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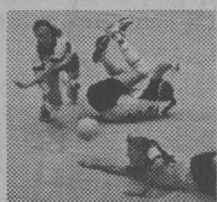
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Today **INSIDE**
SPORTS

Setter Chelsi Neves records a triple-double in USU's sweep of UC Irvine Thursday night in the Spectrum.

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> **ENCORE**

A locally operated Internet-based costume company offers the



world 'Star Wars' goodies and medieval clothing and weapons at a low price. Find out what's behind this worldwide success in Encore.

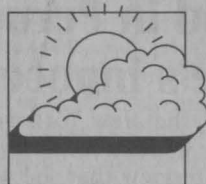
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> **ALMANAC**

On Oct. 20, 1973, special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox was dismissed and Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William B. Ruckelshaus resigned.

In 1803, the U.S. Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase.

In 1977, three members of the rock group Lynyrd Skynyrd were killed in the crash of a chartered plane near McComb, Miss.

> **WEATHER**

Today will be partly cloudy with highs in the upper 60s and lows will be in the mid 40s. Expect showers Saturday and mostly clouds on Sunday. Highs for both days will be in the low 50s and lows will be in the high 20s.

> **AGGIE NEWS****NUGGETS**

Extension's Center for Landscape Water Management recently received \$100,000 in ongoing funding. The money appropriated will be used to hire personnel and pay for operating expenses necessary to gather information, conduct research and, through extension offices, disseminate information and conduct training on the efficient use of water on lawns and gardens, parks, golf courses, highway landscaping and other similar landscaped areas.

**Whose right is it?**

Roe vs. Wade attorneys debate morality, the law and abortion

JESSICA WARREN
Senior Writer

The debate between pro-life and pro-choice continued with the guest speakers at Thursday's convocation lecture.

Phyllis Schlafly and Sarah Weddington, the attorneys involved in the *Roe vs. Wade* decision legalizing abortion in 1973, debated the various issues of abortion and of the effects of the decision today.

The issue was clear on both sides, Weddington advocating the choice of the woman, Schlafly advocating the choice of the unborn child.

Schlafly stated her belief in life beginning at conception. She pointed out ultrasound pictures of unborn babies.

She believes it is the government's job to protect individuals' right to life as given by the creator, which gives the right of life.

Weddington believes the government should in no way interfere with a decision like the one made by a woman considering abortion.



PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY

She said it is a private issue.

Whether a woman decides to carry full term or to terminate, it should be the woman's personal decision, she said.

Weddington cited an early case in Connecticut that overturned the law, making contraceptives a crime. The right to privacy made that law unconstitutional, Weddington said.

"You are the moral agent to make that decision," Weddington said.

Schlafly argued public opinion polls are showing the majority of Americans are anti-abortion. She said the decision to overturn the law in Nebraska to prohibit partial-birth abortions is one of the worst decisions to ever come out of the Supreme Court.

"Why do we tolerate this kind of human torture in the United States?" Schlafly asked.

She said these are the results of *Roe vs. Wade*. She said the legal "gobbledy gook" in the decision of *Roe vs. Wade* made the public believe there is something in the Constitution that determines when life begins and allows abortion.

"Abortion has nothing to do with when life begins, it has to do with when life ends," Schlafly said.

Weddington said *Roe vs. Wade* was not about whether abortion is right or not, but whether the government has the power to make the decision, and

the government gave the decision to women. Schlafly said there are other instances where the government has made decisions for the public. Women are not allowed to participate in prostitution, and a person is not permitted to take illegal drugs in the privacy of their home.

"There is nothing private about abortion. There are at least three people present," Schlafly said.

She said abortion is the deliberate taking of a human life, and the Constitution is supposed to keep people from killing other people.

Weddington said the definition of murder is "the killing of one who has been born." She said an unborn child has no inheritance rights, a pregnant woman needs only one passport.

If a pregnant woman is killed, the murderer is not prosecuted for two murders, but charged with assault or another type of crime. Tax deductions begin at the year of birth, not the year of pregnancy.

Schlafly asked the audience, "When did you become you?"

DNA strands and genetic code are there in a fertilized ovum, she said.

"It's alive, it is human, it is growing," Schlafly said.

Weddington said one of the reasons *Roe vs. Wade* came about is because of

the concern in the medical profession for women who received illegal abortions, or tried to perform the procedure on themselves.

She said the horrors before *Roe vs. Wade* will be repeated if abortion is made illegal. She also said if a woman decides to carry a baby to full term, she should do everything she can to produce a healthy baby, but that she should be able to decide that for herself.

A real tragedy, she said, would be to force a woman who became pregnant as a result of rape or incest to have to carry to full term.

"It is another crime, as I see it," Weddington said.

Schlafly said no law is followed perfectly, but because of legalized abortion, American society is a culture of death with a disrespect for life.

Both debaters talked about the importance of the upcoming presidential election.

Both agreed Al Gore would be guar-

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SARAH WEDDINGTON

Students protest proposed building

TRACY KELL
Staff Writer

The HPER may be losing a field, and the College of Education may be gaining a building.

With a projected growth rate of 185 percent in the next 20 to 30 years, facilities planning has proposed several new buildings to adapt the campus smoothly to the transition. One such proposal involves the addition of a new community outreach facility.

The projected building site is on an existing field of the HPER building. The new building has been introduced as a "community outreach facility" where students and residents of the community can come to receive clinical services like psychological counseling and disability advising.

The College of Education hired an archi-

tectural firm from Boston to design a building as part of the precinct plan introduced to expand the campus. The college wants to build it on the field west of the HPER building because it is a convenient, attractive location that can be seen by anyone entering the campus. These factors make attracting funding for the construction easier, and since it will not be publicly funded, donors are necessary.

The building is needed to help adapt the campus and the community to the growing demand for such facilities.

The HPER department argues that the fields surrounding the HPER building are using as their laboratory space and objects to giving up one third of this space.

"It becomes even more difficult with a growing student body," said HPER department head Art

Jones. "If students need space and the department schedules it first, what will intramurals, club sports and campus recreation do? What we really need is more convenient space and we're losing space."

After this was brought to the attention of the student body, several students organized a petition to stop the building plans. Thousands of signatures have already been collected and they continue the petitioning.

Students have decided to be very professional about the proposal and the petition, said Physical Education major Heidi Hayed. They would like to show our support for the school while voicing our opinions in a professional manner.

With the growth of 12,000 new full-time stu-

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Special Olympics team wins Gold, prepares for Winter World Games

ASHLEY STOLWORTHY
Staff Writer

The Special Olympics team recently returned home from the Fall State Winter Games held at the University of Utah with medals for basketball, powerlifting, gymnastics, cross country and many others. Thirty athletes from the Cache Valley area participated in these events, and members of both the Big Blue and True Blue basketball teams earned top finishes. Big Blue earned a Gold, and True Blue won the Bronze.

Louis Bennet was the first-place finisher in the powerlifting competition, adding another victory to the team's list.

But this competition isn't just about winning, it's also

about sportsmanship, team work and dedication, said head of delegation for the Special Olympics program Merry Braithwaite.

"The Special Olympics program is everything to these athletes," Braithwaite said. "Participants are able to learn social and life skills; [we] help them be physically active and work as a team."

The program is an intricate part of the athletes' lives, and they look forward to weekly practices and interacting with their teammates, Braithwaite said.

Participants' ages range from 11 to 56 years, both male and female. No matter the age, athletes have the chance to compete in their favorite sports and activities.

With only five new athletes this season, the team has the leadership to achieve

at their highest potential. Steven White, a participant in the 25-meter backstroke, 25-meter freestyle, 50-meter freestyle and 4 x 25 freestyle relay, said he really enjoys the competition.

"It's fun and exciting to compete," White said. "I am looking forward to doing it again next season."

As the fall season came to a close, two of the 10 Utah athletes were chosen from Cache Valley's Special Olympics team to travel to Anchorage, Alaska, to compete on Team USA for the Special Olympics World Winter Games in March 2001.

The two athletes representing Utah will be Andrew Leatham for snow

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Students find spelling isn't as easy as p-i-e

DAVE BOYLE
Staff Writer

Robin Isordia is the 2000 Spelling Bee champion of Utah State University.

Isordia is a senior majoring in psychology. This year marks her fourth annual attempt to win the spelling bee. Her prize for winning this year's spelling bee is a new iMac computer system and a \$50 gift certificate to "Computer Solutions Center" on campus.

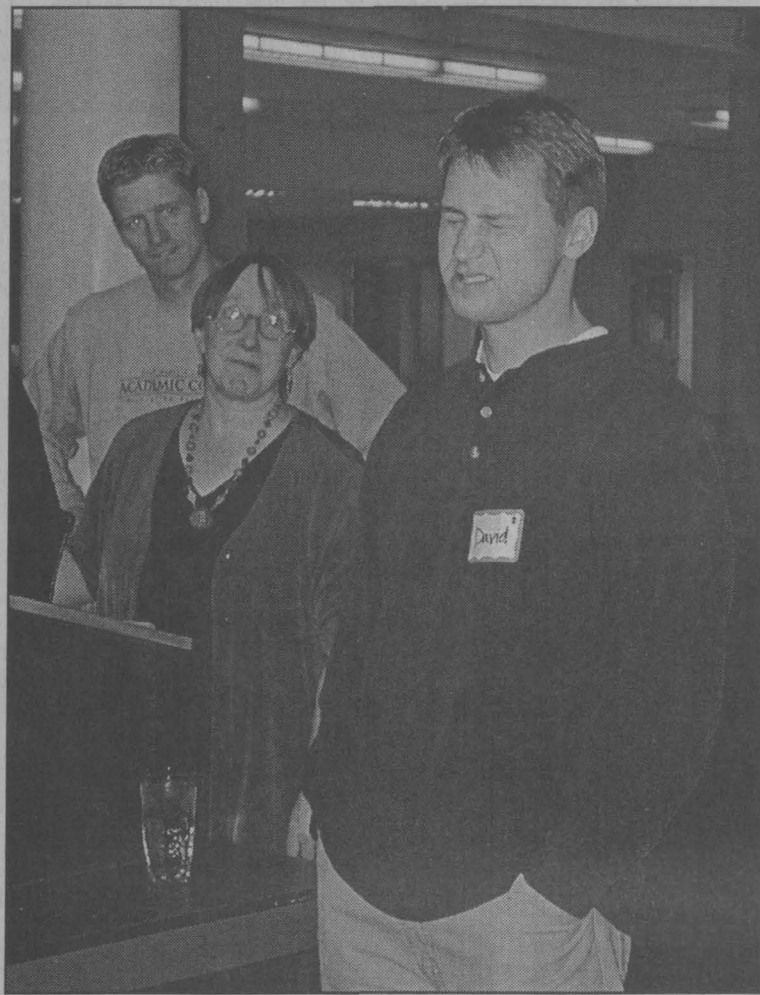
On her first spelling bee attempt, Isordia won fourth place. On her second attempt, she didn't place at all, but on her third attempt, she won second

place. Now Isordia has become the new, reigning USU spelling bee champion.

Amy Lewis, who won second place, is a sophomore at USU majoring in theater performance.

Chuck Rathfelder, who won third place, is a graduate student.

Teresa Ferry, of USU Academic Council, acted as head chairperson of the spelling bee. Jim Stephenson, academic vice president of Associated Students of USU (ASUSU), and his committee helped coordinate the event. About 150 students competed in the spelling bee.



DAVID PACKARD grits his teeth in disappointment as he incorrectly spells "attrition" during the spelling bee Wednesday in the Sunburst Lounge. The grand prize, a new iMac computer, went to Robin Isordia./Liz Maudsley photo



AN ISRAELI TANK PERCHES ON A HILL overlooking the West Bank town of Ramallah Thursday. Palestinians dominate the population in the town. / Knight-Ridder photo

Israeli and Palestinian combat kills two, wounds at least 18

GREG MYRE
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli combat helicopters, attempting to rescue Jewish settlers trapped on a rocky West Bank hillside, traded heavy fire with Palestinian gunmen in a five-hour shootout Thursday. Two people died and at least 18 were wounded.

Israel's prime minister declared it a "gross violation" of a shaky truce announced two days earlier. Both the Palestinians and the Israelis said the other side fired first.

The firefight amid the barren rocks of Mount Ebal, overlooking the West Bank town of Nablus, came on the eve of a Friday deadline imposed by both sides for ending three weeks of violence that has left more than 100 dead, the vast majority Palestinians.

One of those killed Thursday was a

Palestinian and the other was an Israeli civilian who bled to death awaiting rescue. Israelis were especially outraged that the Palestinian Authority did not force the gunmen to retreat to allow Israeli rescuers access to the wounded.

"This is a very grave incident and a gross violation by the Palestinian Authority," Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak said in a statement issued after the battle ended and the settlers were evacuated.

The wounded included 15 Palestinians and at least three Israelis, according to Palestinian doctors and Israeli security officials.

It was not immediately clear whether Israel or the Palestinians were backing away from the truce, but the shootout appeared to be a serious threat to the deal announced Tuesday at a Mideast summit in Egypt.

Trouble broke out when about 40

Jewish settlers tried to travel to the hillside to observe Joseph's Tomb, a holy site in Nablus recently ransacked by a Palestinian mob.

The settlers came under fire from a Palestinian refugee camp, and Israeli helicopter gunships soon joined the fray in an attempt to protect some 40 settlers, including women and children, and evacuate the wounded, according to Israelis.

Two helicopters hovered, unleashing machine-gun fire on Palestinians darting for cover behind the huge stones on a mountain nicknamed the "accursed mountain" for its stark landscape. Palestinians returned antiaircraft fire, a first in the four-week conflict.

"We are engaged in a rescue operation on very difficult terrain," Israeli Maj. Gen. Yitzhak Eitan said on Israel radio as the

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Three Americans injured in Sri Lanka suicide bombing

NAMINI WIJEDASA
Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Shortly before Sri Lanka's president installed her new Cabinet, a suicide bomber blew himself up Thursday, killing two other people and wounding 21 — including three American women. The military said the bomber was a Tamil Tiger rebel who hoped to attack members of President Chandrika Kumaratunga's Cabinet. The president campaigned for the Oct. 10 parliamentary elections on a promise to crush the Tamil rebellion.

"From now on you may see more and more rebel attacks in Colombo," Harry Goonetilleke, a former air force chief, said

after the bombing.

The bomber triggered explosives wrapped to his body after a police patrol challenged him. He died immediately, while a policeman and a civilian died later, said Dr. Hector Weerasinghe, director of the National Hospital.

The wounded Americans were identified in hospital records as Pat Monteleone, Nansie Jubitz and Barbara Barker. Weerasinghe said they were out of danger. He said Barker suffered a chest wound, while the others suffered minor injuries. Two of the women were volunteers for an American technical aid program, and the third was the wife of an official involved in the program. Hospital records did not show the women's hometowns, and the

U.S. Embassy declined to give any details.

"We saw a soldier with a rifle pointing to the park ... and then two seconds later there was a massive explosion and we were all hurt," Jubitz told local television.

The bombing occurred near Colombo's main recreation park in an area with popular tourist shops and office complexes. It is about two miles from where the Cabinet was sworn in.

"The target of the bomber was Cabinet members, but our alert security officials foiled his plan," said military spokesman Brig. Sanath Karunaratne.

Kumaratunga, whose People's Alliance won the parliamentary elections, went ahead with the installation of her 43-member Cabinet despite the bombing.

World GLANCE

Yates sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to 13 murders

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Robert L. Yates Jr. will be sentenced Oct. 26 after pleading guilty Thursday to 13 murders and one attempted murder. Under a plea bargain, he faces a sentence of 447 years in prison.

Yates must remain in the Spokane County Jail until his sentencing, so a planned court appearance Monday in Tacoma has been canceled.

Yates has been charged with aggravated first-degree murder in the slayings of two Tacoma-area women, and still could face the death penalty there.

Post-debate coverage had an influence that helped Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — News coverage after the first presidential debate swayed many non-viewers to believe that Republican George W. Bush won, while those who watched thought Democrat Al Gore won and were not influenced by the coverage, a survey says.

"Pundits and news accounts may have much more influence on voters who don't have direct experience of an event than on those who do," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania, which conducted the survey.

Among those who watched the Oct. 3 debate, 43 percent said Gore performed better and 36 percent said Bush did. The numbers did not change significantly in the days afterward despite news coverage that was critical of Gore's performance and several flawed statements.

Among those who didn't watch, their perception of Gore's performance went from 43 percent to 37 percent while those who thought Bush won went from 21 percent to 26 percent.

The Annenberg 2000 survey, an ongoing series of polls on the campaign and media influence on the campaign, has an error margin of 3.5 percentage points.

Gardner arrested for drunk driving

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah County Commissioner David Gardner was arrested Wednesday night after Provo police say they found him driving while impaired.

Gardner, 44, already faces trial Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct after allegedly manhandling and scolding a 9-year-old boy in a July 29 spat over a broken flashlight.

Provo police Sgt. Gary Hodson said Gardner was booked into jail for a DUI, but had not officially been charged yet.

"We were responding to another complaint that we were investigating and we found him to be driving impaired," Hodson said. Gardner was stopped at 5:58 p.m. in downtown Provo. Police said he did not resist arrest.

Hodson said another matter Gardner may have been involved in was under investigation but refused to specify.

The commissioner's first arrest for DUI was in March 1999. At the time, he told law officials he had accepted an alcoholic drink from a hitchhiker without knowing what was in the cup.

He later pleaded no contest to DUI and entered into a nine-month court agreement that required him to abstain from alcohol and get professional counseling.

Hodson said Gardner faced stiffer penalties and fines for his second DUI. If convicted on the disorderly charge, he could be sentenced to 6 months in jail and fined \$1,850 for violating the court agreement he entered into after being charged with drunken driving.

American woman held in Peru as terrorist declares she's innocent

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Lori Berenson, the New York woman handed a life sentence for terrorism by hooded military judges, denied in her first television interview that she was a terrorist. But she refused to condemn the leftist rebel group she is accused of helping to plan an attack on Congress.

"The charges against me are preposterous and they're obviously false," Berenson said in an interview with CBS News' "48 Hours" program broadcast Thursday night. "I am not a terrorist by any means. Quite the contrary, I do not believe in any act of terrorism. But Berenson, 30, refused to condemn the pro-Cuban Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement, known by its Spanish initials MRTA. The government says she participated in a MRTA plot to seize Congress and take hostages to exchange for jailed rebel fighters.

"I don't see why I have to denounce the MRTA," she said when CBS News correspondent Peter Van Sant asked if she was prepared to do so before American television viewers.

When Van Sant pointed out that the MRTA had kidnapped and murdered people, Berenson replied, "I don't have a right to give any judgment. I'm not going to denounce anyone. To murder innocent people, I'm not saying that is correct. But what I'm saying in the general context — trying to change one's life is not necessarily wrong."

She said she had no reason to believe the MRTA was a terrorist organization. She said she did not realize that many of the people she socialized with, including people she shared a house with, belonged to the MRTA.

Florida homeowners take up arms to protect the trees

MIAMI (AP) — Enraging homeowners, Florida agriculture officials are going into back yards and cutting down people's beloved citrus trees in an effort to stamp out a crop-destroying strain of bacteria.

The campaign has led to armed standoffs between agriculture crews and homeowners. "We have had all our rights taken away," said Nick Michaels. The problem is citrus canker, a type of bacteria that causes oranges, grapefruits, lemons, limes and other fruits to fall prematurely and leaves lesions on fruit and leaves. The outbreak, confined mostly to the southern part of the state, poses a major threat to central Florida's \$8.5 billion citrus industry.

There is no chemical that will kill canker in plant tissue. As a result, more than 750,000 trees have been cut down and burned since 1995 in residential areas of three Miami-area counties.

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Roe vs. Wade decision gave women rights, legalized abortion nationwide

JESSICA WARREN
Senior Writer

Involving disciplines of medicine, philosophy and theology, opinions on abortion vary.

Justice Harry Blackmun delivered opinion to the court opinion in *Roe vs. Wade* January 22, 1973. His opinion set a precedence for legalized abortion in all 50 states. At the time, only four states allowed abortions: California, New York, Colorado and North Carolina.

As justices, Blackmun said it was their task to "resolve the issue by constitutional measure, free of emotion and of predilection."

Abortion laws date back to common law in England. Definitions went from murder to manslaughter to differentiating one abortion from another. Common laws focused on when life began and decided on "quickening" or the first recognizable movement of the fetus.

This usually occurs on the 16th to 18th week of pregnancy.

By the mid-1800s, states started changing the law and by the 1950s a majority of jurisdictions banned abortion, however and whenever it was performed.

The American Medical Association created a Committee on Criminal Abortion in May 1857. This committee cited three reasons for an increase in abortions: ignorance about the true character of the crime professionals ignoring the life of a fetus, and defects in laws regarding the existence of a child before birth.

The AMA made no formal action until 1967 when it recommended opposing abortion except when the safety of the mother is in question, the child would be born with birth defects or the pregnancy occurred as a result of proved rape or incest. They said these reasons must be confirmed by two physicians licensed by the state, and the procedure must be performed in an accredited hospital.

In 1970, Jane Roe filed a class-action suit challenging the constitutionality of the abortion law in Texas. The law made abortion a crime unless doctors advised it because the mother's life was at risk.

Blackmun said Roe sued "on behalf of herself and all other women." He said the statute in Texas defined life as beginning at conception, and their grounds for banning abortion is the state has a "compelling interest in protecting that life from and after conception."

The Constitution has never recognized an unborn child as a person, Blackmun said, and that therefore could not be reason for a state interest.

In his final statement, Blackmun said allowing an abortion only as a life-saving procedure violates the Due Process clause of the 14th Amendment.

A state may define a physician legally allowed to perform an abortion as one licensed by the state.

Blackmun leaves the state free to place increasing restrictions as the term of pregnancy increases, as long as they are tailored to a state interest, like enforcing maternal health. He leaves abortion as a medical decision solely in the hands of the

NATO mission preserves peace, speaker says

BRIAN CARTER
Staff Writer

The mission of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has changed to preserve the peace and security of Europe and the North Atlantic, said Jean-Marie de Blende Thursday to a Utah State University foreign policy class.

De Blende, a major in the Belgian Air Force, was on campus to lecture on the mission of NATO. De Blende said NATO has changed over the past decade.

"The fall of the Berlin Wall and the Warsaw Pact has resulted in many changes. We were threat-driven during the Cold War," de Blende said. "During the Cold War, NATO considered the threat coming from Russia."

NATO was organized in 1949 after World War II to counteract the communist threat and the Warsaw Pact.

Twelve countries are original members and seven have been added over the past 50 years.

Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic are the latest countries to gain membership.

"Today we speak of risks of security, of weapons proliferation, ethnic conflict and organized crime."

During the Cold War, de Blende said NATO had 300,000 soldiers but is down to 95,000 today.

De Blende said airborne forces are the only military forces during peacetime.

De Blende also said an attack against a NATO member would not be an attack against that country alone.

"An attack on one NATO nation is considered an attack on all alliance nations," de Blende said.

But before any action can be taken, de Blende said the 19 members of NATO must agree.

"As a multi-national organization we reach a consen-

sus on decisions," de Blende said. "Consensus is the key word of all discussions and decisions in NATO."

Current operations include peace forces in Kosovo and in the former Yugoslavia. Assisting in those operations are 26 countries as part of Partners for Peace.

Russia, Finland, Sweden and Austria are among the PFP countries.

None of the PFP countries are members of NATO but are working with NATO.

"No nations can ask to be a member, they have to be asked," de Blende said.

To be invited for membership, countries must have a good democracy, no territory problems with neighboring countries and an economy strong enough to support their military, de Blende said.

"NATO is a political alliance," de Blende said. "We serve politicians. Military engagement is a political decision."

De Blende said the legal basis for NATO action usually consists of a mandate from the United Nations.

Although the UN issues a mandate, de Blende said NATO does not have to accept it and has denied mandates in the past.

"NATO is a regional defense organization," de Blende said. "We are able to accept or refuse any mission from the UN as an alliance."

Funding for NATO comes from member countries, de Blende said.

The United States pays 29 percent of the \$1.56 billion annual budget.

Germany pays 23 percent, the United Kingdom pays 13 percent, and the remaining 16 countries pay the remainder of the budget, de Blende said.

The percentage each country pays is based on the gross national product of the country, de Blende said.

"We have received no extra money since the end of the Cold War," de Blende said.

News Briefs

SLOC searches for volunteers for 2002 Games

The Salt Lake Olympic Committee is looking for volunteers for the 2002 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Position areas include accommodations, medical, catering, press operation and technology, among others.

SLOC has been accepting applications since March 10, 2000, and will continue to accept the applications through the end of this year.

Volunteers must be U.S. citizens or have appropriate U.S. visas, be at least 18 years old by Feb. 8, 2002 and able to speak and read English fluently.

For more information, refer to the 2002 Winter Games Web page at www.saltlake2002.com

Green Party to host fun run

The Utah Green Party, supporting Ralph Nader in this presidential race, will host the Giardina Run, a fund-raising fun run from the Utah State University HPER building to the White Owl, 36 W. Center St., starting at 5:20 p.m. Thursday.

Registering to run will cost \$5, or \$15 to receive a T-shirt with the run. Anyone age 3 and older is welcome to run, but only those 21 and older will be allowed into the White Owl.

Runners are encouraged to wear costumes and carry signs.

Deadline to vote is approaching

The deadline has passed for students, faculty, staff and other citizens to register to vote through Utah State University.

Registration forms can still be turned in to the County Clerk, but must be hand-delivered to the office by Oct. 27.

It is also too late to apply for an absentee ballot, in-state or out-of-state.

For more information contact Associated Students of USU Vice President Rex Hansen for more information at 797-1727 or rexh@cc.usu.edu

Swing into ballroom dance

Elite Hall will host ballroom dancing lessons from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, which will precede open-floor ballroom dancing from 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Cost will be \$4 per person for both the dance and lessons or \$3 for just the dance.

Lessons will be taught by Russel and Rebecca Carlson, and dance music will be performed by For All Seasons.

Elite Hall is located in Hyrum on the corner of Main and 100 West.

Hyrum to get \$3.5 million face-lift

Officials are looking at a plan that could give the city a million-dollar facelift.

A group of residents has worked for more than a year on a plan to build a new library and museum, buy and demolish a block of buildings across from the city offices, and renovate Elite Hall. A parking facility would also be built if the plan is approved.

While the entire cost is still being calculated, the project is estimated to cost about \$3.5 million.

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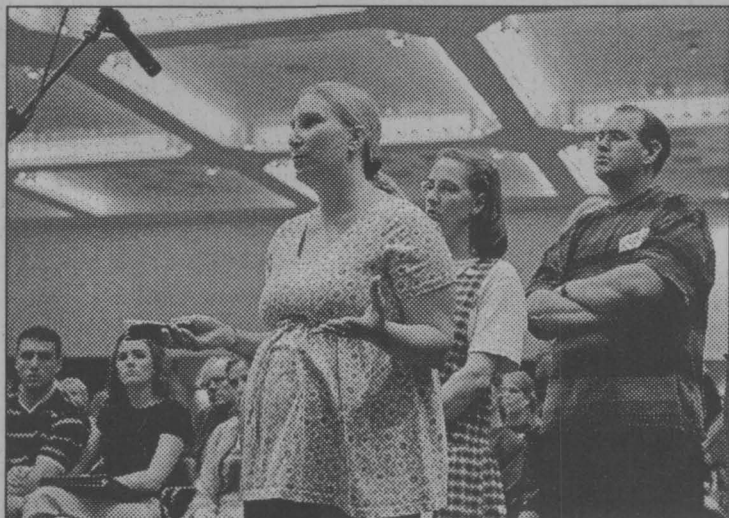
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anted to appoint pro-choice judges, and George W. Bush has indicated he would appoint pro-life judges to the Supreme Court.

Weddington said three judges want to leave *Roe vs. Wade* alone. Three want to get rid of it, and three say to weaken it. By electing Gore, she said we could be sure the decision of having an abortion or not will remain the same.

Schlafly said pride is a hang-up with the Supreme Court. By overthrowing the decision made almost 30 years ago, if they would be admitting to making a mistake.



JACKIE MEYER poses her question to Schlafly and Weddington during the question and answer part of Thursday's debate. Meyer asked the women about their views on the responsibility of women to give life to their unborn children. Meyer is six months pregnant and is being pressured to have an abortion because of complications. She said she is against abortion. /Joe Rowley photos

Press, parking find new homes

SHARALYN HARTWELL
Staff Writer

To fulfill the Master Plan, Parking Services has moved to the Public Safety Building, formerly known as the Technical Services Building, and University Press has taken its place.

Campus Planning is trying to keep all student services in central areas, said Sid Morse, two-year employee of Parking Services. The newly-named Public Safety Building houses three student services in one building — Parking Services, Campus Police and the Key Office.

Parking Services moved its headquarters Sept. 28 from the building directly east of Bullen Hall to the old Technical Services Building north of the stadium and softball diamond.

The Technical Services Building was empty for more than a year and a half, so the space needed to be utilized, Morse said. The cost was also much lower to renovate the old building than to build a new one, Morse said. Parking Services is a self-funded department. Parking tickets and permits provide most funding for parking lot maintenance.

Because Parking Services is self-funded, it technically would have had to sell the old building to buy the new one, Morse said. But things have worked out with other departments and they have called it even, Morse said.

Before everyone at Parking Services is settled in the new office, work has to be done on the building's heater, and the rest of the supplies and furniture won't be there for another six weeks, Morse said.

Despite that inconvenience, Morse said, "The hardest thing is telling people where we are."

A lot of students and faculty members have complained about the new location, Morse said, because it seems so far away from the center of campus. Morse said the buildings in the center of campus need to be utilized for "things students use, and not all students have cars."

"You have to expect changes at a university," Morse said. "You have to expect it if it's going to continue to grow and have more students."

There is talk about moving Parking Services to the bottom of the new parking terrace that may be constructed where the heating plant is now, Morse said.

every day than the Quad."

However, the College of Education is not planning to take this space away without making amends of some sort.

It has offered to give the HPER department the open space where the current Center for Persons with Disabilities building is, but it would have to be shared with the Edith Bowen Laboratory School.

This would create some inconveniences for HPER students.

A vote will be held Oct. 30 to decide the fate of the field.

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shoeing and Mary Dawn Waite in the cross country competition. Leatham has only been participating with the Special Olympics for two years and has already established himself as the top snow shoer in the state.

Waite, too, has made a name for herself. Last year, she attended the North American Championships for cross country. Accompanying the athletes will be one alternate and one coach, Dave Bregenzer, a statistics professor at USU.

Bregenzer has attended the last four Special Olympics Games.

"This competition is like the Super Bowl and World Series — all in one," Bregenzer said. "The fanfare and camaraderie is every bit as large as Sydney was [to the athletes]."

Bregenzer has been actively involved with the Special Olympics team for a number of

years.

"I am not only a coach, but a friend," he said. "It makes me feel good as a human being knowing that I have made someone's life better. In return, these athletes have made my life better ... They inspire me."

Like its larger counterpart, the Special Olympics is held every four years, and the 2001 competition will be one of the largest in history, with 90 countries and more than 3,000 athletes competing. According to the 2001 World Games Web page, Alaska's goal "is to help bring all persons with mental retardation and/or a closely-related developmental disability."

To assist in funding the athletes' trip costs and the Special Olympics program at USU, a benefit concert will be held Oct. 28 in the Kent Concert

Hall, at 7 p.m., with The Howl following.

"Power of the Dream" features various performers, and will be emceed by Michael Ballam and his daughter Vanessa Ballam-Brenchley.

A special video production of the fall season's athletes will also be shown. Proceeds are not only being used for the Winter Games trip, but also to purchase equipment to assist the athletes, like lifts for exiting the pool and specialized bicycles for the physically impaired. Without the equipment, many athletes would not be able to participate in the events, Bregenzer said.

Community members, students and faculty members are invited to help with the Special Olympics program, whether it be by financial assistance, or by volunteering.



MARY BRAITHWAITE stands with Special Olympians Andrew Leatham and Mary Dawn Waite. Coach and USU professor Dave Bregenzer is pictured next to Waite. Leatham will compete in snowshoeing and Waite will compete in cross country skiing in the 2001 World Games. /Joe Rowley photo

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dents, the need for the field will be even more prominent, because intramurals and club sports will also have higher participation. More than 1,500 students use the field for sports-related activities and to take away a third of it would impact the program enormously.

"If we continue building like this, eventually the HPER field will be non-existent," Hayed said. "Imagine if it was the Quad they proposed building on. It would be a huge deal. And more students use the HPER fields

Local company offers quirky costumes, from Middle Ages to the future of Jedis On the TOWN

ANDY MORGAN
Staff Writer

Perhaps in the last few weeks you've seen a large, burly man with brown curly hair and a goatee walking around campus, dressed as a Jedi Knight.

You may have asked yourself, "Who is this guy? Why is he wearing that robe? Has George Lucas, in a state of Red Bull delirium, picked the Utah State University campus as a shooting locale for 'Star Wars: Episode Two?'"

Good news: It's not George Lucas, and he doesn't want you in "Episode Two."

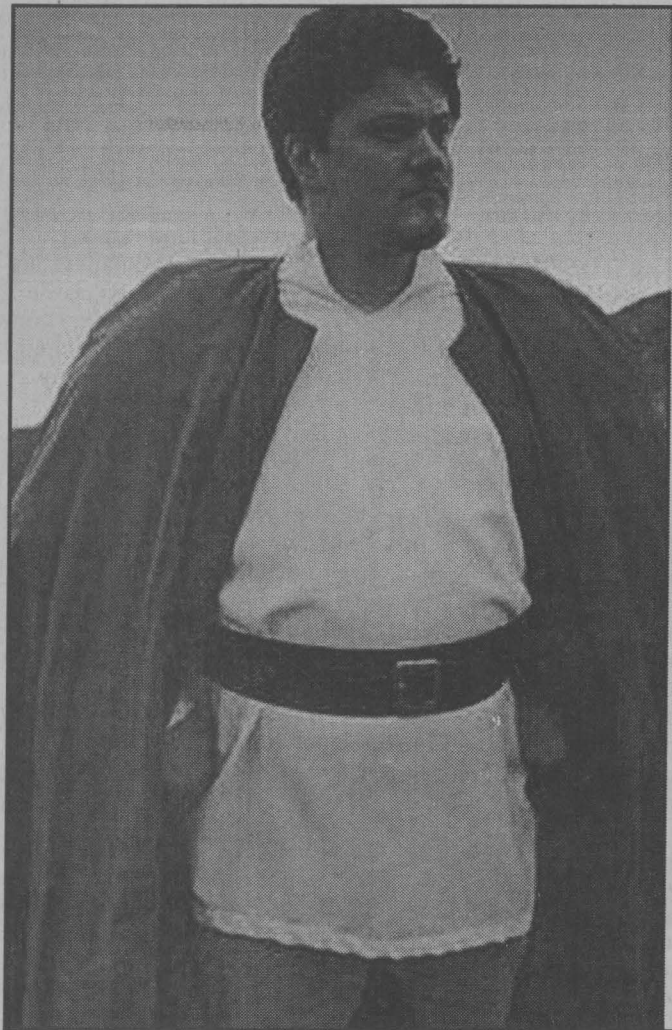
It is Timothy Buck, a "Star Wars" fan, art major and Web entrepreneur.

With his wife, Tara, as his partner — and the assistance of some local artisans — Buck owns and operates Raven's Moon (www.ravensmoon.com), an Internet-based business that specializes in "handmade replicas of medieval and early Renaissance items."

If you need some chain mail — be it a sash, coif or shirt, various robes and cloaks, a peasant's shirt, a tabard, some armor or numerous other types of clothing for women and men — Raven's Moon has it. Think JRR Tolkien meets e-commerce.

Inside their online catalogue you can find many weapons, as well. This might interest anyone looking to pulverize trick-or-treaters on Halloween.

They have a mallet that looks like something out of 'Braveheart,' an executioner's ax that looks primed to take some heads off and a war club (a 3-foot-long, solid-oak staff with a leather handle and brass studs for



RAVEN'S MOON, a Cache Valley-based Internet costume shop, offers medieval gear like that shown here. /www.ravensmoon.com photo

impact) that makes the aforementioned weapons seem like tinker toys. They even have handmade lightsabers for the Raven's Moon Jedi and Sith ensembles.

The quality is high because Buck and his staff make everything by hand (with specific attention to detail), and they keep their products at a reasonable cost.

Describing how he became interested in "live-action role-play," Buck said he decided, after a few months, he would get himself a costume to authenticate the medieval role-play-

ing experience, but he was shocked at the cost of replicas on the Internet.

"I was appalled at the extremely high prices for costumes," Buck said. "It seemed fundamentally wrong to charge people hundreds of dollars for relatively simple items, just because you could."

So Buck said he set out to do something about it.

"I have skills in quite a few fields; I had learned to make chainmail and sew some time before, besides the ceramics and metalwork," he said. "I thought to myself, 'Well, why don't I do this?' So I did."

Since 1995, Buck has been going to school and operating Raven's Moon. He sells items across the country from the company's Web site, and he has sent items to such far-away places as Bahrain, an island in the middle of the Persian Gulf.

However, despite selling their goods to Cache Valley residents at fairs, Raven's Moon has never received a Web order from a Cache Valley resident.

Buck said most business starts in the summer and ends sometime after Christmas.

Halloween is the biggest boom of the year, with

Christmas a close second.

Raven's Moon becomes so busy during those times that limits are set as to when Halloween and Christmas orders can no longer be guaranteed. This year it was Sept. 1 and Nov. 4. Buck said sales are usually 50 percent medieval and 50 percent Star Wars.

It doesn't take a Jedi mind trick to convince Buck he's doing what he loves. "Making stuff for the [Web] site is really my hobby," he said. "I really enjoy doing it. It works out nicely, since I am able to work my hobby into my business."

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Marriage and technology: Not good bedfellows

Life SENTENCES

Bryce Casselman



I'm a science fiction kind of guy.

This means I grew up watching television shows like the original "Star Trek," "Buck Rogers in the 21st Century," "Battlestar Galactica" and cartoons like "G-force" and "Transformers."

With this kind of background, you might think I'd be the first to go out and purchase every new technological gadget around.

This is not the case. "Why?" you ask. Because I'm married.

As every married man knows, the holy bonds of wedlock and technology are natural enemies.

There are many reasons for this, but I will share only the main ones.

The first is, of course, money.

You can identify a single guy instantly by counting the sheer number of electronic gizmos he has in his possession.

These include big-screen television sets, DVD players with matching sound systems and computers with a second hard drive solely dedicated to computer games like Diablo, Warcraft and Myst.

You can also pick out a single guy by his car.

If he has a 32-inch speaker in his trunk and a car stereo that cost more than he'll spend on food during the next 20 years, you can probably assume he doesn't have to justify it to the Mrs. Tightfist.

The married guy might have a radio in his car that picks up AM stations and a top-loader VCR that he got at a garage sale.

Beyond this, his idea of splurging on technology is buying a paper shredder or an over-the-range microwave.

Another area of life that pits marriage against technology is the time factor.

When you are single, your free time is basically all of the time, with the exception of work, school and maybe a little laundry every couple of months.

With this wealth of hours, minutes and seconds to do whatever you feel like comes the ability to conquer all 485 levels of the latest death-and-carnage game to hit stores.

The single guy also has the ability to write palm-script, the messed up Palm Pilot language, which only comes naturally to crack-heads and archeologists.

Conversely, when you are married, free time is that slight moment, right before sleep, when the endless interrogation from the person lying next to you fades and you fall into the all-too-brief peace of slumber.

Computer games when you're married are soon reduced to sending e-mail once a week, and the closest thing you'll ever come to a Palm Pilot becomes the notes your wife pins to your

shirt each day, containing your daily chores.

The one piece of technology that married men do seem to be able to obtain is cellular phones.

A cell phone can be a wonderful and useful tool in times of need and for the simple fact of convenience. For a single guy, this is heaven; for the married guy, it's hell.

For example, a married guy is sent to the video store to pick up a movie and with no cell phone is free to choose whatever he wants, using the "I forgot" clause to purposefully not bring home the latest Jane Austin novel put to the screen. But a cell-phone-carrying husband must either take it home or pay the price for being "connected."

With cell phones, all of the old excuses become null and void, and coming up with new creative excuses is really not worth the energy.

So if you're married and your wife presents you with the idea of getting a cell phone, I propose the following: Suggest to her that you'd rather spend the money on taking her out to any movie of her choice.

I propose this so that later, when she sends you to the video store, you can accidentally forget to get "Fried Green Tomatoes" and instead rent the latest sci-fi flick and as a whole keep your solitude and your sanity.

Bryce Casselman's column runs every two weeks in the Encore section. E-mail him with comments at yanobi@hotmail.com

International pageant to offer scholarships

NATALIE LARSON
Senior Writer

International students at Utah State University looking for scholarships and American students looking to learn more about international students will have a common solution next month.

The Miss and Mr. International Pageant 2000 will be held Nov. 8 in the TSC Ballroom at 7 p.m.

Applications are due Monday.

Kim Babcock, vice president of the International Student Council, said the pageant offers international students university-wide exposure and helps the rest of the student body see the diversity brought by international exchange programs.

"We want to introduce the international students to Utah State," Babcock said. "We've made a name for ourselves through Miss International."

The scholarship this year is the biggest pageant organizers have ever offered, Babcock said.

The woman crowned Miss International will receive a scholarship and only have to pay in-state tuition for Spring Semester, Babcock said.

He said whoever becomes Mr. International will receive a book scholarship for Spring Semester.

Miss International gets a larger prize because her pageant is a more rigorous, difficult competition,

Babcock said.

Competing women have to meet more criteria and be involved in activities outside the actual contest, such as an interview with a panel of judges, Babcock said.

"Mr. International [contestants are] basically the entertainment between Miss International [contestants]," he said. "They relieve stress from the girls and are pretty fun."

Men competing for the title of Mr. International are also judged differently, Babcock said.

"They are judged on the audience participation," he said. "Whoever gets cheered for the loudest wins."

Babcock said this year 12 international applicants will be accepted for the pageant.

Students with U.S. citizenship must have lived in their native country at least five years and speak their native language to be eligible.

If 12 international students apply, U.S. citizens will not be eligible.

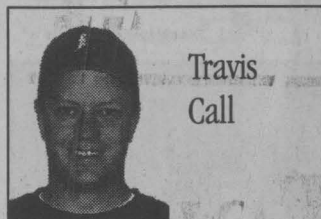
Babcock said he hopes a lot of people will show up to watch the pageant in November.

"As much support as possible would be greatly appreciated," Babcock said. "It will be a fun evening."

Applications are available in the International Student Office in TSC 313.

More information on the pageant is available by calling 797-1124.

Two guys and a movie Is dumb humor in 'Ladies Man' worth it?



Travis
Call

"The Ladies Man," much like other sexually-oriented offerings of the entertainment industry, is the kind of movie that reveals everything it has to offer in the first five minutes. It makes you laugh, but does so on a dramatic

scale of diminishing returns.

The character of Leon Phelps is funny, but the gags get old, and, before you know it, you're starting to wonder if it wouldn't have been smarter to stay home and use the triage method to sort your critically foul-smelling laundry from that which is still wearable.

I opted to stay and finish the movie, woke up the next day and found myself heading to work wearing a 50/50 blend of cotton and spaghetti sauce. It wasn't worth it.

The story goes something like this: Leon Phelps (Tim Meadows) is a cliché from the '70s who's making good in the present day by working the ladies with his sexy, upbeat vibe. He works in radio and manages to offend most of his listening audience. As a result, Leon loses his job. He gets other jobs and loses them as well.

Julie (Karyn Parsons), his producer, is clearly in love with him even though he spends most of the movie pursuing everyone but her.

They hook up in the end, but by then there isn't a soul in the audience who cares. I personally lost all hope when Phelps and friends tricked a rival love interest into eating poop.

I was able to sympathize with him.

"The Ladies Man" left a similar taste in my mouth.

The film does have the capacity to entertain certain audiences.

The following are some comedic highlights that might interest those people: Leon wears disco clothing and sports an afro that makes him look silly; he owns coconut butt lotion; a nun tells him about being called to a missionary position, which makes him uncomfortable; he has unwittingly offended a whole bunch of white guys who want to kill him; he is apparently blessed anatomically.

Moviegoers might remember all of these scenes from the trailer.

That's just the point I'm trying to make — all the comedy can be found in the trailer.

Somehow, every time I watch a "Saturday Night Live" movie, I always end up cursing producer Lorne Michaels. "SNL" is amusing — at times it's even entertaining. But let's be honest; it's aired on Saturday night when most of the country is either drunk or so deprived of entertainment that even Dennis Miller keeps them riveted to the TV like my dog to the barbecue.

Lorne Michaels can't make a decent film. Smart money will avoid whatever future theatrical entertainment he tries to peddle.

But if you are among the 1 percent or so who needs a joke repeated five or six times before you get it, this is your flick.



TIM MEADOWS (center) with Randy and Candy Brough at his side in 'The Ladies Man.' /www.movieweb.com photo

"The Ladies Man" has enough mind-killing substance to turn your brain into a glob of green Jell-O. However, since I saw the film at midnight, and by that time my brain had shut down for the evening, I was immune from the intelligence-snatchers and made it through the film without injury.

Did I mention that I laughed so hard my cheeks hurt?

Sure, other critics are blasting "The Ladies Man" for its obvious stupidity, but let's face the truth: It's not "American Beauty," nor does it ever attempt to be. It isn't trying to win an Oscar, and it sure as hell isn't trying to bridge the audience gap and garner viewers from all walks of life.

No way. Its solitary objective is to make a specific and limited group of people laugh so hard they forget the stinky cheese smell in the theater and how they took out a second mortgage to purchase goodies at the snack counter.

Bravo, "Saturday Night Live." You did your job. Nobody else thinks you did — that is, no one but me.

Mike Clark of *USA Today* said, "Even more than the miserable 'A Night at the Roxbury' and 'Superstar,' it makes the first 'Wayne's World' movie look like a bolt of artistic lightning from a blue sky."

Roger Ebert, the thumbs-up *Chicago Sun-Times* movie critic, called it "another desperately unfunny feature-length spin-off from 'Saturday Night Live,' a TV show that would not survive on local access if it were as bad as most of the movies it inspires."

Last but not least, Jeff Vice of the *Deseret News* said, "Saying that 'The Ladies Man' is the best movie spawned from 'Saturday Night Live' in quite some time is sort of like grading the quality of dog doo."

I realize that after my rehashing of Ebert, Clark and Vice's thoughts on "The Ladies Man," most of you won't go near the film without a bio-suit and a flame-thrower, but I include their comments for a specific purpose. I do it because I think they are wrong.

Granted, as I said before, the film is light-years away from an Oscar vote, but it's important to note that it never presumes to seek one. The movie is happy with what it is — a silly, whimsical, carefree, slapstick twist on love, sex and late-night African-American radio hosts with lisps. It's nothing but fun.

However, most critics can't see past the last four-star movie they reviewed and tend to judge every flick with that immaculate standard of film as their talisman. It can't work that way — at least if fairness is an issue. Films should be viewed, and, if enjoyed, graded on their own scale and not the scale of an Oscar contender.

That is why so many films get bad grades; critics are too nervous to say, "Geeze Louise, I went and saw 'The Ladies Man' and I laughed my head off. Yeah, it was dumb and thoughtless, but I still laughed."

On the other hand, maybe Ebert, Clark and Vice are right. Maybe this film is dog doo and I'm easy to please.

Yeah, right. Those guys are *prima donnas*. See "The Ladies Man" and laugh. It's that simple.

What WE THOUGHT

Andy Morgan /Grade C
Travis Call /Grade D

What YOU'D THINK

The Statesman's best guess about who would like this film — and who wouldn't.

- 👍 If you own a bottle of Coconut Butt Lotion
- 👍 If the phrase "Da Butt" gives you goosebumps
- 👍 If you are strangely attracted to Greco-Roman wrestler Rulon Gardner
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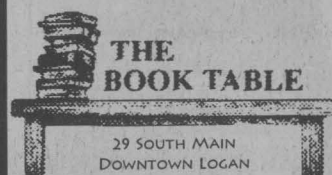
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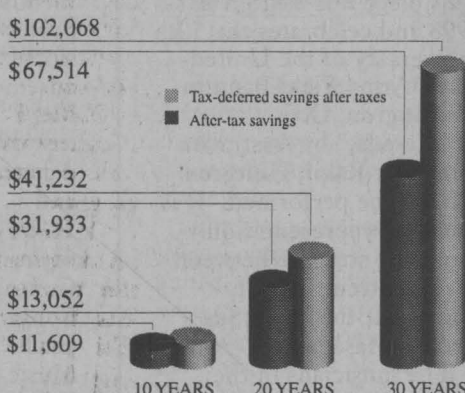
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'Famous' best film of year

ANDY MORGAN
Staff Writer

Music REVIEW

Almost Famous /Grade A

"Almost Famous" is simply the best movie of the year. It hasn't stormed the box-office like "Meet the Parents" or "Remember the Titans," two family-friendly autumn releases, but don't let the numbers discourage you from seeing a heart-warming story about coming-of-age in the transitional era of the 1970s.

Cameron Crowe, the man behind 1989's "Say Anything," 1992's "Singles" and 1996's "Jerry Maguire," scores his fourth hit in 10 years, and this outing's success orbits around Crowe's willingness to place his personal life on the stage of fiction. The basis and many of the events in "Almost Famous" are taken from Crowe's teenage years in which he worked as a rock-journalist for Rolling Stone magazine.

Taking actual events from his life and painting them onto the silver screen was not an easy task for Crowe.

In an interview with E-Online, Crowe said, "If somebody says about 'Jerry Maguire,' 'Oh, I'm not really into sports. I didn't care for it, that's different than, 'I'm not really into your life. It bored me.' The only way [the movie] worked was to make it personal. When it got more personal, it got more purposeful."

Crowe's mirror image is William Miller (Patrick Fugit), a young man surrounded by the stringent values of his mother, Elaine (Frances McDormand), and the free-spirit remnant of the '60s that is his sister Anita (Zooey Deschanel). Contention between his mother and sister is commonplace, and when their final battle ensues and



FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD William (Patrick Fugit) lands a plum writing assignment that puts him on an eye-opening tour with the rock band Stillwater. /www.movieweb.com photo

Anita leaves to become a flight attendant, William's life is changed forever. His sister has left her forbidden rock LPs for him, among which is the song that explains why she left home to be a stewardess. The words of the song are, "I walked out to look for America."

Years pass and young William is an aspiring rock critic. He turns to the editor of Cream magazine, Lester Bangs (Philip Seymour Hoffman), for advice and quickly becomes friends with the philosophizing music nerd. Seeing past his age, Bangs serves as William's mentor, imparting such gems of wisdom as, "Be honest and unmerciful" and, my personal favorite, "The only true currency in this bankrupt world is what you share with someone else when you're uncool."

How completely true. Suddenly, William is working for Rolling Stone magazine, which has no clue he is only 15. They send him out to cover the emerging rock band, Stillwater — a band caught

between the message of the '60s and the money-grubbing buffet of the '70s. Upon meeting the band, William is introduced to a harem of groupies who call themselves Band Aides. He especially draws close to the leader of the Band Aides, Penny Lane (Kate Hudson), and throughout the film, she keeps a close eye on him, keeping him from harm but letting him soak up the experience he has undertaken.

William becomes friends with the band, something that Bangs warned him against, and he forms a bond with Russell Hammond (Billy Crudup), the band's guitarist. As he travels across the United States with Stillwater, William is privy to the band's internal problems, vast love affairs and dirty laundry. All of a sudden what seemed like a movie about rock 'n' roll becomes a movie about relationships and growing up.

The acting is nothing short of perfect. Billy Crudup makes Russell Hammond, the "guitarist with mystique," come to

life with vivacity and honesty. Newcomers Kate Hudson and Patrick Fugit seem to comprehend the autobiographical backbone of the script, and they inflate their characters with a beautiful sincerity that makes this film glow. And you can't forget Frances McDormand, Jeff Bebe and Phillip Seymour Hoffman. Their supporting roles and respective performances anchor this film in quality.

There are other elements that are elementary Cameron Crowe filmmaking tactics, like a knockout soundtrack that features Elton John, Led Zeppelin and Steely Dan. And, of course, there is the crisp, fresh, true-to-life writing. I wonder where Crowe learned to do that?

"Almost Famous" will send you out of the theater with a smile, humming John's "Tiny Dancer." It is feel-good moviemaking at its best and will undoubtedly be the front-runner for Oscar nominations at the Academy Awards in March.

USU Wind Orchestra season starts tonight

MANDY BUTTERFIELD
Staff Writer

Tonight Utah State University's Wind Orchestra, along with the Arcata String Quartet, will present a fall concert to open the 2000-2001 season at 7:30 p.m. in the Kent Concert Hall.

"It is ideal for people to experience something new," said Thomas P. Rohrer,

director of the Wind Orchestra.

He said there will be two highlights of the night: The accompaniment of the Arcata String Quartet and the pieces that will be performed, "Polka and Fugue."

"The music is listenable with plenty of variety," Rohrer said. "Polka and Fugue" is from the opera "Schwanda the Bagpiper" by Jaromir Weinberger. The piece has been compressed into less than 10 minutes, but still demonstrates mastery and excitement, Rohrer said.

The opera premiered in Prague; since then this piece has become even more successful and internationally famous.

The concert will open with "Fiesta!" by the British composer Philip Sparke. This piece was written in 1998 and celebrates the 50th anniversary of the United States Army Field Band in Washington, D.C.

"Masada," by Australian composer Ralph Hultgren, will also be performed. It is a musical representation about the struggle between Jewish extremists and Romans at the Dead Sea fortress Masada in 70 A.D.

The musicians in the band had to audition, and 45 of the best wind and percussion players were selected.

Rohrer said the Wind Orchestra is dedicated to playing the best contemporary wind music.

The Wind Orchestra will perform two concerts in the Fall Semester, and three in the spring.

USU students will be admitted free with a student ID. Tickets will be available at the door and will cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and senior citizens. A family pass will cost \$10.

Angels of music

Webber favorites to come to USU

DOUG SMEATH
Assistant Features Editor

Fans of one of the world's most widely recognized and successful musical theater writers and composers will have a chance to hear professionals perform samples of his music live at Utah State University next month.

And they will be able to hear them all on one night, all in the same place.

A 14-member professional ensemble, a cast of dancers and a 28-piece

orchestra will be at the Kent Concert Hall Nov. 30, bringing USU students and Cache Valley residents "The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber."

It will feature Webber favorites from a variety of his most famous works, from "Cats" to "Evita" and "The Phantom of the Opera" to "Jesus Christ Superstar."

Tickets will go on sale Monday at the USU Ticket Office.

Admission will cost \$20 for adults, \$10 for children and \$5 for students with a USU ID.

The night will also include numbers from such Webber musicals "Joseph

and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Sunset Boulevard," "Requiem" and "Whistle Down the Wind," according to a press release from Troika Entertainment, the company bringing the show to USU.

Webber's influence on 20th-century musical theater has been enormous, especially in the past two decades, according to the press release. His musicals are among the most well-

known to both theater fans and those who aren't so crazy about the theater.

"The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber" hopes to display that influence in all its many and varied forms.

According to the Troika Entertainment press release, "This show

was created to showcase the breathtakingly diverse career of Andrew Lloyd Webber. [It] is not merely a concert."

It will be a unique performance because it will offer audience the chance to hear songs from the full range of Webber's music all on one stage, rather than being limited to the music of just one show, according to the press release.

"It is a musical celebration," according to the press release.

More information is available by visiting the USU Ticket Office or contacting Associated Students of USU Arts and Lectures Vice President Trine Thomas.

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BWC HOME OPENER

Ags want to stop Vandal invasion

AARON MORTON
Sports Editor

The USU football team is undefeated in the Big West Conference, and hopes to stay that way this Saturday vs. the University of Idaho.

Even with a 2-4 overall record, the Aggies whipped the University of North Texas Saturday and still have a chance to win the BWC and a bowl berth.

"(Beating UNT) was very important to us as a team," said USU center Junior Pututau. "It's just a first step to winning this conference."

The second step will be against the Vandals, a very tough team that is also 1-0 in the BWC (3-4 overall). This team pummeled USU 31-3 in Pullman, Wash., and beat USU head coach Mick Dennehy's University of Montana team 33-30.

Dennehy said he has a lot of respect for the team, which starts six seniors on both offense and defense.

"Idaho is a very veteran, battle-tested football team," he said. "When you look at them, they really don't have many weaknesses."

The Vandals lead in most BWC offensive categories and boast statistical leaders in the conference quarterback John Welsh, running back Willie Alderson and wide receiver Robert Kilow.

But the USU defense is coming off its best performance of the season, holding UNT to 141 yards.

"I just kind of got the feeling that our guys could pretty

Fight FOR FIRST PLACE

USU (2-4) vs. Idaho (3-4)
Mick Dennehy (1st year)
Tom Cable (1st year)

Saturday, Romney Stadium, 3:05 p.m.

Series record: Tied, 13-13-2
Noteable: The Aggies will try to avenge two straight losses to the Vandals. Dennehy, a former Montana coach, lost 33-30 to Idaho last season. He is 5-5 vs. the Vandals as a player and coach.
Key stats: Both are the only 1-0 teams in the conference. Idaho leads the Big West in 13 different offensive categories, team and individual.

much go in there and do everything they wanted to," Dennehy said.

And that defense added some much needed depth with the return of injured defensive tackle Nate Larsen and strong safety Jamar Glasper.

"[The Aggies] play extremely hard on defense, which is probably the most impressive part of this team," said Idaho head coach Tom Cable.

Offensively, USU will try to build quarterback Jose Fuentes and running back Emmett White's improvement. Fuentes has thrown for 360 yards and only one interception with a 61 completion percentage in the past two games.

"[Fuentes] doesn't make mistakes," Cable said. "He'll take a sack as opposed to just throw the ball up."

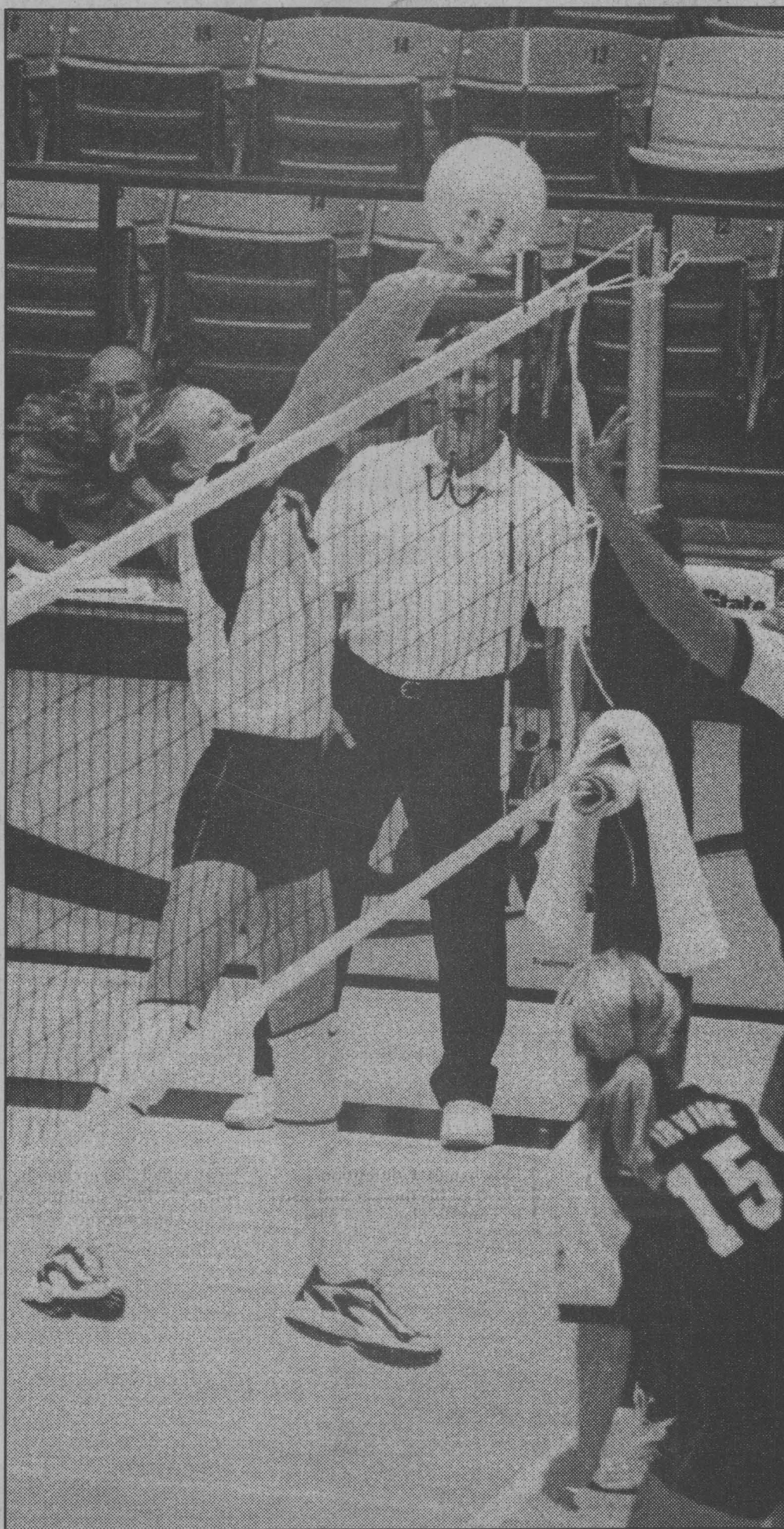
Meanwhile, White had a career-high 153 rushing yards against UNT.

"White continues to play very, very well," Dennehy said. "Obviously he is a great weapon, to which we need to feed the ball. On the other

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Slam dunk



USU'S MELISSA SCHOEPP slaps the ball over the net for a point against the Anteaters Thursday. The Aggies swept UC Irvine 15-9, 15-10, 15-8. /Liz Maudsley photo

Neves leads USU over Irvine with triple-double

SHEREEN SAUREY
Senior Sports Writer

The Utah State women's volleyball team out-dug, out-killed and out-blocked the University of California at Irvine on its way to a victory over the Anteaters Thursday night. The Aggies clinched the match in three games (15-9, 15-10 15-8).

Game one began with the Aggies scoring nine unanswered points. At 13-2, the

Aggies allowed UC Irvine to score five consecutive points. Sophomore Rochelle Currier ended the game with a kill at 15-9.

The Anteaters got an early lead on USU at the beginning of game two. Once the Aggies tied the game, a rally of side-outs began. The score hovered at 9-9 for 11 plays. It was a game of catch-up

for the Aggies, who couldn't grab the lead until 11-10. Currier again ended the

game with a kill at 15-10. The Aggies entered game three stronger than they had played in game two. USU

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USU likes second shot at UCI after five-set battle

KATRINA CARTWRIGHT
Staff Writer

For the first year in more than five years, USU got a chance to play — and beat — University of California at Irvine twice.

The reason is that the Big West Conference is now united, not two divisions of Eastern and Western.

With this season's loss of the University of Nevada, New Mexico State and the University of North Texas from the conference, there weren't enough teams to make two different divisions.

Another change to the conference this year is where and how many times the

teams in the Big West will be played.

They will now compete in a double round robin, playing all eight of the other teams twice — both at home and away.

Thursday's game against UC Irvine was USU's second this season, and marked the first game of the second round where it will play the conference teams again.

This means they will now play the top-ranked teams twice in the season. Coach Tom Peterson said this both helps and hurts the team.

"You always want to play good teams," he said, "but it's hard to get a good record, also. Long Beach [State

University], University of the Pacific and [University of California.] Santa Barbara are big, tough matches that we would only have had one of last year. It will help to play the big teams more than once."

Rochelle Currier said being at home helped them defeat the UC Irvine in three games instead of the five it took when they were away.

"It's great," she said. "I love the fact that we play both here and away. The home crowd helps immensely and it helps a lot to play at home."

Currier also said she was glad USU will play the better teams twice this season.

Never BEHIND

Aaron Morton



Help wanted: Team looking for USU fans

Don't give up on this team yet. Sure the USU football team is 2-4 on the season, and the two wins were not exactly impressive. The first was against Division I-AA Southern Utah University, and the second was an ugly 17-12 win over the University of North Texas.

All those games don't matter for USU as it's only the Big West Conference season that counts toward the Humanitarian Bowl — the Aggies' main goal coming into this season.

Now 1-0 in BWC, the Aggies will battle for first place against the always-tough University of Idaho.

"It's a huge game, even though it's early on in the conference season," said USU head coach Mick Dennehy.

This game is, by far, the most important game so far this season. A commanding 2-0 record to start off the season would really go far toward a championship. USU hasn't been 2-0 in conference play since 1997, the last time the Aggies had a chance to win a bowl game.

That year, USU was 2-4 going into conference season. And in 1993, when the Aggies last won a bowl game (the Las Vegas Bowl vs. Ball State University) they were 1-5 going into the second season.

And it's been three weeks since USU has been home.

"It is great to be back home," Dennehy said. "It is great to play in front of our home fans in a game as big as this game is."

Let's just hope there are more fans in the stands.

In past seasons, attendance has dropped off significantly after in-state games are over. After 30,218 fans went to the University of Utah game in 1998, only 14,206 made it to the BWC home opener against the same Vandals. Only 18,157 made it out to the conference opener last year vs. Arkansas State University — and that was the Homecoming game.

The players and coaches have said how important fan support is hundreds of times. They are right. Just take the Spectrum during a basketball game. It can be deafening at times.

I hope to see you there.

Where have all the scorers gone?

Another team that needs some help is USU's women's soccer team.

Every Aggie, with the exception of senior midfielder Marnie Bartelson, has been in some kind of scoring funk. Strikers Jayme Gordy and Brigid Turner, who combined for 15 goals last season, only have five so far — with only five games remaining this year.

Gordy, who scored at will last year, went six straight games without a goal. She finally broke that run with a goal in the 2-1 loss to University of California at Irvine.

The team as a whole has only scored three goals in the past five games.

But there is plenty of time to turn the funk around. The Aggies still have five Big West games left to ascend to the top half of the conference — especially with the stingy defense USU has put up. The defenders, led by veteran players like goalkeeper Michaela Miller and defender Heather Cox, have allowed two opponents to score more than two goals this season.

Aaron Morton is the sports editor of The Utah Statesman

Women's soccer team looks for better luck on the road in California

JULIE ANN GROSSHANS
Staff writer

This weekend the Utah State women's soccer team will hit the road to take on the University of California at Santa Barbara on Friday and California Polytechnic State University on Sunday.

The team seems to be looking forward to it.

"We seem to play better when we are on the road," said head coach Stacey Enos.

The Aggies hope this will help them pull out wins from their two conference opponents this weekend.

During recent practices, the team has mostly been working on morale and finishing. Enos said the team needs to know the team is capable of winning a game.

Like USU, UC Santa Barbara is coming off two conference losses from last weekend, one to the University of Idaho and the other to Boise State University.

The series is even between the two teams; the Aggies are 2-2 against UCSB all-time. The last two meetings between the teams were split with the Aggies winning in 1998 and the Gauchos coming

out on top in last season's meeting.

On the other hand, Cal Poly came out splitting last weekend's games, shutting out Boise State before losing to Idaho. Against the Mustangs all-time, the Aggies hold a 1-3 record.

The one win against the Mustangs came last season when senior Heather Cox scored the game-winning goal in overtime to put USU on top, 4-3.

According to Enos, both UCSB and Cal Poly have been showing some weaknesses. The winner in these games will depend on who comes out to play.

USU currently has some hot shots that are hoping to help the team pull out a win this weekend.

Senior Jayme Gordy scored Utah State's only goal of the weekend in the loss to UC Irvine. This was Gordy's third goal of the season and number 33 of her career.

Turning in her first assist of the season, sophomore Katie Seaman helped Gordy on the goal.

Senior Michaela Hawes chipped in during the game against UC Irvine, recording a season-high 10 saves.

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USU at UC Santa Barbara
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Hockey
USU at Provo
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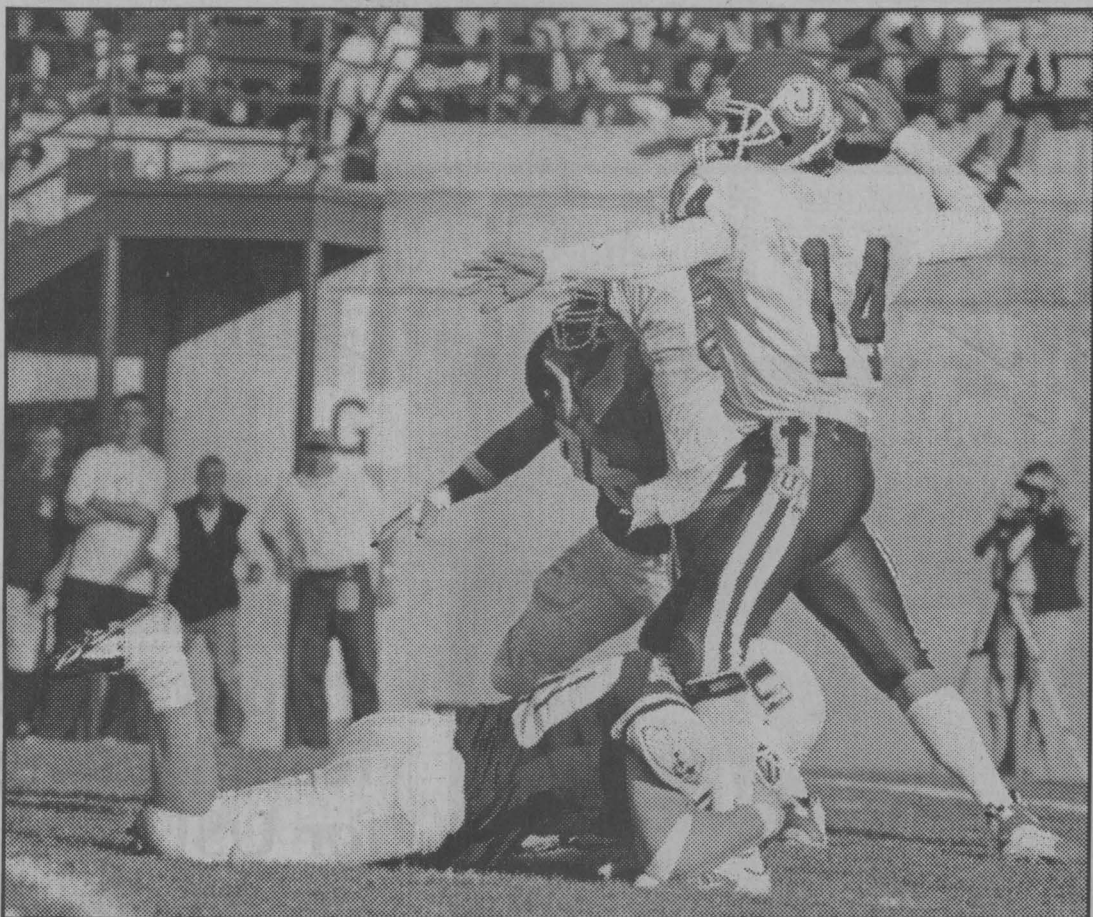
Saturday Volleyball
USU vs. CS Fullerton
7 p.m., Spectrum

Hockey
USU vs. San Jose State
8:30 p.m., Ice Sheet

Men's Soccer
USU at Colorado Tournay
(through Sunday)

Football
USU vs. Idaho
3:05 p.m.

Saturday Women's Soccer
USU at Cal Poly
1 p.m.



USU DEFENSIVE LINEMAN Jared Solosobal grabs Ute quarterback Darnell Arceneaux's leg on Sept. 30. The Aggies play Idaho Saturday in Romney, the first home game since this game. / Joe Rowley photo

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hand, we need to be real, real careful about becoming very one dimensional."

Dennehy also said USU needs to break more tackles, get yardage after initial contact and become more consistent.

"It's important we play in all phases for 60 minutes," he said, adding that it will be critical to score early.

The Aggies have been

behind at the end of every first quarter this season and have yet to score a touchdown in the first 12 minutes.

Meanwhile, scoring early has been the Vandals' forte this season. While being outscored in the game, U of I has dominated every first quarter, scoring 67 points to their opponents' 37.

Other than the lead for the Big West, the teams will bat-

tle for lead in the series that is tied up at 13-13-2. The series has a recent history of routes. In 1997 — the last time USU won the Big West — the Aggies smoked the Vandals 63-17. That was followed by last year's 31-3 whipping.

USU will continue its BWC season with a home battle against Arkansas State University, Oct. 28 at 3:05 p.m.

Going DEEPER

The Statesman asks 10

JC transfer setter from Wyoming wins awards

SHEREEN SAUREY
Senior Sports Writer

Utah Statesman: What does it mean to you to be named Big West Conference Athlete of the Week?

Chelsi Neves: At first, I didn't really even know what that meant. But once I was told, I thought that was cool. It's really an honor, not just for me, but for my team and my coaches, too.

US: What do you attribute the team's success to?

CN: Passing and great serving. Also, our ability to put the ball away when the opportunity's there.

US: To what do you attribute your personal success so far this season?

CN: I've never really had help before in my setting. But this year, I've received a lot of individual help. I've learned so much this year, my head's about to explode!

US: When did you start playing volleyball?

CN: Actually, I grew up playing it. My mom used to be a coach, so I grew up always having a ball in my hand, whether it was a volleyball or a basketball.

US: After completing the two

years at Sheridan Junior College, what made you decide to come to USU?

CN: It's a good school and it has a good LDS Institute, which is important to me. I had heard so many great things about coach Peterson. USU also has a good graphic design program.

US: Why did you choose graphic design to be your major?

CN: In high school, I was on the school newspaper. I enjoyed doing the layout for the paper, so I'm looking at the marketing and advertising aspect of the major.

US: Tell me about your family.

CN: I'm the oldest of nine kids. I grew up on a farm. My dad's a crop farmer and my mom stays home and tends all the kids. We're kind of a performing family. We all play the violin and the piano and sing and dance. We go around the state of Wyoming and perform at weddings and celebrations.

US: What music is in your CD collection?

CN: Right now, I'm into punk. I like the up-beat, get-you-going-type music. But then at night I like to wind down with a little bit of the alternative, soft-rock stuff.

Athlete OF THE WEEK

Chelsi Neves

Junior
Setter
Otto, Wyo.
(Sheridan, JC)
5-foot-9



During last week:
• 89 assists
• 17 digs
• 500 hitting percentage

But no country! I love my music.

US: If people were to walk into your room and see how it was decorated, what would they see?

CN: Well, first they'd say, "Oh my word. What a mess!" They'd see unique drawings. I like crazy stuff. It's not decorated all pretty. I love my pillow and my blanket on my bed.

US: Do you have any rituals you do before going out on the court for a match?

CN: When warming up, I always have to roll on a ball to stretch out my back, or else I'm just not ready.

Malone plays, but Pistons nip Jazz

CHRIS SHERIDAN
Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Karl Malone refused to let a knee injury keep him out of an exhibition game, playing the entire first and third quarters Thursday night as the Utah Jazz lost to the Detroit Pistons 98-94.

Just two nights after hobbling off the court at the

Delta Center with a strained left knee, Malone was furthering his ironman reputation. About to begin his 16th NBA season, Malone has missed only six of a possible 1,198 career games — three because of injury and three because of suspension.

"Not bad for an old man," Malone said before the game, adding that he planned to play only a few

minutes. He ended up playing 25, missing his first four shots before making four of his next six and finishing with 10 points, four rebounds and three turnovers.

"Maybe I shouldn't have (played so much)," Malone said, "but I'm getting into game shape now. Besides, people come out to see a game and they expect to see certain guys out there."

Jerry Stackhouse had 31

points in just 23 minutes for the Pistons, who played the game at Michigan State's on-campus arena because the Palace of Auburn Hills was being prepared for Friday's Mike Tyson-Andrew Golota heavyweight fight.

Mateen Cleaves, who played for Michigan State's NCAA championship team last season, started for the Pistons alongside former Spartans teammate Antonio Smith.

Sports Briefs

Aggies advance to 3rd round

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
Athletic Media Relations

SALT LAKE CITY — After a first-round bye, Utah State's Richelle Ferguson advanced to the third round of the Utah Invitational by defeating Weber State's Dana Delancey.

Along with Ferguson, Johanna Johnson, Whitney Scott and Jocee Mason all had opening-round wins in the tournament Thursday.

Sarah Lowe drew a first-round bye only to be knocked

out by Frida Kareld of the University of Utah in the second round.

Ferguson was the only Aggie to win the second-round match advancing to the third round. Ferguson will face top seeded Lenka Zacharova of Weber State University Friday.

The team of Scott and Anderson barely lost in the first round of doubles play 8-6 against Weber State's Kim Sen and Veronica Reynosa. The rest of the Aggies will play Friday afternoon.

Golf places 16th at tournament

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
Athletic Media Relations

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. — Utah State's Kevin Blotter shot a final round 73 to lead Utah State's effort at the Countrywide Home Loans Intercollegiate Golf Tournament here on Tuesday. Blotter tied for 33rd individually while the Aggies placed 16th in the 19-team field.

Blotter's 73 was by far the best score by an Aggie in the three-round tournament. Nick Summers, who tied for 47th

overall and was second among USU finishers, opened the tournament with back-to-back 78s in Monday's two rounds. In addition to Blotter and Summers, Kevin Peterson tied for 79th, Chris Olsen 93rd and Nate Blotter finished 101st overall.

UC Irvine won the tournament with an 886 total to beat runner-up California State University Stanislaus by 13 shots. The Aggies, who had their best round as a team on Tuesday, shooting 312, finished at 955.

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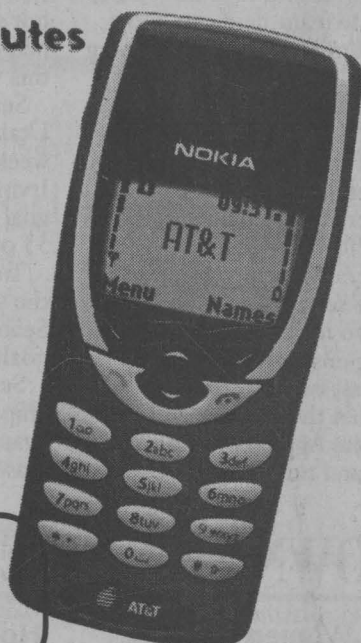
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The Statesman predicts this weekend's college football victors

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Last week's record	5-5	7-3	5-5	6-4	6-4	8-2	5-5	5-5	4-6	6-4	
Season record	38-22	39-21	32-28	38-22	31-29	33-27	26-34	33-27	38-22	35-25	
Idaho @ USU	USU	USU	USU	Idaho	USU	Idaho	USU	USU	USU	USU	Associate director of student activities Tiffany Evans and hockey club assistant captain Deryk Anderson were our guest pickers this week. We asked hockey general manager Len Bauman to pick first, but he quickly delegated the responsibility to Anderson because he is a "purist" and only watches hockey. In other news, assistant sports editor Reuben Wadsworth has taken the overall lead with a 39-21 record.
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Golf's Presidents Cup: U.S. off to a perfect start

GAINESVILLE, Va. (AP) — No one can say this American team doesn't care about playing in the Presidents Cup.

Led by the brilliant play of its rookies and a clutch putt from Tiger Woods, the United States got off to a perfect start Thursday by winning every alternate-shot match for a 5-0 lead over the International team.

It was the second time the Americans have led 5-0 after the first session, matching their record start six years ago at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club.

Three matches reached the 18th hole, but it was never really close.

The International team, which handed the Americans their worst loss ever in team match play two years ago in Australia, led in only two of the five matches at any point, but never after the third hole.

Stewart Cink and Kirk Triplett, both playing in their first team competition, made seven birdies in 17 holes on a difficult course for a 3-and-2 victory over International rookies Mike Weir of Canada and Retief Goosen of South Africa.

Men's club finishes season with tournament

JASON TURNER

Staff Writer

After playing in Utah for nearly two months, the USU men's soccer team will make the long trek east to the centennial state Saturday and Sunday for an eight-team tournament hosted by Colorado Mountain College.

The Aggies will play two games Saturday, matching up with the University of Northern Colorado at 12:30 p.m. and the Colorado State University green team at 4 p.m. Play will continue Sunday when the Aggies battle the Colorado State gold team. Other teams in the tournament include Weber State University, University of Wyoming, Weber State University, Colorado Mountain College and the University of Colorado.

"It should be an interesting tournament," said USU coach Kyle Jacobsen. "We're just going to focus on continuing to play hard."

USU should have plenty of motivation to play hard against CSU.

The Aggies were scheduled to play the Rams Sept. 2, only to have the game canceled because the Rams' football game with in-state rival Colorado was on the same day.

"The guys definitely weren't too pleased about it," Jacobsen said.

He said the team has been focusing on simple aspects of the game, like spreading the field and making the proper passes. It's when the Aggies are able to execute the basic fundamentals, he said, that the "big stuff comes." The team doesn't know much about CSU and Northern Colorado, so the team is going to focus attention on executing its game plan, he said.

Although Jacobsen isn't sure if the tournament directors will use some type of tie-breaking



USU'S NEIL O'BRYAN (LEFT) battles a Utah player for the ball at the Aggies' final home match. USU will compete in an eight-team tournament. / Zak Larsen photo

system to determine the winner if multiple teams finish atop the standings, he said he was informed that if two teams tie, a 30-minute match will be played to decide the victor of the tournament.

Healthy and fit teams are generally the most successful in these grueling tournaments, Jacobsen said. Despite losing forward Bryan Wood to a broken toe, the team is fairly healthy and in good enough shape to be competitive, he said.

"Right now we're in pretty good shape," he said. "It will definitely be a major factor [in the tournament]."



WEBER STATE'S Nate Mullins tries to hook Aggie player Ryan Keys during last week's game. USU will be at Provo to play the Icecats and in Ogden to play San Jose State. / Joe Rowley photo

USU hockey to play in Provo and Ogden

REUBEN WADSWORTH

Assistant Sports Editor

The Utah State hockey club will follow up its three-game homestand last weekend with two games this weekend. One game will be against the Provo Icecats (Brigham Young University) in Provo on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Seven Peaks Ice Arena, and the other is a home game against San Jose State University on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at the Weber County Ice Sheet.

The contest vs. SJSU will count the most in the Aggies' minds. Head coach Jerry Crossley said a victory over the California team will look good on the USU record come play-off time, and in some ways means the Aggies should be a better team than any squad the

Spartans beat. USU defeated SJSU 3-1 in a game early last season.

Crossley said the team, however, shouldn't overlook the Icecats. USU defeated Provo by a score of 11-2 at the Ice Sheet last Saturday. Crossley said the Provo game will be a good rehearsal for SJSU and hopes his squad will not suffer any injuries or be fatigued after the contest in order to be ready for the Spartans.

In order to defeat SJSU, Crossley said the Aggies have to play a defensive, methodical game in keeping possession of the puck and giving themselves good scoring opportunities. Crossley said the team has played well through much of its previous games, but has lost its composure on occasion. Crossley said he continues to

harp on not forcing things, keeping the puck in safe areas and being patient.

The Aggies have been in some close games where they were close to victory, but have been defeated due to lack of consistency, Crossley said, adding he hopes his squad plays consistently for the entirety of the two games this weekend. Crossley said he hopes the teams' 1-3-2 record will be a wake-up call.

USU enters this weekend with a few bumps and bruises. Some players have minor injuries and practice was cancelled on Monday because seven players had the flu, Crossley said. However, the team will be able to play through the minor adversity and perform well this weekend, Crossley said.

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Service Center is perfect opportunity to give of one's self

Last school year, about 500 students from Utah State University volunteered a total of 25,000 service center hours through the Val R. Christensen Service Center. Service Center Director Alecia Fredrickson said she would like to surpass that number this year.

Word about the Service Center is getting out better this year, Fredrickson said. The center printed 20,000 brochures and have already given out one third of them — the total number it distributed last year.

The center provides volunteers for 24 different service programs, 14 of which are directly run by students. Ten are community partnerships like the Boys and Girls Clubs, the Hispanic Center and Habitat for Humanity. Some of the more popular student-run programs are the Special Olympics Invitational and STAR (Students Teaching Arithmetic and

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Reading), Fredrickson said. The invitational drew about 800 student volunteers and STAR hosted 500 a year ago. Fredrickson said students love being part of the Service Center. Through volunteering at the center, students gain a love and understanding for those they serve, like people who are mentally handicapped and the elderly, she said. Students also learn leadership qualities that last a lifetime as well as organizational skills, follow-up skills and how to set and reach goals.

The main goal of the Service Center is to help students a desire to serve and be an "active citizen" for the rest of their lives.

Utah State University students should look into Service Center opportunities as an addition to their overall education.

With 24 programs available, there are a wide variety of opportunities for people from any background.



Young adults could be powerful, but ...

More INSIGHT
Gov. Jesse Ventura,
Special to L.A. Times

I might make a controversial observation now and again, but I think most people agree with me on at least one thing: The presidential cam-

paigns last way too long. But there is one positive to the never-ending campaign: It gives us more time to try to get America's young people engaged in the political process.

Right now, the news is a little disheartening. My campaign for Minnesota governor in 1998 helped bring out the young people, but lately I've

read that national polls indicate 18- to 24-year-olds just aren't interested in voting, or even following the presidential debates on television.

Then what were young people watching while the Oct. 3 debate was broadcast on just about all the over-the-

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Statesman letters to the editor

Intolerance has never been more evident

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to the "I agree with Aaron" chalk writings that have appeared all over campus. I was surprised today to see some scribbling that stated, "Aaron is an idiot," which I'm fairly certain was not written by the same person/people who wrote the former.

I'm sad to see that someone is so stubborn that he/she would say that someone was an idiot before they even knew who that person was or what that person stood for. Maybe this Aaron has something to share with you and I that could benefit us. There seems to be a pervasive sense of "I'm NOT going to accept

any ideas that YOU present" here at USU. Recently, I've observed these sentiments in letters to the editor, interactions with fellow students, and now in this critical chalk writing.

When I came to college, I hoped to be surrounded by a society of true learners: Those who test what people tell them, and yet are open to accepting new ideas that will benefit them and possibly change their lives. I hope that we will all try to foster the attitude of a true learner in ourselves. Then if/when Aaron tells us what he stands for, we may stand to gain from it.

Michael Suewing

Bush, Cheney pro weapons

Dear Editor,

Whatever else you think about the presidential and vice-presidential candidates, consider the following information when you vote on Nov. 7.

Gov. George W. Bush and Dick Cheney have been endorsed by the National Rifle Association, and have received \$750,000 from the NRA in campaign funding. Think that's a good thing?

Read on. Bush supported and signed a law on May 26, 1995, that allows Texans to carry concealed weapons — for the first time in 125 years. In 1997, Bush signed another law that removed churches, hospitals, nursing homes and amusement parks from the list of places that can prohibit

concealed weapons.

On June 19, 1999, just two months after the mass shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado, Bush signed a law barring Texas cities and counties from suing the gun industry to recover damages incurred as a result of gun violence.

As for Dick Cheney, he was one of only 21 members of Congress who voted against banning "cop-killer" bullets.

Cheney was also one of only four members of Congress who voted against banning plastic guns, which are non-detectable by airport security and other metal detectors. If you care about gun violence, think before you vote.

Peter Ruben

Paper users are doing their parts for environment

Dear Editor,

Just a few points on a variety of subjects recently presented in the *Statesman*.

First, the signs on trees. While I applaud the action of anyone trying to enlighten the public, the truth is that the majority of trees used for paper are grown on commercial farms, so using a lot of new paper actually encourages more trees in the world. So, if you recycle, and buy recycled paper, good for you.

If you don't, just remember you're doing you part to encourage more trees.

Second, the article on sea lions. Yes, over-fishing of pollock, the sea lions' primary source of food is ongoing.

However, scientists studying the problem say that over-fishing of pollock may not be the real problem.

Apparently, pollock is fairly unhealthy, so the simple fact that sea lions have an unhealthy diet may be causing their decline, and

over-fishing of pollock may actually help, if it causes sea lions to change to a healthier diet.

Third, abortion. I don't want to get into the particulars of the issue, but I would like to explain why some of us have a very rational reason for being "pro-life."

Contrary to extreme views, being against women and their rights has nothing to do with it. It comes down to whether or not you believe life begins before birth. I, and many others, do, so we have no other intellectually honest path but to defend the

USU needs to address porn policy inconsistencies

Dear Editor,

Many thanks for your excellent article on pornography at USU. Unfortunately, porn viewing in open-access computer labs has been a significant problem. As a business professor, I receive complaints or questions about it nearly every day.

Everyone should understand that communicating obscene material in any form has been illegal in the United States since 1957 when the Supreme Court declared it unprotected by the First Amendment. Let me repeat: There is no free-speech right regarding obscenity.

To paraphrase the Supreme Court's decision, any communication with a dominant theme of inordinate interest in sex that affronts community standards for representing sexual matters and that lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value is obscene. This means that legitimate scholarly treatment of human sexuality could legally include material that otherwise would be illegal.

However, visiting "Porgy's Porn Emporium" to view sexual activity for entertainment purposes is clearly a violation of federal law (and state law as well).

A lamentable double stan-

Vote Nader, he's no sellout

Dear Editor,

With the elections only about two weeks away, many USU students are dissatisfied with the dismal Republican offering this year, and with "prescription drugs" and "social security" the main

rights of that life, born or unborn. Again, if you're pro-choice, that's fine, but please allow me to be pro-life without portraying me as "against choice."

Finally, I agree that the majority in Utah needs to be more conscientious of the minority, but while the majority needs to be more tolerant, the minority (political, not any other sort) needs to stop complaining. If both of those happen, we might just stop bickering and start solving problems.

Jeremy Kidd

corporate influence.

Yet there is an alternative. Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, has not once sold out to corporate greed, sacrificed integrity, failed to practice what he preaches, or become so cynical about the people's collective intelligence as to air insulting 30-second sound bites.

Nader's aggressive agenda for rescuing the environment, waging peace across the globe, creating real living worker wages, ensuring universal education access and reinventing

ing American democracy bode well for the future world that we will inherit.

Indeed, young people across the nation have flocked to Nader as a true promise for a better tomorrow.

On Nov. 7, I urge USU students, including the "I don't care about politics" crowd, to get to the polls and vote Nader. With our future on referendum, we can't afford silence. If you don't tune into politics, it will turn on you.

Jim Steitz

STAB movie should have been better planned

Dear Editor,

I see a lack of planning on the part of the STAB and other student activities associations. On Wednesday night I attempted to watch "What Lies Beneath" at the 10 p.m. showing. Well, I never got in. It was pretty disappointing. The only accountability was a few excuses from some no-name helpers, who said, "Well, we didn't think this many people would come," or "Well, I think it cost too much to put it on in the Kent Concert Hall."

Well, hello, it's a new release and it was 10 p.m. and the movie has gotten good reviews. So, as always,

someone messed up, and now I wasted a night trying to see this. So I guess I'll go pay to see it.

Some pointers: Maybe you should've shown something available on VHS in the Ballroom instead of something that required the 70 mm reels in the TSC Auditorium.

Also, maybe you could have thought about putting it in the Kent Concert Hall. Also, that free barbecue on the Quad during Homecoming week had way too little food, and it was gone within minutes. If you're going to advertise free events, then plan ahead.

Adam Holt

Who is this 'Aaron' kid?

I confess that I am not as cool as others who attend this school.

So forgive me if I ask the question, which for others seems to be the passion. Who is Aaron? Who is he, and why do all with him agree?

Judging by the bulk of sidewalk paint, I assume that

he is some sort of saint. But what is the question of debate, and why is this Aaron kid so great? Just a silly question from one who wants to know, and who just wants to thank you for one intriguing show.

Spencer Willardson

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A chance to control killers

More INSIGHT

The Washington Post editorial

This time last year, the State Department convened an international conference on the role played by diamonds in Africa's grisly civil wars. In Angola, Congo and Sierra Leone, the rebel bands that have killed and maimed civilians are driven or sustained by diamond revenues. They fight less for political reasons than to gain access to the gems that will make their commanders rich. One year since that conference, the movement to control "conflict diamonds" has progressed remarkably rapidly. And yet in the final days of Congress, the administration may miss a chance to press its advantage fully.

The chance presents itself in an amendment sponsored by Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio, which would give the diamond industry one year to implement a scheme to track gems from their country of origin to the handful of centers that cut and finish them. After they are mined, the diamonds would be wrapped in tamper-proof, numbered packages and logged into a database; each time a package crossed a border, that would be logged too. The idea is that the cutting centers could then refuse to take diamonds from countries where they are known to be mined by murderous rebels. Jewelers could buy from responsible cutting centers with a clear conscience; and the whole industry would avoid a consumer boycott like the one that undermined the fur business.

This scheme would not be fool-proof. Some conflict diamonds might be smuggled into nearby countries and packaged there. But the monitoring regime would at least limit that problem, because it would be accompanied by rules capping each country's exports at the estimated level of its mining capacity.

Almost nobody opposes monitoring. The diamond industry itself designed the scheme in conjunction with non-governmental critics; most diamond-producing governments favor it as well. Rep. Hall wants to build on that consensus by allowing one year to implement the monitoring scheme, then imposing sanctions on countries that fail to comply. The World Diamond Council, which speaks for the industry, has endorsed the idea of a deadline. But the administration is wary, pleading that congressional deadlines trample on its prerogatives, and that a hard deadline is unwise. The danger is that, without a deadline, the momentum of reform may dissipate. The administration should embrace this chance to control the killing gems.

Reno at large: That sound you hear is clucking

More INSIGHT

Robert Reno, *Newsday*

Forty years ago it was widely believed by insiders, especially the knowing media, that Mamie Eisenhower was a lush, her marriage a sham.

Fortunately, her butler later wrote a tell-all book revealing that while she was notoriously tight with money, she never got tight with the cooking sherry, that she drank rarely, in lady-like moderation, and had a humorless attitude toward guests who got sloshed.

Years later, she explained that she'd had a chronic inner ear disorder that sometimes caused her to sway like a knee-walking bar-room drunk. In a TV interview with Barbara Walters, Mamie insisted that a glass of water not be placed within sight of her because "everybody will say it's gin." Tea was forbidden, too, lest it look like whiskey.

But during the eight Eisenhower years, the mainstream media never demanded to see the White House liquor bills or commented on her husband's well-known, much photographed friendship with the pretty lieutenant who served as his driver during World War II.

History has pretty much concluded that, while they played a lot of bridge together and often looked like a couple of teen-agers in love, the physical side of it may have never got much beyond sharing the ownership and affection of an ill-behaved Scottish terrier puppy. In any event, Ike and Mamie lived out their marriage in sober bliss, tended by Army mess stewards at a Gettysburg, Pa., cattle farm well stocked by the general's millionaire friends.

So has the state of journalism

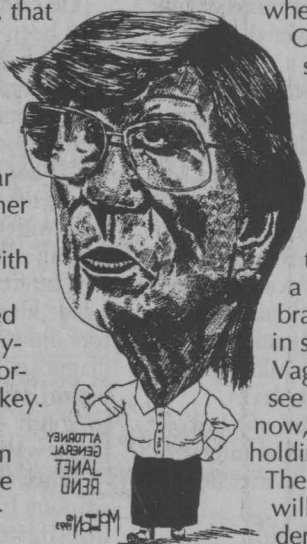
advanced because in 2000 George Will feels free to cluck like a censorious old biddy in referring to "the bargain" the Clintons "call a marriage?" This is an age in which celebrity journalists such as Cokie and Steve Roberts write syrupy books about their own marriage while the same pundits are free to rummage through the Clintons' like spiteful housewives pawing goods at a garage sale.

Sophisticated media glamour figures such as Marcia Kramer of WCBS-TV in New York can't be as naive and girlish as she sounded at last week's debate when she demanded Hillary Clinton explain why she stayed with her husband.

Kramer resembled a pathetic local anchor broadcasting from a cornfield near Des Moines, Iowa, where it really would be thought weird if the city had a mayor with a very public mistress and a brazen, live-in wife starring in something called "The Vagina Monologues." I can see the Clintons years from now, well into their dotage, still holding hands.

The caustic Lynne Cheney will still be having a fit, demanding to know whom they think they're kidding. The smug and divorced George Will may even take a more charitable view of other people's marriages.

At least the once-married Bill Clinton will be able to look back and claim he and Monica never once had coitus, never even got into the sack. And what will become of those famous Republican philanthropists — Newt Gingrich, Henry Hyde, Dan Burton and Robert Livingston? We do know old age has a way of mellowing middle-aged tomcats so that they become harmless old goats if they aren't arrested in a municipal park for flapping their raincoats at disgusted strollers.



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air channels? Probably "Dark Angel" on Fox. Seventeen million Americans tuned into that show when it ran opposite the debate, and you can bet a large percentage of them were in their late teens and early 20s.

For them, the debates were just politics as usual, which continues to neglect young people and their concerns. What young person wants to watch the same old politicians (or their sons) going at it over issues like Medicare and prescription drugs?

It's a vicious circle. Politicians give youth-related issues a low priority because they see that young people aren't voting. Young people, in turn, don't bother voting because they think the candidates rarely talk about the issues young people care about in ways that are relevant to their lives.

What's more, any fresh new face is shot down by the tired old two-party system. In fact, under the current guidelines, Abraham Lincoln would not have been allowed to debate when he ran in 1860! He wasn't considered much of a national candidate, and he was a member of a new third party, the Republicans.

Is it a coincidence that the two states that consistently lead the nation in voter involvement, Minnesota and Maine, have independent governors who were elected in three-way races?

If our political system would encourage more choices, our government would be more representative and our young people would be more engaged.

But even though it looks like we're stuck with the two-party system, at least

for the short term, the presidential candidates do have a chance to start taking an interest in young voters.

Sure, most major political issues affect all Americans. But there are aspects and dimensions of these problems that are particularly relevant to young people, and those aspects are usually overlooked. Take health care, for example. That's a perennial topic on the campaign trail, but you never hear that people ages 18 to 24 form the largest segment of uninsured Americans.

It's time for candidates to break the vicious circle and show their leadership. There are 50 million voting-age Americans who have been virtually ignored for too long.

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▲Howl tickets are now on sale at the ticket office. \$5/students
▲USU Music Department, wind orchestra concert with Arcata String Quartet

guest artists. 7:30 p.m., Kent Concert Hall, Admission, \$3; USU w/ID

Sat

Saturday, October 21

▲USU Football vs Idaho, 3:05 p.m. Romney Stadium
▲USU Volleyball vs Cal State Fullerton, 7 p.m., Spectrum
▲ASUSU A & L presents

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Monday, October 23

▲Student tickets for "Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber" go on sale. \$5 students w/ID. Show Nov. 30. 7:30 p.m. Kent Concert Hall
▲USU Volleyball vs

Idaho, 7 p.m., Spectrum

F.Y.I.

- Field Sports Day through Oct. 26 on the Quad. Register your club/organization to compete in soccer, ultimate, volleyball, tug-of-war, and ultimate fitness test (also open to individuals) Registration sent to Henrick@cc.usu.edu. Award and food.
- Party at the Pike house, Oct. 20, 10 p.m.
- House Party Oct. 20, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., 565 E. 800 North, Live band - Brother Sage and bonfire.
- Harvest Hoe-down, Field house, Oct. 20, 8:30 to 11 p.m. Everyone should be gathered to be instructed in the art of square dancing. Cost \$1 if registered or \$3 if not.
- Married Students Association Activity "Quilt'n for the Community," Married or Engaged Couples Welcome. October 21. a.m. -1 p.m., Institute. A light breakfast will be provided as well as baby-sitting.
- Learn how to evaluate your own financial situation at a free "Financial Checkup" workshop presented by the USU Family Life Center. Oct. 26, 7 to 9 p.m., at the USU Credit Union. Register 797-7224.
- Everyone is invited to general meeting for Habitat for Humanity, Oct. 26, 7 p.m., TSC, Room 335. "Building Homes, Building Lives!"
- STAB, The Howl is coming! Oct. 28, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., TSC & Field house, \$5 students. No masks, no alcohol, No weapons. 18 & over. Tickets now on sale.
- The Clothesline Project. Survivors, family and friends

are invited to join in "breaking the silence" as the first step in trying to end the vicious cycle of abuse by designing a shirt. Day or evening appointments available between Oct. 16 through 27. Confidentiality respected. Call 797-1728. Display in International Lounge Oct. 23 through 27.

•Give a lifeline. Old cell phones are being collected and reconditioned to provide instant access to help prevent domestic violence. Phones will be programmed to dial 911 or local emergency number. Phones are being collected at Radio Shack in the Cache Valley Mall.

•Now is your last chance... The Study Abroad final application deadlines for Spring Semester 2001 are rapidly approaching. Please come in and get your application materials before it is too late! Placements still available in: Spain, Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Ghana, Malta, The Netherlands, and United Kingdom. Info: Study Abroad Office TSC, Room 304, 797-0601/1253 or www.usu.edu/studyabrd/.

•The Family Life Center is offering a Free workshop on how to buy a home. Oct. 28, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To get more info. or to register 797-7224 or 797-7225.

•Plant a Pink Tulip, Oct. 21, 9:30 a.m. Logan Regional Hospital. Tulips will be planted in tribute to those whose lives have been touched by breast cancer. Info. Women's Center 797-1728.

•The 17th Giardia Run Oct. 26. Registration 5:20 p.m. in front of the HPER. Cost is \$5 to run (or cheat) or \$15 with a new Giardia T-shirt. Everyone is welcome, costumes are encouraged, and cheaters are always welcome. This year's theme is Naders Raiders. Proceeds go to the Green Party. Info. Kevin 753-5031.

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