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A quick look: Election 2000

President/VP

Bush/Cheney
Gore/Lieberman

— As of 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, political analysts were calling the U.S. presidential race too close to call. Votes were being recounted in Florida as a determining factor in the election. A final result is expected sometime today.

Gov./Lt. Gov.

Leavitt/Walker 72%
Orton/Hale 26%

Attorney General

Shurtleff 69%
Richards 28%

Senate

Hatch 78%
Howell 20%

U.S. House Dist. 1

Collinwood 24%
Hansen 72%

Treasurer

Alter 87%
Butler 9%
Hulet 4%

Auditor

Johnson 87%
Elwell 0%

Utah House Dist. 3

Buttars 72%
Bissonette 28%

Utah House Dist. 4

Morgan 39%
Pace 61%

Utah Senate Dist. 25

Hillyard 76%
Neuhold 24%

Proposition 1

For 70%
Against 30%

Proposition 2

For 63%
Against 37%

Initiative A

For 63%
Against 37%

Initiative B

For 62%
Against 38%

Fluoride

Yes 48%
No 52%

Results as of 3 a.m. Wednesday morning. Local results include 75% of precincts.

So, um, who's the president?

Recount in Florida to determine final outcome

RON FOURNIER
Associated Press

Texas Gov. George W. Bush fought Al Gore in an agonizingly close presidential election Tuesday that came down to one state and a few thousand votes. Gore called Bush with congratulations, then called back to say he wasn't ready to concede.

There was no argument from the Bush campaign, just disbelief at the turn of events. "Unbelievable," sighed Bush adviser Karen Hughes, after fielding the second call from Gore.

It was an incredible political spectacle by any standard. "There's never been a night like this one," said Gore campaign chairman William Daley, after his boss retired for the night — unsure whether



VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE steps out of a voting booth Tuesday. / Knight-Ridder photo

he had won or not. "Until the results in Florida become official," Daley told cheering supporters, "our campaign continues."

And it was so. After months of campaigning and \$3 billion in political spending, Election Day passed without the country knowing who would be president.

Not that it mattered in the Electoral College, but with votes tallied from 96 percent of the precincts, Gore had 47,242,846 and Bush had 47,101,968 votes. Green Party candidate Ralph Nader was at 3 percent and Pat Buchanan barely registered.

Nader did well enough in to potentially tip several states to Bush. "You can't spoil a system spoiled to the core," he said.

TV networks projected Bush the winner, igniting GOP celebrations in Austin. The Associated Press — partners with the networks in Voter News Service — did not declare a presidential winner, citing the ongoing tally. Later the networks rolled back and declared the election too close to call, as did the New York Times.



GOV. GEORGE W. BUSH and his wife, Laura, leave Travis County Courthouse in Austin, Texas after voting Tuesday morning. / Knight-Ridder photo

Florida had been the epicenter of the campaign all along and Tuesday night was beyond chaotic. At mid-evening news organizations said Gore was the winner, but they backtracked as more votes were counted and Bush eased ahead. Hours later, the TV

outlets did it again, this time for Bush.

Republicans maintained precarious control of Congress as the GOP bid to

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U.S. president not officially chosen until December

BRIAN CARTER
Staff Writer

Not until December will the next president of the United States be elected thanks to Article II of the U.S. Constitution. Article II says a quirk of American politics known as the Electoral College is responsible for electing the president.

"The Electoral College was established when they wrote the Constitution," said Michael Lyons, political science professor at Utah State University.

Originally the state legislatures were responsible for selecting the electors who participated in the Electoral College. Electors are now selected by the presidential candidates. The number of electoral votes is determined by Congressional representa-

tion and ranges from three in Washington, D.C., to 54 in California. During the November elections, the electoral votes are determined by the popular vote in each state. Whichever candidate receives the majority vote receives the electoral vote for that state.

In December, the electoral voters send their votes to Washington, D.C., to be counted. A candidate needs 270 of 538 to win the election.

"The framers created it because some didn't want the people to elect the president and others didn't want Congress to elect the president," Lyons said. "It was created as a compromise."

Lyons said the Founding Fathers were great 18th-century thinkers. At the time the Constitution was written, three-quarters of the population were illiter-

ate. As literacy rates have increased and the general population is more informed, support for the Electoral College has weakened.

"The Electoral College was consistent with prevailing political views of the era," Lyons said. "It was created for purposes that virtually everyone today disagrees with."

Lyons said the Electoral College interferes with orderly democracy and causes neglect in presidential decision making.

"The Electoral College makes certain states battleground states and the rest are ignored," Lyons said.

In this year's election, Wisconsin, Michigan and Florida were a few of the

battleground states that were campaigned heavily by Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore. States such as Idaho and Utah, which are heavily

Republican, were virtually ignored by both Bush and Gore.

Lyons said some states being battlegrounds for the candidates creates a disincentive for voters in other states.

According to Lyons, people do not understand the Electoral College and it confuses them.

"Anything that confuses the typical voter is bad," Lyons said. "How can something be good that people don't understand?"

Lyons said he thinks at some point in time the Electoral College will be modified or replaced with

direct popular vote, although it may be decades or centuries.

"It is a common perspective in political science. It will probably take a popularly elected president to lose the Electoral College," Lyons said. "Personally, I would do away with it tomorrow. I think it is an anachronism."

Defenders of the Electoral College most commonly claim the larger margin of victory in the Electoral College as an advantage for keeping the Electoral College. John F. Kennedy won by fewer than 120,000 votes, out of 70 million votes cast, against Richard Nixon in the 1960 presidential election, but won 303 to 219 in electoral votes.

"There are claimed advantages, but there are really none," Lyons said.

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Republicans victorious in most state, local elections

JESSICA WARREN
Senior News Writer

Mingling around buffet tables, both Democrats and Republicans in Cache Valley were watching television results and making their own predictions Tuesday night.

Republicans cheered at 10:45 p.m. when the news came that their party retained control of the House. The numbers of local races recorded on a white board showed Lyle Hillyard gained 666 votes in Rich County.

"That's not a sign!" someone from the crowd called out.

Democratic headquarters drew a smaller crowd, but no less enthusiasm and anticipation for the results.

Mary Bissonette, Democratic candidate for State Representative in the third district, said she sees a slow movement happening among voters.

She said people are becoming dissatisfied with "business as usual."

"It may not happen this election," Bissonette said, but she said she is confi-

dent Democrats will see victory in future elections. Bissonette said change is needed and the voters will make that change happen down the road.

Not only were eyes on the local election, but also on the presidential race.

Professor Roberta Herzberg said she anticipated an early decision. She said because polls showed Bush had high margins in more states, if he could win states he had trouble with, it would be a clear win.

She said she suspected a Gore victory would mean a long night. This was at 10:30 p.m.

Heather Pace said it was intense. She was there in support of her mother-in-law Lorraine Pace, running for representative in the 4th District.

The process of tallying votes is a process that involves a number of people carrying boxes, opening envelopes, and organizing the pieces of voting. Beginning at approximate-

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Hiding place

BRADLEY CUTLER, son of Susan and Jared, used the election booths in Jones Hall as a hideout during the elections Tuesday. / Zak Larsen photo

Protests, rampages demand better conditions in Yugoslavia's prisons

DRAGAN ILIC
Associated Press

NIS, Yugoslavia — Protests at two prisons in Yugoslavia turned ugly Tuesday, with shots fired, buildings set ablaze and a female inmate reporting an "orgy of rape" as Serbs went on a rampage to demand better jail conditions and amnesty for certain convictions.

The unrest, which began Sunday with a riot at a third prison, presented the latest challenge to new President Vojislav Kostunica. Even as his government tries to consolidate its authority, it faces a decade of pent-up discontent accumulated under the previous regime that now threatens to spill over into growing anarchy.

Kostunica and his supporters control government on the federal level but not in the two Yugoslav republics. With elections in Serbia six weeks away, allies of ousted President Slobodan Milosevic will remind voters that the disorder would not have been tolerated while he was in charge.

Although opinion polls now project a solid victory for Kostunica's Democratic Opposition of Serbia in the Dec. 23 elections, his camp is worried their support could erode as pro-democracy euphoria is replaced by disenchantment over price increases, energy shortages and other hardships. While the economy was destroyed under Milosevic, there is fear his successors will harvest the blame.

The riots at Pozarevac, Nis and Sremska Mitrovica appear linked by demands focusing on an end to alleged ill treatment and inclusion of Serbs jailed for criminal activities into a proposed amnesty law that would free Kosovo Albanians.

Witnesses outside the prison in

Pozarevac, about 50 miles east of Belgrade, saw flames shooting from at least four buildings in the compound Tuesday and heard gunfire immediately afterward. The fires appeared to have burned out or been doused several hours later.

In the southern city of Nis, where inmates rioted Monday, a female prisoner told reporters the rioters were raping and molesting the women inmates.

"They broke into our ward and it's now hell inside," said Bosiljka Sumas. "It's an orgy of rape."

Sumas said one of her friends had smuggled her out of the prison, but gave no details.

"The ringleaders are forcing other prisoners into rape," she said. "They are also fighting among themselves."

Later, corrections officials said four other women also managed to leave the prison, leaving three inside.

An ethnic Albanian inmate who spoke to The Associated Press by telephone from the Nis prison said Serb inmates wearing guards' uniforms and carrying weapons were saying: "We are going to kill you at nightfall." The 300 ethnic Albanians had refused Serb demands they join in the rioting, the inmate said.

Seeking to defuse the crisis, the three officials jointly heading Serbia's justice ministry ended negotiations with Pozarevac inmates by promising them a law that will grant amnesty for some non-political crimes to be introduced in parliament immediately after Dec. 23 elections. They also pledged better prison conditions. But they conditioned their promises on the end of the riots within three days.

Accompanied by about 300 heavily

armed riot police, the three ministers then arrived in Nis for their next round of talks with inmates there.

At Pozarevac, warden Stipe Marusic said guards shot in the air. But some inmates told reporters contacted by telephone that they were shot at and that several prisoners were injured — at least two seriously.

The amnesty law, suggested Kostunica, is still at the discussion stage. It would affect ethnic Albanians arrested for activity in or support of the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army, which disbanded after Milosevic's troops withdrew from the Serb province of Kosovo in June 1999 under a peace deal to end NATO's 78-day bombing campaign. Tensions have remained high between Serbs and ethnic Albanians, who constitute a majority of Kosovo's population.

In Pozarevac, inmates said they were demanding reductions in all prison sentences, along with more food, less work and dismissals of corrupt prison officials appointed under Milosevic.

In Nis, hundreds of helmeted riot police, toting submachine guns, took up positions around the prison, while hundreds of jeering inmates climbed to rooftops inside the compound.

But the police did not act, presumably to give time to negotiations between the inmates and Vladimir Domazet, a Nis city official. About 1,000 inmates at Nis began a hunger strike Monday in a show of solidarity with Serbian prisoners in the northern city of Sremska Mitrovica. The inmates in Sremska Mitrovica began rioting late Sunday; they claimed they were beaten by guards and demanded an expansion of the proposed amnesty law.

World GLANCE

Employees arrested; fired after failing drug tests, officials say

ZION NATIONAL PARK, Utah (AP) — Four concession employees were arrested following an investigation by park rangers into illegal drug use, and 16 others were fired after failing or refusing to take a random drug test, Zion National Park officials said.

District Ranger Brent McGinn said that on Oct. 31, a ranger attempted to contact people in a concession dorm room about drug use last week. The concession employee lodge is behind the Zion Lodge in the park.

"At least two of the employees were able to escape before he gained access to the room," McGinn said. "Evidence found at the scene aroused suspicion about drug activity and distribution and the next day, we continued our investigation."

McGinn, along with Washington County Sheriff Deputy Kurt Wright and Wright's drug dog, found LSD, marijuana, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Employees Brietta Foster, 20, and Joseph Ulchinsky, 25, were arrested on first-degree felony drug distribution charges. Charles Henry, 48, was charged with second-degree possession of methamphetamine. A fourth employee was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

After the four were arrested, park rangers returned to the Zion Lodge to conduct random drug testing at the request of the concessioner, Amfac Parks & Resorts. McGinn said five concession employees failed a drug test and 11 refused to take it.

He said the incidents "revealed a serious methamphetamine problem among concession staff. ... We will be meeting with concession management to outline a plan for recruitment, hiring and testing of employees to prevent similar situations in the future."

Other ranger reports said an Amfac employee at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon had a heroin overdose earlier this summer and two Amfac employees were arrested in October at Bryce Canyon National Park after one employee allegedly assaulted another with a knife.

Nebraska abortion doctor tries to head off eviction from his clinic

BELLEVUE, Neb. (AP) — The doctor at the center of a U.S. Supreme Court case over what abortion foes call "partial-birth abortions" is trying to head off eviction from his clinic.

In May, a partnership of three people opposed to abortion, including state Sen. Paul Harnett of Bellevue, bought the building used by Dr. LeRoy Carhart. They want to evict Carhart, who is one of only three doctors in Nebraska known to perform abortions. Carhart has gone to court, arguing that his lease allows him first right to buy the building. Also in May, an anti-abortion group sent letters to 13 area mayors, asking them to take a stand against Carhart moving to their communities. In addition, in October, the University of Nebraska Medical Center said it is dropping Carhart as a volunteer faculty member. The medical center gave no reason. Carhart challenged Nebraska's law banning partial-birth abortions. In June, the Supreme Court struck down the ban, ruling that the law created an undue burden on a woman's right to end a pregnancy. Carhart performs more than 1,200 abortions a year, of which he says about 20 employ the "partial-birth" procedure, which involves cutting the skull of a fetus and draining its contents before extracting the body.

Study shows teen smokers prone to anxiety disorders in adulthood

CHICAGO (AP) — A study suggests teen smokers are prone to anxiety disorders in adulthood, adding to a growing body of research implicating cigarette use as a cause rather than a result of emotional upheaval. The study of nearly 700 adolescents followed into early adulthood found that generalized anxiety, panic attacks and agoraphobia — fear of public places — were much more common in those who had smoked heavily in their teens.

Teens who smoked 20 or more cigarettes daily were more than 15 times more likely to develop panic disorder as adults, nearly seven times more likely to become agoraphobic and more than five times more likely to develop generalized anxiety disorder than teens who smoked less or not at all.

The findings were published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association. They follow a study in October's issue of the journal Pediatrics suggesting that smoking may be a cause of depression in teens. The authors of both studies theorize that nicotine may upset the central nervous system. Smoking's damaging effect on the body's ability to use oxygen may also play a role, said the authors of the anxiety study, led by researcher Jeffrey Johnson at Columbia University. Johnson and colleagues interviewed 688 teens age 16 on average in 1985-86, and again in 1991-93, when the participants were 22 on average.

Americans cut back on credit use

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans slowed their borrowing in September as they cut back on the use of credit cards and auto loans amid a slowing economy. The Federal Reserve said Tuesday that consumer credit increased by a seasonally adjusted \$6.5 billion in September, or at an annual rate of 5.2 percent, the slowest pace since October 1999. Consumer credit in August grew by \$12.3 billion, or a 10.1 percent rate, according to revised figures. That was less than the \$13.4 billion the central bank previously estimated. In September, demand for revolving credit, such as credit cards, rose by \$3.6 billion — a 6.8 percent annual rate — down sharply from \$6.7 billion and a 12.6 percent rate in August. Total nonrevolving credit, such as loans for new cars, vacations and other big-ticket items, inched up by \$2.8 billion at an annual rate of 4.0 percent. That was down from \$5.6 billion and an 8.1 percent rate in August.

The Fed has raised interest rates six times since June 1999 to slow the economy and its main engine, consumer spending. Consumers account for two-thirds of all economic activity. The central bank's rate increases are designed to raise borrowing costs and thus cool demand for such big purchases as cars and homes. Last month the Fed, citing evidence of moderating economic growth, opted not to boost rates again.

But it held the door open to additional increases should inflation risks intensify. The Fed's report on consumer credit includes credit card debt and loans for autos, boats and mobile homes. It does not include loans backed by real estate, such as home mortgages or increasingly popular home equity loans.

Investigators confirm cause of Singapore Airlines crash

MARCOS CALO MEDINA
Associated Press

TAOYUAN, Taiwan — One week after the deadly crash of a Singapore Airlines jetliner, the airport runway remains an eerie memorial: melted suitcases, crumpled shirts, a Hello Kitty doll, scattered pink and purple socks — and a mangled construction crane.

Investigators confirmed for the first time Tuesday that it was the crane that ripped open the belly of the jumbo jet as it hurtled down the wrong runway. Eighty-two people died in the fiery takeoff attempt.

"Bodies just began to fall out," David Lee, an investigator with Taiwan's Aviation Safety Council, told reporters at Chiang Kai-shek Airport during the first close public look at the runway wreckage.

Last week, when crash experts disclosed the contents of the "black box" cockpit recorder of Flight SQ006, they would only confirm that the pilot picked the wrong runway and that there was a series of collisions as the plane sped down the airstrip. On Tuesday, investigators offered the most detailed account yet of the crash. Seconds after the jet began its takeoff, a front wheel hit a concrete barrier about 4,950 feet down the runway. Then the plane slammed into a crane that peeled open its underside, said Lee.

Parts of Singapore Airlines' trademark blue and yellow metal were twisted around the body of a flipped-over crane. Another nearby crane was badly battered.

Bouquets of lilies and pictures of the dead lay on the charred remains of the plane, where many bodies were found. Musical scores apparently left by passengers littered the runway and a makeshift Buddhist altar with incense and plates of apples and pears was arranged near the plane's nose.

In the plane's tail section — which Lee said was the least damaged — magazines and candies were strewn on the soiled purple seats. The ceiling and overhead compartments had collapsed, revealing air pipes and electrical cables. Some seats dangled out of the plane in a section split from the rest of the jetliner.

The major question experts are trying to answer is why the plane's pilot thought he was on the correct runway.

Kay Yong, managing director of the Aviation Safety Council, said the probe is focusing on whether the closed runway — which was parallel to the plane's assigned runway — was improperly lit, inviting the pilot to make the fatal choice Oct. 31 during a storm brought by an approaching typhoon.

Investigators have heard conflicting reports about whether the lights along the side of the closed runway were on, indi-

cating to the pilot that he could use the strip, Yong said.

Yong said that seconds after the crash, an airport maintenance vehicle requested that the air traffic control tower turn on the runway lights. The request, however, did not specify which of the two runways had their lights switched off, he said.

"We cannot give any direct probable cause. The final report might take as much as one year," Yong said at a news conference at the airport in this suburb of the capital, Taipei.

Yong also said visibility was 2,950 feet at the time of the crash — better than the original estimate of 1,640 feet. But even then, the pilot would not have been able to see the first concrete block, which was 4,921 feet from the runway's entrance, Yong said.

Inspection of the wreckage indicated nothing was technically wrong with the plane, he said.

Aviation safety officials from the United States and representatives from Singapore Airlines were picking through the debris Tuesday. They declined to comment. Taiwan authorities ordered the pilot and two co-pilots to remain in Taiwan indefinitely to help with the investigation, Singapore Airlines said. Their movements have not been restricted and their passports have not been confiscated, the airline said.

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Students get involved through exit polls

JESSICA WHATCOTT
Staff Writer

Utah State University's political science students had the opportunity to take part in the exit polling process Tuesday at locations in Hyrum, Smithfield, Brigham City and Tremonton.

Exit polling involves stationing groups of volunteers at arbitrary precincts, where they select random voters to poll as they exit the voting booth. At a pre-set time, volunteers call the information into a central hub where it is compiled into a computer database.

"The purpose of exit polling is: first, political, to try to give people the results of the election before the actual counting of votes," said political science instructor Shannon Peterson, the adviser for this year's poll. The election results that you see early in the news are actually from exit polling, Peterson said.

Peterson also said the poll provides useful demo-

graphic information that can be studied by students. For example, in addition to discovering how people actually voted, the questionnaire reveals what political party voters identify with, how liberal or conservative they see themselves, their religious preference and education background.

The political science department at USU does not use any of the information that the students collect. In fact, pollsters call the results directly to Brigham Young University. BYU has run one of the most well-respected polls in the state for more than 20 years, Peterson said.

Anna Tuttle, president of Pi Sigma Alpha (the national honor society for political science majors), said BYU writes the exit polling questions and sends out packets to colleges across Utah. The political science students there coordinate the effort and compile the information. Classes at BYU analyze the results and try to under-

stand the data.

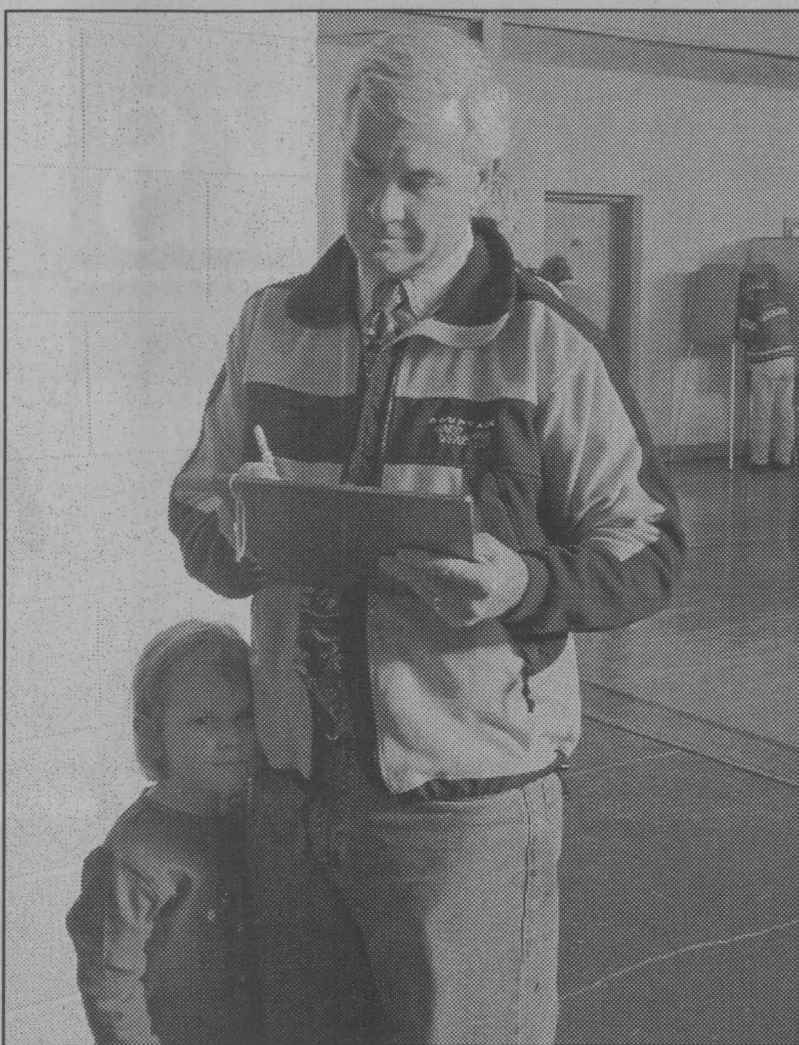
Participation in exit polling at USU is mostly for the students' benefit, Peterson said.

"It's a good opportunity for students to take part in the political process. Polling has become such an integral part of the voting process," Peterson said.

There is a lot of science involved in reducing bias and trying to understand the results, she said.

Volunteers for exit polling were recruited from political science classes, although Tuttle said she was contacted by interested students outside of the college. Students who participated will receive one pass/fail credit if they write a paper about the experience.

One thing the BYU poll is focusing on this year is finding out why certain people don't want to respond to the exit polling. Comparing who responds with who doesn't will reveal things about political activism or trust, Peterson said.



KATIE EMMETT waits as her dad Bill fills out an exit poll questionnaire after voting at the armory in Smithfield Tuesday./Liz Maudsley photo

News Briefs

Regents to pick new president

The Utah State Board of Regents will meet today in the Sunburst Lounge at 2 p.m.

They will be voting to select USU's new president.

Current USU President George H. Emert is scheduled to retire from USU on Dec. 31 after eight years in the position. He announced his resignation in May. He has not yet announced his plans after leaving his current post.

Emert is USU's 13th president.

Concert to raise money for arena

The Bridgerland Community Ice Arena (BCIA) and ComUSU, a student-governed and operated public relations firm at USU, are putting on a concert at the Fieldhouse Thursday.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 with a USU student ID and \$5 without.

The concert will feature three bands with ties to Logan. Local band Clovis and Felix, which is playing second, is a British-pop style band that has members attending USU.

Leading off the concert will be the band Headline, which has the distinction of playing on the Vans Warped Tour with such bands as Blink 182, Ice T, Sevendust, Blackeyed Peas and Pennywise.

Rounding out the concert will be Sandkicker, a Salt Lake City band.

Each of the bands are playing for free to help raise money and awareness for the BCIA. Booths of CDs, T-shirts and other band memorabilia will be sold at the concert.

All proceeds from the concert will go toward the BCIA.

Donations are still critical to the building of the facility, said BCIA Executive Director Janet Borg.

For more information, contact Borg at 787-2288.

Business as usual for trash on Friday

Although Logan City offices will be closed Friday in observance of Veteran's Day, residential and commercial garbage will be collected as usual, according to the Division of Environmental Health.

The landfill will be open regular hours Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Logan cuts ribbon for new addition

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Logan Community Recreation Center addition will take place Thursday at noon.

The center is located at 195 S. 100 West in Logan.

The public is welcome at the ceremony.

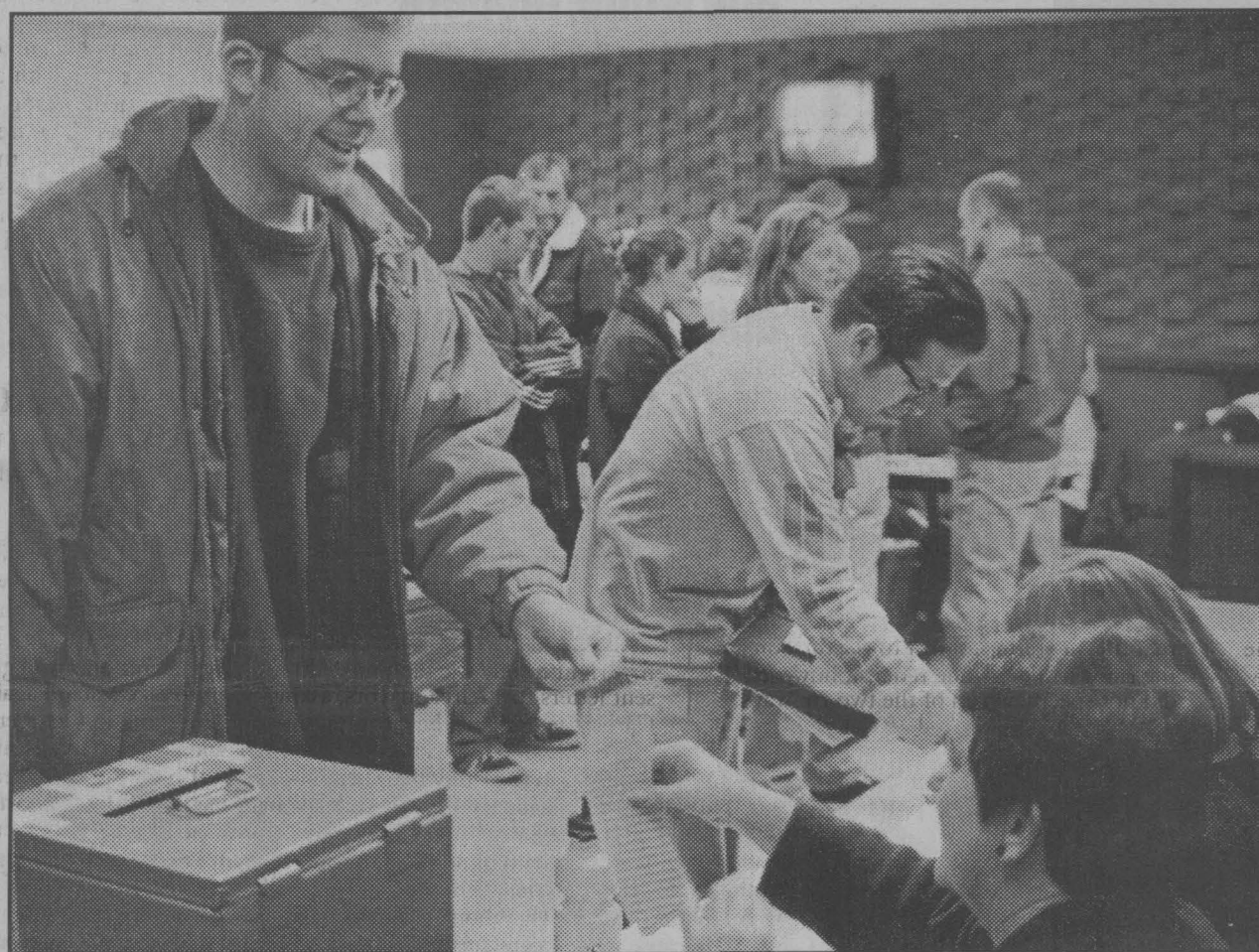
The addition to the facility includes a new aerobics room and weight room facility.

For more information, contact the recreation center at 716-9250.

Correction

USU hockey player Rad Anderson was mistakenly identified as Deryk Anderson's brother in a photo caption in Monday's issue. The two are not related. The Statesman apologizes for this error.

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Doing his part

TYSON GOLLAHER receives a ballot Tuesday at a table set up in Jones Hall for Aggie Village voters. On-campus students voted in Jones Hall and at the Nutrition Building./Zak Larsen photo

Presidential election called ultimate in reality television

DAVID BAUER
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — It was the ultimate in reality television for grateful networks Tuesday: a presidential election with the final survivor a true mystery as the night wore on.

After a nailbiting night, shortly after 2:15 a.m. EST, the TV networks declared George W. Bush the winner over Al Gore in Florida — and thus the nation.

But that didn't end the drama. By 3:30 a.m. EST, NBC's Tom Brokaw continued to wonder aloud if Florida was a lock for Bush. Only several hundred votes separated the two men, he noted, with 30,000 uncounted absentee ballots.

"That would be something if the networks managed to blow it twice in one night," he said. Before too long, CNN started to waver, too — especially after neither candidate appeared in public as expected.

Brokaw's rueful remark referred to the networks predicting earlier in the evening that Gore would win Florida. Two hours later, they took that prediction back, saying the race was too close to call.

It made for gripping television. The networks spent millions of dollars on polls and vote-gathering efforts in an attempt to find out the results as quickly as possible. Instead, they got something better — old-fashioned suspense.

"Those of you who have stayed up with us, you have been rewarded with

one of the all-time close races," CBS' Dan Rather said at one point.

On Tuesday night, several analysts said their networks were taking time declaring states for either candidate, wanting to make sure exit poll results matched up with actual returns.

"We're waiting on a possible decision in Florida, but you've got time to put on another cup of coffee and pour it," Rather said before 8 p.m. EST.

Ten minutes later, NBC projected Gore the winner in Florida. Other networks followed soon after. But two hours later, video of Bush appeared on TV screens saying he wasn't giving up Florida. By 9:55 p.m. EST, CNN had

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ly 8:30 p.m., precinct boxes containing election judge pay vouchers, precinct books, lists of registered voters and other information and supplies are brought in by the head judge to the Cache County Clerk Office at 170 N. Main Street in Logan.

Once these are in, they are separated to record judges for payroll and store voter lists, and the boxes are put back into storage until the next election.

The actual ballots are brought in metal boxes and given to sworn-in judges. These judges, who have promised to uphold the constitution of both the country and the state, take the ballots to be counted.

They take out and tally the

write-in votes and look over each ballot to make sure it hasn't been tampered with.

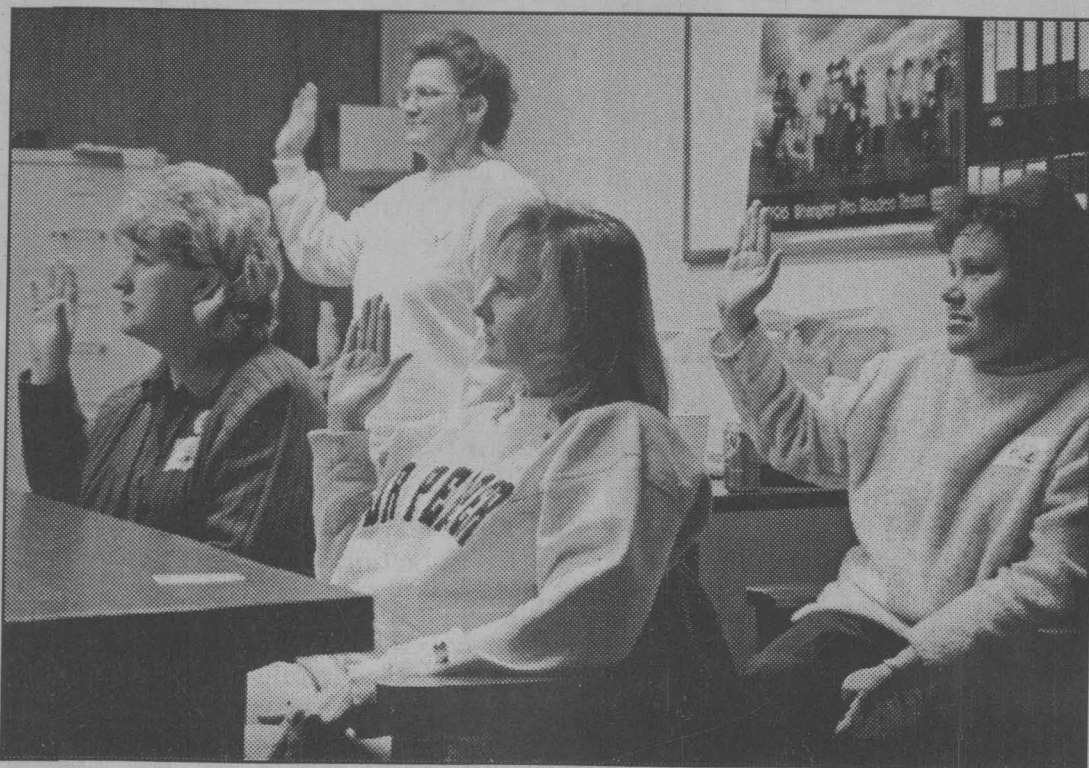
The ballots are then read by machine in the office of the Cache County Clerk's office.

Evelyn Palmer, deputy clerk, said she participated in the primary election, but this was her first presidential election.

"They don't seem to be coming in as fast as the primary," Palmer said at 9:30 p.m.

The staff members of the County Clerk's office said they anticipated a long night ahead as soon as the polls closed at 8 p.m.

The staff also said they agreed the long wait time is due to this being a presidential election; it is much more involved.



ELECTION OFFICIALS are sworn in before the ballots can be counted. Many of the officials work only on election night and are not regular government employees./Zak Larsen photo

South Africa

A nation where rich and poor are as different as black and white, modern,

post-apartheid South Africa struggles to overcome crime, poverty, inequality and racial tensions.

ABOVE: Black South Africans face poverty and a life of hard work.

A nation in turmoil

ALISHA TOLMAN
Staff Writer

It's a country of 11 official languages. A country with a long historical tradition of racial segregation in all areas of life. A mixture of extreme poverty and modern luxuries, South Africa is a nation that has made a lot of 20th century news and captured the interest of people across the world.

According to the "Academic American Encyclopedia," the first known inhabitants of South Africa were San and Khoikhoi hunters and gatherers, who were followed by Bantu-speaking people.

The area remained populated this way until the late 15th century, when Dutch explorer Batolomeu Dias brought the region to European attention, the encyclopedia said. For a long while, the area — especially South Africa's southern tip, known as the Cape of Good Hope — was used by Europeans simply as a pit-stop for ships en route to other parts of the world, said Utah State University instructional technology professor Nick Eastmond, who lived in South Africa for a year.

In 1652, the first European settlement was created by Jan Van Riebeeck as a station for the Dutch East Indian Company, Eastmond said.

Dutch settlement spread until Britain received the territory as a result of the

Napoleonic Wars, the encyclopedia said. British colonization began in earnest in 1820, the encyclopedia said.

The Dutch in South Africa spoke a language called Afrikaans, a version of Dutch that is still spoken by white South Africans today.

The Dutch settlers, called Boers — Afrikaans for "farmers" — moved inland much as American pioneers moved west, Eastmond said.

When diamonds and gold were discovered, the British also moved inland.

A conflict for ownership known as the Anglo-Boer War was fought. Britain emerged victorious, and in 1910, the Union of South Africa was formed, Eastmond said.

In modern South Africa, there are four official racial categories: white Afrikaners — the descendants of European settlers — Indians, Coloureds — those of mixed racial heritage — and black Africans, Eastmond said.

"Privileges go in that order," Eastmond said.

After World War II (South Africa fought on the side of the Allies), a political group called the Nationalists began a policy known as apartheid, which means "apartness" in Afrikaans, Eastmond said.

"Apartheid was seen as a way

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Time LINE

➤ **1st Millennium:** South Africa is populated by hunter-gatherers later known as "Bushmen" or "San."

➤ **1652:** Small party of Dutchmen led by Jan van Riebeeck arrives at Cape to establish a refreshment station for ships; when they discover the resources are not readily available, they decide to establish a colony.

➤ **1770:** Europeans and Bantu-speaking peoples meet at the Great Fish River; a long period of war begins.

➤ **1836:** The Great Trek: Thousands of Dutch speakers (now known as Afrikaners) travel north out of the colony.

➤ **1867:** Diamonds are discovered near Vaal River.

➤ **1893:** Mohandas Gandhi arrives in South Africa and later activates and leads campaigns against racist discrimination.

➤ **1912:** Later the African National Congress (ANC), the South African Native National Congress (SANNC) is founded.

➤ **1913:** Natives Land Act establishes the African Reserves, dividing land between black and white South Africans; 87 percent of land is established as white.

➤ **1948:** National Party Government is established by election victory, with D.F. Malan as prime minister; apartheid ("apartness") becomes the institution of government.

➤ **1952:** Pass Laws implemented.

➤ **1953:** Bantu Education Bill established (education for Africans to be only servants and laborers).

➤ **April 1994:** First democratic, nonracial elections; ANC wins 63 percent of the vote; Nelson Mandela is sworn in as South Africa's president

DEBBIE LAMB
Staff Writer

Utah State University professor Nick Eastmond's Honors 3030 class is trying to raise \$2,000 to help build a school for the less fortunate in South Africa. The class is working with the International Foundation for Education and Self-Help, IFESH, an organization set up to build schools, among other things, in poverty-stricken areas of Africa.

"Because we've been studying South Africa, I'm pretty sure it's going to be built in South Africa," Eastmond said. "We've learned about the deplorable conditions down there and there really is this feeling that we've got to do something."

The students have planned a couple of different fund raisers to reach their goal. A walk-a-thon is planned for next spring. Tentatively set for March 30, the walk-a-thon will be held after the class has ended for the semester, Eastmond said.

Students are also planning to place jars in local businesses and food services throughout the community.

"We've been given so much," said Sarah Hulme, a student in the class. "Personally I feel guilty sitting

here in the lap of luxury, comparatively speaking."

The class is hoping that they will be able to have a lot of public involvement. They are also trying to involve the students at Edith Bowen Elementary.

Last year the students in a fifth-grade class made cookies to help with another fund raiser, said Olivia Lester, another student in the class. The students were really successful, she said.

"Hopefully people in the community will donate," said Deirdra Hardy, another student in the class. "We want to leave them in the businesses until Christmas; holidays tend to bring out the generosity in people."

The students have many reasons for wanting to help, but the rewards outweigh the praise.

"The reward of it is knowing that we can actually make a difference and become global citizens," Lester said. "By letting people know about it, they can give their 2 cents worth."

"We want people to know that they do not have to be a member of the class to help," Lester said. If students are interested in helping out they may contact Eastmond at 797-2642 or at his office, Education building, Room 211, she said.



WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS, especially Afrikaans-speaking Europeans, enjoy a luxurious life in comparison to their black African, Coloured and Indian neighbors. **LEFT:** A white child in South Africa dives into a swimming pool. Most white South Africans live in luxury compared to their African, Coloured and Indian neighbors. **BELOW:** A white South African's house. /Nick Eastmond photos



A POOR BLACK WOMAN AND CHILD stand around a fire in the street in front of an urban township. Black Africans in South Africa were on the lowest rung in South Africa's recently ended apartheid system, and even with apartheid's end, they still suffer poverty, poor education, discrimination and numerous other inequalities. /Nick Eastmond photo



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of supporting indigenous cultures," Eastmond said. "Each group could develop as it wanted to."

Apartheid confined black Africans to "homelands," which were like American Indian reservations, but larger, Eastmond said.

In the cities, blacks had to live in urban homelands called "townships."

Soon, however, black Africans rose up against the discrimination, according to the encyclopedia.

Black activists such as Nelson Mandela were imprisoned, Eastmond said. Mandela became an icon for anti-apartheid action, Eastmond said.

Facing international scorn, South Africa began to discontinue apartheid in 1994, Eastmond said.

"What they realized is that separate is not equal; it was-

n't there and it wasn't [in the United States]," Eastmond said.

To help the healing process, Roman Catholic Archbishop Desmond Tutu headed a policy known as "Truth and Reconciliation" in 1996, Eastmond said.

During the Truth and Reconciliation hearings, many of the atrocities that were committed during apartheid came to the surface, Eastmond said.

Those who confessed would be given amnesty, Eastmond said.

The hearings were meant to help white and black Africans forgive one another, and "you can't forgive someone for something if you don't know what it is," Eastmond said.

Black Africans were given the right to vote in 1994, and

with that right rose the power of the African National Council, or ANC, Eastmond said.

Nelson Mandela served as president until this June and was regarded as "the George Washington of South Africa," Eastmond said.

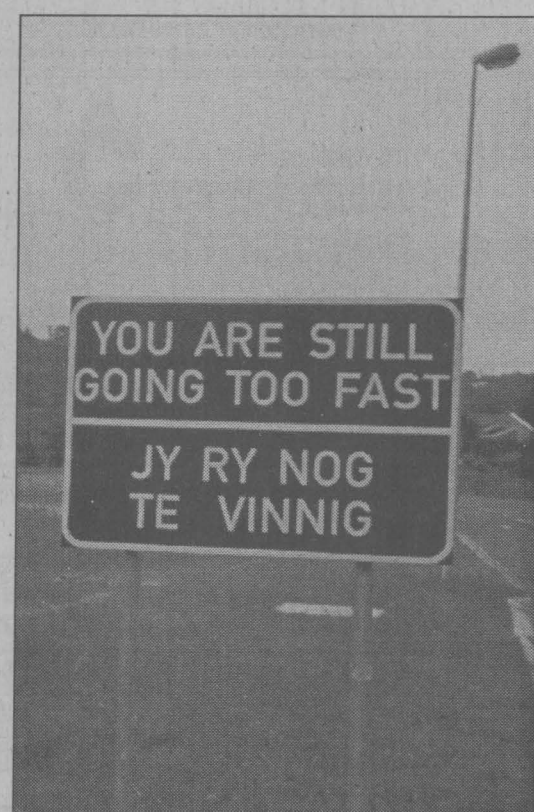
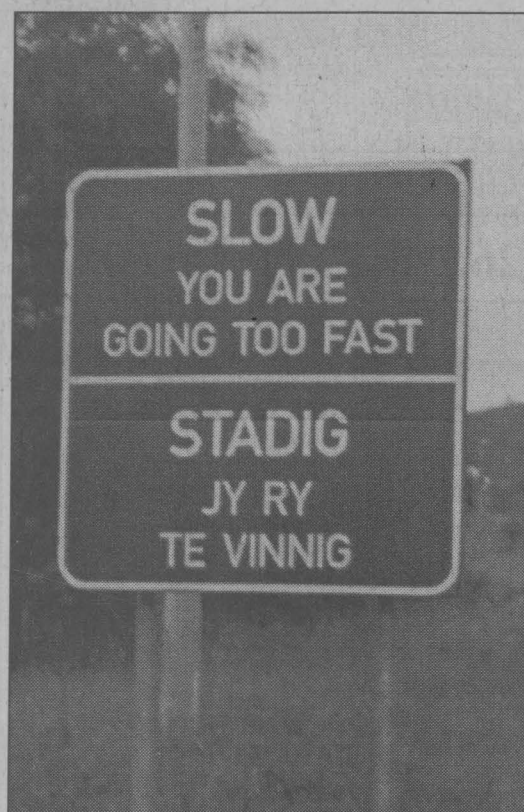
He was replaced by current South African President Thabo Mbeki.

"He is a very wise man, very diplomatic," Eastmond said.

There is currently a wide demand for national education, Eastmond said.

Black involvement in the government is increasing considerably, but "not all the way across the board," Eastmond said.

Eastmond currently teaches an honors class on race and communication in post-apartheid South Africa and the United States.



TOP: A billboard illustrates the state of poverty and sickness of many black Africans in South Africa. BOTTOM: South Africa has 11 official languages, including English, the Dutch-related Afrikaans and several tribal languages like Xhosa and Zulu. These traffic signs are printed in English and Afrikaans. / Nick Eastmond photos

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Student life differs around the world



SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS study in a library at the Border Technikon. Though much about student life around the world is the same as USU, much — from social life to study habits and teacher-student interaction — is significantly different. /Nick Eastmond photo

From alcohol to activities, no 2 schools alike

DOUG SMEATH
Assistant Features Editor

This summer, Utah State University student Jennifer Ewing attended La Universidad de Costa Rica, a university in San Pedro, Costa Rica.

She waited in line more than an hour any time she wanted to use a computer, even just to e-mail her family.

Many USU students — both American and non-American — have attended universities around the world, in cultures ranging from European to Asian, South American to South

African.

And though the experiences each student has had — whether from the United States adjusting to a non-American culture or vice versa — most say the same thing.

Students live quite differently from country to country.

But while they say cultural differences can be frightening yet fascinating, most say they would relive their exchange experiences in an instant if given another chance.

Edgar Perez is attending USU on exchange from the Tecnologico de Monterrey in Mexico.

He said while American and Mexican students seem to have equal amounts of dedication to their schoolwork and respect for teachers, a major difference comes up in recreation and free time.

"In my college, there are the same extracurricular

activities as you have here, but we are more open-minded than people in Logan," Perez said. "The social events in Mexico are really fun because there are not many restrictions like here."

Many students who have studied at USU and in other countries have noticed the same thing; differences in study habits and workload pale in comparison to cultural differences in social and recreational activities.

"One of the things I found quite different is the view on consumption of alcohol," said Nathan Turner, a USU student who spent the 1999-2000 school year at the University of La Rioja in Logroño, Spain. "To drinkers in America, alcohol is a way to relax and loosen up. To the Spanish, it is much more than that. It is a way of life."

In fact, Turner said the social and cultural differences made him a sort of oddity at La Rioja.

"I'll never forget some of the looks that I got when I told my Spanish friends that I don't drink," he said. "They varied between awe and disgust."

Turner said another difference is in the way students learn.

He said at La Rioja students take more copious notes, writing in complete sentences and sometimes color coding.

They spend the semester attending class and socializing outside class.

Then, "two or three weeks before exams, the students' attitudes change," Turner said.

He said they spend hours in libraries and quiet rooms, literally memorizing their notes.

When final exams start, Turner said students answer the essay question by rewriting from memory, word for word, their notes.

Other students who have studied outside America said they noticed similar differences.

He Freeman is a USU student originally from England.

She transferred to USU from Leicester University and said mid-semester assignments are less common in England.

Instead, she said, work during the semester consists of two major essays and one final test which is comprised

completely of three or four essay questions.

She said English students also read more on a weekly basis.

Classroom behavior varies from country to country as well.

Ewing said her relationship with professors is as much closer in Costa Rica. They were very curious as to how I

spent the rest of my time, my hobbies, my family life," she said.

Turner said Spanish students have a more relaxed relationship with teachers, as well — at least in the department of humanities.

He said it was also common for Spanish students to smoke in the classroom before or after class; though smoking during class was prohibited.

Numerous other differences existed, students said, mixed in with some comforting similarities.

Parties, school-sponsored activities and favorite student hangouts were among the things students found in their countries that resembled life at USU.

But despite the adjustments students have to make when studying in another country, most said their experiences were well worth it.

"Absolutely loved my experience," Ewing said. "It opened my eyes and mind to so many new, flavorful ideas and perspectives. Studying abroad sparked a strong desire to travel the world and be exposed to many different people and cultures."

NEWSWEEK

FALL'S MUST-SEE FILM!

The lovable "Billy Elliot," about an 11-year-old dancer, launches the film careers of the amazing young actor Jamie Bell and celebrated stage director Stephen Daldry. Already a smash in Britain, it may be the biggest sleeper since "The Full Monty."

Billy Elliot is an 11-year-old English coal miner's son with an unexpected gift, and passion, for ballet. It's a name you will remember, and not just because the movie "Billy Elliot" bears his moniker. As played by a wonderful 13-year-old newcomer named Jamie Bell, he may be the most endearing prepubescent hero since the disarming Swedish waif in "My Life as a Dog" 15 years ago. And this delightful film, with its surprising depth charges of emotion, has the feel of a movie that's going to lodge itself in the public's affections for a long time to come.

To say that "Billy Elliot" is a crowd pleaser is a no-brainer, but it doesn't do the movie justice,

and it doesn't convey just how passionately audiences take this small English film to heart. In Britain, where it was No. 1 its opening weekend, it surpassed the opening numbers for "Four Weddings and a Funeral" and almost equaled those for "The Full Monty" — the two most successful British films to date. The London critics have been raving, and even the hippest moviegoers have been spotted dabbling their eyes with hankies as they emerge from Billy's excellent adventure...A movie so artfully made, so deeply charming, so heartfelt, it's not only pointless to resist, it's damn near impossible.

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Matheson's win in Utah's House District 2 important in partisan fight for Congress

ROBERT GEHRKE
Associated Press

It was Utah's most expensive and possibly most negative congressional race, but in the end, Jim Matheson stayed positive and became the first Democrat elected in the 2nd District since 1992.

Thousands of voters who supported George W. Bush for president apparently crossed over and supported Matheson.

Meanwhile, Republican Reps. Jim Hansen and Chris Cannon held on to Utah's other two seats in the House of Representatives.

With 83 percent of precincts reporting, Matheson led Smith 56 percent to 41 percent.

Matheson's district was believed to be key to Democrats' hopes of taking control of the House or at least reducing the Republicans' majority.

Utah airwaves and voters' mailboxes were bombarded with scathing attacks on Matheson, hinting he supported special rights for cross-dressers and cozied up to left-wing extremists.

The ads were paid for with an unprecedented infusion of "soft money," unregulated dollars that poured in from the Democratic and Republican parties and other partisan interests.

In some cases, voters were repulsed by the tone.

"(Smith's) negative campaigning was really obnoxious," said Salt Lake City voter Judy Petersen.

"I would prefer for him to come out and state what he's for and not attack the other guy."

Matheson said he was proud his campaign didn't retaliate.

"I would have preferred the campaign have a higher level of discourse than a number of negative and deceitful attacks that went against me, but I'm really proud the voters looked beyond that," Matheson said.

Smith did not make a concession speech Tuesday night and would not comment on the results.

In Utah's 3rd District, Donald

Dunn, a 29-year-old former Clinton White House staffer, out-raised Cannon, but was unable to get much traction in the overwhelmingly conservative district.

With 96 percent of precincts in, Cannon, one of the House managers who led the impeachment of President Clinton, led Dunn, 60-36.

"I'm really excited," Cannon said. "If we can hold Florida we'll have a Republican president and sign into law the legislation ... assuring Social Security in the future and paying down the debt."

In the 1st District, Hansen, 68, already the longest-serving representative in Utah history, won an 11th term. With 94 percent of precincts reporting, Hansen beat attorney Kathleen McConkie Collinwood, 68-26.

But the race that was clearly the marquee matchup was Matheson-Smith.

Matheson, 40, is an energy consultant and the son of the late two-term Gov. Scott Matheson, Utah's last Democratic governor who made his political career on straight-talking pop-



Congressman-elect Jim Matheson

ulism.

The son revived his father's campaign slogan, "Matheson Makes Sense," and took similarly moderate positions — paying down the debt, eliminating the marriage tax, stabilizing Social Security and local education control.

Smith, 36, is an Internet entrepreneur who campaigned hard on his business credentials and the threat that a Democratic-led House could mean bigger government, higher taxes and federal control of education.

But Smith's business reputation came into question when it was reported that he broke state and federal laws five years ago by diverting money from his employee's 401(k) retirement accounts and failing to pay taxes.

Smith said he was trying to keep his company afloat and would do it again to save jobs.

He repaid the money, righted the company and now reports his net worth as high as \$26 million.

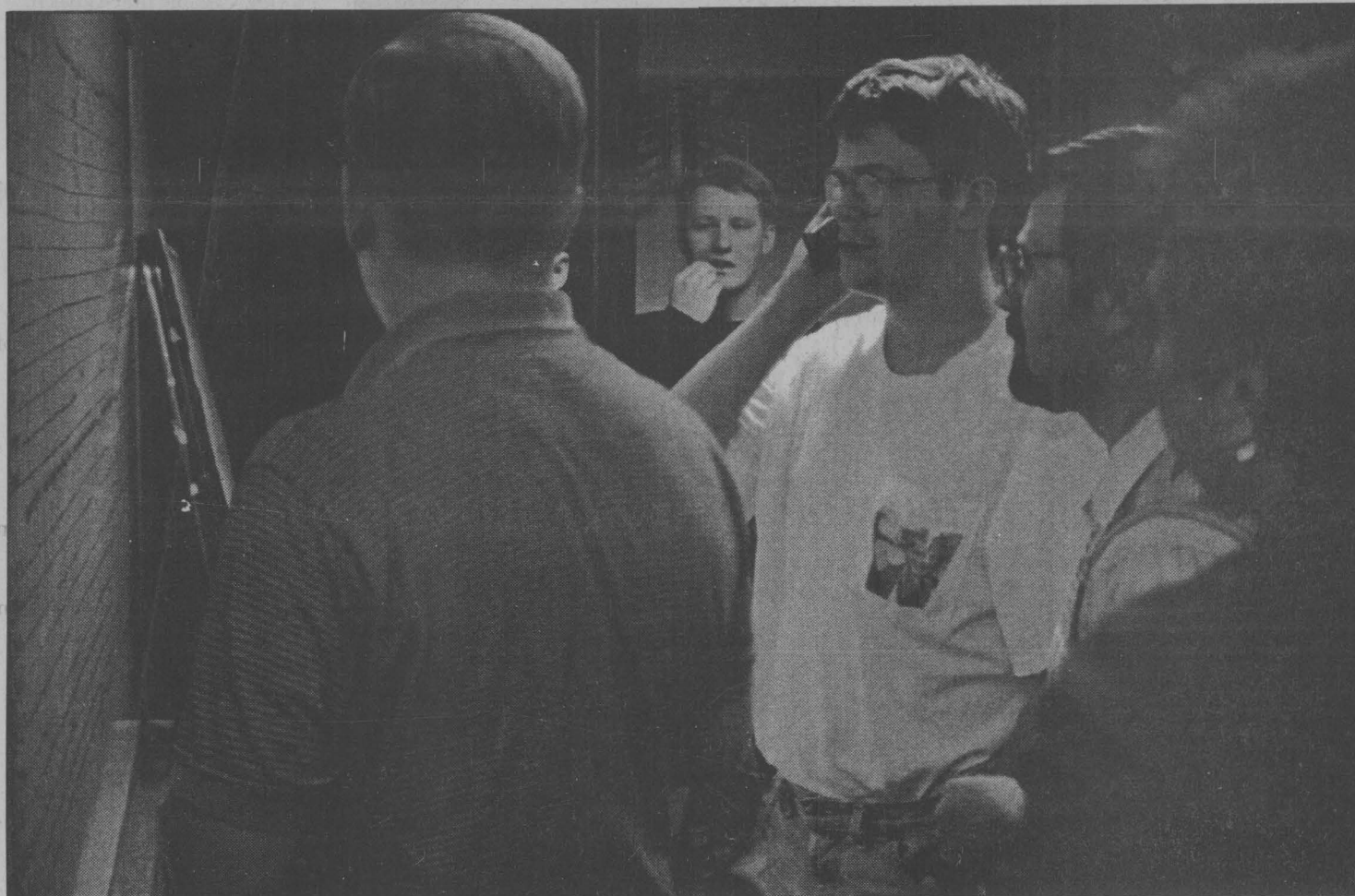
Smith upset incumbent Rep. Merrill Cook in a Republican primary.

Cook had been hurt by embarrassing reports of a volatile temper and erratic behavior.

More WORDS

"[Republican candidate Derek] Smith's negative campaigning was really obnoxious."

—Judy Petersen, Salt Lake City voter



PETER MULLIGAN calls out incoming poll numbers to Kim Allen at the Republican Party headquarters in Logan. Both the Republican and Democratic parties watched with anticipation as results from battleground states, especially the constantly flip-flopping state of Florida, made Tuesday's election the tightest in decades. /Zak Taylor photo

TELEVISION

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taken back its projection that Gore had won the state.

CBS quickly followed, then NBC.

"This night got even more complicated and tricky," CNN's Jeff Greenfield said.

An early sign of a tight race came during the network evening news.

Anchor usually can be counted on to drop subtle hints from exit poll results about how the night will unfold, but few were forthcoming.

Rather convened a panel of political experts and asked them to pick a winner at about 6:40 p.m. EST.

Linda DiVall picked Bush. Harrison Hickman guessed Gore.

Norm Ornstein, took a pass.

"I honestly don't know," he said.

All said and done, he was probably the most accurate in his guess.

As the night passed, guesses changed from the question of who would win to when the American public, the candidates, the analysts and any other interested party would know the results.

ABC's George Stephanopoulos, the former political operative for President Clinton, predicted legal challenges to vote counts would be brought in several states if the race stayed close.

Peter Jennings anchored ABC's coverage from a midtown Manhattan studio, alternating between the lights of Times Square blinking behind him and the lights from an electoral map.

On NBC, analyst Russert used a laser pointer to pick out states on a red, white and blue map.

Later, Russert discarded the pointer to scribble voting projections in pen on a white tablet.

CNN and Fox News Channel used a graphic borrowed from sporting events, displaying an electoral vote count as a scorecard on the corners of their screen.

MSNBC — the cable network started by Microsoft — was disarmingly low-tech: A production assistant, Kara Kaplan, filled in states on a map like a giant jigsaw puzzle.

Even as they faced the prospect of a sleepless night, political reporters were almost gleeful.

"This is Christmas Eve for us political junkies," MSNBC's Chris Matthews said before any polls closed.

The excitement political analysts felt — amid the stress and exhaustion — rivaled not only holidays but also other well-established American television standards.

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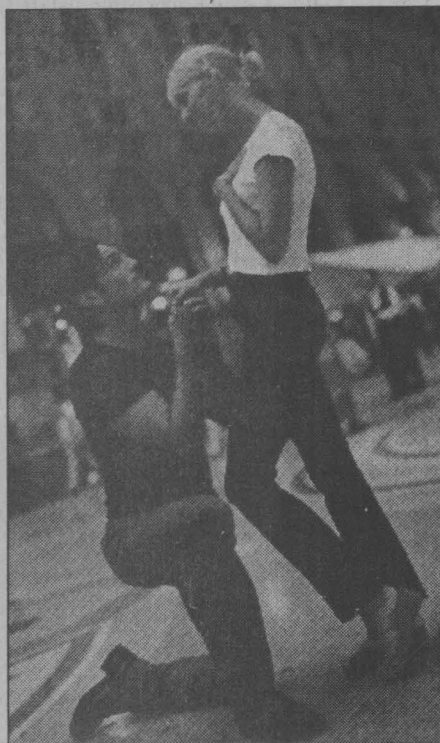
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Vigorous in volleyball

After making switch from soccer, Currier happy she became an Aggie

SHEREEN SAUREY
Senior Sports Writer

Sophomore outside hitter Rochelle Currier raises the level of intensity when she is on the court.

"I've always been known to influence the energy out on the court," Currier said.

The 6 foot Aliso Viejo, Calif., native is the only returning freshman on USU's women's volleyball team. Other sophomores on the team are Shauni Fluckiger, Emily Kennedy and Hailey MacKay, all of whom are transfers.

Originally a soccer athlete, Currier was bitten by the volleyball bug her freshman year of high school.

"Nobody in my family plays volleyball," she said. "All I have is brothers, so we are a baseball family."

Currier's mother suggested she become involved in volleyball in high school so Currier attended volleyball camp. Despite not being able to make it to tryouts, the high school coach contacted Currier and asked her to be on the team.

Two days after recruitment day at USU and one day prior to her high school volleyball playoffs her senior year, Currier tore her anterior cruciate ligament. Ginny Alexander, USU's head coach at the time, held Currier's scholarship. Currier said that after her injury, she began receiving even more calls from recruiters.

"The other schools realized I wasn't committed yet and [the coaches] know that a torn ACL isn't a career-ending injury anymore."

Currier recovered in time to participate in her club volleyball tournament in May of her senior year.

"It's great. I haven't had any problems with it. Just a little tendinitis," Currier said as she bent down to "knock on wood" on the gym floor.

Currier committed to become an Aggie the same day Alexander

announced her resignation. She admits she was apprehensive about the new coach, Tom Peterson, but quickly realized Peterson would lead the volleyball team to success.

"I always thought this program could get here," Currier said. "[Peterson] has turned this program around in one year, literally."

Currier chose USU for many reasons. She said Utah State exemplifies what she had in mind when she thought of what she wanted her college campus to be like. Currier also liked the idea of playing in the Big West Conference.

"It's a great conference," Currier said. "One of the best in the nation."

Playing in the Big West means facing such schools as the University of California at Santa Barbara, the University of California at Irvine and California State University at Fullerton.

"That was a big deal for me because I got to see my family when we played UC Irvine and UC Santa Barbara," she said.

Currier has been seeing more playing time this season. She has recorded 109 kills — one of only six team members to have more than 100 kills in the season so far. She has also contributed 111 digs this year alone. She said while her passing and defense has improved, she is focusing on upgrading her hitting.

"I want to be more consistent and be more of an impact hitter," she said.

Currier said she has thoroughly enjoyed the time she has spent so far on the USU team.

"It's been everything I've wished my volleyball career could be," she said.

She said she is looking forward to next year, when she will have the opportunity to be more of a team leader.

"I'm excited," she said. "It will be fun."



SOPHOMORE OUTSIDE HITTER ROCHELLE CURRIER elevates for a block in a game against Pacific on Nov. 2. Currier has 109 kills this year./Casey Hobson photo

Volleyball plays final three games

SHEREEN SAUREY
Senior Sports Writer

Utah State University's women's volleyball team is looking to finish its season with three straight victories, as the Aggies will travel to Idaho this weekend to face Idaho State University on Thursday and Boise State University on Saturday. USU will complete its season with a match at the University of Idaho Nov. 18.

ISU is currently 8-20 on the year, 4-12 in the Big Sky Conference. Senior middle blocker Amanda Berg leads the team with a .262 hitting percentage. No other team member is hitting more than .200 on the season. The Aggies are 16-26 against the Bengals. However, USU did defeat the Bengals earlier in the season.

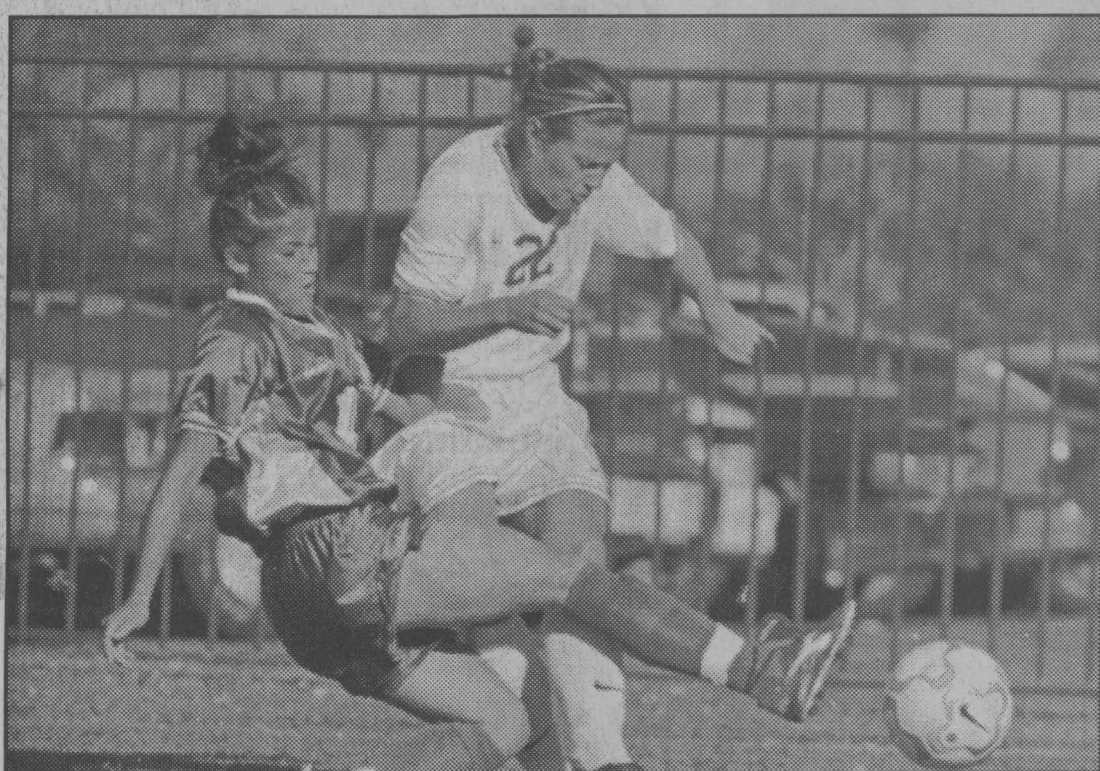
BSU is in eighth place in the Big West Conference. The Broncos have a 3-11 mark in league play. Although the Aggies are 4-15 all-time vs. BSU, USU has beaten the Broncos in their last three meetings.

Senior Amy Crosbie said it is necessary that the team finishes the season with victories. Crosbie noted that if it falls to any of the remaining schools, it will show that USU is not a good team, despite the Aggies' successful year so far.

Head coach Tom Peterson said he has faith in his team.

"If we can defeat these teams, I think we should get a good seed in the NCAA tournament."

USU SOCCER SEASONS IN REVIEW



AGGIE MICHELLE MURRI, a freshman from Bountiful, gets the ball knocked away after a slide tackle from a Weber State player on Oct. 3. USU was 5-12 on the season./Joe Rowley photo

Women's soccer closes out disappointing year

JULIE ANN GROSSHANS
Staff Writer

The Utah State University women's soccer team finished the 2000 season with a win against Boise State University, finishing with an overall season record of 5-12 (3-5 in Big West action). Despite coming out on top for their final game, the Aggies thought it was a frustrating season.

"It was probably one of the most challenging years," said head coach Stacey Enos. Enos said she feels that it was a good team but unfortunately they pulled it together a little too late.

"The last two home games [against Pacific and Long Beach State] were indicative of the team," Enos said.

The effort, heart, and a great combination of passes added up to two great games for the Aggies, according to Enos.

Even though the Aggies didn't have the best of season, they still had standout players.

Goalkeeper Michaela Hawes recorded three saves during the season, the most recent coming against the Broncos.

The only Aggie who was ranked in Big West standings for goals was senior Marnie Bartelson who averaged .25 goals a game. Bartelson was ranked eleventh in the BWC. She also finished the season averaging .56 points per game.

Freshman Ally Clegg was the only other Aggie who placed in Big West standings. Clegg finished the year fifth in assists averaging .25 a game.

"It was just a disappointing year," Enos said.

Despite the dismal record, there were some positives for USU this season. The team posted its most shutouts in a single season since the program's inauguration in 1996. USU shut out Nevada, Idaho, and Boise State behind the hands of senior goalkeeper Michaela Hawes.

As a team, the Aggies finished third in the USU record books for season goals with 22, assists at 13, points with 57 and goalkeeper

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Future looks bright for Utah State soccer club after a rebuilding year

JASON TURNER
Staff writer

With only five returning players from last year's A team and a bunch of new faces, the USU men's soccer team knew this season would probably be rebuilding year. The question was — how much would the team improve come the end of the season?

As a result of inexperience, the 2000 season featured many trying times in which the team was striving to establish itself and become familiar with each other's style of play. In contrast, in-state rival Weber State University had the luxury of having several players that have been together four or five years.

"Most of the guys met each other the first day of practice," said USU coach Kyle Jacobsen.

However, the future appears to be bright for USU as the majority of its players will be back next year, Jacobsen said.

"It will be a good core of players returning next year," he said.

Most importantly, he said, the Aggies were able to improve as a unit, and that can be a formidable task.

"When you have a new group of guys, one of the most difficult things to do is improve as a team," he said. "It's a lot easier to improve individually."

At the beginning of the season, the Aggies had difficulty avoiding defensive lapses. Other than goalies Paul Dowdy and Bryan Easterman, the defense was fairly unfamiliar with one another, thus communication was less fluid. Also, with the exception of the first game against Salt Lake Community College, USU struggled to find the back of

the net.

That would all change as USU started to find its niche, especially in the last tournament of the year in Colorado, Jacobsen said.

"Hopefully the finish of this year will reflect the first few games of next year," he said.

In the Colorado tourney, the Aggies started to come together, play as a team and play with a carefree attitude — and it showed, Jacobsen said.

After being shut out by the Air Force Academy and the University of Colorado during their first Colorado road trip,

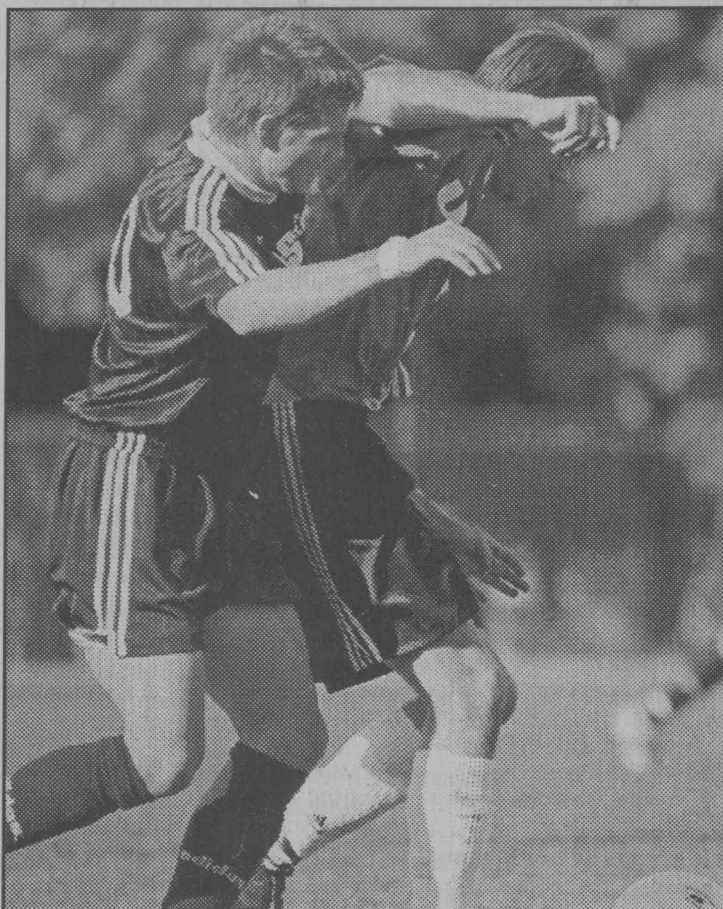
the Aggies were a different team. USU shut out Wyoming, 4-0, and was in position to defeat what Jacobsen called two talented Colorado State University squads.

Win or lose, the Aggies showed a strong work ethic, hustle and the drive to improve all year, he said. He said the losses were never a result of a lack of effort.

"Everybody recognized the fact that we were giving every-

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USU SENIOR NEAL OBRAY fights for possession against a Ute player in a game earlier in the season./Zak Larsen photo

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CENTERPIECE

Volleyball team prepares for playoffs

USU vying to become one of the host sites for the NCAA tourney

SHEREEN SAUREY
Senior Sports Writer

The NCAA women's volleyball tournament will be held Dec. 7-10 at various sites yet to be determined. The Final Four will culminate in Richmond, Va.

"We are bidding to be a site," said USU's head coach Tom Peterson. "That would be cool for us to have that chance."

Peterson said the list of qualifications to be chosen as a host school include: being a good team, being able to guarantee a certain amount of spectators because the NCAA takes a portion of the profits

made by attendance fees and location. The first two rounds are played at 16 sites, the next two rounds at four various sites and the final in Richmond.

Each of the approximately 30 conferences automatically sends its champion to the tourney. A committee then chooses the remaining schools based on season records, regional representation and other factors.

"It just depends on how much the committee likes you," Peterson said.

The 30 automatic bids, plus the chosen schools, adds up to a total of 64 teams. The tournament is a single elimination

competition.

"You just take the bracket down to the end," Peterson said. "If you win four matches, you win the championship."

Pacific, the defending Big West Conference champion, sits atop the BWC rankings, boasting a 12-1 record in league action. The Tigers have appeared in the Final Four five times — including last year — since the inception of women's volleyball into the NCAA in 1984. Long Beach State University, ranked No. 17 in the nation, is in fourth place in the Big West and has appeared in the Final Four for three consecutive years.

The University of California at Santa Barbara is in second place with a 10-2 mark in conference play. Although USU is one notch below UC Santa Barbara, their overall records are similar. The Aggies hold a 19-8 season record, while UC Santa Barbara has a 19-6 record.

Peterson said the No. 18 Aggies, despite dropping their two most recent matches to Pacific and Long Beach State, have a good chance of receiving a playoff berth. USU is currently in third place in the Big West Conference standings with two conference matches remaining.

Aggie SCOREBOARD

> BWC FOOTBALL

	Conf.	Overall
Utah State	4-0	5-4
Boise State	3-0	7-2
New Mexico State	1-2	3-6
Idaho	2-1	4-5
North Texas	0-3	2-7
Arkansas State	0-4	0-10
Rankings	BWC	NCAA
Total offense	4th	55th
Rushing offense	4th	70th
Passing offense	3rd	28th
Total defense	5th	104th
Rushing defense	4th	89th
Passing defense	4th	100th

	BWC	NCAA
Player Rankings		
Emmett White		
All-purpose	1st	1st
Rushing	1st	8th
Kickoff returns	3rd	13th
Scoring	1st	18th
Brad Bohn		
Field goals	1st	15th
Aaron Jones		
Receiving yards	2nd	27th

> BWC VOLLEYBALL

	Conference	Overall
	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Pacific	12 1 .923	20 3 .870
UCSB	10 2 .833	19 6 .760
Utah State	9 5 .643	19 8 .704
Long Beach St.	8 5 .615	17 7 .708
Cal Poly	7 5 .583	13 8 .619
Idaho	4 8 .333	13 10 .565
CS Fullerton	3 9 .250	8 16 .333
Boise State	3 11 .214	7 16 .304
UC Irvine	1 11 .083	7 15 .318

> BWC W. SOCCER

	Conference	Overall
	W L T Pts.	W L T
Cal Poly	6 2 0 18	11 6 1
UC Irvine	5 3 0 15	10 7 2
Idaho	4 2 2 14	11 6 2
Long Beach St.	4 2 2 14	7 8 3
UCSB	4 4 0 12	9 9 1
Pacific	3 4 1 10	8 8 2
CS Fullerton	3 5 0 9	8 12 0
Utah State	3 5 0 9	5 12 0
Boise State	1 6 1 4	4 11 2

> V-BALL POLL

	Pts.	Record
AVCA Top-25		
1. Nebraska (50)	1,490	23-0
2. Hawaii (10)	1,450	22-0
3. Arizona	1,366	21-2
4. Wisconsin	1,304	23-2
5. Colorado State	1,219	25-2
6. USC	1,170	19-2
7. UCLA	1,157	17-5
8. Minnesota	1,135	23-2
9. Florida	994	21-3
10. Pacific	917	20-3
11. Penn State	886	21-5
12. Pepperdine	837	20-4
13. Ohio State	794	21-3
14. BYU	744	18-6
15. UCSB	703	19-6
16. Santa Clara	604	21-3
17. Long Beach St.	534	17-7
18. Utah State	371	19-8
19. Utah	328	17-6
20. Stanford	321	14-10
21. Notre Dame	277	21-5
22. Loyola Marymount	266	17-7
23. Missouri	245	20-4
24. Texas A&M	126	15-6
25. Michigan State	60	14-9

	Pts.	Record
USA Today/ESPN		
1. Oklahoma	1,474	8-0
2. Miami (Fla.)	1,403	7-1
3. Florida State	1,352	9-1
4. Florida	1,272	8-1
5. Nebraska	1,265	8-1
6. Washington	1,139	8-1
7. Oregon	1,121	8-1
8. Virginia Tech	1,081	8-1
9. Purdue	935	7-2
10. Oregon State	886	8-1
11. Kansas State	807	8-2
12. Notre Dame	655	6-2
13. Georgia	634	6-2
14. Ohio State	604	7-2
15. Clemson	588	8-2
16. Mississippi State	579	6-2
17. Texas Christian	518	7-1
18. Northwestern	470	7-2
19. Texas	462	7-2
20. Colorado State	380	8-1
21. Michigan	312	6-3
22. Southern Miss	261	6-2
23. Auburn	252	7-2
24. Texas A&M	206	7-2
25. South Carolina	199	7-2



USU MIDFIELDER KATIE SEAMAN comes from behind to try to gain possession from a CS Fullerton player in a home game on Oct. 13. The Aggies were shut out that game, 3-0, on their way to a 3-5 record in the Big West Conference. /Zak Larsen photo

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thing we had," he said.

Some other shining moments during the season included:

- Forward Neal Obray's offensive explosion of six goals during a five-game stretch.

- After being shut out by Air Force and Colorado early in the season, the Aggies held Wyoming scoreless and nearly kept the Colorado State gold team and Colorado Mountain College without a goal towards the end of the year.

- Forwards Treagan White and James Barnard complementing Obray as a scoring threat toward the latter part of the season.

- After giving up a multitude of goals at the

beginning of the season, the defense limited Colorado State's green and gold teams and Wyoming to three goals in its last three games.

New faces were hardly the only changes from last year's squad. USU dropped its B team, but, according to Jacobsen, that wasn't necessarily a bad thing.

"The fact that we didn't even have that in the background helped out a lot," he said.

While it appears that a solid nucleus of players will return next year, Jacobsen will probably step down. He is set to graduate Spring Semester of 2001 and is looking to move on. As of right now, there haven't been any candidates named who might fill the vacancy, he said.

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saves at 97.

Senior Jayme Gordy, a Cheyenne, Wyo., native, leaves USU owning practically every title in the Utah State record books. She is the career record holder in goals (35), points (76), and shots (185) and ranks fourth on the career assists list (6). Gordy also holds four of the top five spots on the all-time season goal and shot lists, and owns three of the top five spots on the all-time season points list.

Counting Bartelson, Hawes and Gordy, USU will say goodbye to six seniors. Ashley Cracroft, Carrie Niederhauser and Heather Cox played their last game as Aggies against BSU.

Cracroft finished tied for fourth in the Big West in assists on the year. She is tied with three others as USU's all-time career-assists leader.

Niederhauser's career totals rank her fifth on both USU's career goal and point lists.

Cox was the only senior to start and play in every game since her arrival in Logan in 1997. Cox earned second-team all-BWC honors as a freshman and was an honorable mention her junior year.

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The Statesman asks 10

White rumbles to NCAA all-purpose yard record against New Mexico State

AARON MORTON
Sports Editor

Utah Statesman: What is the biggest media ever to interview you?
Emmett White: Probably Sports Illustrated. I talked to them that Sunday (after the game).
US: What did they talk to you about?
EW: Just really how it feels. How it felt, accomplishment-wise. How it actually happened. He asked if there was something different, really. [And] did I even maybe even think of doing something like that.
US: How many media representatives have talked to you this week?
EW: Eight to 10.

US: How many people do you usually talk to?
EW: Usual people, like the Statesman, Herald Journal and maybe, like, I don't even know.
US: Do you get a lot of other people calling you?
EW: Actually, yeah, most of the people that have called, I haven't talked to them in five, six months. They just called up all of the sudden.
US: Was that your best game ever?
EW: Yeah, I'm about positive.
US: What did it bump out?
EW: I think, a semifinal game of high school [with Ben Lomond High School]. College-wise, maybe the North Texas game.
US: How much credit does the offensive line deserve?

EW: Honestly, I feel they deserve 90 percent. If they don't block, then there is nothing there.
US: The offensive line has a dinner every Thursday or Friday. Have you ever been to that dinner?
EW: Yeah, I went [twice]. Actually, Thursday I went and ate with them.
US: Did that help [on Saturday]?
EW: That's a good question. I've been thinking about that. The wallet is wearing a little thin to keep going out to eat. That's something I've definitely got on my mind.
US: Did you vote?
EW: I didn't. Overall, my vote isn't going to matter, anyways. I'd vote, but I don't even know.

White IN MOTION

Emmett White
Junior
Running back,
Ogden, Utah.
(Ben Lomond)
5-foot-11
199 lbs.



Vs. New Mexico State

- racked up 578 all-purpose yards
- set USU single-game rushing record with 322 yards on the ground
- scored four touchdowns
- had a career-high 134 receiving yards on seven receptions
- became first Aggie player to record 100 yards rushing and 100 yards receiving in a single game

Frisbee clubs place 1st, 2nd in home tourney Saturday

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Assistant Sports Editor

The Utah State Ultimate Frisbee Club hosted what Aggie player Myke Bybee called a "college warm-up tournament" over the weekend at the HPER Field. The University of Utah, Brigham Young University, Idaho State University and Boise State University all participated with the Aggies in the tourney.

BYU was the men's champion and USU took the women's honors in the tourney. Only two other schools in the tourney fielded women's teams — ISU and BYU. "It was small, but very spirited and friendly," said women's player Sarah Lundstrum of the competition. The Aggie women defeated BYU, 13-4, then beat ISU, 13-4. They defeated the Bengal women again in the championship game, 13-5.

"We showed a ton of spirit and potential," Lundstrum said of her women's team. "The rivalry that has gone on so long with the USU/ISU men has transferred itself to the USU/ISU women." On the men's side, USU beat Utah 11-3, ISU, 9-8 and BSU 11-5, but fell to BYU by a score of 11-5. The Aggies lost to the Cougars once more in the championship game, 11-7.

The season doesn't start until January, but Bybee said each team had a lot of fun at the tourney. Bybee was impressed with how well the first-year players performed. "Our team is showing a lot of promise this year with the returning players plus a few new ones," Lundstrum said. USU will travel to Tempe, Ariz., in two weeks to play in a tournament against Arizona and Colorado schools.

Tennis team working out kinks before the spring season

AARON MORTON
Sports Editor

As the tennis team tries to claw its way into the top of the Big West Conference, the Aggies have had a decent fall season, trying to prepare for the more important spring season. "It's been a pretty good fall," said men's and women's head coach Christian Wright. After finishing in the middle of the pack of the conference last season in the spring, USU is working out the kinks in the preseason fall. Although the records haven't been that impressive (16-37 in women's singles, 4-10 in doubles, 20-30 in men's singles, 2-10 in doubles), Wright has been encouraged by the results.

The most impressive performance in the fall season was Andy Madersbacher reaching the fourth round of the Region Rolex 7 Tournament in Las Vegas, Nev. Madersbacher, from Austria, won three matches, including the 15th seed. He was eliminated from the 128-player tournament only after losing a close match to the No. 2 seed. "He had a good fall," Wright said. "He's hitting the ball well." With only a few more weeks of practice left in the Sports Academy, the team is still hammering out some details like doubles teams by playing challenge matches. The men's team has eight play-

ers while the women's team has 10 players. Each team must have six singles players and three double teams. Wright said about half the doubles teams have been decided. Sarah Lowe will be the No. 1 player on the women's team, but is being pushed by several other players. Madersbacher will be No. 1 on the men's side. The new players are performing well. "They fit in nice with the team," he said. Wright said the team could improve on is to not be over aggressive on their shots. "It's like they are taking a 3-pointer on a fast break," Wright said.

Tiger speaks out against PGA tour affairs

TRUMBULL, Ct. (AP) — Tiger Woods lashed out at the PGA Tour for taking advantage of him, saying in a magazine interview that his frustration is serious enough that it "could escalate into a bigger situation."

In an interview with Golf World magazine, Woods said commissioner Tim Finchem speaks to him only when he wants the No. 1 player in the world to play in a certain tournament.

Woods also said he didn't like how the tour was using his image for its own marketing and promotional purposes. "I believe what I believe in," Woods said. "I understand the whole picture. What amazes me is how much the public doesn't understand."

When asked the seriousness of his conflict with the tour, Woods said, "Serious enough that if we don't make everyone aware of it now, it could escalate into a bigger situation."

Tour spokesman Bob Combs said Finchem does not discuss player relationships with the media, but added that the commissioner and Woods have a "solid relationship."

"I'm confused by these

implications," Combs said. "At every tournament, Tim has been very public and very clear about the excitement Tiger has injected into professional golf."

Asked to characterize his relationship with Finchem, Woods said a dialogue barely exists.

"The only time he talks to me is when he wants me to do something for him," Woods said. "To play in this tournament or that tournament. It's not like he comes up to me and asks me how I'm doing."

The magazine said Woods' relationship began to sour last year when the tour refused to let his father follow the "Showdown at Sherwood" against David Duval in a golf cart.

Since then, he has become perhaps the biggest celebrity in sports. Woods already has won nine tournaments, including the last three majors, and became the youngest player to complete the Grand Slam.

Along with more than \$20 million in tour earnings in just over four years, he renewed his contract with Nike that will pay him \$100 million over five years, believed to be the

richest endorsement by an athlete.

Golf World reported last month that Woods will make about \$54 million a year in endorsements, and he is protective of his sponsors.

One issue that Woods' camp says is becoming a problem involves the use of his image for advertising purposes, particularly when companies have no relationship with Woods.

Woods last week won the "Fall Finish" bonus program sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers, which would like to promote its involvement and Woods' success. But Woods has a contract with American Express, a competitor in the money-management field.

"Those are the types of things that drive us absolutely crazy," said Mark Steinberg, Woods' agent at IMG. "Something like that is an implied endorsement. That's an infringement on Tiger's rights."

Tour regulations allow for the use of player images in such advertisements. As a tour member, Woods has agreed to those conditions.

Battier, Murphy lead preseason All-America poll

JIM O'CONNELL
Associated Press

Shane Battier, a defensive star with an impressive all-around game, and Troy Murphy, the first player to lead the Big East in scoring and rebounding, were the leading vote-getters Tuesday for The Associated Press' preseason All-America team.

Battier, who enters his senior season at Duke, was one vote short of being a unanimous selection by the 72-member national media panel, while Murphy, who will be a junior at Notre Dame, was on 62 ballots.

Joining the forwards on the preseason team were Arizona senior center Loren Woods, who got 46 votes, and senior guard Jamaal Tinsley of Iowa State and sophomore guard Joseph Forte of North Carolina, who both had 39 votes.

Maryland senior forward Terence Morris was sixth with 19 votes.

Battier averaged 17.4 points and 5.6 rebounds last season.

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Hillary's hard work won Senate seat

More INSIGHT
Marie Cocco, *Newsday*

It was never hard to tell how the New York Senate race would turn out.

Nothing about the historic nature of a candidacy by a sitting first lady of the United States was going to make it different.

Nothing about the flaming intensity of emotion Hillary Rodham Clinton evokes would change things much.

The race, I would tell friends and colleagues from afar, would follow the iron rules of New York politics: It would be down and dirty. And it would be lost by who ever turned out to make the worst mistake.

So there were no surprises Tuesday night, right?

Well, not exactly.

The surprise is that the highest-profile Senate race in the country was won not by the more vicious candidate, but by the harder working one. Not by the candidate with the hottest political consultants, but by the one who put so much faith in old-fashioned shoe leather that she would turn up in tiny counties that are accustomed to seeing major political figures only on TV.

The race was won not by the candidate who looked at how negatively voters viewed his opponent — and tried to make them despise her even more. It was won by the candidate who looked at her own negative ratings and did everything she conceivably could to overcome them. And what would be done about all the objections — that she was a carpetbagger, an “ultra-liberal,” an ethical

agnostic (at best), an ambitious shrew?

Grind them to dust, her advisers told Hillary Rodham Clinton. And she did. Clinton bored the media with her droning speeches, moving from talk of the economy to Social Security to health care to child care to mass transit to school bonds as if she were delivering one of her husband's trademark State of the Union speeches.

She tended, with calculated devotion, to her base of support in New York City's minority communities. She never missed a parade and never failed to show up on Sunday mornings at black churches in the toughest neighborhoods to show she was there with the people who had stood so long by her and her husband — and, she promised, she would stick with them no matter what.



Voting process a cause of apathy

Apathy among college students and Americans in general concerning politics has almost become cliché. Voters, especially young voters, are staying away from the polls in droves.

It's no wonder considering the parade

that has become the presidential race.

How accurate is the voting process?

Early this morning it was still unclear who the victor of the presidential race will be. With a recount in Florida and confusion among television stations, it became startlingly evident that our voting system is outdated. Tom Brokaw quibbled on live television that we can buy gas and check out library books with the swipe of a card. Why can't we apply all our technology to the voting process?

In Florida counters were digging through boxes, trying to sort out what had been counted and what hadn't. It's ridiculous. We're the most powerful nation in the world and we can't keep a vote straight.

Television, media could alter vote.

Polling and projecting votes is detrimental to the voting system. What is projected on television could easily sway a voter to either not vote at all or vote differently. The media should stay out of it, let the results come in completely and

avoid making snap decisions like they did Tuesday.

Is the Electoral College still relevant?

The president of the United States is selected based on

electoral votes, not popular votes. The Electoral College,

created as a compromise between advocates for strict popular elections and advocates for strict Congressional selection, actually determines the outcome. A candidate must secure 270 of the 538 electoral votes in order to win. These votes are determined by the states' popular votes. In every state but Maine and Nebraska, the candidate who wins the majority of the state's popular votes obtains all the state's electoral votes. Because of this, it is possible for a candidate to win the popular vote, but lose the electoral vote and the presidency.

Technology today should allow votes to be accurately tallied in a timely manner. There is no reason Americans should be second-guessed. Why should Americans vote, especially in states like Utah where the Republican candidate is guaranteed to win? If popular votes were tallied and determined the outcome, people nationwide would be infinitely more interested in voting because every person's vote would be equally important.

Emert and Pugmire: Two of the best politicians

More COMMENT
Kade Minchey



Well, the election is over! If my prediction was right, then George W. Bush is our next president. Now that the election is over I would like to start focusing on other political issues that affect Utah State University.

The type of politics I am referring to takes on this definition. Politics is the totality of interrelationships in a particular area of life involving power, authority or influence, and capable of manipulation.

This definition of politics is relevant in showing how President George H. Emert and Athletic Director Rance Pugmire used politics as a means of power and authority to win back the dignity of the Utah State University football

team.

Our football team is one win away from attending the Humanitarian Bowl.

How many people believed that we would be in this position two months ago? Perhaps Coach Dennehy, President Emert, Rance Pugmire and the football team, but I dare say no one else.

So, what politics took place in order for this amazing turnaround to happen? Well, first Emert and Pugmire deserve credit for making a proactive decision.

Last year I wrote an article stating what I believed to be the only cure to the problem: Fire coach Arslanian. Nov. 3, 1999, I wrote, “Changes must be made. President Emert must decide where he wants to take Aggie fans in the new millennium. He must be more proactive.”

The Big West Conference is falling apart in football. What is Emert going to do? I recommend he does everything he can to put us in a position of prominence.”

Well, Emert answered the call. He fired Dave Arslanian and hired Mick Dennehy, and now look at us.

We are one opponent away

from a bowl game. Even more we are the only Utah school with a chance of going to a bowl game, and if we were to play BYU and the U of U today neither school would stand a chance.

I believe that Emert and

Pugmire made the right decision, and while they were criticized for their vision, I think very few people would be critical of that vision today. They used their political power and authority to the fullest extent and everyone who is an Aggie fan should thank them for it.

Of course Dennehy deserves credit. He has done a tremendous job as the head football coach here. He has motivated his players and added to the class of the Utah State University Athletics department.

As I am writing this article Emmett White and many other football players are in the com-

puter lab studying and writing papers the day after their win. That illustrates a truly great commitment by players and coaches.

I congratulate Emert, Pugmire, Dennehy and all the football players and coaches

for standing tall when the odds were against them. Emert we will miss your example of effective political power. You made the tough decisions when you had to. I hope the next president will follow in your footsteps

and use his/her political power and authority by making sure the football team has a conference to play in two years from now.

I look forward to watching Aggie football in December.

Kade Minchey's columns appear every other Wednesday in the Statesman. Comments may be e-mailed to kade45@hotmail.com

More WORDS

“... Emert and Pugmire made the right decision ... I think very few people would be critical of that vision today...”

Public FORUM

Letters to the Editor

Letter demonstrated lack of vocabulary

Dear Editor,

I was very disappointed with Mr. Harper's letter to the editor. I am very disappointed that you, the *Statesman*, published such filth. I am disappointed with Mr. Harper's show of a lack of education and vocabulary. At a university I would expect that students would have the education necessary to find and use more

appropriate language. The *Statesman* should be a place where students can go to learn and become better people, but with this recent issue I was appalled with the corrosion that you are spreading. You do have the freedom to say what you want, but I also have the freedom to give my opinion on what you say.

John Mulholland

Wheelchair doesn't equal doomed future

Dear Editor,

I have written this letter to the editor in response to the article on Monday, Nov. 6 titled “Horses help disabled — both mentally and physically,” by Heather Strasburg. I really enjoyed reading about the positive aspects therapeutic riding has on people with disabilities.

I am also grateful for the author to touch on this subject because I am very interested about this field.

However, I disagree, and was disturbed by the comments made in the first and third paragraphs. Strasburg

stated the future of Matthew, the boy in the article, as having a, “future that seemed to include a wheelchair and little else.” And that, “he was headed for a life in a wheelchair.” This sentence is structured as if to say life in a wheelchair is a horrible thing!

My brother has spastic cerebral palsy just as Matthew does in her article, and my brother was also involved in therapeutic horseback riding when he was younger.

He has led his life in a wheelchair and has succeeded past the social confine-

ments of his chair to succeed greatly. He is 25, a graduate of the University of California Berkeley, and is now working on his master's degree at the University of Washington.

He is a member of the International Student Correlation in Seattle and hopes to have a future in international relations. He is also a student teacher of Sociology 101.

He has been river rafting, downhill skiing, camping and more. He has traveled to England, South Korea, Costa Rica and most states in America. Needless to say, his future includes more than just

“a wheelchair and little else.” I enjoyed Strasburg's article on therapeutic riding and thank her for diving into this beneficial subject.

But to say that someone in a wheelchair has a limited future is an unrealistic and unsympathetic generalization. Stating life in a wheelchair is a dead-ended future is inaccurate and insensitive. I am writing this letter in hopes to educate people and help them understand that having a disability does not necessarily mean having limitations.

Aimee Riggle

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Britain, Italy suffer more flooding

IAN PHILLIPS
Associated Press

LONDON — Relentless rains, already blamed for 19 deaths across Europe, triggered further flooding in Britain and landslides in northern Italy on Tuesday with no end to the bad weather in sight, officials said.

Britain, where 12 people have died since storms first struck last week, continued to bear the brunt of the rains, with 43 severe flood warnings of "imminent danger" to life and property in effect on 29 rivers. Thousands fled their homes. In northern Italy, scores of people evacuated their homes as storms triggered floods and landslides.

Three people, including an elderly man who drowned in his home, died Monday in Liguria, the area around Genoa hit hard by recent bad weather. Three others have died in France, and one in Ireland. In Italy's center-southern Abruzzo region, a man was missing after his fishing boat went down in a storm off the coast of Vasto in the Adriatic Sea. Off the Tuscan coast, a merchant mariner from Cape Verde also was lost in rough weather. The driving rain was forecast to continue across much of Europe this week.

The worst-hit areas Tuesday were northeast England and eastern Scotland, where several main roads were cut off. Officials said more than 5,000 properties have been flooded nationwide. More than 2,000 people were being evacuated from their homes in Yorkshire, northern England, Tuesday evening. The chairman of Britain's Environment Agency warned that the nation was "still in the thick of a crisis," and that the situation may not improve before next week. The agency's chief executive, Ed Gallagher, said that some flood victims may not be able to return to their homes for up to nine months because of polluted water seeping into wells. The government will make 3,000 vacant Ministry of Defense homes available to displaced flood victims, Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott announced late Tuesday. Police and army officers woke scores of homeowners overnight in two North Yorkshire villages in northern England, urging them to leave as the River Aire threatened to burst its banks.

Norwegian divers complete Kursk salvage operation

DAVID MCHUGH
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian and Norwegian divers cast a wreath Tuesday on the arctic waters above the sunken nuclear submarine Kursk and gave up their effort to recover more bodies from the vessel, saying they had done all they could.

The remains of only 12 of the 118 crewmen who died in the Aug. 12 disaster were brought to the surface and identified during the risky 18-day operation in the Barents Sea off Russia's northern coast. But navy officials had cautioned that most bodies would not be recovered.

The explosions that sank the Kursk likely blew many of the crew to bits, and hurled heavy equipment and machinery around the shattered vessel's compartments, making it impossible for divers to safely reach parts of the sub.

Northern Fleet spokesman Vladimir Navrotsky said the decision to end the operation was made after a conference between Russian and Norwegian officials supervising the work. The divers assembled on the mother ship Regalia for a short ceremony before the vessel headed for home in Norway.

"In their short speeches, the divers said they had done everything possible for the Kursk, and more," Navrotsky said.

The divers had worked for the past two days to remove jagged debris from the upper deck of the submarine's fourth compartment, yet could only move 6 feet along a single passageway, and no remains were found. The divers then welded shut the hole they had cut in the section.

Divers decided not to search for remains in the fifth compartment because any bodies were likely to be located on a lower level, which could only be reached through a hatch too small for the divers' bulky suits, Navrotsky said.

All the bodies were recovered from a rear compartment, farther from the bow where the explosions are believed to have occurred.

Navrotsky said the Russian cruiser Peter the Great and a Russian ship checking for possible radiation leaks stayed at the site. The Russian divers will remain aboard the Regalia for several more days to complete decompression necessary after deep diving, he said.

Navrotsky and officials from the Norwegian arm of

Halliburton, a Dallas-based oil-services company hired by Russia to organize the recovery effort, said the operation had been a success.

"We did what we set out to do," Halliburton spokesman Birger Haraldseid said. "We did something no one else has done, by cutting a hole in a submarine at the bottom of the ocean."

After attempts to find more bodies failed, divers went back down to the submarine Tuesday to inspect the hull in preparation for a possible operation to raise the entire vessel next year, Navrotsky said.

The divers worked in shifts around the clock more than 300 feet below the surface, with occasional pauses because of harsh weather.

At least 23 sailors survived the initial explosion in the rear of the vessel, as indicated by a letter found on the body of Lt. Dmitry Kolesnikov.

The cause of the Kursk's sinking remains unknown. Russian officials favor a theory that a collision with a foreign submarine set off the powerful blasts. Others have said the most likely reason was a torpedo exploding in its tube because of a technical malfunction.

Using human waste on industrial crops causes stir in southern California

KILEY RUSSELL
Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — If it weren't for the constant shipments of human waste from Southern California's cities, Kern County farmer Shaen Magen says his farm would dry up and blow away. Magen grows barley, wheat and milo for animal feed on 7,000 acres he describes as "highly alkaline and really very marginal" — so marginal, in fact, that without regular truckloads of treated sewer sludge to be used as fertilizer, the land would be useless, he said.

Magen is paid roughly \$25 a ton to dump the sludge on his land.

"The only reason we survive here is that we get a fee for removing the sludge and incorporating it on our farm. We also make our money out of the crop we grow because we get it subsidized by free fertilizer," Magen said. The growing use of urban sewage as fertilizer on industrial farms, however, is unpopular in the San Joaquin Valley. Over the past two years, several county governments have waged legal and political battles against a few local farmers and Southern California sanitation districts over where and how the stuff is used. Kern, Fresno, Tulare and Kings counties have all either enacted or are drafting ordinances intended to ban the practice or tighten regulations. The counties, which account for roughly a third of the

state's \$28.4 billion annual agricultural output, fear a consumer backlash if word gets out that effluent from Southern California is being used to grow their crops.

"Folks are concerned that the perception would be that Kern County crops (intended for humans) were poisoned with sewage sludge. We know that isn't true, but that is the concern people have," said David Price, who as chief of the Kern County Resource Management Agency helped draft the new rules. Since 1994, federal and state regulations have allowed the use of sludge, also called biosolids, to grow animal feed or fiber crops, such as alfalfa or cotton. Regulations govern how often and how much sludge can be used, to what extent it can be contaminated with heavy metals and other industrial waste, and what levels of pathogens are acceptable. The sludge is filtered from urban sewers and siphoned into vats where it's cooked to kill most of the viruses and bacteria. The result is a thick black muckish sludge that's loaded into trucks and driven to composting sites, landfills or Central Valley farms. In an effort to fight the "sewage farm" perception, Kern County enacted an ordinance to ban all but the most highly treated, cleanest sludge by 2003. Any sludge used in the county after that will have to be composted with so-called green waste such as tree trimmings or lawn clippings. But

composting adds costs and reduces the sludge's usefulness as a soil treatment or fertilizer.

To protect their sludge program, Orange and Los Angeles counties, the city of Los Angeles, the California Association of Sanitation Agencies and a handful of farmers who dump the sludge sued Kern County.

"We don't like being in fights with other county agencies. We only did it as a last resort," said Bob Horvath, chief of technical service at Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 2. "It's a difficult situation if one county after another wants to set up a whole new set of rules or adopt bans."

In response, Kern County and a group of farmers filed a countersuit claiming the county should have the right to make its own land-use decisions without undue influence by outside agencies or governments.

"There's a number of scientists who don't believe it's safe, who don't believe the current rules are adequate to protect the land, water or air," said Jeff Green, a lawyer for the organically operated Grimway Farms, one of the nation's largest carrot growers and a plaintiff in the countersuit. Some of the remaining sludge is sent to farmland in Kings County, some is composted and sold to the home gardening crowd and some is simply buried in landfill sites around the state.

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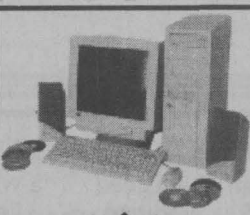
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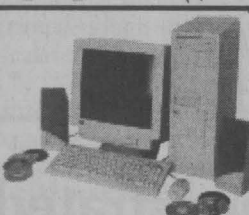


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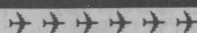
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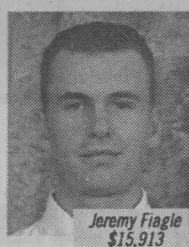


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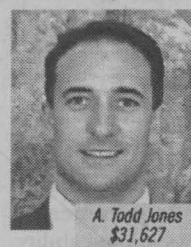
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Jared Glazier
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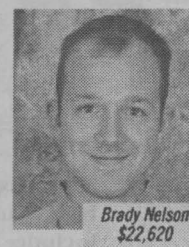
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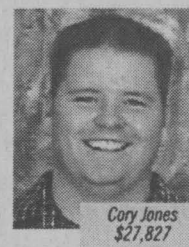
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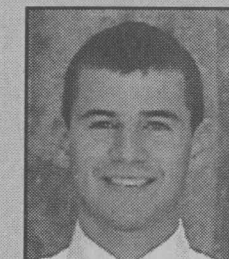
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Thursday, November 9
●ASUSU Convocations
Gerald Coffee, 1:30 p.m.
TSC Ballroom
●Budgeting Bazaar,
International Lounge
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●"Myths and Realities
About Urban Sprawl"
Randal O'Toole, 7:30 p.m.
ECC, Room 201.
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Gerald Coffee, Nov. 9,
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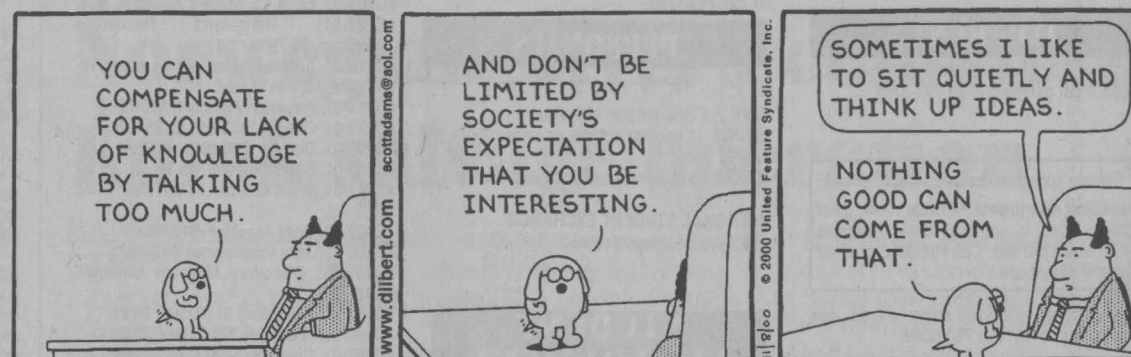
Friday, November 10
●USU Basketball vs So.
Cal. All-stars exhibition,
Spectrum, 7:05 p.m.

F.Y.I.

- Early registration open now through Nov. 10
- The 4-H Club will be doing a service project to benefit the Cache County Employment Center Nov. 8. We will be meeting in front of the University Inn at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!
- Save our National Forests! Ecological Coalition of Students movie/presentation Nov. 8, 7 p.m., TSC Auditorium. jim.steitz@usu.edu
- Ombudsman Day, Nov. 8, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. "Slice for Advice" Give us your complaints about USU and receive a coupon for FREE slice of Hazel's bread! Catch the Ombudsman and define the ombudsman and you could win an om"bud"smen for a day! Table TSC
- USU Chemistry and Biochemistry, seminar, Marty Kirk, New Mexico, "A Molecular Level Description of Electron and Atom Transfer in Pyranopterin Molybdenum Enzymes." Nov. 8, 4 p.m., Widtsoe, Room 007. Information, 797-1619.
- UMLSA activity Nov. 9, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., TSC Sunburst Lounge. Anyone interested in working with young adults is invited. Bring a young adult book to share. Refreshments!
- USU Dept. of Chemistry and Biochemistry seminar, "London, Slater and the emergence of Quantum Chemistry" Professor Jan Linderberg, Aarhus

- Universitet Denmark, Nov. 10, 4 p.m. Widtsoe, Room 007. Refreshments 3:30 p.m.
- USU Music Department, "Sounds of the Stadium," USU Aggie Marching Band Concert. Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., Kent Concert Hall, FAC. General admission, \$3; USU and public school students with current ID, free. Info, 797-3000.
- "The World War II Generation: A United Front," Interactive Video Seminar. Nov. 14, 4 to 5:30 p.m. ECC Auditorium. USU Faculty member Michael Sweeney will be one of the featured panelists.
- Cheering Fans Needed. USU is hosting a Special Olympics Invitational, Nov. 18, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. There are aquatic and basketball events as well as a victory party and opening ceremonies. We need people to come and cheer on the athletes.
- ASUSU presents **CAMPUS INVASION** (a benefit for Bridgerland Community Ice Arena). Live bands: Headline, Clovis & Felix, Sandkicker. Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m. Field House. \$3 w/student ID.
- KIRKSVILLE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE: Nicole McGovern. Nov. 13 12:30 to 2 p.m. BNR, Room 202A.
- DEMOINE UNIVERSITY OF PODIATRY: Mary Clifford. Nov. 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. BNR, Room 202A.
- LIFE WEST CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE: Don Clum will speak Nov. 15, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. BNR, Room 315.
- Habitat For Humanity Benefit Concert. HooRayWho, Froglick, Low Profile, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m. \$3 or \$2 w/can of food. Free pizza donated by "5 Buck Pizza."
- USU Symphonic Band, first meeting Nov. 14, 3 to 4:30 p.m., FAC, Room 104.

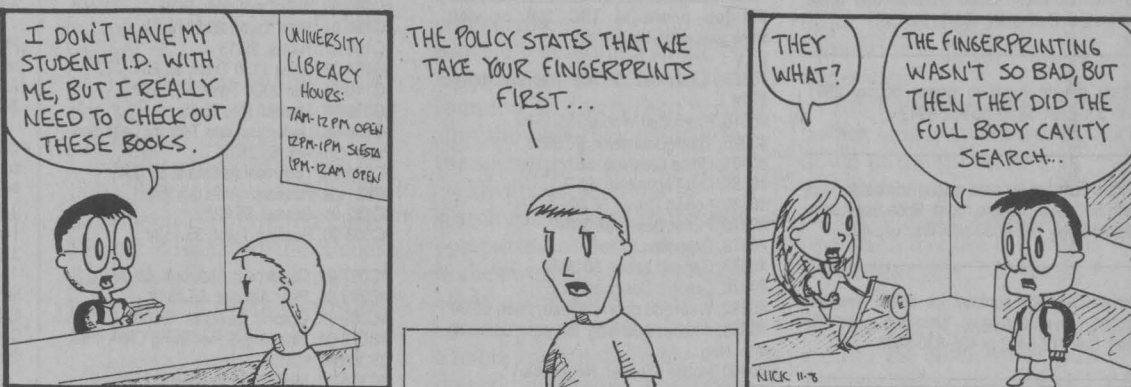
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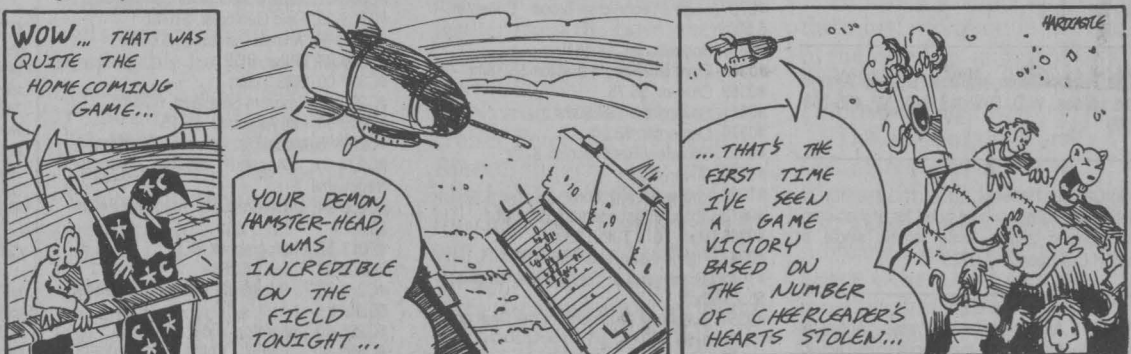
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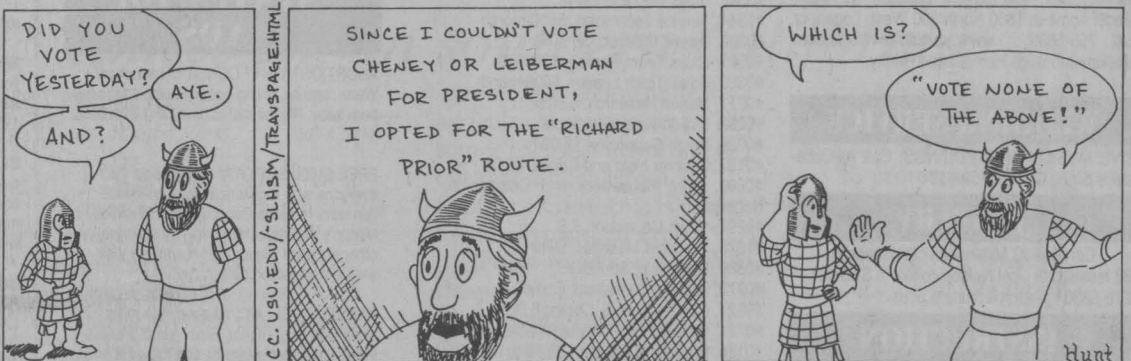
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