday. Liftoff is scheduled for 4:15 p.m. EDT.

Atlantis' destination is the international space station, in urgent need of new batteries and a lift to a higher orbit.

The new cockpit is probably the most striking change in the space shuttle since NASA stopped painting the external tank white in 1981. It cost NASA some \$200 million to develop.

Honeywell Space Systems designed the liquid crystal, flat-panel cockpit displays to mimic the 1960s- and 70s-era gauges, tapes, dials and cathode ray tubes. Even the seams on the old mechanical globe are recreated on the new digital image, to make the switch easier for shuttle pilots.

Cautions and warnings now appear on the screens in vivid red. Before, warnings showed

up bright green — against the normal green of everything else.

With the old-style gadgets and green row after green row of data, "your brain is getting saturated," Allen says. Throw in glare from the sun and the vibration of the launch and it's sometimes difficult to even make out the old displays.

Allen says the "situational awareness" provided by the new cockpit would have saved him 10 to 15 seconds of worry about a possible emergency landing during a flight four years ago.

The mechanical gauge for Columbia's left engine showed inadequate thrust at liftoff. Fortunately, the engine was fine, but Allen and co-pilot Scott Horowitz didn't know that until Mission Control told them. With the new cockpit screens, they would have known immediately.

Until now, the cockpit was "basically full of steam gauges I call them," says Horowitz, who now is the pilot for Atlantis' flight. "Now we call it a SPACESHIP."

"This is the way a spaceship should look," he adds. "And the nice thing is, the potential for growth is phenomenal. This is like the first step and once the whole fleet is modified, you're going to see some really neat stuff."

Columbia is next in line for the new high-tech cockpit, followed by Discovery and Endeavour over the next two years at a cost of almost \$9 million each.

The next step in cockpit evaluation, a so-called smart cockpit that will not only display information but also recommend solutions for launch and landing problem, is about five years away.

Other safety improvements planned by NASA to keep its space shuttles flying for at least another decade include sturdier engines and stronger tires.



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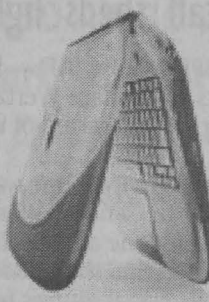
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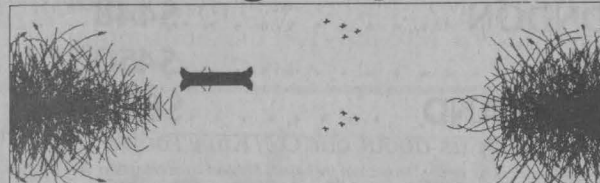


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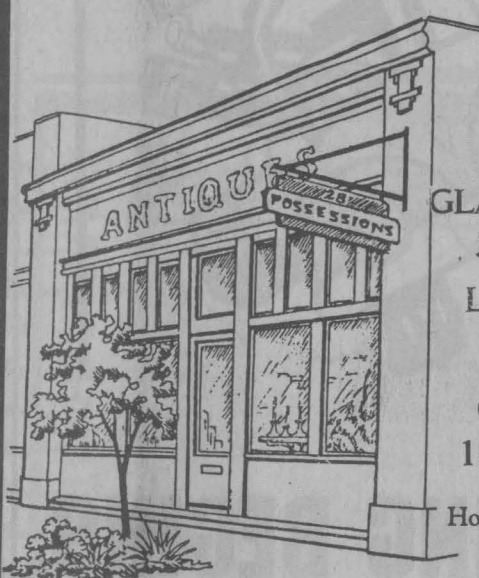
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## Women taking more executive positions, but income gap still wide

WASHINGTON (AP) — The "glass ceiling" that historically has been a barrier to advancement by women in the workplace is showing some cracks, a gradual change backed up by Census Bureau figures.

It's not enough to ensure clear upward mobility for women, say analysts and women's advocacy groups, but noticeable enough to suggest that those comfortable corner offices and plush leather chairs are no longer the sole dominion of men.

According to the latest government estimates, there were more than 7.1 million women in full-time executive, administrative, or managerial positions in 1998 — a 29 percent jump from 1993.

Approximately 9.4 million men had the same kinds of significant jobs, but that represented only a 19 percent increase.

"The glass ceiling definitely exists, but at the same time, there are an increasing number of women who are breaking through it," said Debra Meyerson, a professor of management, science and engineering at Stanford University. "It's proof that more women are entering the workforce."

Here's more proof: In 1998, there were 514,000 more women in executive

positions than in 1997, compared to 392,000 more males in such top-level posts during that same time frame.

The broad category of executive, administrative and managerial positions covers jobs from chief executives, to mid-level and lower-level management positions, to women who own their own businesses.

Analysts point to a variety of factors, including the growing number of single mothers and two income households in the workforce. Females also make up 51 percent of the overall population.

But don't confuse those important gains in upper mobility with reaching the long sought-after goal of pay equality with men, said Wendy Rayner, chief information officer for New Jersey Gov. Christine Whitman and a member of the organization Women Executives in State Government.

While the median income level for men and women in executive positions both rose at the same 20 percent clip in 1998, men made nearly \$17,000 more — \$51,351, the statistics show.

"There's a huge gap in term of funding, salaries and compensation for what we do," Rayner said. "But what we do have is recognition; women are recognized now

that they can contribute equally at the boardroom, as men. We are recognized for that but we are not finished."

But while more women are running their own businesses and own seats on corporate boards, the gains must be viewed with caution, Meyerson said.

A study by Catalyst, a women's advocacy group based in New York, found that women represented 11.9 percent of corporate officers in America's 500 largest companies as of Mar. 31, 1999 — a 37 percent increase since 1995. The Catalyst study also showed the number of companies with two or more women officers increased 28 percent, from 220 to 282.

Yet, men still hold 93 percent of what's known as "line" officer jobs — high-profile jobs with profit-and-loss responsibility that often lead to the top spots, the same study shows. That means, said Meyerson, that many women who achieve executive or management level are shuffled into "staff" positions such as human resources or public relations.

There are an increasing number of factors in the corporate workplace that may seem neutral, but which turn out to adversely affect women, she said. For instance, Meyerson pointed

out that women who stay late for meetings and fight to "defend their turf" in order to stay ahead are looked at in some companies as "control freaks", while men with the same characteristics are merely considered "passionate."

"The exact same behavior was interpreted in different ways," Meyerson said. "So women managers got bad reputations."

The solution won't arise until women get more access to the so-called "old-boy" networks, where many informal discussions and decisions take place, said Linda Stewart, secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, a \$2.3 billion agency with 2,200 employees.

"I think you have to look at income level clearly, but I think you also need to look at diversity of employment levels," she added. "That will tell you if there's been a real trend in terms of getting women employed across the board."

Still, women are unmistakably making their mark on the workplace in spite of the income disparity, said Marna Whittington, managing director and chief operating officer of the Investment Management Division at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in Philadelphia.

## Jordanian king keeps first Israeli visit low-profile

EILAT, Israel (AP) — Jordan's new king on Sunday paid his first state visit to Israel, underplaying the pomp and ceremony in a pointed reference to the precarious state of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

King Abdullah II eschewed a high-profile reception for the visit, which had been scheduled for February but was delayed due to escalated fighting between Israel and Lebanese guerrillas. At his insistence, he met Prime Minister Ehud Barak for a scant four hours in Eilat, a southern Red Sea resort remote from Israel's bustling center.

The young king, whose country concluded a peace agreement with Israel in 1994, made it clear that the collapsed talks with Syria and the troubled Palestinian track were making it harder for him to maintain warm ties.

The concept of trading land for peace, he reminded Barak in his opening remarks, "has been accepted by all parties since 1991 and must continue to guide us."

The Palestinians say Israel is not offering them enough of the West Bank, and Syria wants a prior commitment that Israel will return the disputed Golan Heights. Barak says he first wants to see the security arrangements the Syrians have to offer.

Since taking power in March of last year, Abdullah has tried to restore Jordan's ties with the Arabs, strained

by his late father King Hussein's pronounced pro-Western outlook.

On Sunday, Barak appeared sensitive to his guest's position, and avoided pressing demands for warmer ties.

"We are aware that social and economic processes are by definition slow and require determination and perseverance," he said.

But some of Barak's ministers said they wished Abdullah would do more to warm up what has become Israel's showcase relationship with an Arab neighbor.

"We wish it had been sooner," Regional Cooperation Minister Shimon Peres said of the visit, noting that Abdullah had waited more than a year since his coronation. He added: "We wish it were in Jerusalem."

Abdullah said the circumstances had not been right while tensions were flaring. "I didn't want our visit to Israel to be used in such a way that it didn't promote peace," he said.

Still, the sides radiated friendliness. Abdullah twice referred to Eilat as a "beautiful city." He and Barak discussed plans for an international airport that would serve Eilat and its Jordanian sister city, Aqaba.

Barak's trade minister, Ran Cohen, met with his Jordanian counterpart during Sunday's mini-summit, and later announced that the countries agreed to launch free-trade zone negotiations.

## Victories get Putin off to powerful start as president

MOSCOW (AP) — A string of victories in parliament has solidified President Vladimir Putin's authority and appears to be setting the stage for a calmer, more conciliatory era in Russia after the frenzied confusion of the Boris Yeltsin years.

Since taking office as acting president in December, Putin has persuaded once-combative lawmakers to do two things they steadfastly refused to do under Yeltsin: approve the START II nuclear disarmament treaty and fire Russia's top prosecutor. Lawmakers also approved the nuclear test ban treaty on Friday at Putin's urging.

"He looks invincible. The president's powers are already great, and now it seems the legislative branch is ready to support him — or afraid to oppose him," said Alexei Chaplygin, an analyst with the Center for Civil Society Studies, a Moscow think tank. "It's very popular to like Putin now."

Some analysts say Putin could just be enjoying a honeymoon after his election by a wide margin last month. He could face more bruising debate, for example, when he finally presents his plan for the crucial and touchy issue of restoring Russia's economy.

But overall, observers predict Putin will probably have little trouble getting what he wants — whatever that turns out to be. While he talks of stamping out corruption, reviving Russia's global clout and trimming taxes, he is vague about how he would realize those goals.

Putin has a key advantage that his predecessor lacked: majority support in the lower house of parliament, the State Duma. The Communists and their allies who dominated the Duma for years lost their majority in December parliamentary elections, and were replaced by centrists who generally back Putin.

Much of what Putin has done so far is clean up after Yeltsin. It was Yeltsin who signed START II in 1993 then fought with the Duma for years over ratification, and Yeltsin who first tried to fire Prosecutor General Yuri Skuratov a year ago.

"Those were all Yeltsin's issues. Does that mean Putin will continue Yeltsin's policies? Who knows," said Viktor Kremenyuk, deputy director of the Institute for USA and Canada Studies in Moscow.

One policy Putin appears determined to pursue is nuclear disarmament. As soon as the Duma ratified START II, talks began in Geneva on further cuts of warhead stockpiles.

But Putin is treading cautiously. He insists Russia will pull out of any arms control pact if Washington follows through on amending the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty to build a limited anti-missile defense system.

"Russia will ensure its security as it sees fit," said chairman of the Duma's defense committee, Andrei Nikolayev. "The ratification of START II has created a unique situation for maneuvering by the Russian president," both at home and abroad.

Nationalism may prove the strongest common ground between Putin and parliament. Legislators of all political stripes embrace Putin's goal of restoring Russia's international influence.

## Rebels attack police stations in Chechnya

NAZRAN, Russia (AP) — Russian troops have finished a two-month operation to clear Chechnya's war-ravaged capital of mines, but rebels elsewhere were stepping up attacks on Russian-held areas, the military said Sunday.

Altogether, sappers and special agents discovered more than 120,000 mines underground or in the rubble of Grozny's bombed-out buildings, the city's military commandant, Maj. Gen. Vasily Prizemlin, told the ITAR-Tass news agency.

After rebels abandoned Grozny in February, the Russians barred civilians from parts of the city for fear of mines.

It remained unclear what

Russia plans to do with Grozny. Some officials have suggested moving the capital to Chechnya's second-largest city, Gudermes, instead of spending the huge amounts of money needed to rebuild Grozny.

Five months of Russian air and artillery strikes left the city a charred shell. Many streets are impassable heaps of torn-up asphalt, and the sewage and electricity systems have been devastated. Many of its remaining residents are surviving on gruel from Russian aid officials.

Meanwhile, Russia's top commander in Chechnya, Gennady Troshev, ruled out peace talks with Chechen President Aslan Maskhadov. Maskhadov, with whom

Moscow negotiated an end to the 1994-6 Chechnya war, claimed last week that he had ordered a rebel cease-fire and was seeking a peaceful settlement.

"We cannot sit at a negotiating table with him. ... To sit at a negotiating table with bandits would be a betrayal of the army," the hawkish Troshev insisted on Russia's NTV television Sunday night.

Moscow has indicated recently it is seeking a political solution to the war, reporting some contacts with Maskhadov through intermediaries. Russian President Vladimir Putin has said he would talk with Maskhadov — if he gets the rebels to surrender.



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Oh, it's going to be a fun campaign. It certainly has been wild and unpredictable so far, hasn't it? I mean, just a year ago, all the so-called "experts" were saying that it was a done deal, that Al Gore and George "W" Bush were sure to get nominated, just because they had money and the political big shots behind them. But guess what? This is not a brutal dictatorship such as Iraq or your cable company. This is the United States of America, where the PEOPLE decide. And the 126 people who actually voted in the primaries have decided that the nominees will be: Al Gore and George "W" Bush.

Of course both men were challenged in

the primaries. Al Gore was challenged by Bill Bradley, former Knickerbocker and U.S. senator from the state of Suspended Animation. He reportedly had some good ideas; the problem was that, because of his speaking style, nobody heard them. He'd give a speech on health care and the audience would wake up days later, still groggy, saying, "I remember him saying something about pre-existing medical conditions, and then apparently my head struck the floor."

Bush's main challenger was Sen. John McCain, who got good coverage from the news media because he invited them to ride on his bus. To a normal, well-adjusted human, a bus ride is not particularly exciting, but it was HUGE to the media, because pretty much everybody hates them, especially politicians, who generally would not invite the media to ride on anything except an inner tube floating just above Niagara Falls. So McCain got excellent press, to the point where some Bush supporters felt that the coverage was slanted, as evidenced by this front-page headline from the Feb. 2 issue of The New York Times:

**MCCAIN IS SEEN GAINING ON STUPID.**

But when all was said and done, the winners were Bush and Gore, one of whom will

be our next president, unless - and I would not totally rule this out - the Constitution suddenly is discovered to be missing, and it mysteriously turns up a few days later in the White House living quarters, and, lo and behold, the part that limits the president to two terms is GONE.

But probably it'll be Gore or Bush. Perhaps you're asking yourself: Since we have the candidates, why not just hold the election NOW? Why drag it out? Why can't we be more like, say, Great Britain, which somehow is able to elect an entire new government in less time than it takes for our presidential candidates to agree on the lectern heights for a TV debate?

The answer is that if we vote now, we will do a great deal of harm to something we Americans call "the democratic process," by which I mean "TV and radio broadcasters." These companies are going to be paid many millions of dollars to air commercials in which the candidates viciously attack each other, day after day, month after month, until nobody wants to vote for either one of them except their immediate pets. This is called "informing the voters."

To get you started with this process, here's an analysis of the two candidates' strengths, weaknesses and positions on the issues:

**AL GORE:** His strength is that he has been vice president for eight years, which theoretically gives him a lot of experience.

Unfortunately, he cannot remember ever having participated in any official meetings or discussions or anything else that any current or future special prosecutor may or may not find out about. He is in favor of education, the economy and the Family, and he communicates his views on these topics by speaking in a style identical to that of Mister Rogers reassuring 2-year-olds that they will not be sucked down the bathtub drain.

**GEORGE "W" BUSH:** His strength is that he is the son of former President George Herbert Walker Hoover Franklin Pierce Kennebunkport Bush. His biggest weakness is that he apparently does not speak English, or anything else, as a native language, and thus has trouble when asked trick questions, such as what he thinks. He is also in favor of education, the economy and the Family.

Both men are strongly against the use of drugs, at least at this point in their lives.

So there you have it, voters! Your exciting choice! Ointment vs. Suppository!

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## Fat acceptance: Elementary children learn about body images in media, society

KATHLEEN MEGAN  
 The Washington Post

It's 9:15 in the morning and a fat lady in a billowing black skirt has come to talk about body image. Slide images click onto a screen: sleek-lined women selling cigarettes, selling cosmetics, selling low-calorie fudge pops.

"No woman looks like that," she intones. "This is totally inappropriate."

The words wash over the seventh-graders, catatonic at this hour anyway. Some wonder idly: What is it with this fat lady? Is she jealous of

those hot numbers? A dozen or more slides later, the lady disappears and then returns: this time svelte in a long-sleeved black dress with a gold-tasseled belt that accentuates her slender waist.

"What happened?" says Jasmine Lopez, sputtering. Lopez, like the other 100 seventh-graders in the media center at East Hartford (Conn.) Middle School has been jolted awake. "Did you change your clothes? Did you change your hair too?"

Lisa Berzins, a psychologist and eating disorders expert, smiles. The fat suit she has been using in her talks since 1994 has worked its magic once again, jarring loose the preconceptions kids carry around about fat people.

"How many had a different reaction to me when I was fat?" asks Berzins.

Almost every hand goes skyward.

"What was that difference?" she asks.

The kids are honest. They tell Berzins they were less comfortable talking with her when she was fat. They say that they might not want to be seen with her, that they might be embarrassed to be with her.

Lopez explains that as a fat person, Berzins was simply a lot less appealing. "It seemed like she was dull," says Lopez, "that she didn't have much to live for, that she was lonely."

Matthew Rondinone, another student, says he

noticed that when Berzins was fat, "the kids were slouching. They weren't paying attention." But when she was thin, "Everybody was sitting up tall. Their eyes were glued to her."

He says he sees this happening all the time in school: Kids don't have much interest in fat people, but if it's a skinny kid they listen up.

Only half-joking, Quinn Clark, a seventh-grader in the front row, tells Berzins, "When you were big, I didn't want to touch you."

Berzins responds, "Exactly. Not only do people not want to touch you, they don't want to be with you."

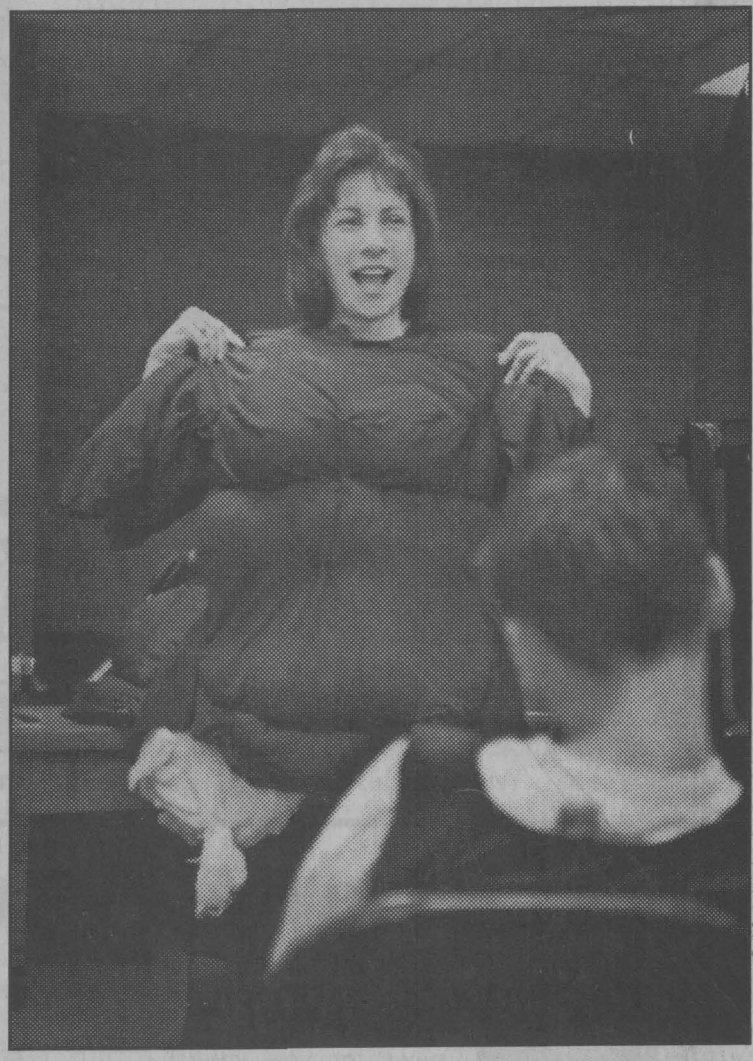
This is all part of the discrimination that overweight people often face, Berzins says. It's as real and as wrong as discrimination based on race, religion or gender, but it is seldom addressed, she says.

Because of these attitudes, Berzins says that when she wears her fat suit, she isn't comfortable with her body image.

The poufy suit, made up partly of a sleeping bag and other stuffing, snaps on beneath her clothes and gives her the rounded curves of a person weighing 220 pounds.

Although weight and body size are major preoccupations among much of the population, the subject continues to be of greatest concern to middle-schoolers, particularly to girls whose bodies are changing at a rapid pace.

Janet Roberts, the nurse



Lisa Berzins shows a group of seventh-graders the fat suit that she keeps in a gym bag when not in use.

practitioner at East Hartford Middle School, says as girls make the transition into young womanhood, they frequently become "extremely upset" about the natural weight gain of 10 to 15 pounds.

Pressured by the media images of unhealthily skinny models and also by their perceptions that boys like thin girls more, many girls set out on diets to look more like their idols. Along the way, they sometimes develop eating disorders, such as anorexia or bulimia.

"It's such a shame because (adolescence) should be a time when girls are celebrating the changes that happen in their bodies," says Berzins. "Instead, they begin a lifelong battle with weight."

Boys, too, are often preoccupied with their own weight, Berzins says. For them, being too thin is as great a problem as being too heavy.

Berzins' presentation is aimed at helping kids understand the way their ideas about body shape and size are influenced by the media and to help them become more comfortable with their body size, whatever it is.

"Of course you all know that the media uses advertising as a way to get you to buy their products," Berzins tells the group. "But probably you haven't really thought about the way that they do that."

As she clicks through slides of women baring portions of ultra-slender bodies, Berzins explains, "Look at the way they use thinness and a certain body to make women feel kind of insecure about their bodies."

The message women get,

she says, is, "You don't look quite so good as you are, but if you buy this product then you will look more like the person in this ad."

Berzins says studies have shown that a girl's opinion of herself and her body actually declines after viewing magazine pictures of models. Other studies have shown, she says, that while there is no difference in the rate of depression among girls and boys before puberty, 15-year-old girls are twice as likely as boys at that age to be depressed.

Berzins says people often associate morality with eating.

"You say, all I've had today is a salad and an apple, I've been so good," says Berzins. "Or, I've been so bad, I ate a whole box of cookies. Tomorrow, I'll be good."

Several of the seventh-graders say they know girls who are on diets who probably don't need to be. Damaris Diaz says she is not on a diet, but she knows of girls who don't eat breakfast and lunch because they don't want to get fat.

Both Diaz and Lopez say, however, they are comfortable with their body sizes and aren't trying to lose weight.

Maritza Burrows, another seventh-grader, says she plays a lot of sports and doesn't worry about her weight. "I feel like I'm in shape."

Berzins says developing healthful eating habits and keeping physically active is the best approach for girls.

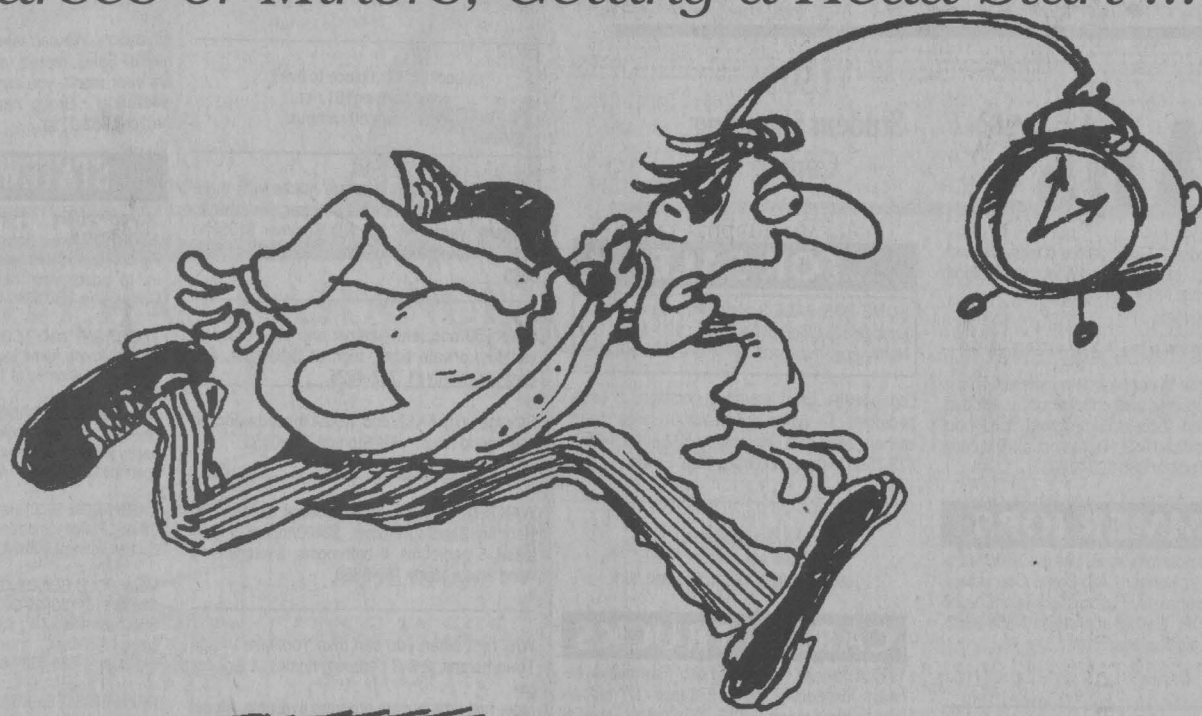
"Be as healthy as you can in the body you have," says Berzins. "Eat your food and go out to play."

Lopez says the fat suit helped her remember the basic lesson: "Don't judge a person by how they look."

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## Man arrested in New Mexico pilgrimage deaths

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Carlos Herrera, 19, was arrested at a friend's home around 2:40 a.m., state police Sgt. Royleen Ross-Weaver said.

Ross-Weaver said Herrera was an acquaintance of the 17-year-old shooting victims, high school sweethearts Richard Martinez and Karen Castanon. She did not elaborate. The teens' bodies were found Friday.

"We received bits and pieces from different people, put it together and started

pursuing the information," Ross-Weaver said. "We were able to develop the suspect and we also have physical evidence linking him to the crime."

She wouldn't comment on a motive.

Ray Martinez, father of the slain boy, said his son did not associate with Herrera.

The arrest gave only brief comfort on a painful Easter, he said.

"These kids were beautiful. They were drug-free, alcohol-free, like peanut butter and jelly," he said.

The teen-agers were among thousands of pilgrims making the annual spiritual trek to the Santuario de Chimayo, a small Roman Catholic church in the village of Chimayo that is said to contain healing dirt.