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SPORTS



Tonight's Utah State Hoops Fest opens the basketball Big West defending champions year. The Statesman previews the season.

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ENCORE



Cache Valley and Utah State University get ready for Halloween with concerts, The Howl and good, clean fun.

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ALMANAC

On Oct. 27, 1927, the first newsreel featuring sound was released in New York. The first rapid-transit subway system in America was opened in New York City by Mayor George B. McClellan on this day in 1904.

In 1994, the U.S. Justice Department announced that the U.S. prison population topped 1 million for the first time in American history.

WEATHER



There will be showers today with a high of 56 and a low of 39. Showers will continue through the weekend. The weekend high will be 56 on Saturday, the low 32 on Sunday.

AGGIE NEWS NUGGETS

President George Emert urged faculty and staff to sign a petition about a year ago calling for worldwide peace. The response has been very good with more than 60 million signatures so far. On Sept. 19, the signatures to the Manifesto 2000 for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence were presented to President of the UN General Assembly Harri Holkeri as part of the celebration of "Millennium Peace Day."



Students shadow political candidates in debate

JESSICA WHATCOTT
Staff Writer

Representatives from the College Republicans, the College Democrats, and the Green Party Campus Coalition touched on the issues of tuition increase, plans to build the Legacy Highway and how to increase student voting during Thursday's shadow debate.

The debate was held in the Hub in the Taggart Student Center.

Democrat Steven MacDonald, Green Party member Jim Steitz and Republican Jim Stevenson had two minutes to respond to each question in a series given by professor of history Ross Peterson, who acted as mediator.

Addressing the proposed tuition increase, both Stevenson and MacDonald said it was necessary to understand that tuition was at least going to increase with yearly inflation.

Stevenson also mentioned his frustration at how funds are funneled back to the university.

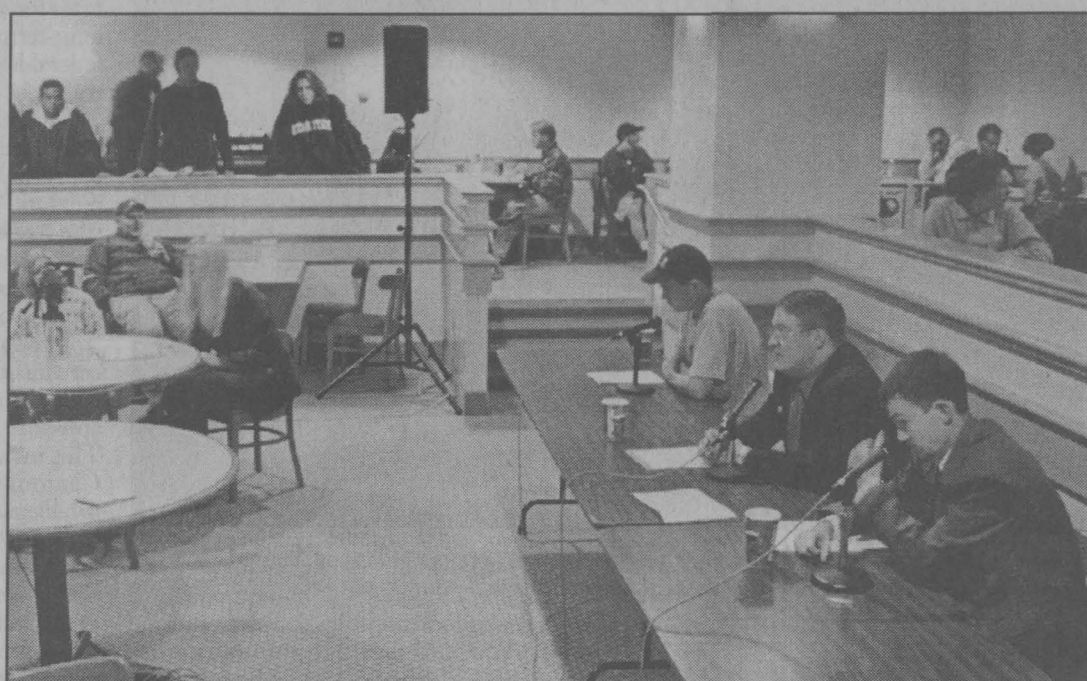
"The state spends more money educating people at Central Eastern University and Snow College than here at Utah State," he said. "That's our tuition money going to those colleges."

Steitz said the Green Party believes higher education is an important investment for the future. The government should supplement funding, rather than force students to pay for the difference out of their pockets, he said.

The debaters were also asked to give some solutions to the problem of decreasing student participation in government.

Stevenson suggested people "support and elect politicians who are straight-forward and honest—representatives who say what they mean without playing politics."

Steitz said, "Young people



USU STUDENTS from the Democratic, Republican and Green Parties talk about issues like education, government spending and the Legacy Highway in Thursday's shadow debate. /Mickelle Bench photo

aren't fooled by Bush and Gore taking millions from special interests and then turning around and saying they are going to support the

'little guys.'

He said when the prerequisite for being a presidential candidate is being a multi-millionaire, everyday people

don't have anything in common with them.

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Policy addresses student civility

JESSICA WHATCOTT
Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees recently amended university regulations to include a Classroom Civility Policy outlining the university's stance on disruptive behavior in the classroom.

The code, Section C under Article V (Violations of University Standards), gives faculty specific procedures to follow when dealing with disruptive students. The text deals with issues like whether classroom removal is permanent or for the current session only, a student's right to redress or faculty members' right to termination of a class session.

Steven Hanks, president of the Faculty Senate, explained that Utah State University has had few reports of classroom disruption.

"I believe the initiative came from students in order to articulate the rights of students. They wanted to be proactive in having a policy... [even though] it is not a red hot issue," Hanks said.

Ben Riley, president of the Associated Students of USU, said the policy is "a victory for students," as far as defining what students' rights are in these situations.

"Any kind of policy we did have before was vague. [This policy] clarifies the teacher's role in the classroom and it clarifies what students' rights are in the classroom. Teachers have the right to teach, but students need second chances if they have already paid for

their tuition," Riley said.

Although the policy is already being enforced, the process of notifying students will not begin until next semester. Instructors will be asked to announce the new procedures in class.

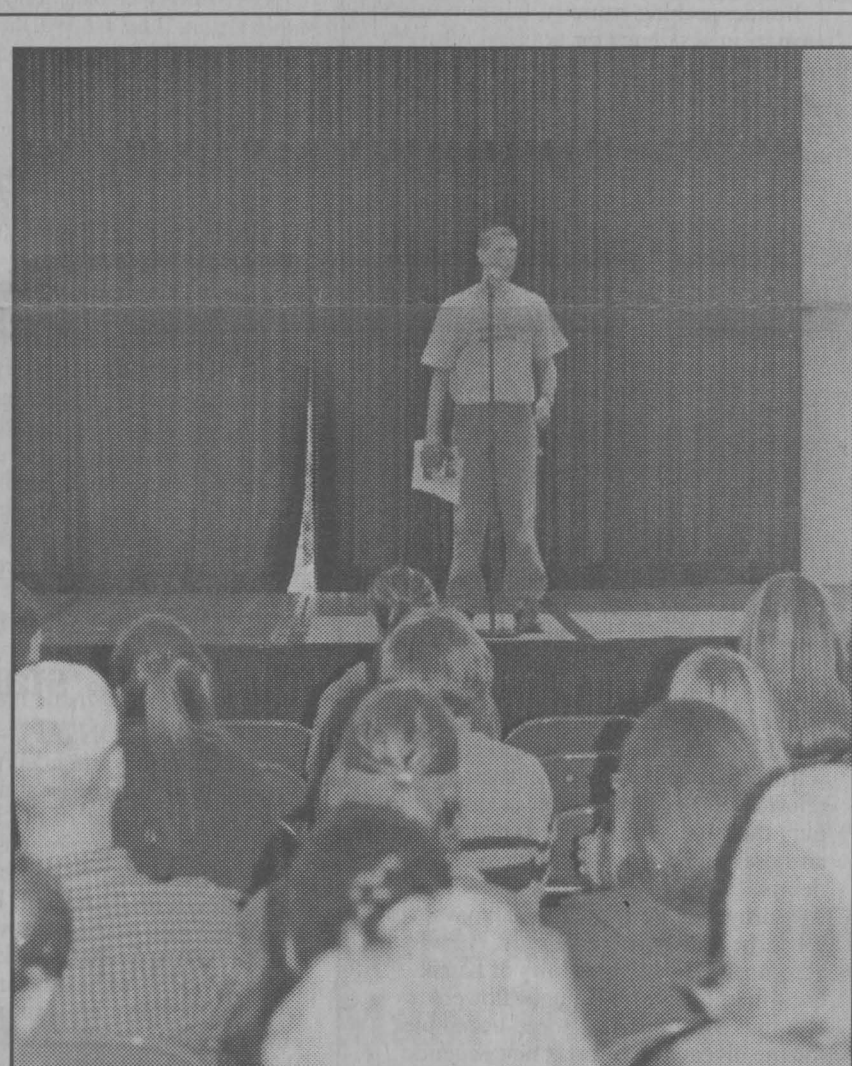
The code does not define "disruptive behavior," instructors will be encouraged to outline in their syllabus exactly what they consider inappropriate. Then when a student's behavior requires discipline, faculty can use the civility policy to take correct action.

The code demands that whether or not a student is asked to leave the classroom, faculty must "describe to the student the necessary changes in behavior." Faculty members are also required to "give the student a written, dated summary of the discussion" within a prescribed amount of time.

If a student feels the faculty member's expectation are "unreasonable," the code encourages the student to meet with the faculty member's department head or the dean of the faculty member's college. The code also says, "A student may not be permanently removed from a class without a formal review."

The policy gives faculty members the power to "demand and secure the immediate removal of any student from the classroom" when they feel teaching is compromised. Faculty members can also terminate the class session if they feel there is an imminent threat of physical danger.

The policy will soon be posted on the USU Web site.



Here's Aaron

THE MUCH-PUBLICIZED AARON, Aaron Swank, addresses students in the TSC Sunburst Lounge Thursday. FOCUS revealed Aaron in a presentation geared toward those who are searching for something more in their lives. /Mickelle Bench photo

Bug off: USU project helps area growers protect crops from pests

JESSICA WARREN
Senior Writer

Growers in the Intermountain area are being exposed to better ways of protecting their crops from pests through a project at Utah State University.

A handbook on integrated pest management to help growers find alternative means to protect their crops from pests has been written by faculty from the biology department, including Project Manager Schuyler D. Seeley, a professor in plants, soils and biometeorology; Diane Alston, an associate professor in biology; and Michael Reding, also in biology.

The handbook includes information on various pests, including life cycles, histories and other patterns helpful in keeping them from destroying crops. It also includes information on various pesticides.

These handbooks are available free to growers in Utah, Idaho, Colorado, New Mexico

and Arizona.

Integrated pest management offers better ways of controlling pests. Seeley said in the past growers would use a preventative spray, spraying the entire orchard before the problem arises.

The problem with this is depending on how long an spray lasts, the orchard may need to be sprayed up to six times during the season, he said.

Alternatives to this are targeting one area of the orchard when the pests are prevalent, spraying only the bottoms of the trees or even deciding that no spray is needed at all.

The project is intended to help growers determine this. Weather stations have been put in the various states to monitor temperature and other weather patterns. This helps with anticipating when and what type of insect will be the biggest problem.

This information is put into models used for tracking dormancy, bloom dates, the status

of growth of plants, and the movements of insects.

This lowers the amount of times a grower has to spray. Seeley said only spraying once on a 100-acre orchard can save a grower \$5,000 to \$6,000, helping the grower keep his money in his pocket, and not with the chemical companies.

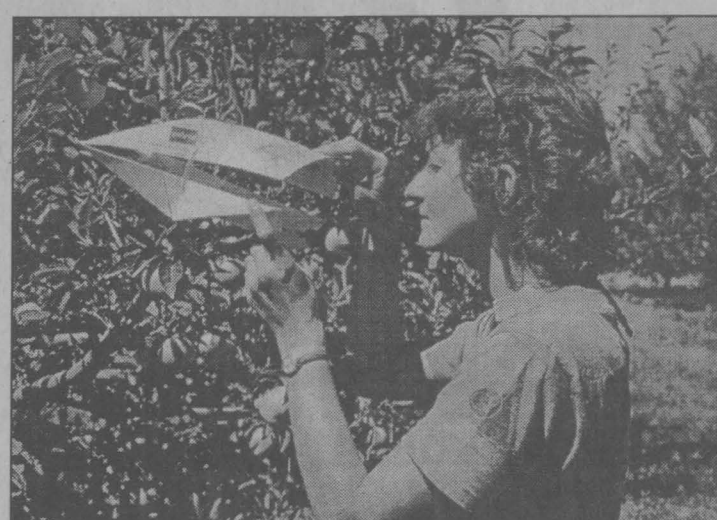
"That's not counting the environmental costs," Seeley said.

He said many of the chemicals used, such as organic pesticides, have not been tested thoroughly, so the ramifications aren't known.

Seeley said the project also encourages natural controls. He said natural predators in orchards, such as spider mites, keep problem insect populations down.

Growers save money by determining whether it would be cheaper to pick out the bad fruit or spray, he said.

The project is in its third and last year; it will be completed in September 2001. At that time, the weather stations



A TECHNICIAN checks an insect trap in an apple orchard. By monitoring insect population, a grower can gauge the best time to spray the trees. /biology department photo

in each state will be turned over to the states as their property.

The project's success is due to the compilation of all the information involved.

"A lot of information has been out there for a long time," Alston said, but the handbook makes it readily

available and easy to use.

Because they targeted a region, she said growers know the similarities and differences in their surrounding states.

Alston said the use of weather stations is helpful because it is a critical component of integrated pest management.

Clinton, Congress roll toward veto showdown over taxes, immigration



REPUBLICANS PUSHED A TAX-CUT PACKAGE through the House on Thursday, inviting a veto showdown with President Clinton. / Knight-Ridder photo

ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Less than two weeks from Election Day, Republicans pushed a tax-cut package through the House on Thursday and prepared to muscle a spending bill through Congress as well, inviting a double-barreled veto showdown with President Clinton. Abruptly enlivening the last days of a Congress that had been languidly inching toward adjournment, Clinton was poised to veto both measures in a sharply partisan confrontation over tax reductions, school construction, health care and immigration. The pre-election tussle seemed likely to draw public attention to the final days of a simmering budget battle that for weeks

had been drowned out by the neck-and-neck presidential race, a terrorist attack on a U.S. destroyer and a Middle East crisis.

The House voted 237-174, mostly along party lines, for a bill that would pare taxes by \$240 billion over the next decade for some small businesses, people saving for retirement and others. The tally fell short of the 289 votes the House would need to overturn a veto if all 433 House members voted. The measure also would boost the hourly minimum wage by \$1 and roll back Medicare cuts imposed on health-care providers three years ago.

The spending bill, meanwhile, would provide \$39.9 billion for the new fiscal year for the departments of Commerce, Justice and State while revamping immigration laws and dispensing hundreds of

millions of dollars for lawmakers' hometown projects and industries nationwide.

Clinton wrote letters to GOP leaders saying he had "no choice but to veto" the bills. He said the measures fell short of his proposals for liberalizing immigration laws for up to 2 million people, helping school districts build and repair schools, paring taxes for people facing health-care and long-term care expenses, and financing the federal lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

"You chose to put forward a partisan legislative package that ignores our key concerns," Clinton wrote about the tax measure. His letter on the spending measure had a similar tone, warning that Republicans should not add provisions "that would reward special interests at the expense of the public interest."

Republicans charged forward anyway, convinced that both bills' provisions were widely popular or, in some cases, would appeal to the party's conservative base. This included their refusal to grant Clinton's plan for blanket amnesty for illegal aliens who arrived in the United States before 1986. Amid the pressures of a campaign in which both the White House and both chambers of Congress are up for grabs, much of the debate was acrimonious. Republican Rep. Dana Rohrabacher of California called Clinton's call for amnesty for illegal aliens "an insult" to legal immigrants and "a betrayal of our country and our people," while Democratic Rep. Robert Menendez of New Jersey spoke of "the darkest shadows that might exist in our society."

"The Latino community is watching what this Congress does on these votes," Menendez warned.

Besides seeking amnesty, Clinton wants permanent residency for political refugees from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Haiti. He also would let some applicants for permanent residency avoid having to return home to await a final decision.

World GLANCE

Five killed in two car accidents

Five people were killed Tuesday in two highway accidents in central Utah.

Identities have been withheld pending notification of kin. Three people were killed in a head-on collision three miles up Spanish Fork Canyon.

The accident happened at 5:30 p.m. when a gray car owned by the state was westbound in the eastbound lane on a curve and collided with a pickup truck carrying a family of five, said highway patrol Sgt. Doug McCleve.

The state car was driven by a 22-year-old Salt Lake County woman who was killed.

A man and an infant girl in the pickup truck also were killed, McCleve said.

A woman from the pickup truck was in critical condition at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center in Provo. A 6-year-old girl and a 2-year-old boy from the pickup were taken to Mountain View Hospital in Payson where the boy was in critical condition and the girl was in serious condition. Two elderly women died after a van carrying 13 members of a Los Angeles church group crashed about 8:30 a.m. on Interstate 70 about 30 miles southwest of Richfield. Three others were seriously injured, and eight were treated for minor injuries. Utah Highway Patrol Lt. Keith Squires said the van went out of control on an icy bridge, struck a cement barrier, rolled and came to rest on its top.

Israel seized suspects in mob killing of Israeli soldiers in secret

BEIT LIQUIA, West Bank (AP) — Engulfed by darkness, Israeli soldiers lay in wait in an olive grove near the home of Palestinian farmer Abbas Asi. A neighbor knocked on the door and relayed an order from an Israeli officer: Asi's son, Thabet, must surrender. Moments later, Thabet, a 23-year-old university student, was patted down, cuffed and taken away. He is a suspect in the grisly Oct. 12 mob killing of two Israeli soldiers in a police station in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

The detailed account of the Israeli raid, given by the detainee's family last week, was suppressed until Thursday by Israel's military censor. The restrictions were lifted without explanation. The army acknowledged Thursday that it arrested Asi and several others in connection with the killing. Asi confessed that he kicked the body of one of the soldiers, the army said.

Political battles erupt in Abidjan

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — Longtime opposition leader Laurent Gbagbo was sworn in as president Thursday at the heavily guarded presidential palace. Political officials appealed for an end to the violence that has wracked Abidjan and other cities in this West African nation. "I feel in this moment the renaissance of the Ivory Coast, the birth of a modern, prosperous, democratic and united nation," said Gbagbo. The new leader was swept to power Wednesday in a popular uprising that forced junta leader Gen. Robert Guei to flee. But street celebrations over the junta's downfall Wednesday were short-lived. By Thursday morning Gbagbo's supporters, sometimes backed by security forces, were battling followers of a rival political boss with machetes, rocks and clubs. Dozens of people were said to have been killed.

House, Senate work on health packages, stall over Medicare

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate passed an \$919.5 million bill Thursday intended to improve the nation's ability to respond to a bioterrorist attack, modernize federal disease laboratories and move toward placing heart defibrillators in all federal buildings. "This comprehensive legislation contains a variety of public health bills that will help to improve the health and safety of all Americans," said Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., a physician. But the health care action was overshadowed by President Clinton's vow to veto a Medicare package. The \$30 billion package aims to boost payments to health care providers who say 1997 budget cuts went too far. "You insist on an unjustifiable spending increase for HMOs," Clinton said in a Thursday letter. The House went ahead and passed the measure, 237-174, short of the two-thirds majority necessary to override a veto. Clinton complains the measure gives managed care companies too much without enough accountability.

Less than 2 percent of biotech crop unaccounted for, USDA says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government says it has traced all but 1.2 million bushels of the unapproved biotech corn that was grown this year. It says only a fraction of the grain is likely to get into the food supply. The unaccounted for grain represents 1.5 percent of the 80 million bushels of StarLink corn grown this year. The Agriculture Department has been trying to track down the grain since late September, when StarLink from last year's harvest was discovered in major brands of taco shells. The corn, which is genetically engineered to be toxic to insect pests, was never approved for human consumption. The Environmental Protection Agency, which regulates the crop, has been asked to grant temporary food-use approval for the corn to prevent further recalls or shutdowns of processing plants.

2002 Games to promote peace

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Greek diplomats brought the cause of the International Olympic Truce Foundation to Salt Lake City on Thursday. With a 16-member entourage, Foreign Minister George Papandreu and Ambassador to the United States Alexander Philon asked Salt Lake organizers to use the 2002 Winter Games to promote world peace.

"We can embrace another message, and it doesn't cost a lot of money," said Fraser Bullock, chief operating officer for the Salt Lake Organizing Committee. "We have a unique world stage to spread that message. We're going to collaborate."

When athletes from North and South Korea joined last month in one marching delegation for the opening of the Sydney Olympics, it was the first victory for the Truce Foundation, organized in July by Juan Antonio Samaranch, head of the International Olympic Committee. The foundation's mission is to get warring nations to lay down their arms for at least the 16 days of every Olympic Games.

First bodies of Russian submarine victims found

IVAN SEKRET AREY
Associated Press

MURMANSK, Russia — Laboring in the frigid murk of the Barents Sea on Wednesday, divers found and removed the first bodies from the wreckage of the sunken nuclear submarine Kursk, Russian officials said.

The bodies of three crew members were found several hours after two Russian divers entered the submarine, where 118 sailors died on Aug. 12. The remains were taken from the wreckage and placed in a special container, which would raise them to the surface with the divers, Northern Fleet Chief of Staff Mikhail Motsak said.

A team of Russian and Norwegian divers worked for five days to enter the submarine. The bodies were found after the team finished cutting the first hole in the thick double hull of the Kursk, Motsak said.

Officials have said there is virtually no chance of recovering all the dead: Many were probably pulverized by a massive explosion that tore through the Kursk.

Russia went forward with the perilous,

complicated and costly recovery mission despite military funding problems and the fear that divers could die in the attempt to slice through the damaged hull and enter the Kursk, 356 feet below the surface.

The massive effort followed widespread criticism that the Russian government's initial response to the sinking was confused and indifferent toward crew members' relatives, and that it stubbornly resisted foreign offers of help.

The cause of the disaster has not been determined. Motsak said the recovery mission has so far produced no new clues.

Some Russian officials have said the Kursk collided with another vessel, likely a submarine, while on military maneuvers. The United States and Britain had submarines monitoring the exercises, but both say their vessels were nowhere near the accident site.

Other observers have said the disaster likely was caused by a torpedo explosion.

Only Russian divers entered the Kursk on Wednesday. Their Norwegian colleagues assisted from inside a diving bell lowered to the wreckage from the divers' mother ship, the Regalia.

Divers used a stream of pressurized

water mixed with diamond dust to slice through the 2 1/2-inch-thick steel inner hull.

The recovery team used remote-controlled video cameras to inspect the eighth compartment in the submarine's stern. They pumped out silt to improve visibility, said Northern Fleet spokesman Vladimir Navrotsky.

The divers also smoothed the jagged edge of the 3-foot-wide hole with a special cushion for safe entrance into the wreck, he said.

The divers are challenged by darkness, currents, floating debris and confined spaces. The head of the Russian Navy, Adm. Vladimir Kuroyedov, had earlier warned that he might cancel the recovery effort because of the danger of divers ripping their pressure suits or cutting their air hoses on mangled equipment and debris.

Kuroyedov flew to a Russian naval vessel at the scene on Wednesday. He was accompanied by two widows of Kursk crew members, who brought flowers to cast into the water and home-baked pies for the divers, the Interfax news agency reported.

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Howl cause for increased security, precautions

SHARALYN HARTWELL
Staff Writer

Alcohol, masks and props will be strictly prohibited from the Howl, said Utah State University Police Chief Steve Mecham.

"We've really tried to advertise no masks, no props, no alcohol," said Angie Domichel, Associated Students of Utah State University Activities vice president.

The biggest problems at the Howl in the past, Mecham said, have been alcohol related.

"If you even smell like alcohol, you can't come in," he said.

Anyone found intoxicated or drinking on campus, as well as minors with alcohol, will be arrested, Mecham said.

"Compared to a regular weekend, [the number of arrests] would be a lot," Mecham said.

There were eight arrests last year at the Howl, Mecham said. Two people were taken to the hospital in an ambulance with alcohol poisoning, he said.

"We've had some issues with alcohol the last two years," said Tiffany Evans,

associate director of Student Activities. "We want USU students to feel comfortable and have a high-quality event and a high-quality environment."

Officers, student leaders and student activities professionals will be at the doors checking picture identifications to ensure everyone is over age 18, Evans said.

"Utah State University and ASUSU have the right to refuse entrance," Evans said.

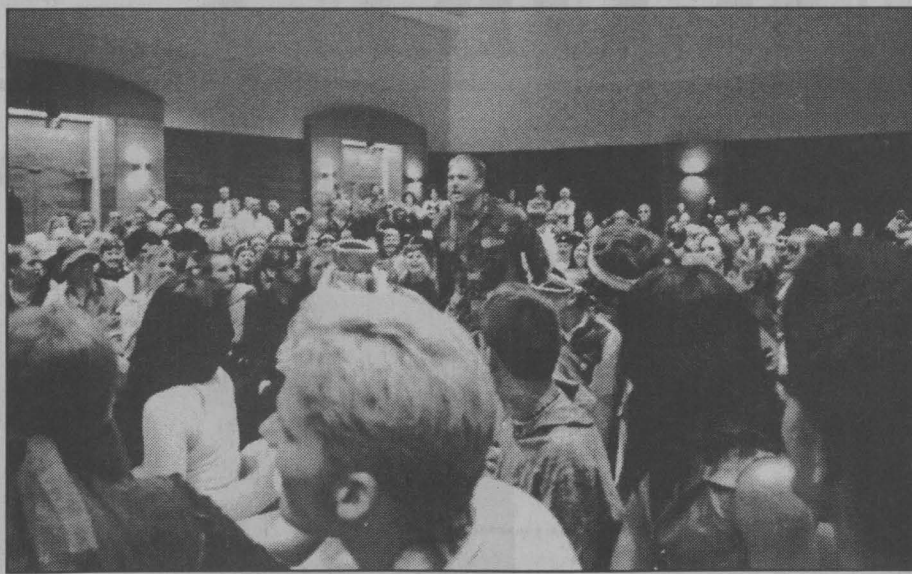
Officials have also been assigned specific areas to monitor throughout the evening.

Masks and props aren't allowed because with the number of people attending the Howl, "we don't know what could be dangerous," Evans said.

Because this is the biggest event USU hosts, the fire code is also a major concern, Evans said. After talking with the fire marshal, Domichel said the maximum number of students that can be admitted into the Howl is 6,000.

ASUSU will "try to use space as effectively as we can," Evans said.

To help minimize the crowding



A CROWD OF STUDENTS watches last year's Howl hypnotist show. Large crowds at the Howl bring increased security for the event./File photo

problem, Domichel said she encourages students to look at the schedule before going to the Howl and decide what they want to do.

"This event has an outstanding reputation across the state of Utah,"

Evans said. "Most importantly, we want the USU students to enjoy it and come."

The Howl has been sponsored by the Student Activities Board for more than 25 years.

DEBATE

From Page 1

"Many people feel that national politics are a big engine they can't control," MacDonald said.

He encouraged voters to recognize that they are the ones who can make changes, and he called on politicians to "bring it home" to college students.

In addition to general environmental policy, the debaters were asked about their stance on the Legacy Highway. While Stevenson supports Legacy, both MacDonald and Steitz said they are against it.

MacDonald suggested the government focus on some sort of commuter transportation like light rail, especially since that type of construction could promise federal funding. The highway, he explained, would be 100 percent paid for out of the pocket books of Utahns, but federal monies would pay for 80 to 90 percent of a commuter transportation system.

Stevenson countered by saying, "The population is growing and commuter rail won't solve everything." He said he was concerned about moving goods and services along the unexpandable I-15 route, because "you can't put a truck full of vegetables on Trax."

The representatives wrapped up the debate by telling the audience why they should vote for their presidential candidate.

Stevenson suggested Republican nominee George W. Bush is willing to

compromise, and once elected, he would involve everyone in the democratic process.

Stevenson also mentioned that he believes it is time to elect someone who has worked outside of the Washington, D.C., circle.

"We are the only party that has an

agenda that can grapple with the serious systemic issues facing our society," Steitz said.

He said he couldn't tell the difference between Bush and Al Gore, but that Ralph Nader was the only candidate who has shown the leadership necessary to make key changes in the way our country runs.

For the Democrats, MacDonald addressed specific stands Gore

has taken on abortion (as pro-choice), and the military (against demilitarization).

He also said Gore would be the best choice for college students, as far as making the middle class more powerful in government decisions.

As one of the organizers of the debate, Rex Hansen, executive vice president of Associated Students of Utah State University, said he was pleased about how the event turned out.

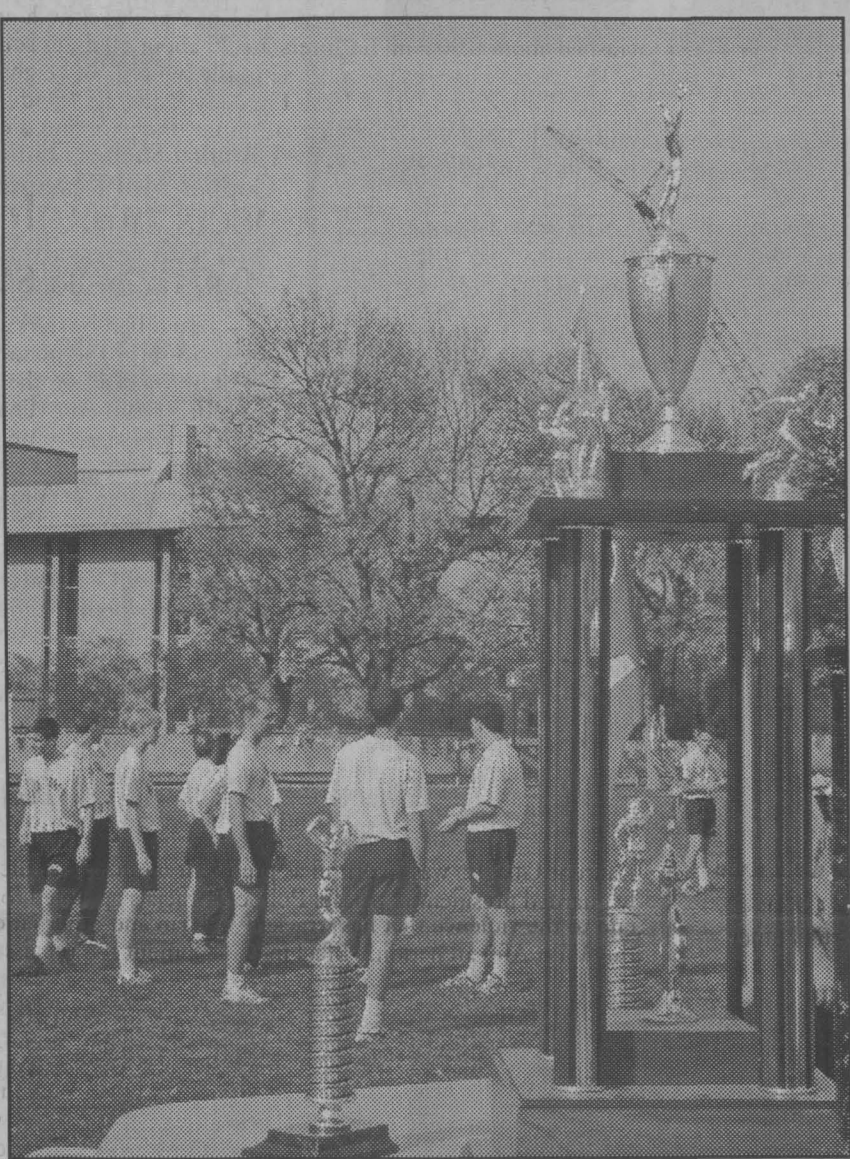
"Hopefully a student was able to come and say, 'I agree with this representative, so I belong to this party,'" he said.

Another debate is scheduled Nov. 2 at noon in the TSC Hub, and will allow for more rebuttal between the representatives.

More Words

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— Rex Hansen, ASUSU



Playing soldier

THE AIR FORCE ROTC invited all campus clubs to participate in Thursday's annual Warrior Sports Day where teams played volleyball, soccer and ultimate Frisbee on the Quad. In past years, the ROTC has competed against groups from other schools, but they wanted to turn the field day into a 'campus olympics.' 'We wanted to make this a tradition,' said Cadet Wing Commander Brett Pierson. 'Next year will be bigger and better.' In addition to a traveling group trophy, the ROTC had individual trophies to award to male and female participants./Liz Maudsley photo

USU donors will need more money to become part of Old Main Society

BRIAN CARTER
Staff Writer

The amount a person must donate to enter the Old Main Society will increase to \$25,000 in January 2002, said Jim MacMahon, vice president for University Advancement.

The Old Main Society was started in 1967 to recognize donors to various programs throughout the university. Persons are inducted into the society after their total contributions reach the minimum level, currently at \$10,000.

Membership levels in the society range from \$10,000 to \$10 million. MacMahon said the minimum level has not been raised in a long time, but times have changed and \$10,000 is no longer adequate.

"The economy is growing and \$10,000 doesn't do much," MacMahon said.

The increase has been considered for the past year, MacMahon said.

The opinions of the Administrative Council, the Board of Trustees, USU President George H. Emert, and the Executive Committee of the Old Main Society were all examined before deciding on the increase, MacMahon said.

"I make the final decision," MacMahon said. "It's final that it will go up."

It's rare, but there are contributors who give up to \$4 million a year, MacMahon said.

"You want the Old Main Society to be an honor because these are our very best

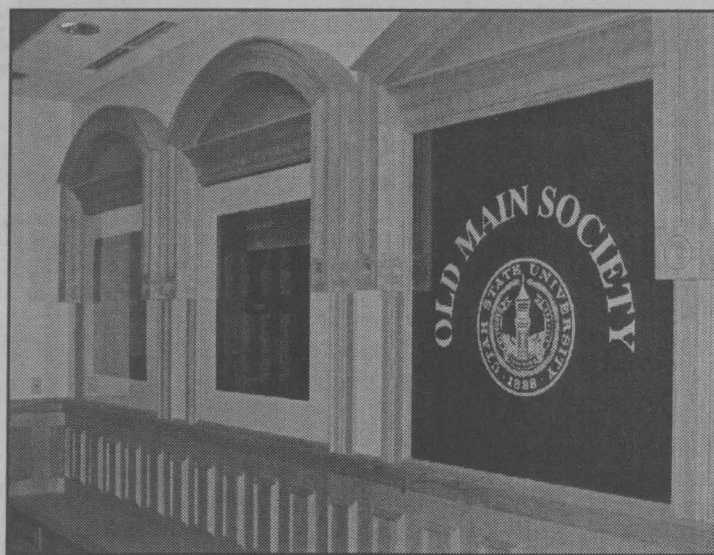
friends," MacMahon said.

MacMahon said some people may try harder to give the minimum amount before it rises. Reminders will be sent regarding the increase to members of the society, MacMahon said.

Most of the money goes toward endowment scholarships, MacMahon said.

"People donate to the university not the Old Main Society. The Old Main Society is recognition of donors," MacMahon said. "It is our way of setting apart substantial gifts."

Members of the society are listed on the main floor of Old Main. MacMahon said current members who do not meet the new donation requirement will continue to be listed.



A PLAQUE IN OLD MAIN recognizes members of the Old Main Society, those who have donated at least \$10,000 and as much as \$10 million to USU. The minimum donation will more than double to \$25,000 in January 2002./Liz Maudsley photo

Benefits of the Old Main Society include a parking pass, discounts in the USU Bookstore and library privileges, MacMahon said.

A dinner is also held annu-

ally for members of the society and to induct new members.

"We'll probably have over 100 inducted this year," MacMahon said.

The Sigma Phi fraternity Alumni Board offered to sell their house to the university in July; it was occupied by members just last spring.

The university will purchase the house and property for its appraised value of \$252,000 out of university discretionary funds. The Sigma Phi Alumni Board offered to donate at least \$50,000 of the proceeds to USU for scholarships.

News Briefs

Sorority sponsors carnival for kids

Chi Omega sorority will sponsor a Halloween carnival for USU and the community.

The carnival will be held Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Fieldhouse. Cost for the carnival is one can of food per child or four cans of food per family.

All proceeds and donations will benefit local organizations and low income families in Cache Valley.

The Halloween carnival is an event to raise proceeds for low income families in Cache Valley. Clubs and organizations will sponsor booths which will have games and prizes.

For information, call Erica Jarvis at 512-1377.

Fluoride studies at Logan Library

As the Nov. 7 election approaches, residents can read the full text of various studies cited by fluoridation supporters and opponents at the Logan Library.

Dr. Ariel Thompson provided the material, including the full published accounts of numerous fluoride studies, parts of which have been quoted by both sides of the debate in recent months.

The material will be available to read in the library only. It cannot be checked out.

JetBlue founder to speak at USU

The founder and CEO of JetBlue, David Neeleman, joins a cadre of industry, academic and public-sector productivity gurus to speak at the 26th annual Productivity and Operational Excellence Seminar Wednesday and Thursday at USU.

Neeleman made his first gold star in the airline industry with Morris Air, a successful Utah-based charter air service now owned by Southwest Airlines. His next splash came with Open Skies, touted as the world's simplest online airline reservation system. At USU, he will speak on the implementation of a high-quality, low-cost strategy.

Other speakers include Patrick Flynn, vice president and CIO of PACCAR, Inc., a manufacturer of high-quality, light-, medium- and heavy-duty trucks under the Kenworth, Peterbilt, DAF and Foden nameplates; Kent Bowen, professor at Harvard Business School who will discuss his study of Toyota Motor Company; and Bill Kessler, vice president of aeronautics productivity for Lockheed Martin, who will discuss lean manufacturing in the Fort Worth, Tex., facility that has assembled all F-16 jet fighters and parts of the F-22.

This seminar is sponsored by the College of Business Partners in Business and is a student-run, faculty-mentored professional improvement seminar series.

To learn more about attending this seminar, call the Partners office, (435) 797-2279 or (800) 472-9965.

Pumpkin Day

Visitors are invited to celebrate an old fashioned Halloween on Pumpkin Day at the American West Heritage Center Saturday. The Center is a combined effort of USU and the American West Heritage Foundation.

Saturday only, the Heritage Center's corn maze will be half price with purchase of admission to Pumpkin Day festivities. Admission to the center is \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors, \$3 for children under 12 and a family ticket is \$15.

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Utah State University is in the process of acquiring two former fraternity houses on 800 East across from the HPER field and the Spectrum.

The adjacent half-acre parcels of land include the former Sigma Alpha Epsilon house at 809 N. 800 East and the former Sigma Phi house at

837 N. 800 East.

The USU Board of Trustees approved the purchase earlier this month and the state Board of Regents will make the final decision Friday. The university hopes to close by the middle of November, said Dale Huffaker, vice president for Administrative Services. If the sale goes through, these will be the first purchases in a long-range plan to purchase property

along 800 East between 700 North and the Catholic church to build more university housing, as is described in the USU Master Plan.

"But that's way, way down the road," Huffaker said.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon building, leased by the university since the fraternity closed in 1990, has been home to the Bear River Activity and Skills Center, a university-sponsored program for disabled people,

and will continue to serve that purpose, Huffaker said.

USU has proposed, based on an independent appraisal, to purchase the lot and house for \$278,000. A Community Development Block Grant, in support of BRASC, will cover \$193,000 of the operating and maintenance costs, and discretionary funds will make up the rest, university officials said. No state funding was requested.

THE SCARIEST MOVIES OF ALL TIME



On the TOWN

ANDY MORGAN
Staff Writer

When I was in third grade, I had nightmares about the evil, smirking clown doll in "Poltergeist." Any time I got near my bed, I was mindful of the distance between my feet and the appropriate grabbing length for a stuffed clown's arm. It took money-laced efforts by my parents to keep me sleeping in my own bed. Too bad it didn't cure my fears.

I still don't take out the garbage at night (and I'm 26, married and have a kid). I look in my back seat when I get in my car at night and I believe in ghosts, Big Foot, The Bermuda Triangle and Roswell.

Even though it takes tranquilizer darts to get me to sleep every night, I've never seen a stuffed clown under my bed or Big Foot smiling in my window. But I know they're out there and I have only one thing to blame — Hollywood. Yeah, you, Tinseltown. Thanks for screwing up my life and making me a cipher to society.

Here are the films that scared me into what I am today.

"The Exorcist"

This film scares the crap out of me every time I try (key word) and watch it through my fingers. Considered by many to be a horror masterpiece, this 1973 film is taken from the 1971 William Peter Blatty novel about an actress (Ellen Burstyn) whose daughter, Regan (Linda Blair), is possessed by the devil. What makes this film so creepy isn't the time spent during Regan's possession, but the haunting moments that tick away before she is inhabited by the devil.

"The Hitcher"

This 1986 movie should be shown in every driver's ed. class with the headline "Never Pick Up a Hitchhiker or You Will Die." C. Thomas Howell ("The Outsiders," "Soul Man") is a young man who turns an easy task into a nightmare when he picks up a hitchhiker (Rutger

Hauer) who is really a ruthless serial killer. The flick is tense because Hauer keeps appearing when you least suspect and there are some pretty grisly scenes that will make even the strongest stomachs a tad bit woozy.

"Aliens"

The first Alien movie, when there was only one Alien, made me wet myself. But now, seven years later, with James Cameron at the director's helm, this film made me curl up in the fetal position and pray for daylight. "Aliens" surpasses the original's horror/sci-fi label and inserts action and humor into the mix. However, don't be misguided — this film, and its hundreds of lethal creatures hiding, waiting to attack, is intense and vastly frightening.

"The Sixth Sense"

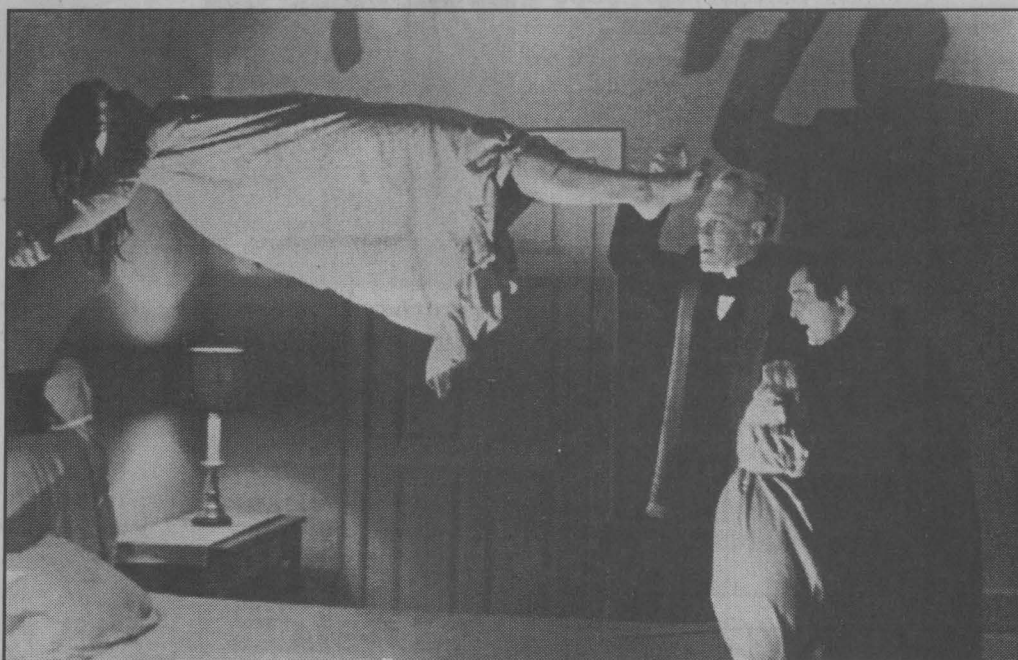
With this film, the words "I see dead people" were forever etched into the back of my mind. If you happen to be a hermit or have lived in outer space for the last year and a half, then you probably haven't seen this horror/thriller from director M. Night Shyamalan. Bruce Willis ("Die Hard") is Dr. Malcolm Crowe, a child psychologist going through a mid-life crisis, and Haley Joel Osment ("Pay It Forward") is Cole Sear, a young man who suffers through a secret that only he knows (and which I spoiled above). What makes "The Sixth Sense" frightening is the truthfulness of the movie's premise. How many times have you felt like you're not alone, had gooseflesh or swore you saw a ghost? Don't fool yourself; it probably was something paranormal. Get on the phone and call the X-Files.

"The Changeling"

This 1980 ghost story starring George C. Scott is a lot like "The Sixth Sense." Scott is John Russell, a recently widowed composer who moves into a mansion that seems to be haunted by the spirit of a young boy. The film doesn't sound very scary, but the director guides the unwitting audience toward its eventual bout with terror without relying on gore and cheap tricks to scare their pants off. Instead, he uses camera angles, lighting and music, believing the audience is smart enough to make their own disturbing conclusions. After seeing this movie, you'll never look at wheelchairs the same way again.

"Children of the Corn"

By any means, this is probably one of the dumbest scary movies ever made. Adapted from the short story by Stephen King, the film tracks a married



The Exorcist

couple whose car breaks down in an Iowa town. Of course they never leave when they should and that makes them prime targets for harassment from Satan-loving children wielding scythes and other dangerous farm tools. It's dumb, but it still has a nice mix of blood and terror. Moreover, it takes place in the corn. Nothing is scarier than a dark cornfield inhabited by psychos.

"The Shining"

Another Stephen King adaptation, this time from acclaimed director Stanley Kubrick ("2001: A Space Odyssey," "Full Metal Jacket"). However, while Kubrick's film drags on at times, Jack Nicholson ("As Good As It Gets," "A Few Good Men") gives vivacity to a tale of a man going crazy in a vacant Colorado hotel. Seeing Nicholson putting an ax through a door and yelling, "Heeeeerrre's Johnny," will make you want to break into tears. Hearing Nicholson's son say, "Redrum. Redrum. Redrum," will cause you not to sleep at night — especially if you have kids of your own.

"The Blair Witch Project"

There is no middle ground with "The Blair Witch Project." It's either love or hate. However, the way to enjoy this movie is to have no expectations, which could be hard, considering it's been out for more than a year. Nevertheless, the entire premise of three student filmmakers out in the Maryland woods being chased by an unseen force, is something that gives me the willies. It's too bad they had to make a sequel.

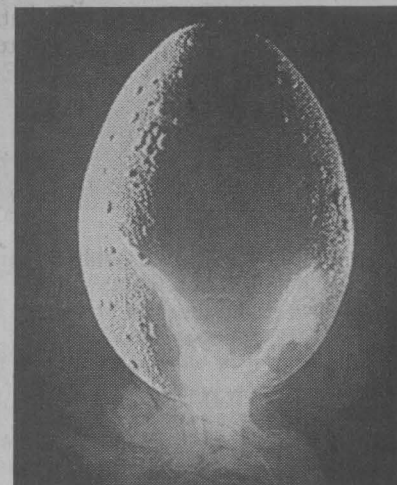
"The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" and "Poltergeist"

I couldn't decide which freaked me out more, so I'm calling this one a draw. It

just depends on your mood. Tobe Hooper directed both films and each represents its own unique genre of horror. For instance, with "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," you get the tale of day-trippers in Texas who encounter a strange family of cannibals, all of which is incredibly realistic — almost like a documentary. And you have "Poltergeist," which is awfully petrifying, yet, in the same breath, with its dark humor and pace, becomes more of an amusement park ride. Needless to say, both will make you keep the lights on at night.

"Nightmare on Elm Street"

Let me say this — this movie invented one of the scariest new horror figures to come along in more than a decade. Freddy Krueger and his tattered red sweater, brown fedora and knife-gloved hand, made it hard to look at a basement and furnace the same way. Directed by Wes Craven ("Scream," "Music of the Heart"), the film is claustrophobic and intense in every way possible. This is a great flick to watch on Halloween, in your basement, in the dark and with a date.



Aliens



The Sixth Sense

Police advise students to have a safe Halloween

HEIDI THUESON
Staff Writer

Students planning to spend Halloween night smashing pumpkins, egging cars and toilet-papering houses ought to know police officers will be out in full force Oct. 31.

"We don't usually arrest people for toilet-papering houses, but the problem with it is that kids like to go from having fun to being more destructive," Hansen said.

Destructive acts can involve egging, putting shaving cream and soap on cars and even paintballing houses, which is considered vandalism, Hansen said.

"If you put an egg on something and it dries, it's almost impossible to get

off," he said.

A recurring problem officers run into is catching juveniles rolling pumpkins down hills.

"If a 15-pound pumpkin hits a car, it's going to do some major damage," Hansen said.

One issue relevant to Utah State University students is alcohol consumption. Often neighbors call to complain about wild parties disturbing the peace when drunk students start wandering the streets.

"[If] you lose control of yourself ... and you decide to take a little kid's candy, that can be constituted as theft and robbery," Hansen said. "That's going to put

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Let's see, what am I going to do on Halloween this year?

Well, I know I won't be at the Howl, because I'm not 18 and I have more than 15 credit hours under my belt. I won't be at a local haunted house because, (a) I don't feel like soiling myself and (b) they all suck — big time.

Call me the Scrooge of Halloween, but you won't find me tramping around any corn mazes, either. I did that last year and after two hours of turning in circles, I had to be restrained by the Corn Maze Police and was told I could never come back. Ever. Thank God. There is a good chance of me renting a scary DVD, but then again, there is a good chance of a Texas-sized asteroid hitting the Earth.

The point is, despite being willing to indicate which horror movies are the best of all time, I am completely unwilling to watch any of them again. I will fully admit that I get freaked out easily. After seeing "Poltergeist," I begged, whined and cried to sleep

with my parents. Why? That's easy. First, Mr. Creepy Clown Boy was under my bed. I wasn't going to give that smiling little freak a chance to pull me down to the abyss, so I never checked under the bed. Second, this was before the cable TV rush and leaving the tube on fuzz was sometimes unavoidable, which, if

you saw the movie, allows ghosts to sneak into your home, infest your outdoor pool and make your face peel off in the sink.

No thanks. I'd rather watch Barney with my daughter. And just so we're not mistaken, a fat, purple, perma-grinned T-rex is rather alarming.

Perhaps I could stay home with my neighbor and landlord, Travis Call. He wants to hide out and scare the trick-or-treaters as they come to his house. Considering the fact that he imitates Buffalo Bill, the serial killer in "Silence of the Lambs," rather well, this could be a risky proposition.

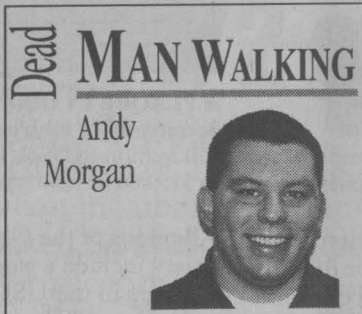
I don't really worry about the kids, though. I worry about me. It may seem fun and innocent, but since I live on the outskirts of Logan, a rifle-wielding par-

ent will probably shoot me when I jump out from the bushes. I guarantee they'll shoot me if I jump out of the bushes dressed like Barney.

Actually, planning a Halloween activity will be rather simple. Because I already know that I will be trick-or-treating with my daughter, who, by the way, will be dressed as a giraffe. She and I will walk from Providence to Logan, doing a three-hour candy sweep of every house. She'll have a fun time, we'll hold hands and I'll eat half her candy as we go door-to-door. But we'll be together, and that is what's most important.

Because I'm learning, rather quickly, that life can be pretty rough and things don't always go as they're planned, expectations are not always met and stress is the bitter, daily pill we all face. Nevertheless, the minute I walk in the door, my daughter is there, smiling. She'll kiss me on the cheek and give me a hug and say, "Come on, Dad. Let's watch Elmo. Let's sing. Come on." And, for a little while, life shrinks into what it's supposed to be — love, friendship and time well spent. I think I can handle that any day of the year.

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MAN WALKING

Andy Morgan

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Theater

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Utah Symphony scares up spooky concert

NATALIE LARSON
Senior Writer

The Halloween season will bring out the ghoulish side of the Utah Symphony Oct. 30 in Abravanel Hall, said Katie Sadler, press coordinator for the symphony.

According to Sadler, Halloween High Jinks is a popular production that combines spooky music and a costume contest sponsored by KSL Television and Radio.

"It's just fun for the community," Sadler said. "They really get into the spirit with the costumes and decorations. It's a fun way to celebrate Halloween."

The costume contest will be held at 5:30 p.m. KSL will give prizes for the best adult, child,

group and orchestra member costumes. Sadler said they have previously given away Jazz tickets, gift certificates to restaurants and always tickets to the Utah Symphony.

For those interested in competing, Sadler

said, "The ones that are really unique or funny are the ones that catch the judges' eyes. Last year the group that won dressed up as the Statue of Liberty and a boat of tourists."

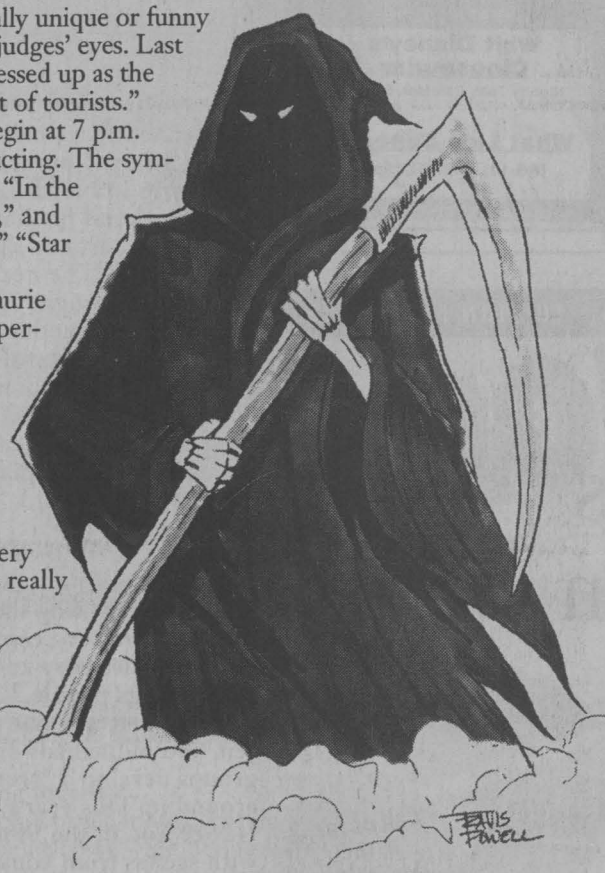
The performance will begin at 7 p.m. with Kory Katseanes conducting. The symphony will perform Greig's "In the Hall of the Mountain King," and music from "Indiana Jones," "Star Wars" and "Superman."

Special guests, mimes Laurie Willets and T. Daniel, will perform during the evening.

Sadler said, "They do a really good Halloween show. They enact a scene from 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.' We try to bring in people to get that spirit across. They have a very ghoulish presentation that's really neat."

Tickets are still available, but Sadler recommends people come early to get them. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Students will get in for \$8.

Abravanel Hall is located at 123 W. South Temple in Salt Lake City.



A fingerstyle guitar odyssey: Celtic to contemporary

HEATHER STRASBURG
Staff Writer

El McMeen and Larry Pattis, two nationally renowned solo fingerstyle guitarists, will perform Friday, at 7:30 p.m. in the TSC Auditorium.

McMeen and Pattis have performed together in cities across America, from Montana to New Hampshire.

"Their playing styles really compliment each other," said Paul Wieland, a producer from Concerts For a Cause. "I suppose El and Larry could choose to sit on the stage together and trade one liners and rotate like an all-star guitar night performance. However, I think they like to present their music in a set so they can peak and valley and tie their tunes together."

Pattis grew up in Montana and moved to Utah; McMeen is from New York. Even though they come from two different backgrounds, their tour has been a huge success across the country. Over the past year, reviews have

described their music as "stirring and lyrical" and "understated and gorgeous."

Before they came together, while chatting over the Internet, Pattis and McMeen did a lot of solo work.

"This guy is just amazing. I had never heard guitar playing sound like that," said Mark Lane, a guitar music reviewer, about McMeen. "The word 'Celtic' gets tossed around a lot these days, but El's interpretations of old Irish songs were just beautiful. I found myself getting lost in the music, forgetting to watch the technique."

The same things could be said about Pattis.

"The CD didn't prepare me for the subtlety and grace of Larry's live performance. There is something truly wonderful about watching elegant music in a small setting," said Norman Draper, a guitar music reviewer.

"Each tune is like a private conversation, an invitation to an attractive garden of his," said Pierre Bensusan, a close friend of the duo. "No doubt



GUITARISTS EL MCMEEN and Larry Pattis will perform today at 7:30 p.m. in the Taggart Student Center Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Chapter Two Books /liberalpalette.com photo

that his future musical wanderings will be like a morning jog in a field of virgin snow."

Tickets can be purchased at Chapter Two Books, 130 N. 100 East for \$10.

The Howl haunts TSC Saturday

HEIDI INGEBRIGTSEN
Staff Writer

Halloween brings in lots of candy, spooks and goblins, carved pumpkins and at Utah State University, the Howl.

This year, the Howl, a Halloween party presented by the Student Activities Board, will take place Saturday.

Jami Leishman, co-chairperson of the Howl, suggests buying tickets for the event before Saturday night.

"Pre-bought ticket holders can enter by the first floor computer lab in the Taggart Student Center, avoiding the masses of people trying to enter by the Juniper Lounge," Leishman said.

Tickets are \$5 for USU students with a valid ID card, and \$10 for non-students.

Masks, weapons and props of any kind are not allowed.

"Just because there's so many people, we really want to ensure the safety of the student body," Leishman said. "Last year we even took away Tinker Bell wands."

There will also be zero tolerance for alcohol, Leishman said.

"We've tried to make sure zero tolerance is known by fliers and signs," Leishman said. "You will be asked to leave. The police will be there."

Four different bands will rotate playing throughout the night, Leishman said. There will also be karaoke and a DJ in the Fieldhouse.

Hypnotist shows by Bruce McDonald will be at 9 p.m., 10:30 p.m., and midnight in the TSC Ballroom, Leishman said.

An improvisation comedy group, Comedy Sportz, will perform in the Auditorium at 9:30 and 11:30 p.m., Leishman said.

"A lot of people don't look forward to the Howl because of overcrowding," Leishman said.

Activities are located in different areas to spread out the crowd, Leishman said.

Word ON THE STREET

"What do you like the best about The Howl last year?"



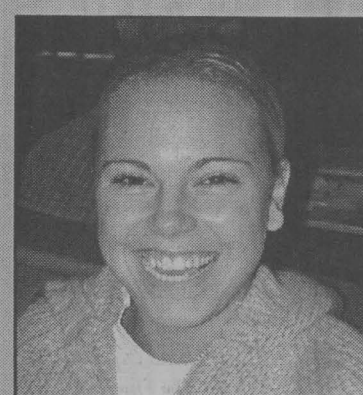
"I liked seeing everybody in costume and the diversity in all the different rooms they had set up."

—Richard Catoni, sophomore, undeclared



"Sticking raw hot dogs down peoples' pants. We were playing tricks, what more could you ask for at a party?"

—Kate Flynn, sophomore, undeclared

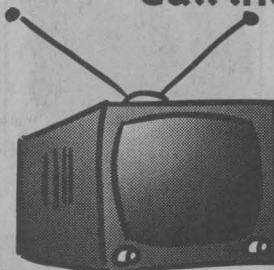


"The dance at the Fieldhouse was awesome and the costume competition was cool."

—Catlin Stratton, sophomore, undeclared

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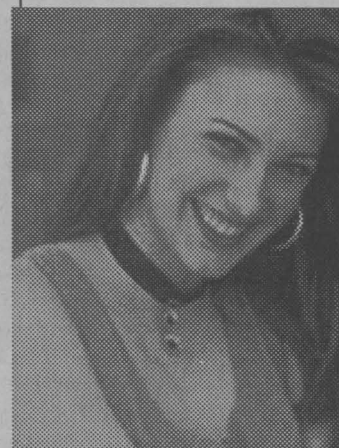
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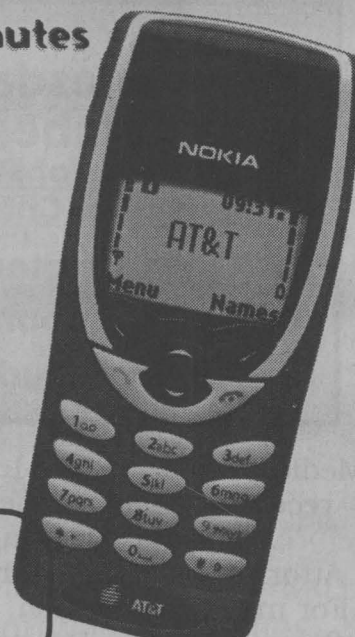
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Pumpkins bring funnies alive

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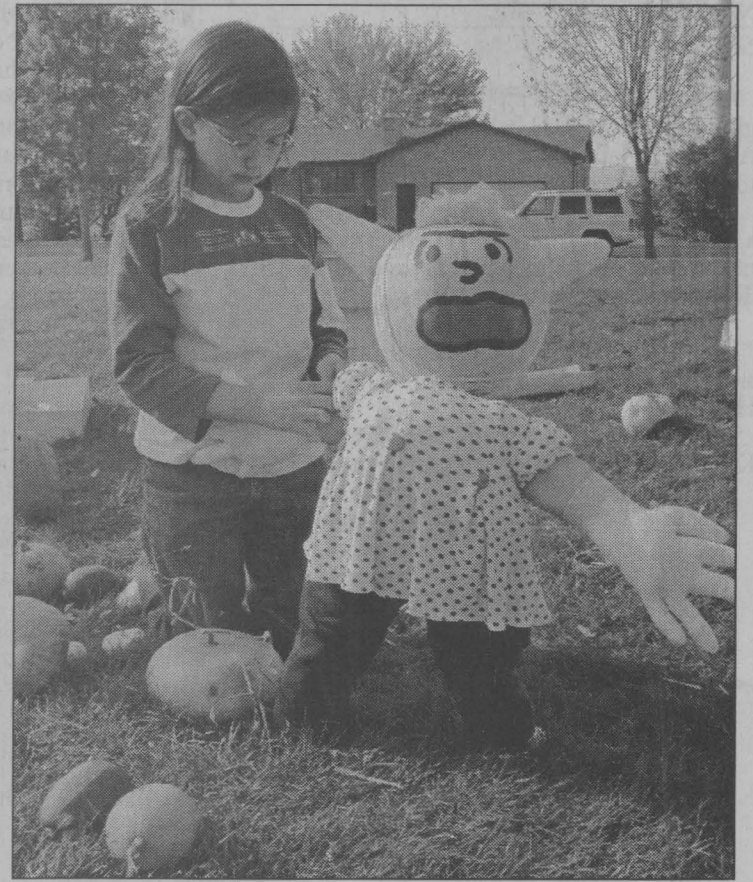
In 1983 Ida and Wally Buetler set up a small display of hand-carved pumpkins on their farm in North Logan. Neighborhood families were invited, and around 200 people attended. The next Halloween brought 2,000 people to the Buetler farm. Soon after, the city of North Logan offered to sponsor "The Pumpkin Walk" in a large area for all to enjoy.

Committee chairman Mary Ellen McKenna said, "We do [The Pumpkin Walk] every year because we love to see the smiles on the faces of people. That's why the scenemakers keep coming back, because they know the joy it brings people."

Every year a theme is chosen, and individuals or groups develop a "scene" around it. This year's theme is "See You in the Funnies," with scenes from comic strips like "The Far Side," "Cathy," "Pickles" and "Dennis the Menace."

Several groups from Utah State University are contributing scenes, including the Lacrosse team, Senior Honor Society and the Latter-day Saint Institute.

"We really appreciate all



NINE-YEAR-OLD LAURNY COLLEDGE works on Sally from Charlie Brown as part of a display at the annual Pumpkin Walk in Elk Ridge Park. /Liz Maudsley photo

of their help," McKenna said. "The ROTC has helped so much, and the entire college community."

In fact, The Pumpkin Walk is run entirely by vol-

unteers. A small budget from the city is used to purchase pumpkins and basic supplies.

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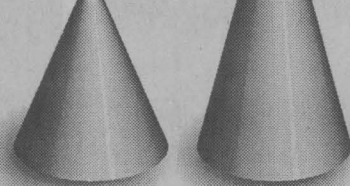
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ALISHA TOLMAN
Staff Writer

This Saturday, students will have the opportunity not only to hear some of the most popular musicians in the state, but also to contribute to the Aggie Special Olympics Team.

The team will be hosting a benefit concert titled "Power of the Dream" Saturday at 7 p.m. to raise money to send two of their athletes who have been chosen to represent Utah at the World Games in Anchorage, Ala., said Merry Braithwaite, Special Olympics volunteer and Utah State University student. The concert will feature Kenneth Cope, Voice Male, Michael Ballam, who will also emcee the event, former Miss Utah Vanessa Ballam-Brenchley, Sonja D'anne and Gary Hoyle.

The Special Olympics is a non-profit organization designed to give athletes the chance to compete and succeed at their own level, Braithwaite said. The Aggie Special Olympics Team includes 30 to 35 athletes, and is the only team in the state run entirely by student volunteers.

Braithwaite admits being involved in the program is very time consuming, but maintains that "for what [the volunteers] put in, we get out so much more."

Those performing in the benefit concert, who, like the volunteers, are donating time and talents, agree with Braithwaite. The much-in-demand male a cappella group, Voice Male, readily accepted the invitation to help out.

"The Special Olympics benefit concert was an easy decision," said Voice Male member John Luthy. "One year, my family hosted some Special Olympic athletes while they competed in Logan. They were so much fun, and brought a great spirit into our home."

Braithwaite mentioned that for many of the athletes, the Special Olympics is their social life.

"One father said that every Saturday his son, who is usually not very social, gets up on his own and waits by the door to be taken to practice," Braithwaite said.

Funds raised by the concert will first go to sponsor the two athletes, Mary Dawn Waite,

competing in Nordic Skiing, and Andrew Leathen, competing in snow-shoeing, Braithwaite said. Also traveling to Alaska will be team skiing coach and USU professor Dave Bregenzer. Additional profits will help the Aggie Special Olympics Team purchase adaptive equipment like skis for wheelchairs and lifts for pools, Braithwaite said.

"We have put a lot of hours into [the concert]," Braithwaite said. She has been helping plan the event since May. "We want it to be a success, and we want the performers to be able to have a full house."

"The Special Olympics are a great way to contribute to Utah State and give service to individuals at the same time," Luthy said.

"Special Olympics are more than sports," said volunteer Anne Bowerbank. "It's integrating the athletes into the community to build a bigger and brighter future."

"It's training for life," said volunteer Tory Neiwart, quoting the Special Olympics' theme.

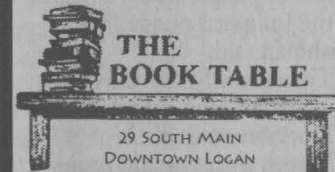
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CORY CASTILLO STARS AS JOE FARKAS with Annette Pyne as Sunny Freitag in Utah State University's production of 'The Last Night of Ballyhoo.' / USU Photography Services photo

'Ballyhoo' rediscovers romance, religion

CYND MCCOY
Staff Writer

Imagine being in Atlanta, Ga., just before Christmas in 1939. Nearly everyone is

caught up in the frenzy surrounding the premier of "Gone With the Wind."

With this atmosphere open the Utah State Theater's production of "The Last Night of Ballyhoo," directed by Kirsie Rosenfield, a member of the UST department faculty, with costumes by Nancy Hills, a member of UST department faculty and set designed by Jon Savae, an undergraduate student in the UST department.

The script, written by A. Alfie Uhry, follows a southern Jewish family as they rediscover their religion through the romantic ups and downs of two cousins, Lala Levy and Sunny Freitag.

The head of the house is Adolph Freitag, a well-to-do southern gentleman played by Ron King, a USU graduate. Also living there is Adolph's sister Beulah "Boo" Levy, played by USU student Kathrine Moss; her daughter

Lala, played by Erica Stoddard, a USU student; Mr. Freitag's sister-in-law Reba Freitag, played by USU student Sage Davis; and her daughter Sunny, played by Annette Pyne, a

USU student. Add to this one outspoken kid from New York, Joe Farkas, played by USU student Cory

Castillo, and a well-groomed young man of southern society, Peachy Weil, played by USU student David Nickle.

With this collection of characters comes a nearly perfect combination of opposites that offers plenty of laughs and even a few tears.

There are some really beautiful moments throughout the play. At one point, Adolph and Boo sit on the stairs commenting on how different their lives are now from what they pictured when they were young. A scene where the differences between the world Sunny grew up in, the world of Ballyhoo, and the world that Joe grew up in, are played out in a flowing dream-like dance, pulling the audience into the moment that the characters realize they were both wrong and they really do

belong together.

Some of the more comedic moments come with interaction between the contrasting characters, such as Lala, who wants to write a novel like "Gone With the Wind," and Sunny, who attends Wellesley, an all-girls college in New England. Also, there's the contrast between Boo, the intelligent one in the family, and Reba, the light-hearted one who is not always in on the conversation.

The audience may find some elements of the play hard to understand, such as the purpose of the characters listed as a wandering Jew. I feel they add to the atmosphere, serving as a reminder that the characters are Jewish, and that nothing they do or say will change this truth. The other point of possible confusion is the change of attitude in several of the characters, which seems to take place between the final two scenes of the performance.

In spite of all the differences in backgrounds, the characters eventually come together to celebrate their heritage and religion.

Overall, "The Last Night of Ballyhoo" is good-hearted entertainment for the whole family.

Stage REVIEW

The Last Night of Ballyhoo/Grade A-

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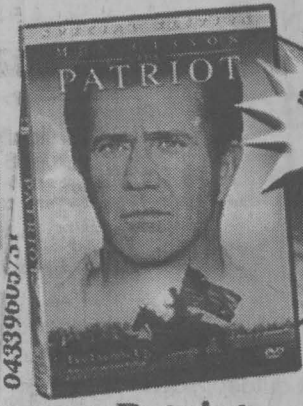
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USU looks to stay perfect in BWC vs. hapless ASU

AARON MORTON
Sports Editor

The USU football team wants to keep the momentum going Saturday against Arkansas State University.

After being picked to finish last in the Big West Conference, the Aggies are now 2-0 and control their own destiny with three games remaining.

Have they gotten the attention of the BWC?

"Obviously we got Idaho's attention," said offensive tackle Jim Newton. "Winning is going to be a lot more difficult."

And they need to keep on winning. Head coach Mick Dennehy compared the conference schedule to the World Series.

"You've got to win every week to win your championship,"

Dennehy said.

On paper, Saturday's 3:05 p.m. game in Romney Stadium will be the easiest of the final conference games. The Indians are 0-2 in the BWC and 0-8 overall including a 30-27 loss to Division I-AA Richmond.

And the Aggies are riding high after dominating the University of Idaho 31-14 Saturday. USU amassed 569 yards on offense and didn't allow the Vandals any second-half scores.

"We did a lot of things right last Saturday," Dennehy said. "It's been our best defensive effort, and it had to be."

But ASU is still dangerous. It nearly upset top-25 North Carolina State University and lost in overtime to New Mexico State University.

"You wonder why they haven't

won yet," Dennehy said. "They've been on the verge, close to breaking through."

Dennehy said the Indian offense is talented.

"They have speed all over," he said.

Running back Jonathan Adams barely trails Emmett White's yards per game, 95.1-91.4. Senior Cleo Lemon can run with the ball while averaging 162 yards per game in the air (USU's Jose Fuentes averages 241 yards).

USU should continue to throw the ball a lot but will still use White in the air and on the ground.

The offensive line has started to gel, creating bigger holes for the junior. He has run 281 yards in the past two games and 97 yards receiving and scored four touchdowns.

"I can't help get 150 yards rushing when the first guy that hits me is the safety," White said.

"It's a privilege to block for him," Newton said.

Defensively, the Aggies are coming off their best effort yet and are now second in the conference in keeping points off the scoreboard. Only Boise State University is better.

Dennehy has been impressed with the defensive line getting pressure on the quarterback and the way the team blitzed. He also said the team is doing a better job of tackling.

This is the final home conference game for USU. The team will travel to New Mexico State University Aggies on Nov. 4 and Boise State on Nov. 11 in what could be a contest for the BWC championship.

THE PUSH FOR 3-0

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Noteable: The Aggies beat the Indians 20-14 in last season's homecoming game where USU ran for 221 yards. ASU has lost to top programs N.C. State, Oklahoma and TCU, and it is coming off an overtime loss to New Mexico State Saturday.

Key stats: USU has won seven of its last 11 home games. Emmett White ranks first in the nation in all-purpose yards (10th in kickoff returns, 28th in rushing). ASU ranks last in the BWC in scoring defense while USU is second.

Aggies start the long road back

This year's USU team deep at every position

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Assistant Sports Editor

The Utah State basketball team has a tough act to follow going into this season. Last year the Aggies went undefeated in conference play, won the Big West Conference Championship and went to the NCAA tourney.

The good news is the team only lost one

starter this year — Troy Rolle.

USU point guard Bernard Rock said he feels that is the team's biggest strength — the fact that it has four returning starters from last year.

Assistant coach Randy Rahe agrees with his starting point guard.

"They've been through the wars," he said of the four returners.

Rahe, however, said he doesn't know who the starting five will be this season. It will all be determined in scrimmages. The small forward spot is the most up in the air, and Rahe said out of the three competitors for the position, the best defender will be the one who earns it.

"We're deep in every spot," said forward Curtis Bobb.

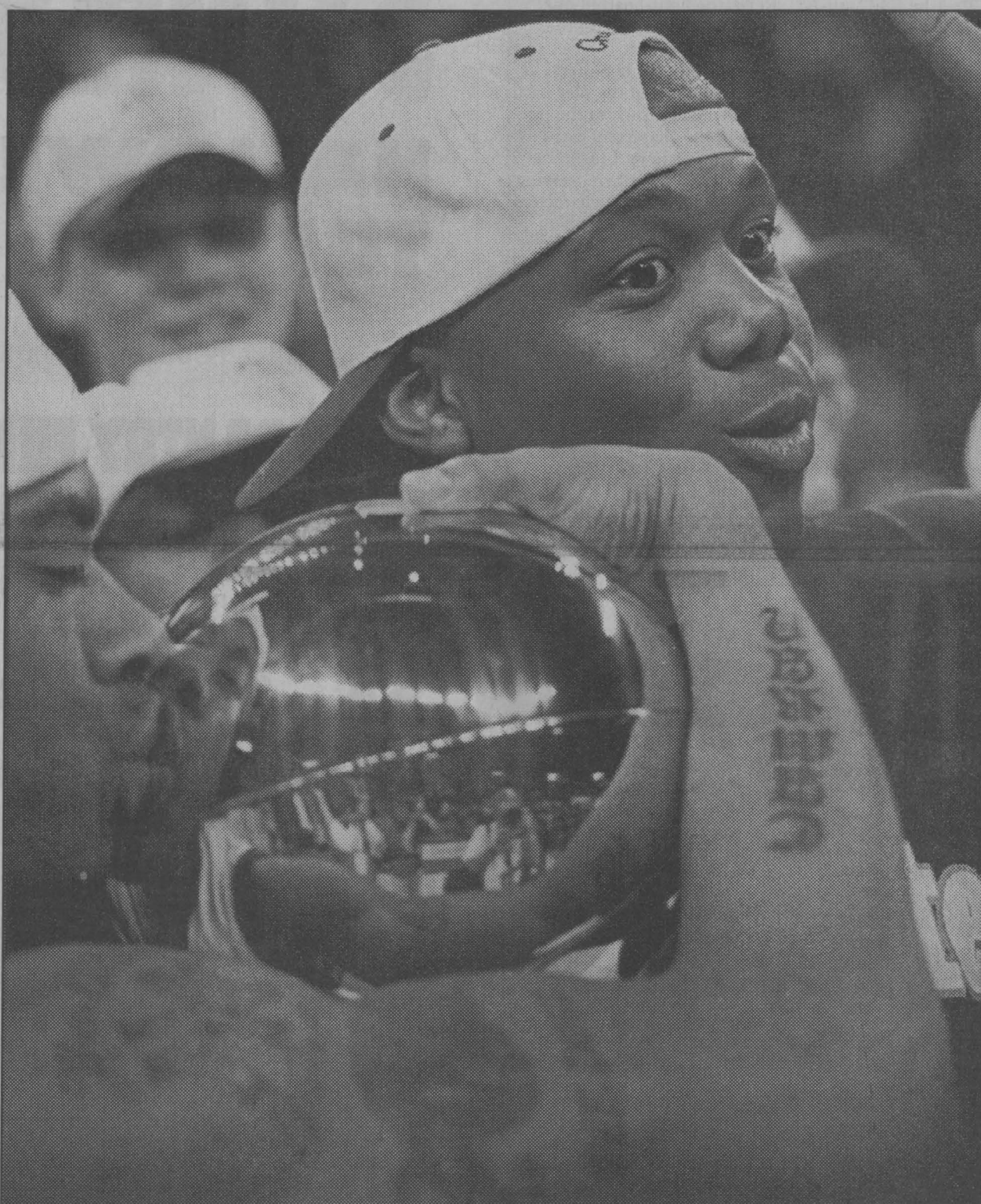
Rahe agreed with Bobb that the Aggies have good depth, with two good players at every position.

Probable starting power forward Shawn Daniels is in the best condition ever, Bobb said. Daniels was a first-team all-Big West selection last year, averaging 12 points and 7.9 rebounds per game and recording seven double-doubles. Rahe said in addition to becoming stronger, Daniels also has improved in his jumping ability.

Bobb, who is battling with senior Dion

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BERNARD ROCK (LEFT) kisses the Big West Championship trophy last season in Reno while forward Shawn Daniels celebrates. USU won all 19 BWC games last season and are favorites to win again. / Zak Larsen photo

Big West champs return 8 players from last season

AARON MORTON
Sports Editor

With the return of eight players — including four starters — from last year's 28-5 Big West Conference championship team, expectations for the Utah State men's basketball team are high.

But expectations can kill, said head coach Stew Morrill.

Sure, the Aggies are favored to win the Big West again this year. But those prognosticators picked USU to finish at or near the bottom of the conference last year.

The Aggies went a perfect 19-0 in conference.

"It was one of those special years that come around once in a lifetime — or never — that you go undefeated in league," Morrill said.

He said it will be crucial for the team not to think — not even subconsciously — that USU is automatically going to win. Last season, the team was trying to prove itself every game. The Aggies will have to do that again, he said.

"I'm very concerned about 'too big for our britches' syndrome," Morrill said.

Morrill said the team still has a lot to work out and has lost first-team all-conference senior Troy Rolle.

"If we stay healthy, we have a chance to be a contender," Morrill said.

Andre Mahorn, Rashaun Thomas and Brad Wilden have also left the Aggies. Mahorn, who averaged 3.3 points per game last season (ppg), declared himself eligible for the professional draft, viding his collegiate eligibility. He is likely looking for a team overseas, Morrill said. Thomas (2.1 ppg) and Wilden (1.1 ppg)

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I agree with Aaron — well, at least myself — most of the time

Never BEHIND

Aaron Morton



A hush fell over the crowd. I, Aaron, will speak. All right, so the Aaron that the "I agree with Aaron" writings around campus is not me.

It was nice to have a short-live

ego trip, however. Thanks for all those poor people who actually thought I wrote something with conviction that was so interesting that students would profess their agreement.

The actual Aaron in question is Aaron Swank, a member of the Fellowship of Christian University Students (FOCUS). The two weeks of the writing on the walls and sidewalk and wearing bright green T-shirts has been a publicity stunt (which is obviously working because of that's what this column is about it) to spark religious discussion and advertise Swank's speech yesterday.

It might be ironic that the real Aaron is in FOCUS. While I do consider myself spiritual, no one would mistake me as a member of FOCUS.

Swank's and my paths may have crossed, however. Wednesday night the Statesman intramural indoor soccer team, Free Press, did go up against the FOCUS team. I didn't ask, but it might have been Aaron vs. Aaron.

No decision was rendered, however, as a late goal by our opponents forced a 2-2 tie. Until next time ...

A meeting of two Titans

Wednesday morning, head basketball coach Stew Morrill had an unusual visitor: head football coach Mick Dennehy.

The two played catch up for about 20 minutes. They have common friends, Morrill said, and both were at the University of Montana

nine years ago.

In 1991, Morrill was finishing up his 12-year stint with the Grizzlies either as an assistant or head coach. Dennehy was starting his first of five years as an assistant coach before taking over the head coach job in 1996.

Maybe Dennehy was asking Morrill for tips on how to stay undefeated in the Big West Conference. Morrill's team went a remarkable 19-0 last season, and Dennehy is currently 2-0 with three more games to go.

Intramural sports good and bad

Many students don't realize the coordination and mobilization needed to put organize and administrate every soccer, flag football, basketball,

golf, tennis, volleyball and softball league.

Despite some problems with scheduling (my undefeated Free Agent outdoor soccer team was matched up with another undefeated team in the first round after a scheduling mishap), the officials have been professional and have meant well. But they really should conform to FIFA's rule changes (like the throw-ins to goalkeepers and unlimited goalie steps with the ball) to make soccer at USU like it is in the rest of the world.

Aaron Morton is the sports editor of the Statesman. He welcomes comments about the column or the sports section in general at sports@statesman.usu.edu.

DOWN THE LINE

Friday	Volleyball USU at UC Santa Barbara USU at Cal Poly (Sat.)	Women's Soccer USU vs. Pacific 4 p.m., Tower Field	Basketball Hoop Fest 8 p.m., Spectrum	Saturday	Football USU vs. Arkansas State 3:05 p.m.	Cross Country USU at BWC championship at Santa Barbara, Calif.	Hockey USU vs. Arizona St. 8:30, Ice Sheet	Sunday	Women's Soccer USU vs. Long Beach State Noon, Tower Field
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Pick THE WINNERS

The Statesman predicts this weekend's college football victors

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Last week's record	6-4	6-4	7-3	4-6	5-5	3-7	6-4	6-4	7-3	5-5	
Season record	44-26	45-25	39-31	42-28	36-34	36-34	32-38	39-31	45-25	40-30	
Arkansas St. @ USU	USU	USU	USU	USU	USU	ASU	USU	USU	USU	USU	This week's guest pickers, ASU President Ben Riley and Statesman administration assistant Heidi Tolman are among the majority of pickers who were convinced by USU and Weber State's impressive wins. Riley added 'Go Aggies — USU by 30' to his prediction of an Aggie win. In the latest installment of 'Game of the Century,' Tolman picked Nebraska because 'Oklahoma sucks.' Our pickers are even at five apiece.
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USU hockey club looks to rebound from San Jose State loss, avenge 9-2 loss to Arizona State Saturday at Weber Ice Sheet

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Assistant Sports Editor

After a three-game weekend followed by a two-game weekend, the Utah State hockey club is glad to be playing only one contest this weekend — Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at the Weber County Ice Sheet against Arizona State University.

The one-game weekend will help the team's mental attitude because there is less to worry about, said defenseman Danny Wilson.

With a win against the Provo Icecats and a loss vs. San Jose State University last weekend, the Aggies' season record going into the ASU game is 2-4-2.

After a disappointing start compared to last year's 19-game winning streak to begin the season, Wilson said team morale isn't as good as it could be, but better than most people think it would be. USU head coach Jerry Crossley said though morale may be down a little bit, the team will still be able to come out strong against the Sun Devils.

Wilson isn't frustrated after the loss to the Spartans. He said the team played a good game.

"We won the last two periods," he said. "The puck didn't bounce our way."

Crossley said the puck hit the pipe four times after shot attempts against the Spartans.

"We can't go in [to the ASU game] worrying about the loss last weekend," Wilson said. "That's just stupid."

In that game, the team wasn't able to capitalize on all its scoring chances. The team has been practicing this week to make every shot count, Wilson said.

A well-disciplined game, with the Aggies making shots count while not allowing the Sun Devils scoring chances, will be the key to victory this week, Crossley said. The team is still sorting some things out, but is playing a better team game, he said.

Wilson said Saturday's game against the Sun Devils will be huge. ASU already dispatched the Aggies 9-2 this

Club ACTION

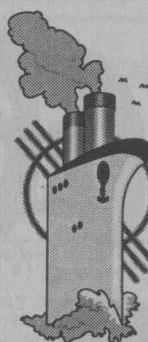
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year but has also tied them, 3-3.

Wilson said this season has been slow as far as fans go. He said he hopes more wins will make the fans more enthusiastic. According to Wilson, the fans are like the sixth man on the ice. Loud fans make a difference in close games, Crossley said.

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Women's soccer hopes to snap six-game losing streak in final home matches

JULIE ANN GROSSHANS
Staff writer

After being shut out twice last week on a two-game road trip, the USU women's soccer team will return home for its final two games of the regular season.

The Aggies will take on conference opponent University of the Pacific at 4 p.m. today, followed by another conference opponent, Long Beach State, Sunday at 1 p.m. Both games will be played at Tower Field.

"We are trying to get the players to realize that the season hasn't been the best, but we can still make something of it," said head coach Stacey Enos. "Our goal is to win the

last three games and play hard for 90 minutes."

If the team does win its last three games, it will finish at .500 in conference play for the season.

Coming off a 2-1 win against Boise State on Sunday, Pacific is 9-6-2 on the year and 4-3-1 in conference play. The win against BSU was the team's first in five games.

The Tigers lead the all-time series against the Aggies, 4-0.

Despite being winless against Pacific, Enos feels the team is not nervous for the game.

"We have a lot to gain from this game," Enos said. Enos said it's not the opponents who make the team

nervous but themselves who make them nervous.

Long Beach State is currently 6-7-2 on the year and 3-2-1 in conference play. Recently the team has been on a hot streak, winning or tying its last four games.

Prior to that, the Beach had lost seven games in a row. Utah State is 1-1 against LBSU all-time. The Aggies were able to pull out a 2-1 win in 1998 but fell 1-0 in 1999.

For the last regular season home game, the team plans to honor the seniors with a Senior Day.

"We want to say thanks for contributing our years of their lives to women's soccer," Enos said.

Yankees win Subway Series

BEN WALKER
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Best in their own back yard, best in all of baseball. The New York Yankees, thought to be too old and too banged-up to make it this far, became the first team in more than a quarter-century to win three straight World Series championships, beating the New York Mets 4-2 Thursday night.

Luis Sojo, one of many midseason pickups, hit a two-

out, tiebreaking single off Al Leiter in the ninth inning to decide Game 5, stunning a Shea Stadium crowd that was sure there was more baseball to play.

The Subway Series turned out to be a short ride for New York fans who had waited 44 years for another one and hoped it would go seven games. Instead, the Yankees quickly matched the Oakland Athletics' three in a row from 1972-74, and won their fourth title in five years.

Only two other runs in

baseball history can compare — Joe DiMaggio led the Yankees to five crowns from 1936-41, and Mickey Mantle helped take the Bronx Bombers to six titles from 1947-53.

And while the lasting image of this Series is certainly to be Roger Clemens throwing the bat at Mike Piazza, this is the picture the will prefer to savor: Owner George Steinbrenner hoisting another big piece of hardware for the team's trophy case.

USU takes on tough road swing

SHEREEN SAUREY
Senior Sports

Utah State's women's volleyball team is headed to California this weekend to face No. 12 University of California at Santa Barbara and California Polytechnic State University.

The Gauchos of UC Santa Barbara are looking for revenge against USU on Friday. The Aggies swept the Gauchos in three games at home earlier this season. USU left UCSB scoreless in game three and held the team to a negative hitting percentage. UCSB is currently in third place in the conference with a

league record of 7-2. Overall, the Gauchos are 15-6. The Gauchos are hitting .238 as a team on the year. UCSB is led by sophomore middle blocker Danielle Bauer.

USU will face the Cal Poly Mustangs on Saturday. Cal Poly is 11-7 on the year and fifth in Big West action, with a 5-4 record. The Aggies defeated the Mustangs in five games Sept. 28 at the Spectrum with scores of 12-15, 11-15, 15-4, 15-10, 15-9.

The Aggies are taking an 18-5 season record, an 8-2 league record, a six-match winning streak and a lot of confidence with them to California. Head coach Tom Peterson said

he feels these are two of the four hardest matches the Aggies will play this season. The remaining two most difficult will be when USU hosts the University of the Pacific and Long Beach State University next week.

"This is what our whole season has come down to," said outside hitter Amy Crosbie.

"These upcoming matches are the most important of the season," Peterson said. "They're not going to be easy, none of them."

However, Peterson said if the Aggies can compete well against these teams, he knows USU will go deep into the NCAA tournament.

Cross country travels to BWC meet

KATRINA CARTWRIGHT
Staff writer

The men and women's cross country teams are headed to Santa Barbara, Calif., Saturday for the Big West Championships.

Because of changes in the Big West Conference, USU will race against nine instead of 12 teams in the women's race and 10 in the men's race last year.

USU's opponents will be Boise State University, California State Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo, California State University at Fullerton, Long Beach State

University, University of California at Irvine, University of California at Santa Barbara, University of Idaho, University of the Pacific and University of Utah.

The women's race will start at 9 a.m., and the men will follow at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Head coach Gregg Gensel said that he thinks both teams have a chance to win the championship.

"It depends on how everyone runs," he said. "If [the other teams] run their best and we run our best, who knows? We are going there with the intent to do whatever it takes to win."

Rebecca Thornley, who was the second individual Aggie finisher at this meet last year, and Beka Effer, who was fifth, are expected to lead the women's team as they have all season.

Mitch Zundel and Brick Bergeson, neither of whom competed in this meet last year, are projected to lead the men's team.

USU's last meet was their own Utah State Invitational on Oct. 13, where the men won the race and the women took a very close second place.

Gensel said Santa Barbara has a challenging course that will make for good competition.

New Big West welcomes USU

SHEREEN SAUREY

Senior Sports Writer

Utah State University's men's basketball team is looking to defend its 2000 Big West Conference Champion title. Head coach Stew Morrill said the competition in the conference is every bit as challenging as in previous years.

"I think the league is up," Morrill said.

Other BWC teams include Boise State University, California Polytechnic State University, California State University at Fullerton, Long Beach State University, the University of California at Irvine, the University of California at Santa Barbara, the University of Idaho and the University of the Pacific.

With the elimination of divisions within the Big West, each conference team will play each other once at home and once on the road. Morrill said competing twice against each school allows for truer standings in the rankings. Morrill said while it's hard to tell early in the season, he thinks Long Beach and UC Irvine will be just as competitive this season as last.

Red shirt freshman Chad Evans is looking forward to league play.

"I'm excited," he said.

"There will be a lot of good teams."

Before heading into conference action, USU will face teams outside the league, including the University of Utah, Brigham Young University, Weber State University and the University of California at Riverside. Conference games begin Jan. 4

at Cal Poly.

USU will kick off the season Nov. 17 at the Top of the World Classic in Fairbanks, Ala. The Aggies will begin the tournament by facing Santa Clara University, which Morrill said is "always tough." USU will then challenge the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, Austin Peay State University, which is picked to be No. 1 in its league; the University of Colorado; Davidson College; Jackson State University; and the University of South Florida, also picked to finish at the top of its conference. The match-ups will be the first between USU and these teams, with the exception of Santa Clara and Colorado.

Evans said the tournaments are a great way for the teammates to get to know each other.

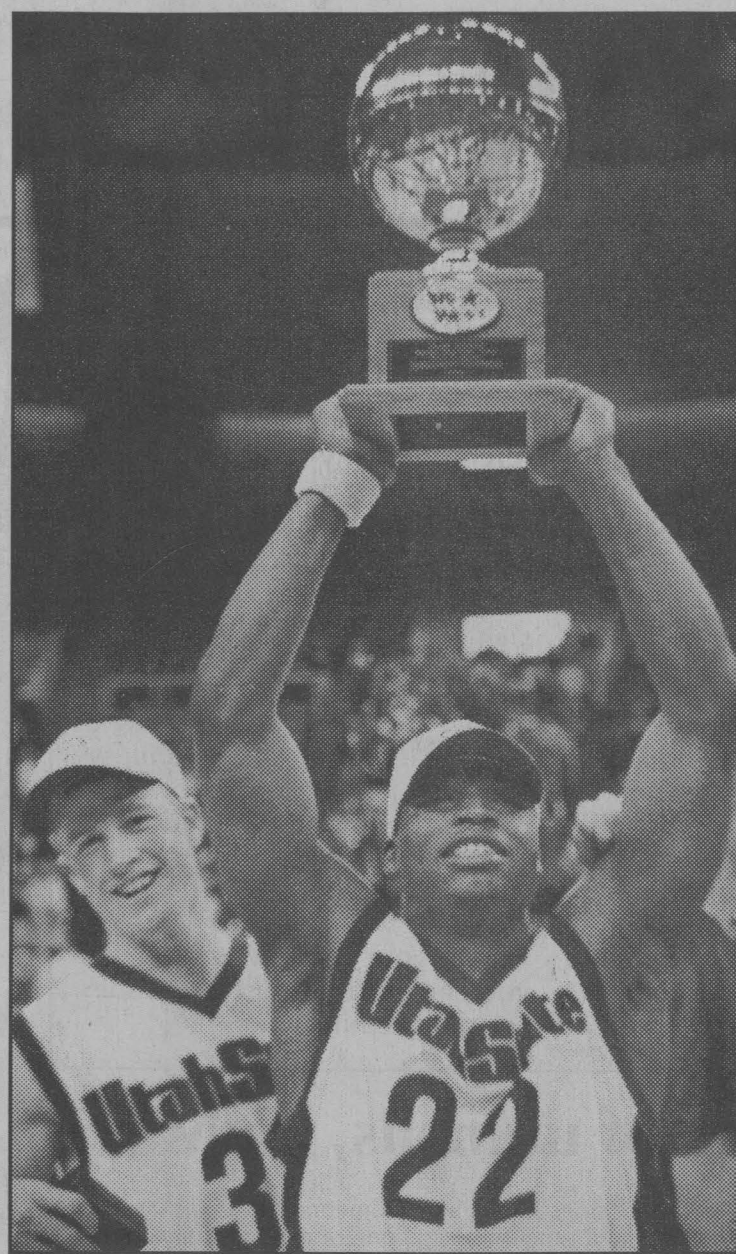
"I think the tournament really helped us become closer last year," he said. "It was really beneficial. I can see that happening again this year."

The Aggies will also host a tournament of their own. The Gossner Foods Classic will be held Dec. 29-30. In years past, USU has hosted such schools as Radford University, California State University at Stanislaus and Texas Southern University. This year, however, USU will find fiercer competition in Air Force, Cornell University and the University of Albany.

"Our tournament has been upgraded," Morrill said.

The Aggies are confident going into the 2000-2001 season.

"Our goal has always been to take things one game at a time," Evans said.



SENIOR TROY ROLLE lifts the Big West Championship trophy last March as Tony Brown looks on. Rolle was the only USU starter not to return to the team for this season./Zak Larsen photo

► NEWCOMERS

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transferred to Biola University in La Mirada, Calif., and Westminster College in Salt Lake City, respectively.

Seven newcomers and two red-shirts from last year return to fill that void.

Ogden native Chad Evans has been promoted from his redshirt scout team duty to a contender at either forward position.

There's a lot more competition for playing time this year with the mix of the new and veteran players, Evans said.

"I like the competition," the Weber High School graduate said. "It makes me better."

Another newcomer competing for playing time at the small forward spot is Toraino Johnson. Only a sophomore after transferring from Garden City Junior College, Johnson is primarily a defender and rebounder. He said he'll take small jumpers and drive toward the basket on offense, but he will not do anything he can't do like shoot a lot of 3-pointers.

"I'm not going to be no Tony Brown," Johnson said.

Rounding out the small forward position are Jason Napier and Lemar Gayle. Napier, like last year, will walk on as a scout team member. Gayle averaged 22.7 points and 12.5 rebounds at Cerritos Junior College; he was named the Californian Junior College player of the year. However, he is still working on required course work and will not join the team until Spring Semester.

Jeremy Vague will fight Dimitri Jorssen for playing time at center. Vague, 6-foot-9, 245 pounds, averaged 12 points and 10 rebounds for Canada Junior College in Redwood, Calif.

Austrians want skiing World Cup

Austrians, Austrians and more Austrians.

That's the panorama again as the World Cup ski season opens this weekend on a 9,800-foot glacier in Soelden, Austria.

First, there's the indomitable Hermann "The Herminator" Maier, who last winter became only the third skier to win four World Cup titles in a single season.

Only Jean-Claude Killy, in 1967, and Pirmin Zurbriggen, in 1987, had done it previously.

A double Olympic gold medalist — in the super-G and giant slalom — the 27-year-old Maier has won everything except a World Championship gold. He'll get that chance in early February, in front of home fans in St. Anton.

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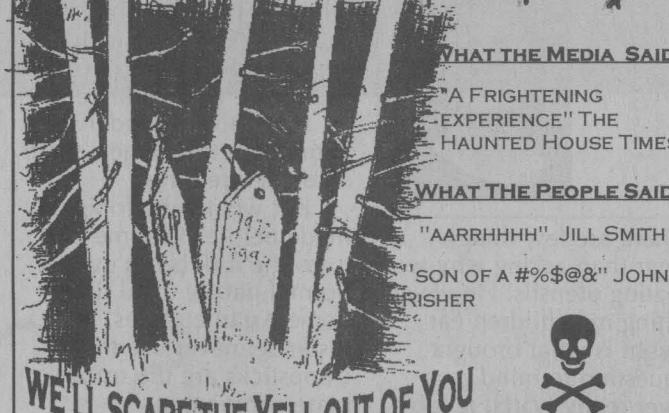
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Bailey and JC transfer Toraino Johnson for the starting small forward spot, said he gained 10 pounds and worked hard in the weight room over the summer. Bobb averaged four points a game last season and likes to shoot the three. Eighty-five of his 122 shots last year were three pointers. Bailey, like Bobb, averaged four points a game last year and achieved three double-figure scoring games. Johnson averaged 15 points and eight rebounds a game at Garden City Community College last season.

At the center position, Bobb said 7-footer Dimitri Jorssen became stronger and also worked a great deal on both his left and right hook shots. Rock said Jorssen's hook will be nearly unstoppable. Jorssen averaged 8.7 points and 5.2 rebounds last year as a starter. Rahe said Dan Stewart, who may be one of Jorssen's backups along with newcomer Jeremy Vague, lost some "baby fat" and now as a "tighter" body. Stewart averaged both 1.9 points and rebounds per game last season.

Senior Bernard Rock and junior Tony Brown may likely be starters at the guard spots. Rock, who earned an all-Big West honorable mention as the starting point guard last year, averaged 10 points and 4.35 assists per game while also leading the team in steals with 51. Junior College transfer Thomas Vincent will probably back up Rock at the point.

Brown, a career 89.9 percent free throw shooter, shared the lead with Rock for minutes played on the team at 29.6. Brown made at least one three pointer in 32 of 34 games last year.

Rahe said the team will discover its weaknesses once it plays in more scrimmages and games, but starting point guard Bernard Rock is confident.

"I don't think we have any weaknesses right now," he said.

Good team chemistry is another strength, Rock said — every team member gets along. Thanks to head strength and conditioning coach Shawn Griswold, the team is well conditioned this year, Rock said.

Another strength the team possesses is its defense, Rock said. Ranked 12th in the nation and first in the Big West

Conference last season, Rahe said that kind of defense will have to continue if the Aggies have any chance of repeating as Big West champions.

"If you can't play defense, you're not going to play on the floor," Rock said.

"It's the number one key this year," Rahe said of the team's defense.

Unfortunately, Rahe said the team is not even close to where it needs to be defensively at this point. Another aspect the team needs to work on is intensity — enduring a whole practice, the assistant coach said.

Rock said the defense will have to play like pests and get the ball back as much as possible. He thinks the defense will easily get back to the top form of last season, he said.

"Everyone's unselfish," Rock said. "It will be another good year."

One focus this season is to play as a unified team, Bobb said. Bobb believes the USU offense has always been hard to guard and will continue to be the same this season.

"We throw so much at them," he said.

Bobb said he agrees with Rahe and that the theme for this year will be defense first. He said newcomers Johnson and Vincent are excellent defenders and fellow newcomer Vague is a good rebounder. Bobb said he thinks all three of those newcomers will be able to contribute.

Another advantage Rock thinks he and newcomers of a year ago — Bailey, Bobb and Daniels — have this year is that they are more familiar with Utah. Rock said he is now used to the high elevation, which he says has an effect on opposing teams. The new players are having a little trouble with it right now, but should habituate themselves to the altitude soon, he said.

Right now the newcomers are "running around thinking instead of playing," Rahe said. Once they get to the point where they are simply playing it will be a lot better, he said. Johnson and redshirt freshman Chad Evans are learning the system quickly and Vincent is figuring things out well also, he said.

Rock said he hopes there will be a lot of fan support this year.

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Men and women ring bells for the Salvation Army in front of grocery stores and malls. Spare change is tossed into the buckets while students at elementary schools, high schools and universities have food and clothing drives to collect canned goods and second-hand winter coats.

But the weather hasn't hit its worst yet, and it shouldn't have

to get to that point before the donations start coming. Many people who are in need of food, clothing and other necessities don't just need those things when the snow starts to fall and the holidays are on the horizon.

It's wonderful that so many people give to organizations that will recirculate clothing, food, toys and other things that many people can't afford during the holiday season.

Events such as Sub for Santa do so much good by helping families that cannot afford to

make Christmas something different than any other day.

Continuing to support things like this are crucial, but it's just as important to give year-round as well.

Visit the Service Center and find what events are coming up. Pay attention to community events and fund raisers. Drive a bag of clothing to the homeless shelter in Salt Lake City or to the rescue mission in Ogden.

There is so much that can be done to help people in need all the time.

Do your share whenever you can, and not just when the holidays remind you.

THE VIEW

A Statesman Staff Editorial



Vote me for USU president

As the **CROW FLIES**
Matthew Flitton



With President George H. Emert leaving in December, we're going to need some qualified leadership for this university. I would like to announce my intention to run a write-in campaign for this position. Listen to what I have to say, and if you agree with me, write a letter to the personnel office telling them to hire me for the position.

If I become president of the university, I promise that I will eliminate the blatant sexual discrimination that occurs daily on a very personal level. As a former custodian at the Taggart Student Center I can tell you that women's restrooms have disposable toilet seat covers in their bathrooms, while the men's do not.

Thousands of male students, faculty, and staff members are forced to line the toilet seat with toilet paper. Men are denied access to quick and convenient hygienic supplies. The women on the other hand, have those neat covers with the outline of a head stamped in them. Another thing I plan to do is supply all the bathrooms with quilted two-ply. Mmmmm, nice.

However, a man cannot live on paper alone. I intend to make other changes. I would turn all the TVs in the TSC on the Aggie movie channel. Isn't it a little silly to turn them all to the one channel that tells you what's playing but you can't watch? It's like receiving an invitation to a

party with a note that says, "and you can't come." I can say this with authority because I invented the Aggie movie channel, right after hygienic toilet seat covers and the Internet. (See, I am presidential material!)

To accommodate all of you who park far enough away from the campus to still be free, I'll add a rickshaw service to the campus transportation system. Rickshaws are those neat handcart taxis you saw in "Good Morning Vietnam." As a prerequisite for the many perquisites athletes receive, they will have to run or bike these rickshaws up university hill to help regular students get to class on time. Think how fit our running backs would be if they hustled up and down the hill pulling a student or two many times daily. In the winter we could add seats to those sleds they have on the training field. They're pushing them anyway, we might as well put them to good use.

I promise that I will not spend outrageous sums of money on things like conference tables. Instead, I would spend outrageous sums of money on amusements that can be enjoyed by all. For example, we should build a water slide on Old Main Hill. In the winter months it could double as a luge run. We could raise interest in the coming Olympics. Just to make sure the whole thing stays hygienic, I'll throw in sanitary seat covers for the luge as well.

Who knows, it could bring about new cheers like: Aggies are true lugers! We like to luge! I wanna be a luger! and my favorite: To be a true winner, you have to be a luger!

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Who came up with the idea of utensils, anyway?

What's THE DEAL

Dee Egbert



There are few things stranger than asking why we use eating utensils. However, watching my children eat last night is what brought this question to mind.

Ever really watch a baby eat? Besides the wonderful mess they make, there is this pure bliss on their faces at the textures they've encountered.

It makes me wonder who decided that sticking cold metal objects into our mouths, loaded with teetering mounds of food, makes us more socially acceptable.

I'd like to meet the first utensil wizard. For instance, how did the divisor of the spoon decide which way it should be put into the mouth?

Had my children made the choice, spoons would be put into the mouth mound up so that when you have ice cream your tongue will just fit into that groove.

This way you can hold it in your mouth twice as long as if you had to eat it right

side up. This also works better for peanut butter and cake with frosting.

In fact, if kids could decide we would do away with everything but spoons anyway. There's hardly anything you can't eat with a spoon and what can't can be taken care of with fingers.

I was always under the impression that fingers were made before forks.

But what were forks made before? In some cultures the fork is not even a normal part of meal time. Some Asian cultures, for instance, never use them. Chopsticks are the usual plate companions.

To watch someone "click, click" their way to a clean plate is a testimony to what two pieces of stick can accomplish when you're hungry. They are fast and thorough yet oft times this requires that one pick up the dish at face level to scoop the contents in.

Of course, this is another terribly unacceptable custom in the American culture. In this culture, no matter what the inconvenience, nor size of morsel, your plate or bowl never leaves the table.

Which leads me to another question: Who decided that? Was this person a sadist or masochist? You and I both know that in private he did not idly look at that last pea on the plate, sigh resignedly and push it aside.

I've often wondered why

we don't eat things like peas or corn one at a time with our fingers. Is it our "fast food" mentality?

Scooping whole forkfuls of peas is definitely faster than one at a time. But then why use a fork when a spoon gets them even quicker?

When and who decided that using utensils made one more refined? Why was it that no one had the guts to go into the kingdoms of the Renaissance era and tell them they shouldn't be holding those turkey legs quite so?

This was a job no one desired; probably because these are the people who had "tasters" for their meals to make sure they weren't going to be poisoned. These people shed blood for rivalry and for honor, it is highly unlikely they'd want many things around to get stabbed with.

Yet somewhere along the time line utensils were introduced. And if introducing those were not enough,

someone decided that having one of each was also not enough.

Today, two or three of each on either side of the plate (of which placement is also an issue) is quite common.

Now, not only are we culturally unrefined if we do not use a fork, but also if we do not know which order to use them in.

So why do I teach my children to use utensils? Maybe all I'm doing is succumbing to my own societal stimulus.

I am honorably doing my part, in the grand scheme of things, to pass on the reverence and dignity of using utensils. Or not. Honestly? I'm striving for a much nobler cause ... keeping my children from getting laughed at.

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More WORDS

"It makes me wonder who decided that sticking cold metal objects into our mouths, loaded with teetering mounds of food, makes us more socially acceptable."

Public FORUM

Letters to the Editor

Church, state separate? That'll be the day

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Amber Smith's statement about "I agree with Aaron."

We live in the state that has the least separation of church and state.

Ever heard of the First Amendment freedom of speech? Amber mentioned something about freedom of choice. That's the right. You have the choice to ignore the writings or not, but don't go bagging on someone else's beliefs just because you have been taught your whole life that your religion is the only right one and everybody else is going to hell.

Amber must have not been to the last couple student election debates. If you don't know where they are held, I'll tell you. The Institute Building. If there is supposed to be separation, why is a public school's election debate held in a religious building? Talk about controlled voting.

I might not agree with Aaron or his views, or I might not be part of his religion, but I do support his right to let people be aware of his beliefs.

I hope there are more people like Aaron out there.

Ty Rawson

Beware the dangerous parking criminals

Dear Editor,

A heinous crime was committed last week on the campus of Utah State.

The crime that was committed is actually fairly common, but this particular occurrence was much worse

than usual. On Wednesday, Oct. 18, at exactly 12:05 p.m. a red Volkswagen Jetta was parked on 800 East.

The unsuspecting victim got out of his car paid the parking meter, locked it and turned the alarm on.

He then hurried off to

class nearby. When he returned he saw, to his dismay, that one of the most serious and awful crimes that it is possible to commit, had been committed.

It was awful.

He had returned exactly one minute late from the one hour allotted time on the parking meter.

Luckily the heinous actions of this criminal had been noticed by a great Utah State University parking police officer.

Apparently, the officer had noticed that the time was running out on the before-mentioned parking

'Agree' week meant to encourage conversation

Dear Editor,

There has been much conversation regarding the "I agree with Aaron" slogan on campus as was highlighted by the letter from Amber Smith.

Unfortunately, various other comments have been added to our chalk writings and signs that do not reflect the intent of FOCUS.

The intention of the event was to encourage conversa-

tion and promote critical thinking.

The university setting provides a forum for the exchange and evaluation of differing ideas.

"I agree with Aaron" was a simple, inherently non-offensive, non-confrontational banner to invite such conversation.

We welcome anyone who chooses to dialogue further.

Graham Theobald

Have a little compassion

Dear Editor,

Last night, my roommate came home and told me an experience she had that day. I can't recall ever feeling as outraged and agitated as I did after I heard her story.

My roommate's grandfather had died earlier in the week, and she began to make preparations to make up her classes while she was out of town for the funeral. Most of her professors were very sympathetic and willing to work with her, but there was one teacher who seemed bent on making this hard time even more difficult for her.

When she told the teacher that she would be missing her in-class presentation, and she had come up with a solution with her group, she was told that "we all have to make family decisions and then suffer the consequences," insinuating that this teacher actually wanted her to skip the funeral.

When my roommate again came up with a different solution, it was shot down again because the teacher was unwilling to be the slightest bit flexible. Because my roommate will not be there for the presentation, she will most

likely suffer a full grade drop and risk losing her scholarship.

I am not suggesting the actions of this teacher were not supported by school policy or that what she did was technically wrong.

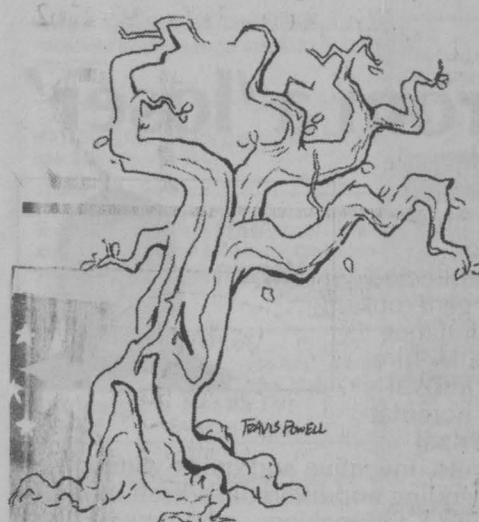
I am, however, saying that I am disgusted that someone would be so unwilling to cooperate with a hard-working student.

This teacher was blatantly rigid and then covered behind some absence policy as an excuse. I agree students should make an effort to be to class every day, but in an educational environment where professors are allowed to cancel class on a whim, I have a hard time believing tuition-paying students should not be granted the same courtesy in extreme circumstances. I thought policies were created to help students and teachers succeed in education.

Not until now did I think they were a crutch for crabby teachers to wield their crabby powers. Situations like these make me wonder why I come to school and pay money to support this madness.

Anna Brunson

Linn Wolferts



► SAFETY

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you with a nice night in the Cache County Jail and not at that party."

Hansen suggests students under 21 avoid alcohol completely, and those legally able to drink be responsible and designate a driver to stay sober.

Anyone taking children trick-or-treating should be aware of safety issues, Hansen said. As a general rule, young children should not wear masks because they tend to block vision, which is dangerous when they are running around on the streets. They should also carry a

light, walk on the sidewalk and cross the street only at crosswalks.

Hansen said it is also a good idea to have an adult check the candy before children eat it.

If students want to have a good, safe Halloween, Hansen suggests they attend an activity organized by the university.

"Have fun, that's what Halloween's for. Just be safe," Hansen said. "You don't need to bother other people. We have enough trouble with the pumpkin-rolling."

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Dex (Donal Logue), offers a different philosophy. Success is not about looks, money or stalking; it's about "Steve." In order to attract women (and be a "Steve"), a man must follow three basic principles: Eliminate your desire (women can smell an agenda), be excellent in their presence and retreat. According to Dex, women will pursue that which retreats from them.

In an odd way, the movie does the same thing. "The Tao of Steve" never comes on strong. During the film I found myself not really captivated but never disinterested. I was impressed by some very witty moments of dialogue and enjoyed the movie's unique setting, shot somewhere in New Mexico. But mostly, I enjoyed the honesty.

"The Tao of Steve" somehow avoided being overhauled by the Hollywood hype squad and managed to stay true to itself. The actors are, for the most part, nobodies. They look, talk and act like, God forbid, real people. At first this made me nervous. I couldn't find the stereotypes that usually kept me from having to pay attention to the dialogue. They never came. The film's sexual theme suggested the high probability of some gratuitous skin scenes. Again, nothing. But once the weirdness caused by these absences wore off, I began to appreciate the movie for what it was — real.

This movie reminds us that sometimes it's OK to just be. Just like Dex's philosophical message, "The Tao of Steve" seeks only to explore the moment and ignores what isn't necessary in the telling of the story. "The Tao of Steve" is smartly written and after a steady dose of "Remember the Titanic" clichés, it's really nice to watch something that closely resembles the real world.

Comments about Two Guys and a Movie can be sent to twoguysandamovie@hotmail.com

"The Tao of Steve" suggests an answer to the unsolvable puzzle of how to attract women. All men, at some point, have noticed another guy walking with a beautiful woman and pondered the inevitable question —

"The Tao of Steve," an unconventional love story from first-time director, Jenniphr Goodman, collected positive reviews and generous praise at the 2000 Sundance Film Festival. In fact, the film was so popular with festival attendees that it was nominated for a Grand Jury Prize.

While the film is cute, inventive and quick-witted, it stumbles toward the ending and often finds itself mired in pretentious, Generation X filmmaking — the type of filmmaking that screams "Look at me! I'm different!" But that's

OK. It's easy to forgive a whole bevy of newcomers, and to its credit, the film is laced with smart dialogue and capable acting from a blue-chip cast. Especially Donal Logue.

Logue portrays Dex, a chubby, drug-using, sex-crazed kindergarten teacher who lives off beer, whipped cream and various religious philosophies that he incorporates into the "Tao of Steve," Steve being a name synonymous with cool — like Steve McGarret, Steve Austin and Steve McQueen. Dex's Tao has three rules: (1) Eliminate your desire (that is, the desire to have sex — "Women can smell an agenda"), (2) Be excellent in their presence and (3) Withdraw.

Apparently, this philosophy works for Dex, because despite his enormous pot-gut, unshaven face and disheveled hair, women want to have sex with him. From a fellow teacher at the elementary school, to a waitress in a local restaurant and an unhappily married woman, Dex becomes the atypical Don Juan, that is, until he meets Syd (Greer Goodman).

Syd is in town for her college reunion and to work for the Santa Fe Opera. Dex meets her at the reunion and is instantly smitten. Thus the movie goes — Dex and Syd endlessly flirting and avoiding a conclusion that, by the middle of the film, we all know is going to happen. This isn't a bad thing, because we're having a good time.

The best thing about "The Tao of Steve" is the writing of Duncan North and Greer Goodman.

North is the basis for the character, Dex, and the crisp, effectual dialogue is created because of his personal experience. North is teamed with Goodman (sister of Jenniphr) who graduated from Dartmouth college in 1987 with a degree in philosophy and who also studied Taoism and Buddhism.

The acting isn't shabby, either. As I mentioned before, Logue is the backbone of this film. His comedic timing and the emotion he conveys work together to make his character a believable and lovable dough-boy. Goodman holds her own as Syd, but it's obvious that the script is her best asset, and the group of guys (especially the dim-witted one) that plays Dex's roommates are hilarious and give more dimension to an already glowing movie.

The "Tao of Steve" is enjoyable and fun. And since the only films coming out this week are "Blair Witch 2" and "Lucky Numbers" (I still can't forgive John Travolta for "Battlefield: Earth"), your best entertainment dollar will be spent at Smithfield's Main Theater.

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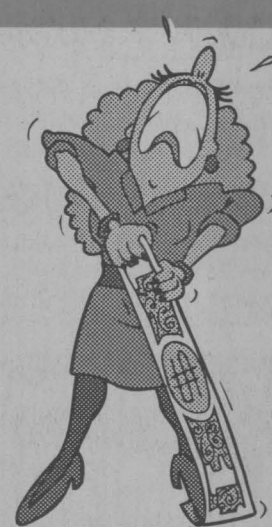
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