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Today INSIDE

SPORTS

The USU basketball team opens season in Fairbanks, Alaska, Friday to battle for a preseason tournament title.

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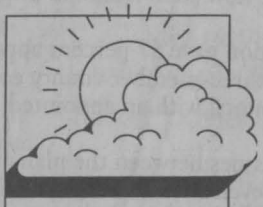
The USU opera workshop teaches students the ins and outs of opera. In upcoming performances, students will show off what they have learned.

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On Nov. 17, 1839, Italy's Giuseppe Verdi, composer of such classic operas as "Aida," "Rigoletto," "Il Trovatore," "Falstaff" and "La Traviata," debuted his first opera, *Oberto*. In 1987, Milan paid tribute him with a centenary performance of his "Otello" at Teatro La Scala, where he had first learned his craft. In 1995 Bettino Craxi, who served as Italy's first Socialist prime minister from 1983 to 1987, was indicted on corruption charges along with 74 others, many of them government officials.

WEATHER



Today and Saturday will be partly cloudy with highs in the mid-30s and lows in the mid 10s. Sunday will also be partly cloudy with highs in the low 40s and a low of 15 degrees.

AGGIE NEWS NUGGETS

Six Aggie gymnasts were recognized as scholastic All-Americans for the 1999-2000 year, bringing the gymnastics team all-time Academic All-American total to 44 and marking the third time in school history that the team has had six All-Americans in one year.



Students get a taste of poverty, wealth

JESSICA WHATCOTT
Staff Writer

Students Together Ending Poverty (STEP) held its first Ox Fam Hunger Banquet Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. in the Taggart Student Center Ballroom, with the intention of educating students about global hunger and poverty issues.

"No one can choose the circumstances into which they are born," STEP members read from an Ox Fam script. "This banquet is a metaphor for how resources are inequitably distributed in the world."

Student participants paid \$1 in order to receive their "fate," and were directed to sit in a high-, middle- or low-income section.

STEP volunteers described several scenarios that could happen on a daily basis across the globe. In one situation, 3 middle-class people were forced to move to the low class because the factory that they "worked" for closed and set up

in a different country.

Those in the high-income section represented the 15 percent of the world population in Western Europe and countries like the United States, that have a \$9,400 yearly per capita income, and access to the best health care and education. These students were fed a meal that included turkey, salad, mashed potatoes, rolls and juice.

Middle-income people represented the 30 percent of the world with per capita income between \$765 and \$9400, who, despite working "back-breaking labor," can't get ahead. They were offered a buffet of potatoes, rolls and vegetables.

The rest of the banquet attendees represented the majority of the world population that lives in poor countries, like Ethiopia and Bangladesh. These people live on less than \$765 a year. Those students

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NADIA GUERRA FILLS HER PLATE during Thursday night's Hunger Banquet. The table represented the food that the top 15 percent of the world's population is fortunate enough to eat. A few of the people who represented the world's poorest population snuck a few pieces of meat from the upperclass table./Zak Larsen photo

Still searching for a pres.

Recounts, courts and law suits continue to make election process interesting

RON FOURNIER

Associated Press Writer

Al Gore won his fight Thursday to expand manual recounts in Florida, even as advisers said he likely won't overtake George W. Bush's 300-vote lead before the Republican secretary of state certifies their marathon White House race Saturday. GOP lawyers asked courts to stop the counting and "the disintegration" of America's presidential election system.

The vice president and his team aggressively defended the hand recounts in Democratic-leaning counties, laying the groundwork for Gore's case to continue the vote-counting if he fails to pull ahead of the Texas governor before the secretary of state's deadline.

"The choice really is whether the voters are going to decide this election by having every vote count or whether that process is going to be short-circuited without all the votes being examined," Gore said in a radio inter-

view.

The Florida Supreme Court later handed Gore a modest victory, authorizing officials in Palm Beach and Broward counties to recount ballots by hand. The effort, which officials said will take about six days, had been stalled on order of Secretary of State Katherine Harris.

The ruling did not say whether any votes found in the recounts can be added to Gore's totals — the heart of a legal clash that has thrust the presidential campaign into limbo. The justices are all Democratic appointees.

Within minutes, Palm Beach election officials decided to start recounting Thursday night. After two full days of counting in 86 of 609 precincts, Gore had gained 21 votes in Broward County on the state's southeast coast.

"The Florida Supreme Court has spoken, the counts can continue," said Gore chairman William Daley.

Bush supports the secretary of state's weekend deadline and wants a declaration of a Florida winner after the last

overseas absentee ballots are due Friday at midnight.

"Once these votes are counted, we will know the final result of Florida's election and the nation's election," Bush campaign chairman Don Evans said. "Win or lose, this election will be over."

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who thus far has been unable to deliver the state for his brother, agreed: "Saturday morning we'll know who won the state," he said.

Democrats begged to differ. Gore's attorneys asked a state judge in Tallahassee to have hand recounts rolled into the election totals, even if the vote-counting isn't finished by Friday night. They argued that Harris, a Bush supporter, acted arbitrarily when she refused to update vote totals with the results of manual recounts after a Tuesday deadline.

Bush looked to a federal appeals court in Atlanta to shut down the canvassing altogether, calling manual recounts inaccurate and prone to political mischief. Both sides said the case

could be headed to U.S. Supreme Court.

"Eight days after Florida's presidential vote, the entire nation is witnessing the disintegration of a process that was designed to elect America's president," reads the Bush brief in the federal appeal. "The Florida manual recount process is being used to eliminate any possibility of an orderly, rational and final end to the election."

The federal court also agreed to consider a related case filed by three Bush supporters from Brevard County. They claim their rights are being violated because their counties are not recanvassing votes by hand.

Some scenes were chaotic, bordering on the comical.

Broward County sheriff's deputies took custody of 78 tiny bits of paper after Republicans demanded that the scraps be held as evidence of potential ballot tampering. The paper, from the

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War in Middle East still rages, peace hard to see

Violence in Israel hits home with students at USU

LARA GALE

Copy Editor

Seven thousand miles away from television sets in Logan, the Middle East body count rises daily, backed by images of children throwing rocks and getting shot and men walking and talking with President Bill Clinton.

In 15 seconds, the situation looks like this: The rock throwers are Palestinian civilians who are angry and have no other means of showing it; the shooters are organized Israeli soldiers armed with assault weapons and killing Palestinians by the hundreds.

The men are Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who have come no closer to continuing the peace process, which was abandoned in March because no one could come to an agreement.

Utah State University students say the news flashes capture only the violence, not the deep emotions and the complicated politics boiling beneath it.

"It's easy to look at these kids and say, you know, 'You are being killed, why don't you stop?'" said Hamed Bekerat, a graduate student who was born and lived in Jerusalem. "But you have to understand they can do nothing else."

It's also easy to look at the Israelis

and ask why such force is necessary against people armed with stones, said Guy Serbin, an American Israeli and graduate student. He said both sides are fighting for their existence, and neither can or will back down.

Jewish settlers took ownership of the state of Israel in 1948. British troops left, and in 1949 fighting broke out with Arab neighbors.

About 700,000 Palestinians fled or were driven from what had been British-mandate Palestine. Israel annexed large tracts of land, but Jordan and Egypt held onto the West Bank and Gaza Strip respectively. Control of Jerusalem was split between Israel in the west and Jordan in the east.

Palestinians ended up in camps scattered across the Middle East, where most of the violence is happening now.

Altogether, 3.7 million refugees live in crowded conditions without adequate water or sewage in 59 United Nations-run camps, according to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees.

Other Palestinians live in camps in Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. Many don't live in camps, but remain under control of the Israelis as what amounts to second-class citizens, Bekerat said.

Any time a powerful nation moves in and overtakes weaker people, vio-

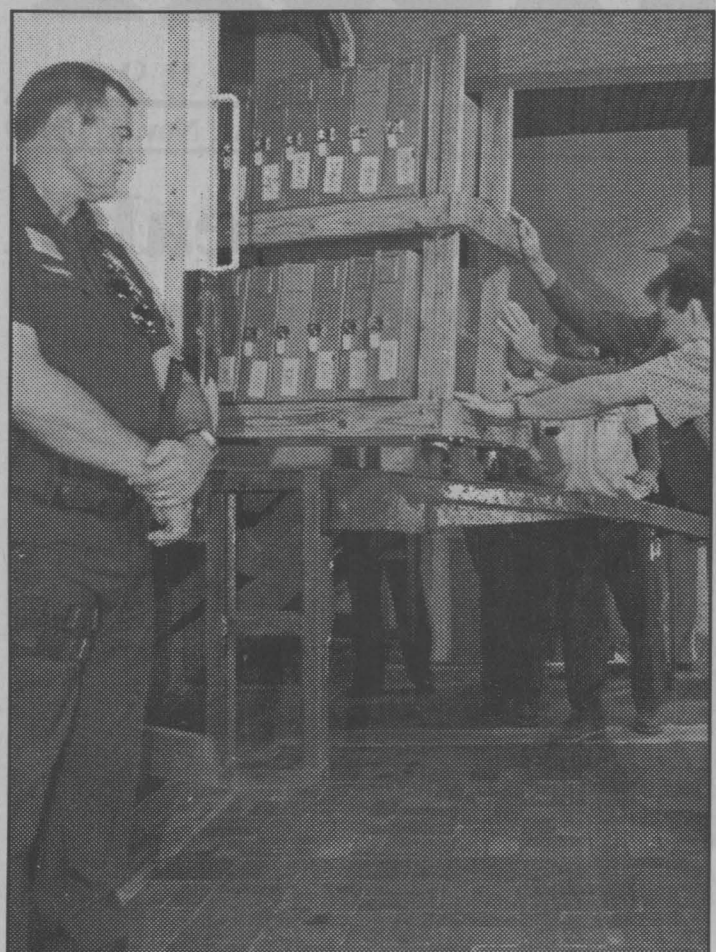
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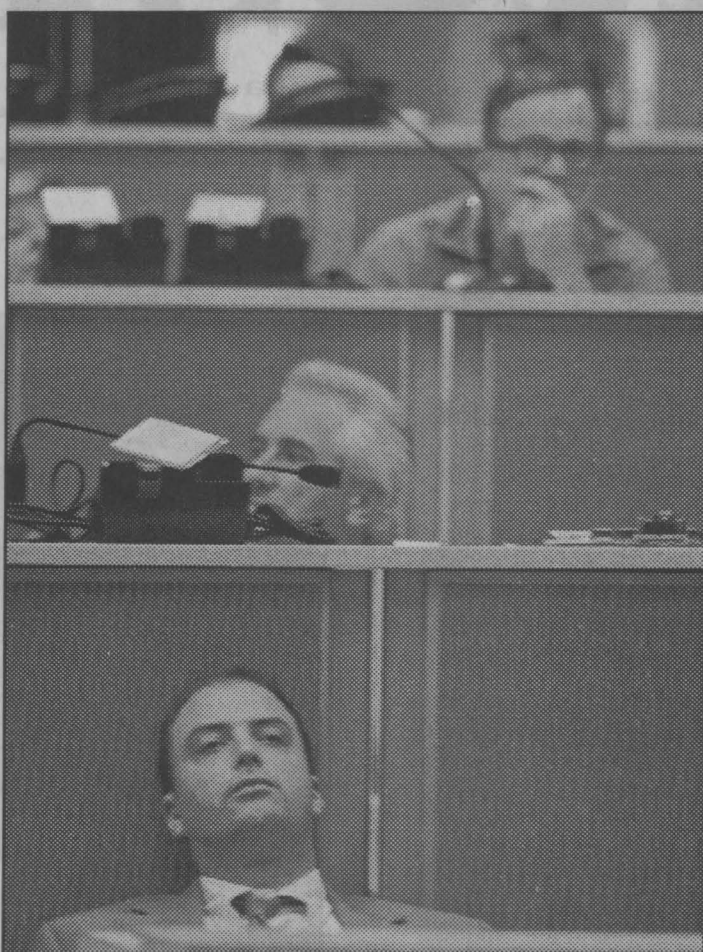


AN ISRAELI BORDER POLICEMAN stands guard atop the Mount of Olives overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem, Israel, recently./Knight Ridder photo

Nation, media wait for results



A PALM BEACH COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF watches as election commission workers load Palm Beach County ballots into a lock box. The ballots were transported under tight security to be hand counted. / Tribune Media photo



ELECTION WORKERS AWAIT the go ahead to count ballots as legal issues are being worked out in Florida, since Election Day. In the foreground, Mike Urphy, Democratic Party official, waits to observe the count. / Tribune Media photo

World GLANCE

F-16 collides with small plane

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — An Air Force F-16 collided with a small plane Thursday and crashed in flames.

One person aboard the small plane was killed, while the fighter pilot parachuted to safety and walked to someone's house to use the phone.

Pieces of the small plane, a Cessna, landed on a golf course. The wreckage of the fighter jet started a fire in the woods a few miles away.

No injuries were reported on the ground.

One person aboard the Cessna was killed, said Henry Sheffield, a district fire chief. The fighter pilot ejected and parachuted to safety on the golf course.

Gerald Rivera was working on a construction site nearby. "We asked the pilot if he was OK and he said, 'Yeah,'" Rivera told the Sarasota Herald Tribune.

The Air Force said the jet was from Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Ga., but was on a training mission that originated from Florida's MacDill Air Force Base, about 20 miles from the crash site.

Sheriff Charles Wells said two F-16s were on the training mission but only one was involved in the crash.

Don McIlwain, who lives nearby, said he saw the two military jets and then noticed a smaller plane that looked as if it would cross their path. McIlwain said he remembered thinking, "I hope it's high enough."

"Just as I said that, he went right through it," McIlwain told the Tribune. "The small plane just disintegrated."

Coca-Cola Co. pays to settle lawsuit for racial discrimination

ATLANTA (AP) — The Coca-Cola Co. agreed to pay \$192.5 million to settle a racial discrimination suit by black workers.

The settlement, announced Thursday, includes \$113 million in cash, \$43.5 million to adjust salaries, and \$36 million for oversight of the company's employment practices.

Coke also will pay \$20 million in attorneys' fees and plans to donate \$50 million to its foundation for community programs. And it agreed to create an ombudsman post and have its employment practices reviewed by an outside group.

Shares of Coca-Cola were up 12.5 cents to \$61.63 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

The settlement given preliminary approval by U.S. District Judge Richard Story, in whose court the suit was filed in April 1999. Details of the settlement will be sent to about 2,000 current and former employees beginning next month.

The lawsuit claimed Coca-Cola discriminated against salaried black employees in pay, promotions and evaluations. The company denied the claims. The settlement covers salaried black employees in the United States who worked for Coke between April 1995 and June 2000.

The seven-member watchdog group, charged with making sure Coca-Cola is fair in pay, promotions and performance evaluations, was a centerpiece of the settlement. The task force will recommend changes and ensure they are carried out; Coke retains the option of challenging changes it feels are not financially or technically feasible.

A toll-free telephone line will be established to receive complaints 24 hours a day.

The task force is modeled after a similar group established four years ago in the settlement of a discrimination lawsuit against Texaco. Coca-Cola's will include former government officials in labor and civil rights, professors, lawyers and diversity consultants.

State Supreme Court asked to rule on new government

HEBER CITY, Utah (AP) — Wasatch County plans to ask the state Supreme Court for guidance on a voter-approved change of government, including to determine how soon it should implement the change.

Voters in last week's general election gave 57 percent approval to the measure, which changed the three-member county commission to a seven-member County Council with an appointed administrator.

But apparently conflicting legal issues between the plan and state law have arisen, chiefly if the seven-member council will be elected in February, as the new plan seeks, or in the next general election in 2002, as state law apparently dictates. Other questions include the timing and manner of selecting candidates.

"The people have spoken. Now it's time to figure out how to implement the new government," county attorney Derek Pullan said.

Pullan is drafting a petition that would be signed by the group that sponsored the change and sent to the court.

By law, the current three-member commission could have decided when the new council would be elected, Pullan said, but they decided to refer the decision to the high court.

"It's just gotten too convoluted," Commissioner Mike Kohler said. "Better to let the Supreme Court figure out the discrepancies."

Nichols wants new trial for Oklahoma City bombing

DENVER (AP) — Terry Nichols' lawyer asked a federal appeals court for a new trial in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing Wednesday, alleging the FBI withheld information that could have changed the outcome.

Susan Foreman said FBI "lead sheets" with tips and other evidence had information blacked out before they were turned over to the defense. She said 62 of the sheets contained information that could have helped Nichols.

Prosecutor Sean Connelly told the three-judge panel of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that none of the evidence would have changed the outcome.

Nichols, 45, was convicted in federal court and sentenced to life in prison for manslaughter and conspiracy in the 1995 bombing that killed 168 people and injured more than 500. Separately, Timothy McVeigh was found guilty of murder and sentenced to death.

Nichols is also awaiting trial in state court in Oklahoma on murder charges that could bring the death penalty.

Voter News Service examines how networks call elections

DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Formed to help TV networks quickly report and explain election results, Voter News Service now stands at the center of one of television's most embarrassing moments in years.

The little-known company that provides news organizations with exit poll information and election returns is being scrutinized after the networks' double-barreled mistake in the presidential race: prematurely declaring Al Gore the winner in Florida and then George W. Bush several hours later. More than a week later, the real results are still in doubt.

Fox News Channel founder and CEO Roger Ailes has already said he wants to replace the consortium set up by ABC, CBS, CNN, Fox, NBC and The Associated Press with more than one service.

"As far as I'm concerned, CBS anchor Dan Rather said to radio commentator Don Imus about VNS, 'we have to knock it down to absolute ground zero, plow it under with salt, put a barbed-wire fence around it, quarantine it for a few years and start off with something new.'"

VNS projected Florida for Gore early on election night, and all six of its media members did, too. VNS did not call the race for Bush; five of its six members did, some citing numbers provided by VNS. The AP never called the race for Bush.

VNS has issued two public statements but would not make its executives available for comment.

"There's a congressional investigation, there's a lawsuit pending," said VNS editorial director Murray Edelman. "It's a

pretty inflamed subject right now," he said, and VNS doesn't want to "pour any more kerosene on it."

VNS traces its roots to the mid-1960s, when the News Election Service was formed to help the networks, AP and United Press International conduct vote tallies. Voter Research & Surveys was created in 1990 for the TV networks to share the costs of exit polling and projections. AP and UPI were not involved in VRS.

The two services merged as VNS in 1993. Based in New York, it has about 30 permanent employees.

On Election Day, VNS, using temporary workers in every state, conducted exit polls in about 1,400 precincts, transmitting findings to its members in waves that afternoon and evening. Voters were asked, for example, who they selected for president and what issues mattered most in their decision.

When actual votes began coming in, VNS checked results in more than 3,500 precincts scientifically selected to predict final results.

Forty-five of those exit poll locations and 110 sample precincts were in Florida, and the first word from them pointed in the direction of a Gore victory. Exit poll information alone showed Gore in the lead by 6.5 percentage points. The first voting results indicated the Gore exit poll lead might even have been understated, said Warren Mitofsky, a polling expert who founded Voter Research & Surveys and consulted with CNN and CBS on election night.

At 7:52 p.m., VNS declared Gore the winner in Florida.

VNS was relying on exit poll informa-

tion from 38 of its precincts and actual votes from 12 locations. Sheldon Gawiser, NBC's director of elections, said the data indicated there was a one in 1,000 chance that Gore wouldn't win.

"All of the evidence was pointing toward a Gore call — all of it," agreed Kathleen Frankovic, director of surveys at CBS.

None of the news organizations that use VNS make calls strictly through what it says; all have their own systems that take into account such factors as past voting histories in states.

Frankovic and Gawiser are in charge at their networks, Carolyn Smith and Tom Hannon at CNN. John Ellis — Bush's first cousin — was the election team director at Fox News Channel, although the network said executive John Moody made the final calls. The AP's system involves election analysts and state bureau chiefs.

The call for Gore was unanimous among the networks and the AP.

"The exit poll gave Gore a small lead but no member nor VNS thought that it was enough to call the race with confidence," VNS said in a statement. "However, when reports of actual vote from sample or model precincts came in, they supported the survey results and allowed the race to be called."

By around 9 p.m., additional returns were making some analysts nervous and Bush himself was questioning the call. CNN put Florida in the undecided category at 9:50 p.m. and others followed suit.

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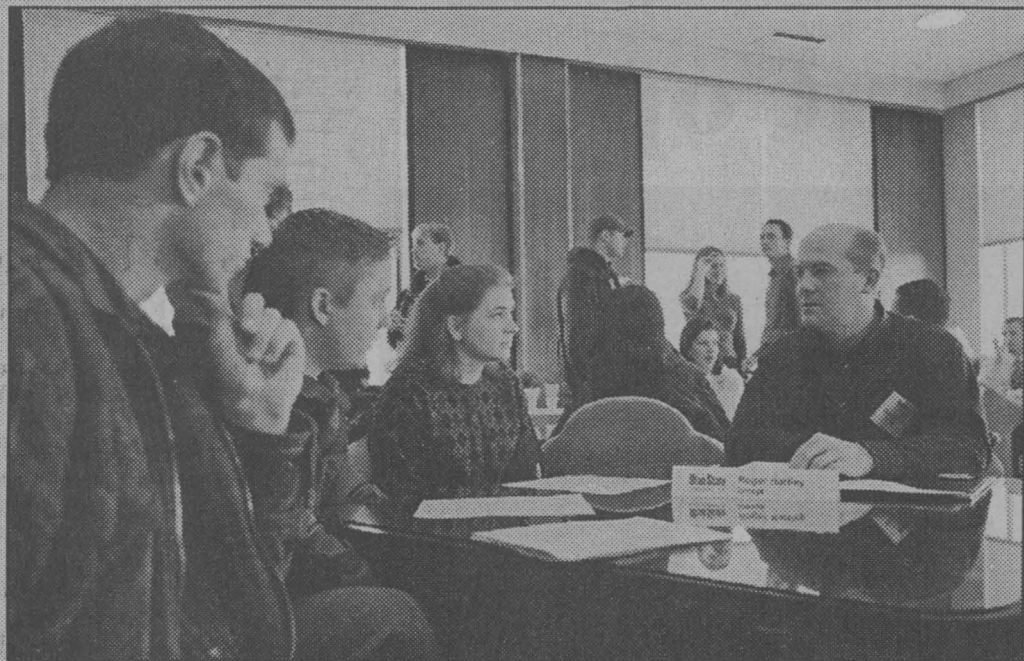
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Future CEOs learn from big corporations at career fair



ROGER HARTLEY OF IOMEGA talks with juniors Shane Ellis, John Moen and Audrey Bergstresser at the career fair in the Business Building Wednesday. Bergstresser is studying accounting and wanted to see how her major applies to different companies. / Joe Rowley photo

JESSICA WHATCOTT

Staff Writer

The annual Alumni Career Forum provided business majors with the opportunity to meet one-on-one with Utah State University alumni from businesses like Franklin Covey, Novell and Iomega Wednesday.

"Year-round we have alumni who express interest in helping students. This is one day where business majors can meet face-to-face with alum and get some really timely career advice," explained Melissa Scheaffer, assistant director for Career Services.

Career Services and the Business Council co-sponsored the event, which was held in the Business Building. More than 500 students attended the casual event.

Business professionals discussed with students the benefits of working for small companies vs. large companies, involvement in international business and what kind of degrees would be most beneficial. Students were also encouraged to bring in resumes for feedback.

"I got recommendations on how I can make my resume be what they are looking for," said Dan George, a USU graduate with a degree in human resource management.

Beyond career advice, many students attended the forum in order to gain valuable networking connections.

"I don't understand how a student can not know anyone and expect to go out into the

field and get a decent career," said David Anderson, a marketing major studying e-commerce. "From past experiences with organizations on campus, and coming to functions like this, I've already had two internships."

Scheaffer explained that networking connections are crucial for graduates in any major, not just business. She cited a survey from the National Center for Career Strategies that says that 70 percent of people get full-time jobs through networking activities.

Several alumni said they volunteered for the event because they remember the difficulties they had when they were entering the business world, and how they wished someone was there to ask questions.

"I don't think I was quite as directed when I was in school," said Lori Smith, director of Corporate Human Resource Services for Franklin Covey. "It's really valuable to have someone come and talk about the industry in terms of expectations — creating realistic expectations."

Career Services offers help for students any time with testing services, internship information, career assistance for graduating students and the new on-line e-recruiting program. It also has a student alumni career network that provides students of any major with alumni contacts that are willing and available to provide career advice to USU students.

Space program critical, ABC correspondent says

WILL BETTMANN

Staff Writer

Jim Slade, ABC News science correspondent and journalist for more than 30 years, warned students of the pitfalls and difficulties facing journalists today in a short speech at the Eccles Conference Center Wednesday.

"Being objective is the ideal, and I doubt that any of us will ever achieve it," Slade said.

He stressed that reporters should not think for their readers, but that they should serve as "the eyes and the ears of a story, but not the brain."

Slade has covered the U.S. space program almost since its inception. He said he got involved with the space program because he loves it. He said too many editors are uninterested in stories involving science, and that the vast amount of news stories focus on politics, economics and crime.

"We're afraid to bore, so we make stories fun," Slade said. "Journalism is public service. One editor told me, 'We do not educate.' That's baloney. We need to give people material to make well-informed decisions."

Slade spoke on the importance of the space program in creating new technologies and furthering our knowledge of

the universe. He said there have been 75 safe flights into space since the Challenger explosion in 1986, but a lot of people still question the value of the space program because of that crash.

After his speech, Slade responded to questions from the audience.

"I started small — small radio and TV stations where I got to learn what everyone in the place does. I've always been the kind of person who will fly the plane or the simulator if they'll let me," Slade said. "That way, when I'm doing the story I know what it feels like in the cockpit."

He also spoke on the importance of loving what you do.

"You have to immerse yourself in your subject," he said. "If I didn't love the space program I couldn't stand some of the boring briefings I have to sit through."

When asked about the media's coverage of the current election, Slade said the media made a mistake in calling the results of the election before they really knew, but that the media promises to be more careful after each election, and then breaks that promise during each subsequent election due to competition and market pressure.

ELECTION

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holes in punchout ballots, was placed by police in an envelope marked, "Crime. Found Property."

Joked elections supervisor Jane Carroll, herself a Republican: "Let the chads fall as they may."

Later, a lawyer burst into the county's hurricane emergency center and served subpoenas on startled county election officials.

The vice president began the day 300 votes behind Bush in Florida, with about 2,600 overseas absentee ballots to be

counted Friday night. Gore has hoped the additional hand recounting would vault him ahead of the Texas governor in the race for the state's 25 electoral votes and the White House.

Both sides believe that a majority of the overseas ballots will go to Bush. Further complicating Gore's political situation, top advisers said

Thursday the slow-going recounts were unlikely to produce enough new votes to overturn Bush by Friday at midnight.

Health center, students commit to putting the fire out on smoking

JESSICA WARREN

Senior Writer

Every third November a day is reserved by the American Cancer Society as the Great American Smokeout; this year it came yesterday.

The American Cancer Society created the Smokeout in 1977 to give smokers a reason to quit for one day to prove they could do it.

Cynthia Allen, health educator at Utah State University, said the average smoker tries to quit three to seven times before they are successful.

"It takes several attempts to quit, so don't be discouraged," Allen said.

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day-to-day activities are associated with smoking and need to be changed.

"You have to find other things to do," Allen said.

She also said a personal commitment to quit must be made.

Jamie Baer, a sophomore at USU, said the campaign is good, but it's geared more toward keeping people who don't smoke from starting.

"When you quit, it's more of a personal thing. It's your own decision," Baer said. "People won't listen to other people about quitting."

Amanda Banner, a junior, said the campaign is good, even though she hasn't quit.

"[The campaign] helps a lot of people to quit," Banner said.

Allen said having the kits available helps, even if people don't quit smoking now.

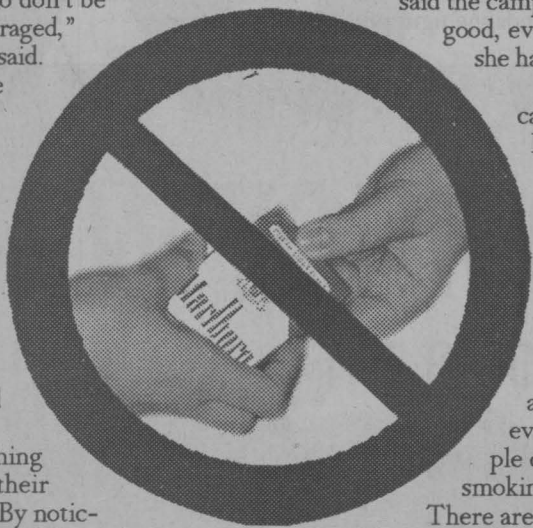
There are also classes held every three months by the Bear River Health

Department and Logan Regional Hospital. Having the information helps people quit when they are ready, she said.

Allen said the campaign is important because smoking is linked to other diseases besides lung cancer.

She said smoking increases risks for heart disease, immunity deficiencies, infertility in men and lung disease.

According to the American Cancer Society, more people quit on the Great American Smokeout than any other day of the year, including New Year's Day.



Liz Maudsley photo illustration

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Those students were told, "Every day is a struggle to meet your family's basic needs." To illustrate, low-income people sat on the floor and received a smaller plate of potatoes and a glass of water.

USU students Tom Ward and Mike McLesky said they attended the event because they thought it would be a good learning experience.

"It's hard to understand how much poverty there is in this world, coming from a rich, capitalist country," Ward said.

The dinner was organized under Ox Fam America, a national non-profit organization that works with third-

world countries. Its purpose is to help those countries become self-sufficient, said Dolly Doty, director of STEP. She explained that USU was one of 15 universities chosen nationwide to work with Ox Fam.

Other projects that STEP will help Ox Fam with include a "Fast for World Hunger," general public education and the Fair-trade Coffee project. The latter aims to give coffee farmers a fair price for their crops by cutting

out the middleman. STEP's involvement would be working to get coffee companies to use fair-trade coffee in their businesses.

After the dinner, Bob Hunter, president of the

United Way for Northern Utah, spoke to the crowd about being aware of the issues of hunger and poverty. He encouraged students to get involved in community organizations that address these issues.

Hunter specifically asked students to remember that "people are hungry all year-round." He also suggested that students organize a petition drive to remove the sales tax on food because it isn't right to tax a basic necessity, he said.

"Most of us who have jobs are only 90 days away from disaster," Hunter said, in reference to the fact that most families live paycheck to paycheck. "Treat others as you would like to be treated because you never know when you will be in their position."

The banquet capped off STEP activities for Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week. In addition to a food and clothing drive, the club sponsored "Soup for the Hungry" on the Taggart Student Center patio Monday.

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Students from the Middle East will be available Monday afternoon near the Hub in the Taggart Student Center to discuss the situation in the Middle East.

The circular conditions paint a dim picture for a peace treaty. Both sides agree only that somehow, peace must come, Serbin said.

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Students learn all about opera

Workshops to bring opera to USU audiences

DOUG SMEATH

Assistant Features Editor

Utah State University offers students interested in opera the chance to learn all about it.

That includes performing, and the fruits of their labors will be on display tonight and Saturday as students in USU's opera workshop course present two operas.

The operas, "Cox and Box" and "A Game of Chance," are both one-act shows, under the direction of music department professor John Mauldin, who teaches the workshop this semester.

"The purpose of the opera workshop is to give students opportunities to perform in a workshop setting where the focus is on acting and music interpretation," Mauldin said.

He said they also learn about all that goes into preparing for an operatic role.

"Students receive training in preparing for a role so that the acting comes a little easier. For instance, we do background work to investigate a character."

The workshop class covers the show's acting, but it also provides behind-the-scenes details, including piano accompaniment, hair



GARETT BARNEY AND Jeremy Threlfall star in 'Cox and Box,' one of two upcoming student operas./USU Photography Services photo

and makeup, advertising and publicity, props, set, costumes and stage managing, said Patrick Williams of USU Media Relations.

The operas, which opened Thursday, continue tonight and Saturday at 7:30

p.m. with a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. The operas are showing at the Dansante building, 59 S. 100 West. Admission is free, Williams said.

"Cox and Box" is Arthur Sullivan's 1867 opera, which

Mauldin called a "comedic romp of circumstance."

The two characters, Mr. Cox and Mr. Box, don't know each other — though they rent the same apartment.

This works because one

works during the day, the other at night.

When the daytime worker gets the day off, however, things get a little complicated.

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Museum displays first in year-long gallery series

JULIE SULUNGA

Staff Writer

The Utah State University Art department is currently displaying a photo exhibit in the mini gallery of the Fine Arts Center, Room 109. The photos on display are from photographer Carol Lubin-Reiss and the display is titled "Beyond the Literal."

As part of a push to bring in more artists' work from outside Utah, the Art department sent out a call for entries this year to have artists display their work at USU. There was an advertisement placed in magazines on the East and West coasts. They did this last year, but only Utah artists responded.

This year 13 artists responded, and four of those artists were picked. The photo

display is part of a year-long process and will feature Lubin-Reiss' work through November. Different artists' work will be on display in January, March and September.

"The benefit to having artists outside of the state hang their work is so other photographers can get exposure to what other photographers are doing," said Heather Leary, display coordinator. "It will enable them to take someone's idea, and it will give them ideas."

Lubin-Reiss was chosen because of her use of a plastic camera. Her pictures have fuzzy edges; none of the photographs come out with crisp edges. Leary said she also had unique subject matter showing animal figurines as lawn ornaments. She finds the figurines

everywhere from Scotland to Beverly Hills.

They cross over geographic boundaries and economic boundaries. She displays a mansion in Beverly Hills and then a house in a rural farming town in Ohio.

In some photos she displays the animal figurines to be the center of attention, and, in others, they are the backdrop. The pictures sometimes vary in form because of how she frames the shots, Leary said.

The art exhibit displays 24 pictures with a little explanation of what the pictures represent. There is a comment book next to the entrance as well.

"Students should really take the time to stop in," Leary said. "It is something really fun and interesting to look at and enjoy for 20 minutes."

Singer to treat Logan folk lovers

MANDY BUTTERFIELD

Staff Writer

Kevin So will perform delta blues and folk music with touches of jazz and hip-hop beats tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Utah State University's Eccles Auditorium.

"He's very talented; he has an incredible voice and perceptive song writing," said Blair Larsen of the Bridger Folk Music Society, the group producing the show. She has seen him perform twice at folk festivals in Texas and said she was impressed. Larsen talked with him at the festival and invited him to play in Logan.

"He is very energetic on stage and very personable," Larsen said. "He's kind of new on the folk music scene, so he's looking to expand his base. He's never played in Utah before."

Larsen said So is excited to play in Utah and get some exposure. She also said the valley has a good folk audience, and they

won't be disappointed tomorrow night.

The Bridger Folk Music Society has been producing concerts for 20 years, and Larsen said they have a reputation of putting on good shows.

"That's the gosh honest truth," Larsen said.

Originally from Boston, So has been nominated six times for a Boston Music Award. He started playing the piano when he was 5 and eventually picked up the clarinet, bassoon and guitar. He also started singing.

So was chosen in 1998 as one of the "best unsigned artists" by the internationally broadcast program "Acoustic Cafe," according to a press release. He is currently arranging tours in California, Europe and his ancestral homeland of China.

"It's going to be a great show," Larsen said. Tickets are \$10 at Sunrise Cyclery, Chapter II Books or Adventure Sports or \$12 at the door.

Reynolds musically great, no showman

NATALIE LARSON

Senior Writer

Mesmerized by the intertwining melody and baseline, the audience gazed upon the inner workings of a musical genius.

Arms muscular enough to rival any rock-climber's worked two acoustic guitars brought on stage by a man in a Napalm Death shirt.

Tim Reynolds gets an A++ for artistic ability, but his lone-wolf style gives him a B- in showmanship.

Reynolds played to two

sold-out crowds in the Utah State University Taggart Student Center Auditorium Thursday at 8 and 10 p.m.

The students showed appreciation with a standing ovation.

The native German displayed ability and

diversity rarely witnessed. Each song was a unique creation. He explored each sound as it sprang from his agile fingers just long enough to really feel it and then changed techniques.

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CAROL LUBIN-REISS 'Route 36, Ohio' is one of Lubin-Reiss' photographs currently on display in the Chase Fine Arts Center.

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Math: The great social divider

There are really only two kinds of people in the world: People who understand math and people who would rather have all of their fingernails and toenails pulled out while Michael Flatly Irish stepdances on their kidneys than figure out the hypotenuse of an obtuse triangle.

I am one of the latter. I must admit, though, every once in awhile I do get the urge to run out and figure out just how tall the pine tree is in my front yard using the length of its shadow and the position of the sun in the sky. Call me crazy.

Now, basic math is good and needed and typically useful, but there is a level of math that the average human brain should not be subjected to.

You can recognize this kind of math if you encounter any of the following warning signs:

- If any two vehicles are traveling to the same destination at any speed.
- If "X", "Y" and "Z" add up to be anything other than pulling up your zipper.
- If you are ever required to buy a calculator that has more buttons to push than

a room full of vegetarian-feminists.

Because I am a writer, math is not so high on my favorite-things-to-do list.

It falls right above having my prostate checked and right below watching any movie with Richard Gere or Madonna in it.

My wife, on the other hand, was doing college algebra before she stopped beating up neighborhood boys. She is an accountant and loves it. This is really the reason I married her. I don't do taxes; I don't have to calculate the tip at the end of the meal at a restaurant and never have to be the banker when we play Monopoly.

We are lucky. Most math and non-math people get along about as well as a butterfly ballot and a resident of Palm Beach County, Fla.

So engineers, accountants and mathematicians, go on and continue in your quest to find the square root of "X" raised to the "Y" power, and the rest of us will rest in the peace and solace of the wonderful world of not caring.

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

Life SENTENCES

Bryce Casselman



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His guitars were literally an extension of his own body and personality.

Watching his fingers fly across the 12 strings of his acoustic guitar, it seemed almost effortless. His concentration was complete, his skills polished to razor precision.

He should have been seated on some kind of platform to give the crowd a better view of those fingers.

Reynolds used a distortion pedal for several songs. These abstract numbers showed a darker side than the other highly-technical numbers. He ended his performance with such a song, letting the haunting cords ring as he exited the stage.

His lack of showmanship seems typical of someone immersed in the music. His claim to fame is through a real showman, Dave Matthews.

His dry sense of humor almost redeemed him as he came on stage and joked that the empty area around him was big enough for a rodeo.

But he failed to relate to his audience. He expertly expressed himself through music but didn't make the crowd part of the performance.

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Jazz band to perform for USU students

HOLLY HANSON

Staff Writer

It's been called "the most exciting thing this semester" by Larry Smith, director of the Utah State University Jazz Orchestra, and it's happening Nov. 29 in the Kent Concert Hall.

Utah State University's jazz bands will present their second concert of the semester.

Tickets will be available for \$3 at the door.

Both the Jazz Orchestra and Ensemble will perform a wide variety of music, Smith said.

"Jazz is very popular with students," he said.

The Jazz Ensemble will play "Stella by Starlight," arranged by Bill Holman and featuring Tyler Whittaker on the alto saxophone, Smith said.

They will also play a couple of standards, including "Thou Swell" and "The Lady is a Tramp."

Jake Molouf will be the tenor sax soloist on "Lester Young's Lester Leaps In," Smith said.

The Jazz Ensemble's final

number will feature the low instruments in a humorous blues romp on Jeff Steinberg's "Blues Down Below," Smith said.

The Jazz Orchestra will play "Straight, No Chaser" by Thelonious Monk in an arrangement by John LaBarbera featuring the following solos by James Evensen on tenor sax, Josh Rippon on trumpet, Emily Christensen on guitar and Josh Skinner on bass, Smith said.

The bands will also play Dizzy Gillespie's Latin classic "Con Alma," arranged by Michael Mossman and featuring James Evensen on tenor sax.

In addition, the orchestra will play Oliver Nelson's "Stolen Moments," featuring Tyler Farr on the alto sax and Jeremy Lundberg on the trumpet and Thelonious Monk's "Ruby, My Dear," arranged by Bill Holman spotlighting Jeremy Lundberg on the trumpet.

The concert will feature not only instrumental jazz music, but also vocalist Kate Proudfit, who sings for USU's local group In One Ear. She will sing "Only

You" by Bob Florence and "Lost Mind" by Percy Mayfield, Smith said.

"The Jazz Orchestra will finish its set with a blazing rendition of 'Cherokee,' arranged by Mark Taylor,"

Smith said. That "classic bebop barn burner" will feature solos by Tyler Farr on alto sax, Jesse Shafer on guitar, Jeremy Lundberg on trumpet and James Evensen on tenor sax, he said.

'Good Man Charlie Brown' will closely resemble comic strip

CYNDI MCCOY

Staff Writer

If you don't like "Peanuts," the comic strip, stop reading right now.

For everyone else, Utah State Theatre will present "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Morgan Theater in the Chase Fine Arts Center.

In honor of the 50th anniversary of Charles M. Schulz's comic strip, UST is staging the original version of Clark Gesner's 1967 musical, under the direction of Kevin Doyle, associate professor of acting and directing.

The show's characters include all the comic strip favorites, including Charlie Brown, Linus, Lucy, Patti, Schroeder and Snoopy, as they see what all the fuss over a little red-haired girl is about.

Along with baseball, the dreaded kite-eating tree and Snoopy's dinner-dish dreams, all the events are straight from the original comic strip. This show is an acute reflection of the original comic strip, written before the television specials and all the major merchandise came on the market.

Charlie Brown is played by USU graduate student Phillip Lowe. Linus, Lucy, Patti, Schroeder and Snoopy are

played by USU undergraduate students Eric Van Tiel, Amber Tuttle, Lillith Fields, Cory Castillo and Katie Ackerman.

Young and old alike will enjoy this magical adventure through the world of Charlie Brown, said Director Kevin Doyle.

"These characters are real because they are children dealing with universal problems . . . from the perspective of pure innocence," Doyle said. "They act from the heart."

Doyle said one possible reason for the nearly universal popularity of the comic strip lies in the fact that it reflects the "best and honest parts of real life."

Over the course of the 50-year run of the comic, people of all ages have developed a history with the "Peanuts" characters, and because of this can all come together to enjoy this show, he said.

"I remember actually reading some of the strips [that are played out in the show]," Doyle said.

Tickets can be purchased through the USU ticket office in person or by calling 797-0305.

Prices are \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, USU faculty and staff and \$5 for children. USU students get in free with ID. Children under 6 will not be admitted.

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That's a laugh



LOGAN BAND THE LAUGH is (left to right) Danny Kidd, Dave McDaniel, Paul Dunn and Jeff Hibshmn. Often called 'dark' by Logan audiences, the band hopes to make it big outside Utah. /mp3.com photo

Logan's The Laugh a welcome change

JULIE SULUNGA
Staff Writer

Cache Valley has its own band of masterminds, and though they are often unappreciated, their sound and talent guarantee they will find success one day.

They are called The Laugh. The band received its name when keyboardist Jeff Hibshmn met the band Ramschedt. He told them he needed a name for a band he was in.

They told him his band should call themselves "Das Laufen."

He took the idea home to the rest of the guys and they guessed the translation of the German phrase was "the laugh." They later found out it meant

"to run." But The Laugh had already caught on with the

all their own music and lyrics. Sometimes a song will start with passages or poems from a huge poetry book Kidd writes in. Then the melodies will flow with the words. Other times the guys will write music and then put words to it.

"Our music questions conventional music," said Goodsell. "We are going to play something people have rarely heard before."

And this band is going to make it. They are not just five guys in a small band living in Logan. They are five guys dedicated to their band, and there is no question they are going to try their best. There is no question that they will someday be successful.

If they aren't, they will be disappointed with themselves more than anything. To do this they know they will have to get out of Utah where their sound is most often not accepted.

Goodsell has heard The Laugh described as being "dark."

"We recently played a show on the campus of Utah State University," Kidd said. "It was a freak show; I have never seen so many people file out so fast. There was about 250 people who left and 50 who stayed. We only played for about a half-hour."

The Laugh does have a small but loyal following in that sense.

They have played a few times in Salt Lake City.

They have played in Logan 12 times, mostly at the Retract when it was still open.

The Laugh has connections in Ogden and Salt Lake City, where they will be playing more shows soon. The band has a CD, though it is not ready for release because it is still being finished.

These guys definitely love to play together and find happiness in playing for people who want to hear them. They find joy in making others happy with their different, yet true, music.

"They give hope to a minority music genre that needs to be represented in the homogenized Matchbox 20 culture," Thompson said.

Band REVIEW

The Laugh/Grade A

guys and they thought it was cool, so it stuck.

Guitarist and lead singer Dave McDaniel said The Laugh describes itself as "some industrial act playing Cure songs in a good way."

The members of the band include: McDaniel, Hibshmn, Danny Kidd on drums, Paul Dunn on guitar and back-up vocals and Cody Goodsell on bass.

Though bassist Goodsell just joined the band a month ago, the rest of the guys have been together for about four years.

Kidd works at KSM Guitars, so the band has the privilege of practicing in the attic above the store. This is a major advantage for them because they don't have the worry of dealing with any of the noise-ordinance laws.

The Laugh has not always had an easy time or the convenience of having hook-ups. The biggest problem hindering the band's growth has been its lack of organization.

"It gets really tough to make an agreement and then we get frustrations with our instruments," Kidd said. "When we do make an agreement, we have great results."

This is evident in how The Laugh plays together. Its sound has continuity to it that isn't common in Logan. They blend their instruments so well to create a sound that is more than just loud noise.

It is incomparable to anything you see around today — especially anything in Cache Valley.

They appear to be dark and even scary, but senior Mylie Thompson thinks "any one with sense or people who want to get away from the mainstream music will want to listen to The Laugh."

The band members write

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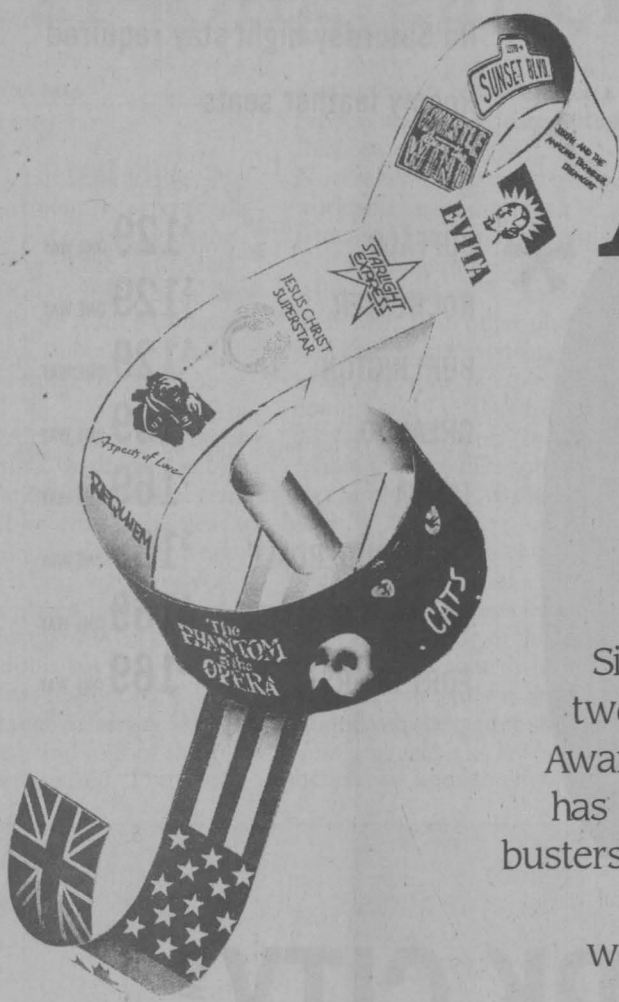
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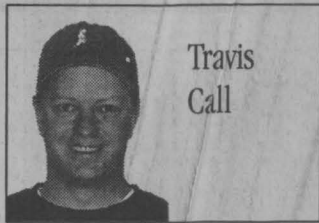
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Two guys and a movie

'Charlie's Angels': Feminism or farce?



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American hero tale. Both are good movies that thankfully lack the one thing this not-quite-nostalgic piece of fluff has in spades: Skn.

I've asked this question before, and "Charlie's Angels" forces me to ask it again: Is this really the kind of filmmaking that moviegoers want?

The most uncreative pornographer can wrap a pound of flesh around a plot that serves as nothing more than a vehicle to get to the next money shot. Movies like this leave me longing for something more real.

I wanted to go home and rent "My Dinner with Andre."

Even the palest of films gives us moments we can dwell on — entertaining tidbits the viewer can savor. This movie desperately needed more of those.

For the first time in recent memory, I found myself just waiting for the credits — the whole time dreading having to sit down and write this review.

Movies like this cater only to people who have given up on intellectual content altogether. MTV's "Undressed" comes to mind.

When I first encountered "Undressed" I couldn't believe what I was seeing. The plot (I use the term loosely) simply rotated from one mindless sexual situation to the next. I kept watching — waiting for the meaning.

There was none.

And who were these kids? Not actors. I'm convinced that somebody must have found a refugee camp for good-looking, giftless would-be movie stars and started offering money to anyone who was willing to prance around in underwear on TV.

Apparently they had lots of takers.

Now before I get labeled as another self-righteous moralist, let me explain that it wasn't the skin that offended me.

I was appalled at the complete lack of effort on MTV's part to include something meaningful in the story.

The tiniest plot twist, comedic moment or witty piece of dialogue would have satisfied me.

None came. Why did I just spend all that time talking about "Undressed?" Because I don't really have anything to say about "Charlie's Angels." It didn't give me anything to write about.

It was as anemic as a movie can get without going straight to cable.

It did manage to be entertaining for very short periods of time, and I have to give it credit for sticking closely to the original TV series.

Unfortunately, the fun moments were too few and far between to be worth the time.

Too bad they don't have a highlight reel for uninspired action-comedy movies. This would make it, no sweat.

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ed. "We follow the story of this day off and all its complications," Mauldin said.

But despite the confusion, Mauldin said the show is a light-hearted comedy.

"It has a surprise ending with a lot of laughs and fun," he said.

The opera's 3-man cast includes Garet Barney as Cox, Jeremy Threlfall as Box and David Olsen as Bouncer, the apartment's landlord.

The cast of Seymour Barab's "A Game of Chance," on the other hand, includes one man and three women. Mauldin double-cast the female roles, giving the women in the class more opportunity to perform, Williams said.

It's the comedic story of three women dreaming of a better life, and, as they gather to knit, each reveals her secret dreams.

One by one, those dreams are granted, though not necessarily to each woman's satisfaction.

Mauldin said the jazzy music makes this show, which he has set in the late 1930s,

"Charlie's Angels" is number one at the box office — ahead of "Red Planet," a well-done science fiction piece, and "Men of Honor," a classic

I realize that a prison term could be in the works because of my disposition, but I can't help feeling a tad bit aggravated, like a disgruntled postal employee, when moviegoers talk during the previews, let alone the actual movie.

I'm not referring to the lean-to-your-neighbor whispers and smidgens of trivia murmured quietly in the dark. No, I'm talking about dorks and dorkettes who think it necessary to giggle, babble idiotic musings about their popcorn, their brand new Jetta or the latest Blink 182 song they drooled through on the way to campus. It makes me hot under the collar. Call it theater rage.

Notwithstanding, I usually press on, as I did during "Charlie's Angels." There was an entire row of chatterboxes sitting behind me, but thankfully, like me, they became enthralled with the movie and clammed up once the flick started.

I'm not sure if it was the story or Cameron Diaz's butt flashing on the screen every 1.4 seconds, but whatever it was, it did the trick. Peace and quiet. Just me and the movie.

I normally don't dig chick flicks, and "Charlie's Angels" is a chick flick.

However, when a film combines feminism, girl power, Bill Murray and "The Matrix," guys should at least take a peek, even if it takes a 48-hour fast, Dramamine and No-Doz. I peeked, and I loved the movie.

The film is nothing but fun from the very first scene. Time after time, the three angels mock themselves, the movie and its television predecessor. Director McG (also known as Joseph McGinty Nichol) borrows heavily from the television series, especially during the early moments of the film. Later in the movie, when the action develops, he steals shots from "The Matrix" and "Mission: Impossible 2."

Whoever selected the cast should be the next president of the United States.

Yes, it is that good, and I am sick of Al Gore's whining and George Bush's stuttering.

We could do the next best thing: Let Clinton shack up at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue for four more years. Or not.

Either way, I'm off on a tangent. As I was saying, the cast of "Charlie's Angels" is magnificent and is what gives the film its energy. Bill Murray (Bosley) is the same as he is in every other movie he's been a part of, and that's good because he is one of the funniest people alive today. Sam Rockwell (Eric Knox), who portrayed Wild Bill in "The Green Mile," is a tremendous actor, and if it wasn't for Crispin Glover, I'd say Rockwell steals the show.

However, Glover, who seems to have disappeared from Hollywood since his stint as George McFly in "Back to the Future," shows his talent by never uttering a single piece of dialogue during the entire film. His acting is done through facial expressions, body language and a sheer evilness imbedded in his character.

As for the angels, Diaz sparkles, Lucy Liu is sexy and Drew Barrymore is still on my list of crappy actresses.

"Charlie's Angels" is fun, silly and full of action. It crosses the border between chick flick and dude movie, and you won't make a mistake by paying \$6 to see it.

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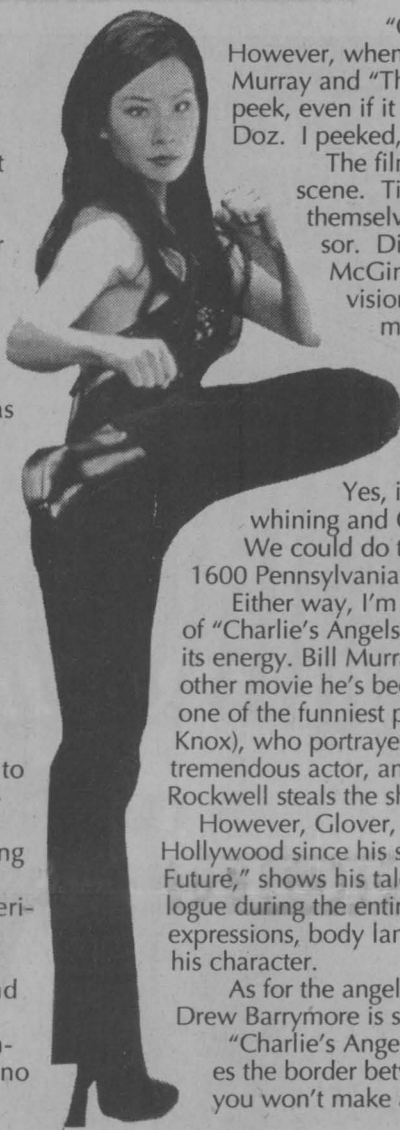
The Statesman's best guess about who would like this film — and who wouldn't.

👍 If you once owned a Charlie's Angels lunchbox

👍 Cameron Diaz in Spiderman underwear? 'Nuff said

👍 If you want to see Bill Murray naked

👍 If you're looking for an Oscar-caliber film



LISA MEYERS, Cynthia Smith and Tammy Castleton in 'A Game of Chance.' /USU Photo Services photo

especially enjoyable.

Mauldin is a graduate of the USU Music department and has been on stage in such performances as Joseph in

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and USU Opera Theatre's "The Mikado."

"This should be a light

evening of laughter and fun," Mauldin said. "I hope everyone comes out to see how much a cast and crew of students can do."

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G-Bernard Rock	10.0	4.4	Brian Vaka-G
G-Tony Brown	11.6	13.3	Brian Jones-G

USU will take on either South Florida or Davidson on Saturday and then play a third game on Sunday.

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Assistant Sports Editor

Utah State assistant basketball coach Randy Rahe said the teams competing against his Aggies in the Top of the World Classic this weekend in Fairbanks, Alaska, are largely unknown.

Jackson State? Davidson? Austin Peay? Even though hardly anyone knows about these teams, Rahe said he knows one thing — most of them are good. Fortunately for Rahe, the team he knows the most about is the Aggies' first opponent in the tournament today — Santa Clara University.

When asked what team the Aggies should look out for in the

tourney, USU forward Shawn Daniels was frank:

"Every team that's there," he said.

Other teams in the tournament include University of Alaska-Fairbanks, the University of Colorado and the University of South Florida. The Aggies are 2-2 all-time against Santa Clara. Santa Clara won the last time the two teams played — back in 1976. The only other team the Aggies have played in the tournament field is Colorado. The Buffaloes have an 18-5 edge in that series.

"We're ready to play games that really count," Daniels said.

The USU offense is especially ready, according to Daniels.

"I think the offense will be there no matter what," he said.

In their last game the Aggies posted an 82-55 win against the California West All-Stars. USU was led by likely starting small forward Curtis Bobb, a senior who scored 18 points on 8-12 shooting and grabbed seven rebounds. Junior guard Tony Brown had 13 points while Daniels and point guard Bernard Rock scored 10 apiece.

"We're finally ready to hit the road and get out of Logan," Rock said.

The team's defense has picked up and everything is going smooth-

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Never BEHIND

Aaron
Morton



The game no one watched

Wednesday the United States averted a major disaster in the world's biggest sport.

Haven't heard about it? I'm not surprised.

The U.S. men's soccer team defeated Barbados 4-0 in on the road to advance to the final qualifying round. It was a win-or-go-home game for the United States. Because Guatemala beat Costa Rica, a loss or a tie for the Americans vs. Barbados would have eliminated them.

But almost nobody watched the game. The pivotal game was pushed to ESPN2 in the middle of the day without any fanfare or much promotion. What was showing on ESPN at the same time? Senior PGA Golf Today and inline skating. I know nobody would have missed those shows.

SportsCenter only spent one minute on the game and ridiculed the team in the lead-in "To finish dead last in the World Cup, you have to first qualify," said the anchor, referring to United States' poor showing in France '98.

It just goes to show that soccer is only going to make headlines if it crashes and burns. The national team has shown a lot of progress this year. The men's under-23 Olympic team reached the semifinals — its best finish by far — and the women's team took home the silver medal.

Nobody knows the American team showed incredible depth during the qualifying round. Nobody saw how important Major League Soccer has been to the program. The goal that broke the game wide open so the United States could join Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago and either Costa Rica or Guatemala in the final qualifying round was Clint Mathis' goal in the 63rd minute.

Mathis, now a fixture on the New York/New Jersey Metrostars' roster, might never have had a chance to play on the national team without MLS.

I guess better coverage is asking for a lot. American soccer fans were lucky enough to have the game televised at all — only a few games were broadcasted in the six-game round. If a fan wasn't constantly checking the schedule, they would have never known the United States played.

The media has continued to ignore the sport that — more than any other — can bring the world together every four years with relative peace. The only time Americans hear about international soccer is when some crazed fans beat on each other.

Imagine society's opinion of hockey if all anyone heard was how Marty McSorley took a stick to someone's head. Fans would miss the speed, beauty and tradition that makes hockey a great sport to watch.

But the media coverage comes down to soccer fans. Just not enough people are watching the game or yelling loud enough to improve media coverage.

So if you care, watch the games, complain when they are not on at a decent hour or station. Like voting, the responsibility rests on the individual to come through.

I'll be watching.

Aaron Morton is the sports editor of the Statesman. He welcomes comments at slzqr@cc.usu.edu

One more romp



EMMETT WHITE RUNS into the open field against Boise State Saturday. White leads the nation in all-purpose yards with 2,501./Zak Larsen photo

USU looks to light up Bengal defense

AARON MORTON
Sports Editor

A chance at the Big West Championship — gone. A shot at a bowl game — gone. So there is no reason to play Division 1-AA Idaho State University, right?

USU head coach Mick Dennehy disagrees. "I am really, really pleased that we have another opportunity," he said. "I would hate to go into the winter feeling like I feel now."

After being dumped by Boise State University 66-38 Saturday, the Aggies (5-5) will have to regroup to register a winning record — something ISU (5-5) is fighting for, as well as something Dennehy wants to make a fixture in the program.

"Obviously it is going to be a huge game for them and it better damn well be for us," Dennehy said.

A win would also make Dennehy the first USU coach to register a winning record in his first year since 1973.

The Bengals own the same record as the Aggies, but the two teams found opposite ways of getting there. While USU had a rough early season before running off four straight games until losing Saturday, ISU had lost four straight before snapping that streak with a win over Montana State University.

And each team will be going into this game with a very different perspective. The Bengals rolled up 58 points on the Lumberjacks while the Aggies couldn't do anything to stop the Broncos Saturday.

"I don't think we did enough to help our defense," Dennehy said. "Obviously they

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Noteable: USU has won its season finale in seven out of the last nine years.

Key stats: USU has averaged 566.5 offensive yards in the past four games. ISU has allowed opponents to score 30 points or more in six games this year.

struggled. We made no plays on defense."

But the first-year head coach is confident his team will be ready.

"They are not going to have a choice in the matter," he said.

And on paper, the Aggies should dominate. USU routed Southern Utah University 30-14 and the Thunderbirds, in turn, thumped ISU 62-14 on Oct. 21.

Saturday's game, which starts at 3 p.m. at Romney Stadium, should prove to be a high-scoring affair. The Aggie offense has clicked as of late, averaging 566.5 yards and 39

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USU sends off 14 seniors in the Aggies' final game

AARON MORTON
Sports Editor

Saturday's game vs. Idaho State University will mark the end of several USU careers.

Many of them going through their third fourth coach this year, they will hopefully end their careers with a winning season. Head coach Dennehy said it is very important the seniors leave with a good taste in their mouths.

"I think they have been really good [this year]," Dennehy said. "I am really thrilled that I have had an opportunity to coach this group of kids."

Seniors make up most of the linebacking corps as starters Blake Eagal and Brent Passey and back-up Justin Oswald all will play their final down Saturday. As for other defensive seniors, defensive lineman Nate Larsen will return from an injury to play while cornerback Shawn Healy will not be so lucky; he will not play because of injury.

"It is nice that Nate Larsen is going to be able to come back and finish his career up," Dennehy said.

Offensively, three linemen, Jeff Long, Junior Pututau and Steve Canidate will all finish their careers. USU will miss wide receiver Aaron Jones and kicker Brad Bohn next season. Jones needs 181 receiving yards to place in third on USU's all-time career list. Bohn already owns the career records for scoring, field goals made and attempted and extra points made and attempted.

Back-up quarterback Brian Benza and back-up wide receiver Ky Oday will be done after Saturday. Benza has one completion for two yards on the season. Oday will likely make the start at the widest spot in place of the suspended Chris Stallworth.

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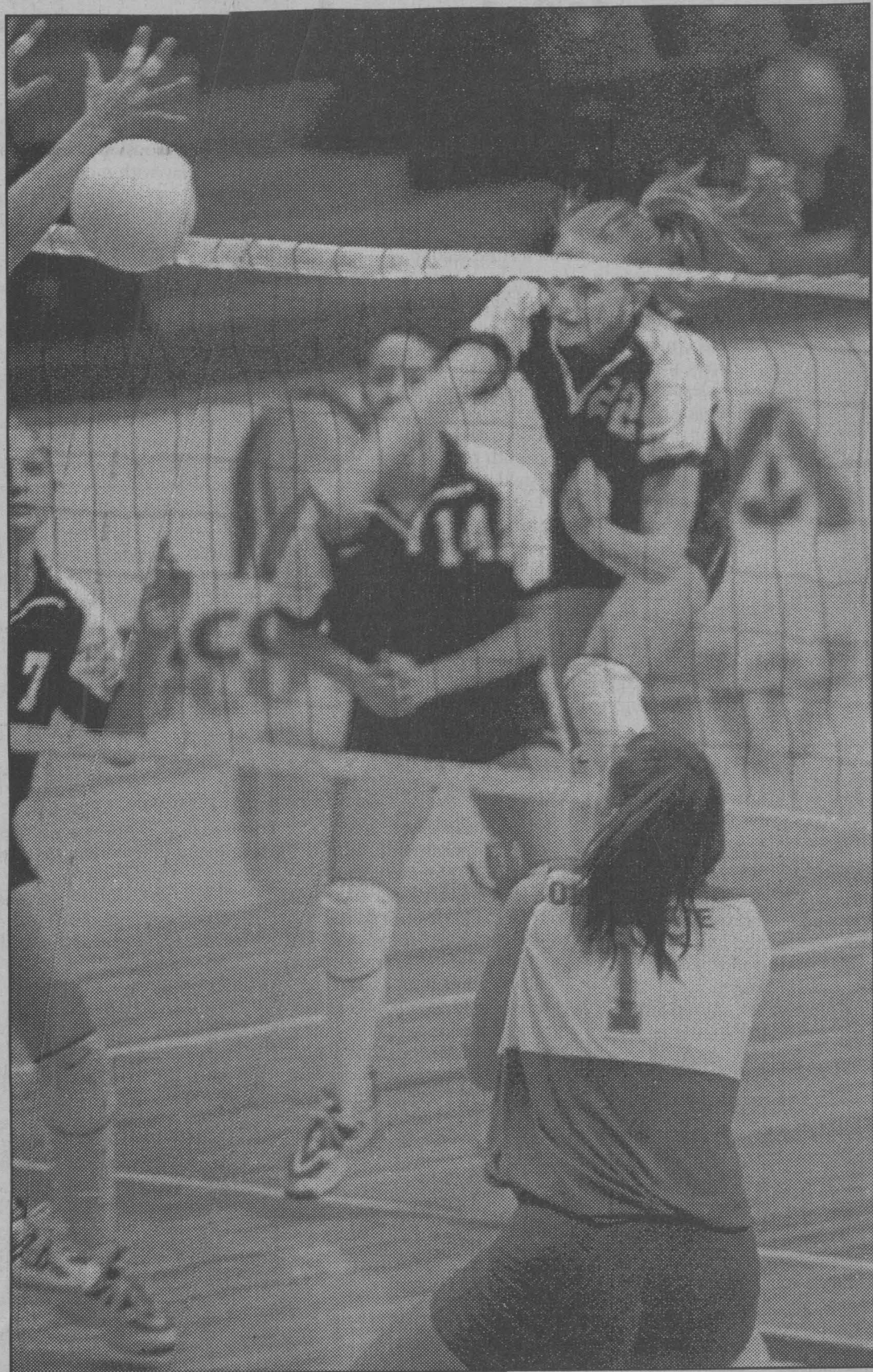
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SENIOR MELISSA CHOEPF spikes the ball against Boise State Saturday in Boise, Idaho. Saturday, the Aggies play in Moscow, Idaho, to close out their regular season. Zak Larsen photo

Utah State looks to secure NCAA bid against Idaho

SHEREEN SUREY
Senior Writer

The Aggie volleyball team is looking to complete its 2000 regular season with a victory as it faces the University of Idaho Saturday.

USU, ranked No. 18 in the country, according to the latest American Volleyball Coaches Association Poll, sits at third place in the Big West Conference. The Aggies boast a 21-8 record, 10-5 in conference play. USU notched its 20th win at Idaho State University last weekend, marking the first time in 19 years the Aggies have reached the 20-win mark. Following the match against Long Beach State University on Nov. 4, head coach Tom Peterson predicted that if the Aggies could win the last three games of the season, they would receive a good seed in the NCAA tournament. USU already managed to knock off Idaho State University and Boise State University last weekend.

The Vandals are bringing a 13-12 record into the match. The Vandals are 4-10 in league action, which puts them at sixth place in the BWC. The

conference wins for Idaho came against the same two teams, the University of California at Irvine and California State University at Fullerton, both of which are experiencing losing seasons. This is Vandals coach Debbie Buchanan's first season as a collegiate head coach. Although Idaho leads the Aggies 7-6 in the all-time series, USU has won the last three matches.

As the season draws to a close, three Aggies are aiming to close in on records. Setter Chelsi Neves is 10 assists away from tying Randi Winn's 1993 record of 1,340 in a single season. This is Neves' first year playing at Utah State.

Senior Denae Mohlman, who has posted 121 block assists this season, is six block assists shy of tying the single-season record she set as a freshman.

With the six block assists she recorded last weekend, Mohlman has a total of 405 career block assists, putting her in ninth place in the BWC.

If outside hitter Amy Crosbie can post 23 kills in the match against Idaho, she will tie with Mohlman for 444 kills

in a single season. Crosbie already owns USU's record for all-time kills with 1,423.

The Aggies' 9-2 mark at home is the fourth best record USU has had in school history. The most home wins were recorded by the 1979 team, that went 18-0. Second and third place belong to the teams of 1978 and 1982, both of whom posted 11 victories at home.

Along with the wins at home came the fans. As of last week's attendance figures, USU was 17th in the country, averaging 1,280 fans per match.

The NCAA Tournament pairings will be announced on Sunday, Nov. 26. University of the Pacific sits atop the Big West standings with a record of 13-1. Not far behind is the University of California at Santa Barbara, which holds a 13-2 league mark. The Pacific Tigers will clinch their second consecutive Big West Title and will have an automatic berth into the tournament if they defeat UC Irvine and Cal State Fullerton. Pacific is ranked No. 11 in the country. Other Top-25 Big West teams include USU, UC Santa Barbara and LBSU.

Larsen will be back from an injury.

Linebacker Cade Smith, who played ineffectively in only six plays vs. BSU, should play more Saturday. Cornerback Shawn Healy will be out as well. On the offensive side of the ball, only Chris Stallworth will sit out for "violation of team policy," Dennehy said.

Utah State has a chance to go over the 100,000 fan mark Saturday. If 14,328 fans brave the cold, USU will have recorded 100,000 or more fans for only the second time in school history.

So far this season, the Aggies have averaged 21,418 — second only to 1996 when USU averaged 21,418.

Dennehy said. And Dennehy knows this team well, having beaten ISU in all four meetings including a 73-23 win last season.

"Larry Lewis and his guys have done a great job," Dennehy said. "They are probably ahead of schedule in terms of the rebuilding of that program at Idaho State."

This year's Bengals are stacked with experience — especially on offense. The starting quarterback, runningback, tight end and all three wide receivers are seniors.

So they could give the young Aggie defensive line a run for their money. That line will be missing tackle Jorge Tapia, but senior Nate

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points a game. Meanwhile, ISU opponents have scored 30 or more points in six of 10 games vs. Division AA competition.

Emmett White, the nation's leader in all-purpose yards, will be looking to break out after being limited to just 76 yards vs. BSU.

The Aggies have won nine of 10 games vs. ISU, although the series has had its quirks. In the teams' first meeting in 1919, USU won in a squeaker, 137-0. They also played in Osaka, Japan, in 1978 where USU won 10-0. The Aggies whipped ISU 41-7 three years ago.

But Bengal head coach Larry Lewis has got his team well on its way back,



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Aggies hope Southern Calif. has the answer



USU's IAN TRACEY (63) and Clint Stosich battle Arizona State players for the puck on Oct 28 in the Ice Sheet. / Casey Hobson photo

JASON TURNER
Staff Writer

After playing in Utah and Colorado for the past month, the USU men's hockey team is hoping its weekend trip to Southern California will help jump start the team in preparation for the second half of the season.

USU will take on San Diego State University Friday night and Long Beach State University Saturday night. Both games are slated to start at 7 p.m.

Despite their 3-8-3 record, forward Deryk Anderson said the Aggies are confident they can get back on track, noting the team beat the Aztecs both times the two played last year. He said most Aggie losses could have gone either way, they just need to work on putting together three solid periods.

"We've had a bad tendency of playing to the level of our competition," he said. "We need to focus on executing our game plan."

According to Anderson and Aaron Burrell, the Aggies need to execute the basics, like improving passing, capitalizing

on power play chances, playing solid defense and cutting down on penalties. USU has made a conscious effort in recent practices to play with more discipline, Anderson said.

One of the biggest differences from last year's team — a team that ran off 19 consecutive wins — is that no one person has established himself as a consistent goal scorer, Anderson said. Also, Burrell said the Aggies haven't been able to put teams away when given the chance.

"We just need to get that killer instinct," he said.

One bright spot this year, Anderson said, has been goalie Quincy Martin. Martin's play gives the team confidence that they will get back to their winning ways if everyone else elevates their game, Anderson said.

"Quincy Martin is amazing," he said. "He keeps us in a lot of games."

Anderson said the second half of the season is looking promising as four more players will join the team at the start of the spring semester. Forward Rad Anderson will also back from his shoulder injury, he said.

USU signs final fall player

USU head coach Stew Morrill announced that Mike Ahmad, a junior college transfer, has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for USU.

Ahmad is a 6-foot-9, 225-pound junior-to-be from Irvine Valley (Calif.) Junior College. He averaged 13.5 points and eight rebounds per game en route to earning all-conference honorable mention honors as a freshman in 2000. His junior college coach Jerry Hernandez

said that he is probably the best big man in the conference this season.

"He is one of those guys that is getting better and better as time goes on," Hernandez said. "He is very skilled for an abig guy."

His high school, Glendora, in Glendora, Calif., is considered to be one of the top programs in the state, according to Hernandez.

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Three USU seniors named to BWC team

Three Utah State soccer players were named to all-Big West teams, it was announced by the conference office Thursday.

Senior Jayme Gordy was selected to the Big West Conference first-team, while fellow seniors Heather Cox and Marnie Bartelson were named as honorable mention selections.

For Gordy, a forward from Cheyenne, Wyo., this was the fourth straight year that she has received honors from the conference office as she was an honorable mention selection as a freshman, a second-team choice in 1998 and

was the first Aggie ever named as a first-team all-league selection in 1999.

Bartelson, a midfielder from Coupeville, Wash., tied with Gordy for a team-high 10 points on the season. She ranked 14th in the Big West in individual scoring and finished the year with four goals and two assists.

Cox, a defender from Draper, started all 17 games for Utah State and contributed nine shots on goal while anchoring the Aggie defense.

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Last week's record	5-5	6-4	4-6	9-1	5-5	5-5	4-6	4-6	6-4	4-6	It's rivalry week in college football this week, and several of them re block-
Season record	65-35	69-31	58-42	68-32	51-49	50-50	48-52	57-53	68-32	57-53	ster match-
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ly, Rock said.

Rahe isn't as sure about the team's readiness as his players are. He said the team will learn in a big hurry what its strengths and weakness are by playing against college teams rather than the teams USU played in its two exhibition games. Global Sports and the California West All-Stars didn't play much defense, Rahe said.

The Aggies held the California West All-Stars to 29 percent shooting. Rahe said the team's goal is to hold its opponents to 40 percent shooting. The coaching staff wasn't happy about the defensive effort vs. Global Sports and Rahe said it improved against California West.

"We need to see how we are against someone who'll guard us," he said.

Rock said Santa Clara will do a ton of shooting and he will have his hands full guarding Bronco point guard Brian Jones. South Florida is the only other team Rock knows anything about. Rock said South Florida will play a pressing

defense. The Aggies may likely play the Bulls in the second round of the tourney.

Santa Clara has a good program, Rahe said.

"They've got great traction," he said. The team really goes to the NCAA tournament every other year, he said.

"They fight, scratch and hold" on defense and are extremely physical, he said. He thinks the Broncos' offense is similar to USU's.

Santa Clara boasts some skilled shooters and changes defenses, rotating from zone to man during games, Rahe said.

"Our defense is really going to be tested," he said.

The Broncos have three returning starters from last year's squad that finished 19-12 overall and 9-5 in the West Coast Conference, placing fourth. In its two exhibition games, Santa Clara was defeated by the West California All-Stars before defeating a national team from Ukraine. One returning starter for the Broncos is senior guard Jones, who averaged 13 points and five rebounds a game last year.

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Thousands turn out at midnight to welcome Clinton to Vietnam

TERRENCE HUNT
Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — President Clinton began a historic visit Thursday to Vietnam, stirring painful memories back home of America's longest and most unpopular war and promising a former enemy "to build a different future."

Clinton arrived in the communist capital late at night, the first U.S. president ever in Hanoi, a city once bombed by American warplanes. The welcoming ceremony was put off until morning, but that didn't stop thousands and thousands of Vietnamese from turning out at midnight to catch a glimpse of Clinton's limousine and jam the square in front of his hotel.

Even though the visit received scant advance publicity, the Vietnamese lined the streets, some just looking on and others waving and clapping when the president's motorcade passed.

"This only happens once in a thousand years," said homemaker Tran Thi Lan, 50.

Clinton was to be formally welcomed Friday by President Tran Duc Luong at an honor guard ceremony in the courtyard of the French-built presidential palace on Ba Dinh Square. Reaching out to a generation of students born after the war, Clinton will speak at Hanoi National University to describe his vision for a new chapter in U.S.-Vietnamese relations. State-run television, in an unprecedented move, was to broadcast the address live.

More than 50 U.S. corporations sent executives to Vietnam during Clinton's visit in hopes of gaining a foothold in what they believe is a vast untapped market of 78 million people. As a young man, Clinton "opposed and despised" the Vietnam War, organized protest marches and avoided the military draft. As commander in chief three decades later, Clinton acknowledged that "A lot of people still bear the wounds of war" in both countries.

The war cost 58,000 American lives and tore the nation with suffering and turmoil. The U.S. military buildup began in 1961, growing to 60,000 combat troops within four years and to 543,000 by 1969. U.S. forces in 1973 made a humiliating withdrawal that still haunts the Pentagon. North Vietnam's army captured Saigon in 1975, leading to the unification of the

country under communist control.

The losses to the Vietnamese people were staggering: 3 million dead and thousands missing.

"The best thing that we can do to honor the sacrifice and service of those who believed on both sides that what they were doing is right, is to find a way to build a different future, and that's what we're trying to do," Clinton said in an interview with The Associated Press.

In a cautious rapprochement, Clinton lifted a trade embargo against Vietnam in 1994 and the next year restored diplomatic relations. He opened the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi in 1996 and in 1998 issued his first

waiver of a law that bars trade relations with communist nations that deny citizens the right to emigrate. In July, the United States and Vietnam signed a sweeping trade agreement.

"I think it's a new chapter," Clinton said. "The thing what makes America work over time is our ability to visualize new futures and achieve them."

Even as Washington and Hanoi look to the future, the United States still searches for missing servicemen and pursues rumors of Americans left behind when the last known POWs went home. Clinton said that "so far all the rumors and all the leads have turned up dead ends."

The United States lists 1,992 Americans unaccounted for from the war. The Pentagon has stopped pursuing 646 of the cases, and the rest remain open. Clinton on Saturday will go to a rice

paddy outside Hanoi where experts are trying to recover remains at a site where it is believed Air Force Capt. Lawrence G. Evert, of Cody, Wyo., crashed in an F-105 jet on Nov. 8, 1967.

Clinton is the third U.S. president to visit Vietnam. Lyndon B. Johnson went to Vietnam twice as president and Richard M. Nixon once, in 1969.

Pete Peterson, the former pilot and POW Clinton sent to Hanoi as the first postwar U.S. ambassador in 1997, said Clinton would see a rapidly changing nation.

Peterson said Vietnam has made significant political and economic reforms even

though it is one of the world's poorest nations, with a per capita annual income of \$372. He said the Vietnamese are enjoying significantly greater individual freedom but human rights problems persist.

Clinton will not meet with political dissidents during his visit, Peterson said. "Obviously we want to have as constructive a visit as we possibly can."

"We don't need rose colored glasses here," Clinton

said in the AP interview. "We still have differences with the Vietnamese about the form of government they have. ... But I think it's time to write a new chapter here."

Clinton was accompanied by his daughter Chelsea and mother-in-law, Dorothy Rodham. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton arrived Thursday from Israel where she delivered a eulogy at the funeral of Leah Rabin, widow of former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

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"The thing that makes America work overtime is our ability to visualize new futures and achieve them."

— President Clinton

President Fujimori faces possibility of leaving office

RICK VECCHIO
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — Opposition lawmakers wrested control of Congress from President Alberto Fujimori on Thursday, further undermining his grasp on power and raising the possibility he will be forced from office on grounds of "moral incapacity."

Valentin Paniagua won the post of Congress president, defeating Fujimori loyalist Ricardo Marcenaro in a 64-51 vote. The post was left vacant after another staunch ally of the president, Martha Hildebrandt, was voted out Monday.

Opposition lawmakers burst into applause as the count showed Paniagua moving ahead. His election gave opposition forces control of Congress for the first time since 1992.

Paniagua said he would not stand in the way of debate on a motion to force Fujimori from office for "moral incapacity" — as permitted by the Constitution.

"The request to vacate the presidency of the republic is a measure that the Congress can adopt when there are certain objective circumstances that the Congress must judge," he told reporters. It was unclear when the motion, presented Monday, would be considered.

Marcenaro said he was sure the opposition would not try to force Fujimori from office. "We believe they understand that this would only make things worse," he said.

Congressman Daniel Estrada, of the left-leaning Union for Peru party, which holds three seats in the 120-member legislature, said the national crisis could only be solved if Fujimori was ousted.

Fujimori's government showed signs of disarray Thursday amid a corruption scandal revolving around his fugitive ex-spy chief, Vladimiro Montesinos.

Fujimori was widely criticized for leaving Peru on Monday to attend the Pacific Rim trade summit in Brunei, and his trip sparked a rumor Wednesday that he was seeking political asylum in Malaysia. Fujimori aides and Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad denied the rumor.

Fujimori reportedly headed to Tokyo on Thursday to visit his son, who lives there, and to secure a loan for Peru from the Japanese government.

It was Montesinos' appearance in a leaked video apparently bribing an opposition congressman that forced Fujimori's decision in September to step down after elections next year.

As evidence mounts against

Montesinos, pressure is building for Fujimori to resign before the April 8 elections.

"President Fujimori is morally incapacitated to manage the transition from dictatorship to democracy," said opposition leader Alejandro Toledo, speaking to Peru's radio station Radioprogramas from France. "Fujimori could fall tomorrow, or the day after. I don't think he is going to last until Dec. 31."

Toledo, who boycotted the May presidential runoff against Fujimori alleging the vote was being rigged, said he planned to run again in April, hopefully as a unity candidate with the support of Peru's various opposition parties.

Montesinos is under investigation for laundering at least \$58 million in foreign bank accounts. He faces criminal complaints in Peru ranging from directing state-sponsored death squads to skimming profits from the narcotics trades during his 10 years as Fujimori's top aide.

Fujimori was first elected in 1990 and was handed a landslide re-election in 1995 from Peruvians, grateful to him for halting guerrilla violence and ending the economic chaos of the 1980s. His victory to a third five-year term this year was marred by irregularities and widespread fraud allegations.

EU rejects proposal from U.S., Canada, Japan on emissions

ANTHONY DEUTCH
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The European Union rejected a proposal Thursday from the United States, Japan and Canada on how to cut levels of greenhouse gases that are raising the earth's temperature.

The U.S.-led plan, which environmental groups also harshly rejected, suggests using so-called carbon "sinks" — forests and lands that absorb carbon dioxide pollution — to help meet targets of carbon dioxide reduction agreed to under the 1997 Kyoto Protocol.

The 15-nation European Union said it opposes the proposal because it "does not ensure the environmental integrity of the Kyoto Protocol."

The rejection on the fourth day of the conference set the stage for a tough battle when environment ministers arrive next week at the U.N. Climate Conference. They are expected to agree to concrete measures to combat global warming.

Under the Kyoto Protocol, reached at a meeting in Japan, world leaders agreed to lower global greenhouse gas emissions before 2012 by 5.2 percent from their 1990 levels.

The EU statement added that the U.S. proposal was too vague and "open ended."

It said the proposal was overly focussed on short-term measures and "does not solve remaining problems for the future."

European delegates and environmentalists had predicted that "sinks" might be the most critical issue to be resolved during the two-week conference.

About 2,000 government negotiators from about 150 countries were working around the clock to seek agreements on cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

The U.S. plan also envisions agriculture and woodland projects that would count as reductions in atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide without requiring curbs in emissions from factory smokestacks.

Some industrial countries have such extensive forests that they could meet their entire targets without changing the release of pollution.

"We strongly support including sink activities," U.S. delegate David Sandalow said. "We believe this can be an important tool to fight global warming."

U.S. officials told The Associated Press on Wednesday that they plan to meet half their Kyoto targets with credits from sinks. Otherwise, the officials said, the United States would never have agreed to the protocol.

Under the Kyoto agreement, Europe would cut 8 percent off its 1990 emission levels; Japan would reduce output 6 percent; and the United States would trim 7

percent.

"We are profoundly concerned and foresee that some of these measures could threaten the survival of our people," said Rosemary Kuptana of Canada's Inuit (Eskimo) population. "Our fragile ecosystem is being compromised."

Global warming doesn't just threaten rare animal species, she said, it can also wipe out entire nations that strongly rely on natural surroundings for food and shelter.

Another point of contention that will face government ministers in the second week of talks is the issue of emission credit trading, whereby rich nations would be able to purchase emissions credits from less polluting countries.

"We do not wish to be museums for trees in order to allow industrial countries to continue with their pollution," said Leonard Nurse, director of the Coastal Zone Management Unit on the Caribbean island of Barbados. Smaller and poorer countries, often the most vulnerable to rising sea levels and severe storms that result from climate change, fear their worries won't be addressed during high-level talks next week.

"The Kyoto Protocol must be ratified as a first step," Kuptana said. "The dramatic changes we see in Canada's north are a signal of what's in store for other regions of the world."

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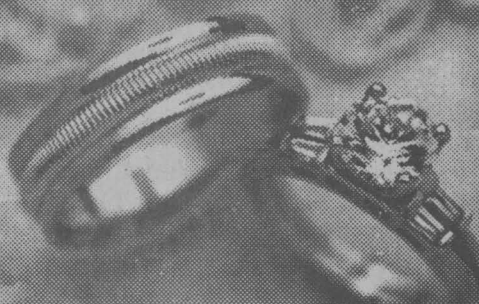
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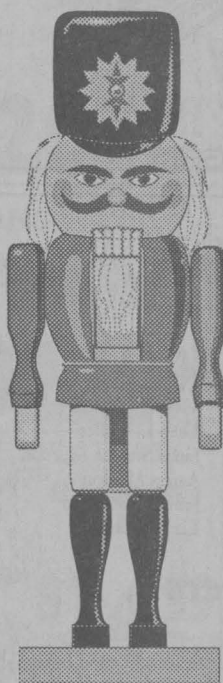
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Bored already?

Americans should be more interested in election than they were in Lewinsky, O.J. Simpson sagas

One of the most historic elections in American history is still underway. The nation still does not know who the next United States president will be, and Americans are getting a little antsy.

It's been a week and a half since Americans went to the polls and cast their votes, but even three days after election day, the buzz around the nation showed that Americans were getting sick of hearing about the election saga.

In comparison to many other national events, however, this one has occupied the least amount of time. Take the O.J. Simpson case, for example. For years the media and the American public have obsessed

with every gory detail of the case. Is he guilty or innocent?

Which shoes he was wearing and where he went golfing were things the public spent thousands of hours and millions of dollars worrying about. Books, magazine, talk shows — everyone dove into the chaos the case presented.

But the obsession with the O.J. Simpson case wasn't a singular situation.

Monica Lewinsky, JonBenet Ramsey and Princess Diana all captivated the American public, but these people have kept hold of the media's and Americans' attention for all the

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A Statesman Staff Editorial

and death, the presidential election between Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush is something that will have a permanent effect on the United States. The election results will name the new leader of the free world. Still, American citizens complain they are sick of the process being so dragged out. This is not information about the cigar of the Lewinsky scandal, nor is it an update on the ongoing JonBenet Ramsey case.

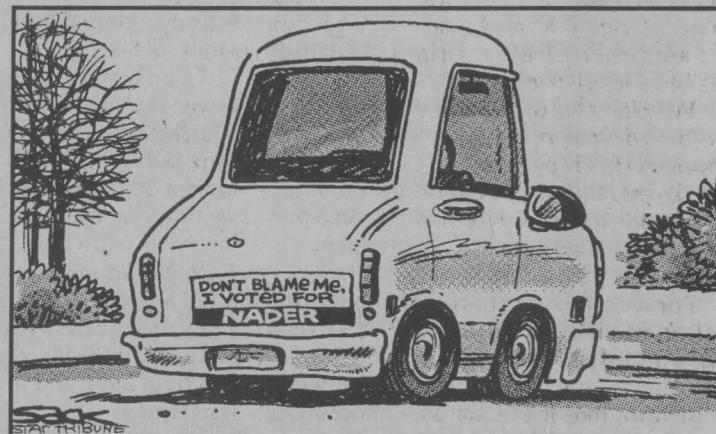
The results of this election are important

wrong reasons.

Unlike these stories of sex, violence

because, unlike the gossip facts of O.J. and Monica, they will influence the way the country operates. This election could forever change the entire voting process, including the importance of the Electoral College and ballot format.

America is looked at as a model for democracy across the world, and what happens in this country affects the way the world looks at democracy. This should not be rushed, and it should not be seen as a burden. Americans are not obsessed with this because of the scandal. Americans are obsessed with it because of the importance the results will have on the nation and on the world.



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Letters to the Editor

I'm changing my major to university administration

Dear Editor,

After reading the article about our new president's new home, I have decided to change my major.

I am changing it to university administration. Why, do you ask? Because I think it would be pretty cool to have a job with such perks.

Just think of it: You want to quit but still want to get paid for a year after you quit, and the company agrees.

How about a job where the company builds you an \$800,000 new home to move into upon your arrival.

Also, being able to walk into a dedication of a build-

ing 20 minutes late and have the audience stand up and clap at your arrival would be great.

Sounds good, huh? Well, this job, of course, would have its down sides, too.

It would really be upsetting to have to move furniture to your garage if you ever wanted to have a party.

And it would bother some people to have your neighbors mad at you because of parking problems at your parties.

But all in all, I think it would be a great job. I am glad I am changing my major.

Derek Pinnock

Give the poor, cute animals a break

Canada GOOSE

Heather Fredrickson



This morning I read three different articles about human interaction with three different species. One shows the wonderful, loving nature of people, one shows the vengeful side of people and one shows the absolute stupidity. Bear with me.

Kai is an elderly sea lion, weighing in at about 300 pounds. She had trouble breathing as she lay in her pen at the Aquarium of the Pacific and was taken to a local hospital for scans of her head.

At first veterinarians at the aquarium feared she had

developed tumors. Not so, it turns out. The scan, donated by St. Mary Medical Center in Long Beach, Calif., showed Kai had an overgrown membrane covering her nasal passages, which was simply punctured so she could breathe normally again.

"She was air-aring as she left," said Dr. Robert Ranke, a St. Mary's radiologist.

Hooray for medical advancements and donations by local hospitals. On behalf of aquatic animal lovers everywhere, thank you. That's just great, the kind of thing that reminds me how desperately I wanted to be a vet when I was little — or Dr. Doolittle.

sn't that great? I have a friend who broke his nose a few years ago and he's having all kinds of breathing difficulties. Not that it's a real hazard yet, but he said he'd love to be able to have something like Kai's procedure done.

Ahhhh. Fresh air.

And on the flip side of that coin, the author of "Jaws" is asking people in Australia — where there have been three fatal shark attacks on humans this year — to seriously consider the situation from the shark's point of view.

He had no idea what he was chomping, except it was obviously some type of meat. He just did what sharks do: Eat stuff in the water.

The "bear guy" in Montana is also having difficulties in his neck of the woods. His problems aren't with the bears, though. They're with the people.

If you leave garbage and animal carcasses lying around outside or hanging in your garage, you might as well send out engraved, embossed invitations to the woodland creatures for Sunday dinner.

Is it really that difficult to understand? I didn't think so. So, the bear is really

cute. I've always wanted a polar bear of my very own. They're just so fluffy and cuddly-looking and ... and ... cute. I begged my parents for one of those huge, above-ground pools so that my polar bear would have room to grow and be happy. I'd even throw in some ice chunks for him to play with.

Reality check: Bears and humans don't play well together.

Animals can be vicious (though they don't do it to be mean the way people do) and aren't cute and cuddly no matter how many Disney movies try to say they are.

As for the shark attacks, I'm sure the families of victims are terribly angry with the animal and would like some vengeance. Lord knows when I get stung by a bee, all I can think of is squishing it. And that's just a sting.

But let's stop for a

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Actually, non-sexual relations are part of nature

Dear Editor,

On the debate regarding homosexuality, I do not wish to add fuel to the fire, only to provide some insights on which people may form their own opinions.

Mr. Groves challenged the general population to give him an example of non-sexual reproduction in nature.

Well, there are several examples: Species of amphibians and fish, which have no males in their populations, manage to reproduce effectively.

In addition, the bonobo apes (which are 98 percent genetically similar to humans) exhibit definite

female-female and male-male homosexual activity.

Cattle and buffalo also participate in homosexual activities during certain stages of their estrus cycles. Are these animals inherently evil? I think not.

I do not believe it was Mr. Timothy's intent to belittle Christians or their beliefs. He was merely taking a stab at intolerance, and I applaud him for that.

The few gay people I know do not want their sexuality to be celebrated, just for it to be a non-issue.

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Despite popular talk, Electoral College backs the will of the people

More INSIGHT

Gregory Kan, *Baltimore Sun*

You can hear them now, can't you? The liberal Democratic horde — spoilsports because their guy, Al Gore, didn't win the state of Florida (at least not yet) — clamoring for the Electoral College to be abolished? We didn't hear such talk when Bill Clinton won two successive elections or when John F. Kennedy won the 1960 election in a close popular vote but with an Electoral College vote of a considerable margin. We hear it now, with complaints that Gore, the poor guy, won the popular vote but might lose the presidential race because of electoral votes.

It's happened before — three times. In 1824, neither candidate had enough electoral votes, and John Quincy Adams won through a vote in the House of Representatives. In 1876, neither Samuel Tilden nor Rutherford B. Hayes had enough electoral votes. Hayes became president when a special electoral commission granted him

eight of 15 votes. President Grover Cleveland outpolled Benjamin Harrison in 1888 among America's voters but couldn't muster enough electoral votes to be re-elected. (Cleveland won again in 1892, making him our 22nd and 24th presidents.)

Somehow, the republic survived it. That is italicized because that's what the United States is: a republic. Americans itching to end the Electoral College must think this is a democracy or something.

A trip to the dictionary helps. The Random House Dictionary of the English Language defines a republic as "a state in which the supreme power rests in the body of citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by representatives chosen directly or indirectly by them." A democracy is "government by the people; a form of government in which the supreme power is vested in the people by them or by their elected agents under a free electoral system" or is "a state or society characterized by formal equality of rights and privileges."

Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, a Democrat who represents Maryland's 7th District, is one who feels America

needs to be less of a republic and more of a democracy, probably in the latter definition of the word. The electoral system, Cummings said he has believed since his college days, has to go. "It goes against the 'one man, one vote' rule," Cummings said, and can lead to situations such as the 2000 presidential election, with confused voters seeing the candidate they chose win the popular election but lose the presidential race. The result, he said, is that some folks will feel their vote doesn't count.

What does Cummings think of the argument that the Electoral College system was devised to prevent larger, more populous states from dominating presidential elections through force of numbers?

"I can certainly understand that," the congressman answered. "(But) where one chooses to live is that person's decision. I can't look at it (the presidential election) from a 'small state, large state' concept. I look at it as on Election Day, all our votes count. Votes do count, but they will count even more if we do away with the Electoral College."

Let's ponder the possible

consequences of such a move. Gore won the popular vote, by 97,773 votes, according to figures published in Thursday's editions of The Baltimore Sun. He won California by 1,199,606 votes and New York by 1,523,667. You don't have to be Phi Beta Kappa material to see how, with strictly a popular vote, heavily populated states giving one candidate a plethora of votes will consistently choose the president and give those states an inordinate amount of power in choosing all presidents. "One man, one vote" sounds good, but it ignores the fact that 60 percent of the states told Gore to go back to Tennessee, his home state, where he didn't win either.

Gore won the District of Columbia by 144,984 votes. His advantage in Baltimore was 128,191. Both those totals were greater than Gore's popular-vote margin of victory. Under a popular-vote presidential election, Americans might have, in a close race, places such as Baltimore and the District of Columbia — whose people have never met a liberal Democrat they didn't like — providing their candidate with the margin of victory.



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moment and think about the sharks. They honestly don't know what they're doing. Sharks, bless their hearts, aren't the smartest of all creatures and have no idea what the possible outcome of their feeding frenzies may be. Let's leave them alone.

We don't have an across-the-board, nationally-imposed death penalty for murderers, thieves or other such ignorant/stupid people. Why impose one on animals?

For a creature capable of higher intellectual thought, that's a fairly brutish solution.

It's not like there are animals in the world, no matter

how much I would like to think so, who are capable of sentient thought. They simply act and react. That's it. Why on Earth would we condemn to death an animal who put no thought into its actions? There's no malice there.

And I'm not speaking only of the sharks, but of the bears, too. And all other creatures that get in "our" way and bugger up the works.

My Dad once said he read a quote in a book that's stuck with him ever since. It goes something like this: "There are no evil people, only stupid ones."

Animals have no capaci-

ty for stupidity. That's a human-only trait.

But they also have the great capacity for love and intelligence, which allows for cases like Kai.

Humans are bizarre, complex characters. But don't take out your frustrations on the animals. They can't help themselves.

That's another human-only trait.

Heather Fredrickson is a senior majoring in journalism. She's still planning on getting her hands on a polar bear, however briefly, at some point in her life. E-mail comments to her at slr4h@cc.usu.edu.

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They should not be defined by this preference. It is disheartening to see instant hate cross the faces of the ignorant when they discover that a peer is a homosexual.

I am not so naive as to think I can persuade those who are blindly entrenched in their dogmatic opinions, but I would like for them to remember that the first rule of Christianity is "love thy

neighbor."

This means love and accept all people, not just those who conform to the majority.

Lindsay Burt

When calling for understanding, respect, the same is expected in return

Dear Editor,

Richard Timothy's columns repetitively argue for tolerating differences, but between his lofty cries for respecting others' opinions, he disrespectfully dismisses beliefs that are contrary to his own. He asks for understanding, but fails to understand. Substantial evidence of this can be seen in his articles, but particularly the last one.

Concerning homosexuals, Rich said, "people need to realize ... that gay men and women are people too." Rich is trying to say that we shouldn't discriminate against homosexuals or demonize them, but respect them as people with different beliefs. This is true; we should be kind and respectful even if we feel homosexuali-

ty is morally wrong.

However, then Rich says "let's not try to go off on all the petty biblical references about homosexuality." Christians believe sincerely that the Bible is God's word. When a Christian makes reference to the Bible, it is an expression of belief. For Rich to call this "petty" is disrespectful towards Christian beliefs; it is also grossly hypocritical. He does not try to understand that Christians believe that homosexuality is wrong, but then asks them to understand that homosexuals believe that it is all right. Rich's double standard for liberal opinion is a recurring theme throughout his columns.

After calling biblical references petty, Rich makes a biblical reference. For a Christian to make a biblical

reference is petty, but when Rich makes one it is supposed to mean something. Rich would not use a biblical reference unless he realized that to the Christians, whom he is attacking, the Bible and these references are important. Rich calling these references petty when he knows that the Bible is important to Christians is truly petty.

If Rich wants understanding he should try to understand. Christians have a right to not "get over" the gay issue. If they feel it is morally wrong they should be allowed to voice those feelings, as long as they are not discriminating. These are the rights that Rich says homosexuals deserve. These are the rights that he should concede to Christians.

Jeremy Johnson

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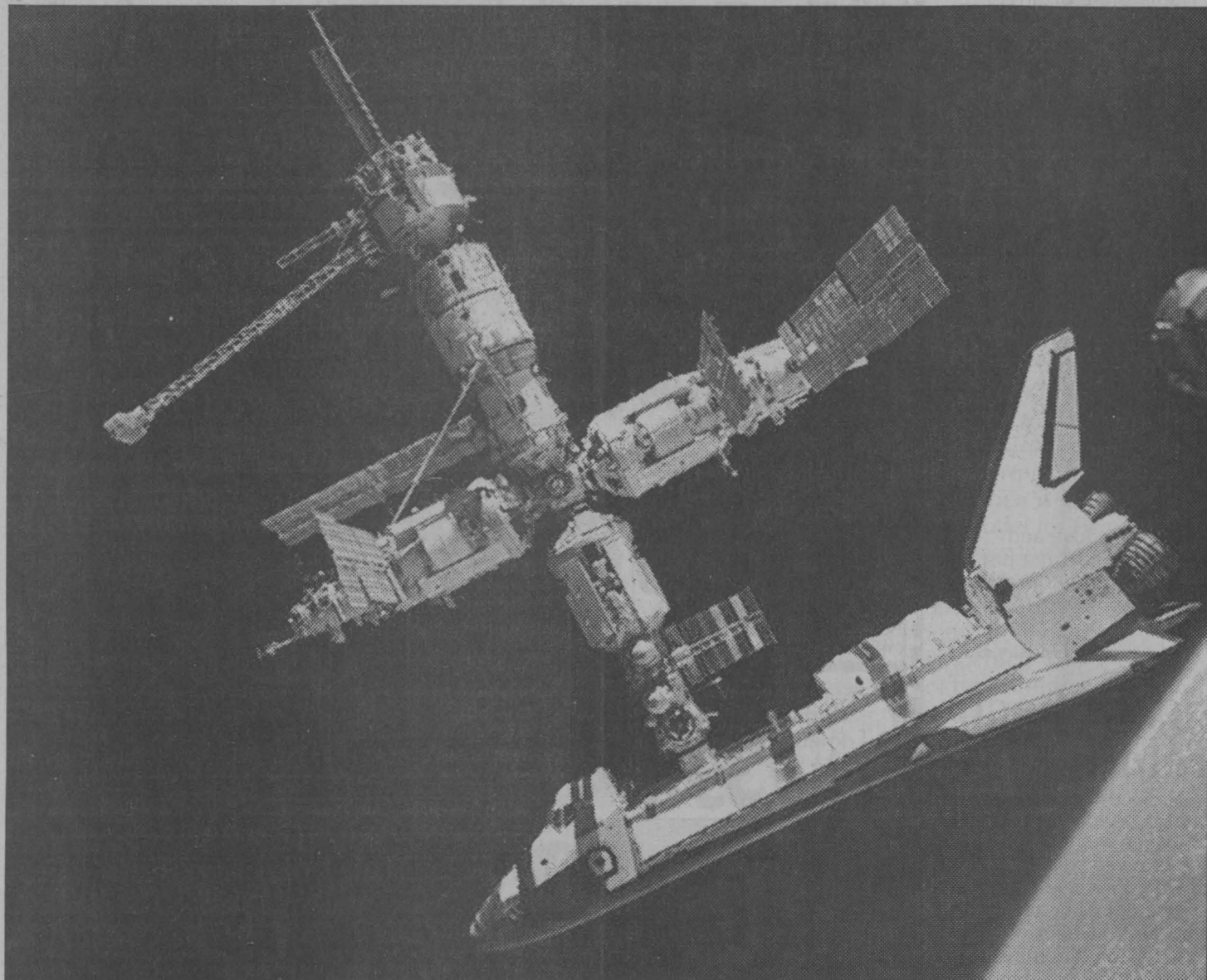
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Russia's Mir Space Station to end its 15 years of accomplishments



THIS APRIL 9, 1996 IMAGE RELEASED by NASA shows the Space Shuttle Atlantis docked with the Russian Mir Space Station. The Russian Cabinet announced November 16, 2000 that the aging Mir will be ditched in the Pacific Ocean in February, 2001./AFP photo/NASA

JIM HEINTZ
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia's Cabinet decided Thursday that the space station Mir will end its 15 years of pioneering achievements and white-knuckle mishaps with a fiery plunge into the Pacific Ocean in February.

Mir's successes and tribulations mirrored the epochal changes that shook Russia

during its time aloft, and ditching it in a remote corner of the sea 900 to 1,200 miles off Australia will extinguish a potent symbol for many Russians.

But Mir is deteriorating, foreign investors who bought the station an eleventh-hour reprieve this year haven't met their commitments, and Russia wants to concentrate its revenues on the 16-nation international space station,

which received its first crew last month, Russian Space Agency chief Yuri Koptev said. Koptev said it would be unsafe to leave Mir aloft without new, expensive missions to refurbish it.

"This year has already been rich with disasters," he said. "We must not encourage new attacks and speculations aimed against our country."

Russia's one-time image of technological prowess was

severely tarnished this year by the sinking of the nuclear submarine Kursk and the fire that engulfed Moscow's TV tower, one of the world's tallest structures.

Russia also was embarrassed by the funding problems that caused it to fall years behind in launching a key module of the NASA-led international space station. But its launch this summer, followed by the station's first

Russian-American crew arriving in a Russian space capsule, has restored some of Russia's pride.

For years, NASA has been urging Russia to concentrate its funds on the international project.

"Our concern has only been that the Russians have adequate resources to support their commitments to the international space station," NASA spokeswoman Debra Rahn said Thursday at the space agency's Washington headquarters.

"We've always said the decisions on Mir are the sole purview of the Russian government," she said.

When Mir was launched Feb. 20, 1986, it was the epitome of achievement for the Soviet Union, which had already launched the world's first satellite and put both the first man and first woman in orbit.

The first of a series of mishaps that were to bedevil Mir took place only a year later: the station's second module, Kvant 1, was unable to link up because of an "alien object" blocking the docking port. The object, later reported to be a plastic bag, was removed during an unscheduled spacewalk by the crew.

In 1991, an unmanned cargo ship lost control during its approach to Mir and nearly smashed into it. Over the next few years, the station ran smoothly even if the Soviet Union didn't. Cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev got the unusual distinction of being a Soviet citizen when he blasted off in 1991 and a Russian citizen when he returned in 1992. Cosmonaut Valeri Polyakov set a space endurance record by staying aboard for 438 days in 1994-95. But 1997 changed Mir's image to a space jalopy. An oxygen-generating canister

burst into flames, nearly forcing the crew to abandon ship. A cargo ship rammed Mir, piercing one of the modules and forcing the crew to seal it off before too much air leaked out. Computers failed twice, and the station went adrift after a cosmonaut inadvertently disconnected a power plug.

In 1999, Russia said it lacked the money to keep Mir aloft and planned to ditch it over the winter. But the private, Netherlands-based MirCorp leased time on Mir and promised to pay for its operation.

While MirCorp financed a mission to Mir earlier this year, it has failed to meet other commitments, forcing the government to divert funds intended for the international station, Koptev said.

"We cannot continue this game ... which I call Russian roulette. We simply don't have the right to do that, because we are a government agency responsible for the safety of Mir," he said.

American businessman Dennis Tito, who had hoped to travel to Mir as a "space tourist" under a deal with MirCorp and has already spent \$1 million in training, will not be sent to the station, Koptev said.

MirCorp representatives did not respond to telephone messages seeking comment.

The company, which said the space station had wide commercial potential, had said it aimed to raise about \$120 million through a stock offering next year, but Koptev indicated Thursday's decision to bring Mir down would not be reversed even if new money appeared.

Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov told Thursday's Cabinet meeting that safely discarding Mir is an international commitment for Russia.

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VNS retracted its Gore projection at 10:13 p.m. Some VNS members have theorized that the company underestimated the number of Bush votes coming in through absentee ballots or that the sample precincts were poorly chosen.

"The sample as a whole is too Democratic and we need to find out what that means," Gawiser said.

Although VNS said in a statement that the sampling precinct models "have served us well through many elections," the company said it will investigate why they didn't work this time. By the time midnight passed and it became evident that Florida would likely decide the next president, exit poll information was replaced by actual results in the data VNS sent by computer to its members. Fox News Channel was the first to declare Bush the victor in Florida at 2:16 a.m. ABC, CBS, NBC and CNN had all done so by 2:20. The AP, relying on analysis that showed significant votes were still unreported from heavily Democratic counties, never made that call.

Neither did VNS. Networks said they used information provided by VNS in making the premature determination that Bush had won. The experts said VNS's computer tabulations were flashing numbers that made a Gore victory seem virtually impossible. Gawiser said they showed Bush with a 55,000 vote lead with only 102,000 votes left to be counted.

Both those numbers proved to be wrong. Shortly after the networks called the race, word came in that because of a computer glitch in Volusia County, Bush's lead had been overestimated by nearly 25,000 votes. The projection of the total uncounted vote also proved to be too low. Frankovic and Mitofsky say they're not sure what happened, if VNS should be held accountable for passing along bad information or if county officials reported bad numbers used by the service.

"I think it's probably a rush to judgment to blame VNS immediately," Frankovic said.

VNS said the Bush call was made "solely on the basis of the tabulated vote indicating that Bush appeared to have a sufficient lead to say with confidence that he had won. As the remaining votes were tabulated, that lead dropped dramatically and the members felt that even though Bush was still ahead, the responsible thing to do was to withdraw the call."

Network representatives have stressed that they made their own independent judgments to declare Florida for Bush, even though five of them made the same call within five minutes of each other.

Bush aide cites need to 'rebalance' U.S. military

ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — To advance America's global interests, the next president will have to "rebalance our commitments" of military power, a senior aide to Texas Gov. George W. Bush said Thursday.

Condoleezza Rice, Bush's chief adviser on national security matters, told an Army-sponsored conference that a Bush administration would ensure that the U.S. armed forces are ready to defend U.S. vital interests while being careful not to involve the military in crises that other nations can manage.

While saying the Clinton administration was right to have intervened militarily in Kosovo last year, Rice said that avoiding overuse of the military will "require that we are more focused in what we do."

"It will require that we rebalance our commitments and our resources, and it will require that we recognize that our diplomatic instruments are many, that military power is only one of them and that we are certain that we do not always think of military e past, Rice has said the Army is being used improperly in Kosovo and Bosnia to rebuild civilian institutions. In Thursday's remarks she spoke more broadly about managing

such peacekeeping missions.

"The United States need not think that it is the only means of dampening down local conflicts, large-scale violence coming of man's inhumanity to man," she said. "It is not a matter of ignoring it, it is a matter of arranging coalitions, finding others sometimes to bear the burden, with American support and help."

Vice President Al Gore has vigorously defended the Clinton administration's approach, arguing that U.S. military involvement in the Balkans is necessary to prevent a return to violence and to build a lasting peace.

Speaking before Rice at the same conference, Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said it would be "naive" to believe the military will stop taking part in peacekeeping and other non-combat missions.

Commenting on the national security challenges likely to face the United States over the coming 10 years, Shelton said the world's lone superpower must continue to prepare its military for a wide range of missions, from training abroad and joining in peacekeeping duties to fighting major wars.

"It is naive to think that the military will become involved in only those areas that affect our vital national interests," Shelton said.

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Friday, November 17
◆USU Blood Drive, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., International Lounge
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◆ASL/SAAD

Thanksgiving Feast. 6 p.m. Valley View Towers Lounge. Members free.
◆Richard Elliott Organist, Salt Lake Tabernacle Organist, in concert. Free w/student ID Kent Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Sat

Saturday, November 18
◆USU Special Olympics Invitational 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
◆USU Football Vs Idaho State 3 p.m. Romney Stadium

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Monday, November 20
◆STAB Married and Engaged Harvest Ball. \$5/couple. Dinner 7 to 8 p.m., Dancing to live band 8 to 10 p.m. Free babysitting at children's house.

F.Y.I.

•Aggie Leadership Academy retreat, Nov. 17. We will meet at 5 p.m. in front of the TSC auditorium. Cost \$5 and retreat is open to all university students.
•The Department of Languages and Philosophy presents Hilary Kornblith, Professor of Philosophy, University of Vermont. Nov. 17 4 p.m., ECC, Room 201, Free and open to all. Information 797-2889
•The Family Life Center is offering a **FREE** workshop on how to buy home on Nov. 18, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To get more information or to register call 797-7224.
•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.
•Decade Dance, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. at the Gold Toaster Church. No cost. Take a step back in time and dress in your favorite dress attire from a decade between the 20's and 80's.
•Come draw from models. \$1/hr. Free Food. Any medium. No class. Guest artist (Greg Olsen, Steve Songer, Joh Anderson) Begins Nov. 20 until the end of spring semester. Mondays FA, Room 102, 8:30 to 10:30 p.m., Thursdays 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. FA, Room 209.
•Student Alumni Association "Senior Fun Fest 2000" for all fall graduation seniors. Come join the fun at the

Cache Valley Fun Park. Nov. 28, 7 to 10 p.m. Free to all graduates and \$3 for guests.
•The USU Marriage & Family Therapy Clinic provides individual, marital, and family therapy. Therapy is individualized to meet the unique needs and situations of clients. Therapy is provided by graduate students completing their M.S. degrees under supervision of clinical faculty on a sliding fee scale basis. For more information or to make an appointment, please call 797-7430. Appointments are available during both day and evening hours.
•Help build a progressive grassroots coalition. Join the Green Party Campus Coalition, Nov. 30, 6 p.m. TSC, Room 335. More info www.usu.edu/greens
•The YSA Moonlight Christmas Dance is coming up on Dec. 1. Guys — get your dates. The cast is \$10 a couple but \$8 if prepaid. Don't delay — get your date now.
•Make a child's Christmas Merry. Support the Mortar Board Children's Literacy book drive. Donate used or new books to storytellers at the Cache Valley Mall until Dec. 7
•Come to the Alternative Gift Market and Village Fiesta of Handicrafts from Ten Thousand Villages Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 12 South 200 West Logan, Utah 752-0871
•Cache Valley Civic Ballet presents "The Nutcracker," Ellen Eccles Theater, Nov. 24, 25, 27. 7:30 p.m. Matinee Nov. 25, 1 p.m. Tickets \$6 to \$12. Call 752-0026.
•The Child and Family Support Center will sponsor classes in Parenting, Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8:30 p.m., \$20/person or \$25/couple. Children's Social Skills, \$10 per child. Beginning January 10 through February 28. For more information call 752-8880

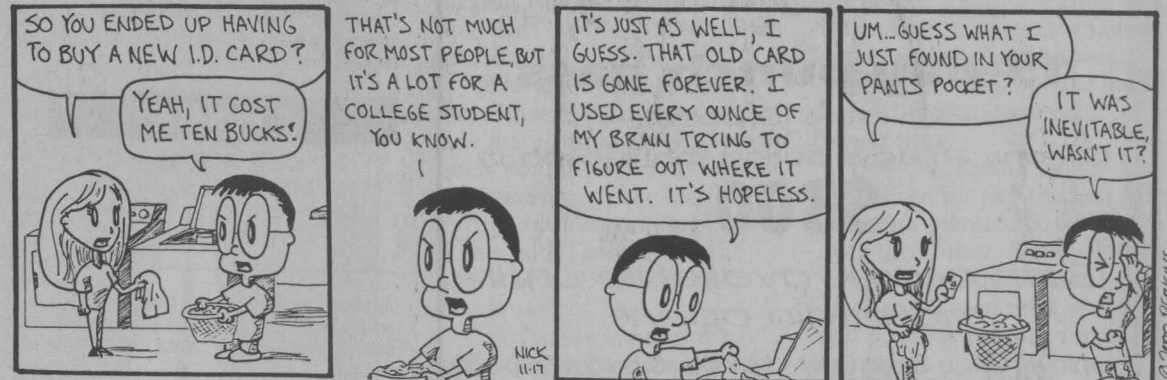
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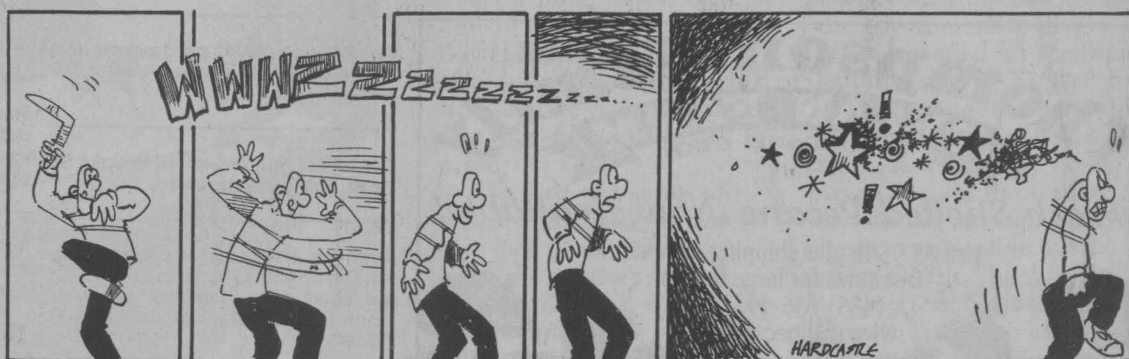
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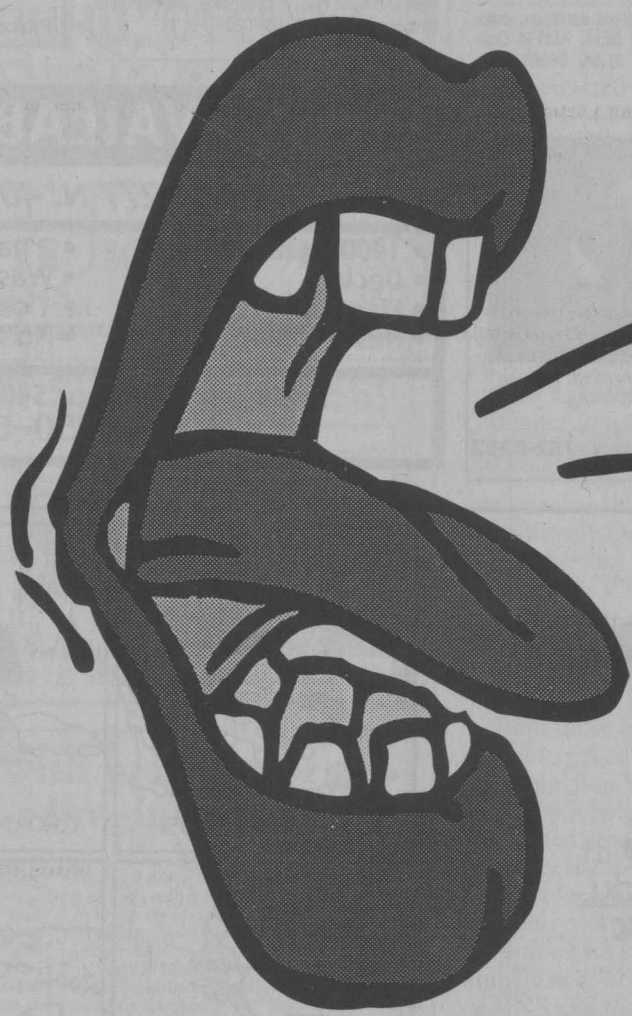
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