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SPORTS



Three last-second Utah shots don't fall as USU escapes with a victory in the Spectrum.

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ENCORE



In the magical land of costume design, the costume crew puts together

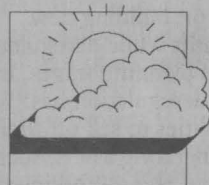
the attire for "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

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On Dec. 8, 1980, British pop star John Lennon was shot and killed. Lennon caused outrage when he declared that the Beatles were "more popular than Jesus." Love and peace were Lennon's central themes; love came with Yoko Ono, but peace was shattered when he was shot while leaving his apartment building in New York City. His assailant, Mark Chapman, was convicted and sent to jail. Bereaved fans kept a vigil in front of the entrance to his home for an entire week.

WEATHER



Today and Saturday will be partly cloudy with highs in the 30s and lows in the 20s. Sunday's forecast calls for rain and snow with a high of 28 and a low of 8. Expect rain, snow and lots of clouds throughout finals week. Highs will be in the 20s and lows in the 10s all week.

AGGIE NEWS NUGGETS

The Children's Theatre productions, sponsored by the Theatre Department, introduce more than 6,000 children to the arts each year. Children are engaged in a complete theatrical experience with creative sets, colorful costumes and special effects.



Parking plan evaluated by Emert, Riley



THE CAMPUS MASTER PLAN for the future, shown here, includes parking expansion and the construction of more buildings. /map courtesy of University Physical Resources Planning Committee

DAVID BOYLE
Staff Writer

Utah State University President George H. Emert is saying the amount of campus parking needs to be more than doubled to accommodate all its students.

"Parking demand for a campus with a 26,000 full-time equivalent [student] enrollment will require an increase from the current supply of 6,900 parking spaces to a future supply of nearly 13,000 spaces," Emert said.

In order to do this, Emert said additional parking terraces will have to be built.

"Given that parking demand will grow in any event, the plan recommends the incremental development of parking terraces to conserve property for academic and other uses," he said.

The plan illustrates several strategic parking terrace locations to ensure geographic distribution among campus precincts, Emert said. The primary terrace location will be near the Spectrum and the stadium, where traditional commuter lots are.

"The location and terrain allow for large and relatively efficient terrace structures that will enhance the continued use of the existing shuttle system," Emert said.

In addition, he said it will provide superior pedestrian linkage to the 900 East corridor, the stadium and the Spectrum. Emert also said the new terrace will be on the edges of Central Campus, providing convenient access.

"The advantage of parking terraces is that you can maximize your amount of spaces available without using a lot of land," said Ben Riley,

Associated Students of USU president.

The down side, Riley said, is expense. USU Parking is not free because USU has limited space, he said, and it has to keep up the maintenance of its parking grounds. In addition, he said, it's not free because it has to plan for future construction and cost of additional terraces.

"It's not that Parking's trying to stiff us," Riley said. "It's simply that parking is expensive, and land is expensive and parking lots are expensive."

Riley said it's got to come out of student and faculty pockets because the state of Utah will not provide funding for parking.

"You've really got to look into the costs of parking and plan ahead, because if we don't plan ahead we're going to be caught with some pretty big bills that are going to be tough to pay," Riley said.

He said the reason for this is the expense of asphalt, building maintenance, road cleaning and painting of the terraces, all of which are mandatory.

Riley said the proposed terrace locations are just temporary. He said one terrace is proposed to be built on the current heating plant location, which plant will be rebuilt near the Spectrum.

"At USU 30 years ago, it wasn't a problem," Riley said. "Now it is."

Riley also said educational costs, like tuition, books, housing and day-to-day living costs get to be a lot without an additional \$200 in parking fees, like University of Utah students have to pay.

"We're fortunate that parking is pretty reasonable here, and we hope that it stays that way," Riley said.

USU researchers find way to prevent airplane accidents

LARA GALE
Copy Editor

Cynthia Furse held up a white coiled cord — an aircraft wiring harness cannibalized from the guts of a Navy airplane — and pointed to the red rubber insulation that should have been protecting the end of it, where a nickel-sized hole exposed dozens of wires.

"Does this give you confidence about flying in an airplane?" she asked.

Furse, an assistant professor in the

electrical and computer engineering department, is leading a team of nine Utah State University engineering students in a project that will help solve one of the airline industry's most serious safety problems — faulty wiring.

Airplanes are built to last a decade, maybe a little longer, Furse said. But technological development in the structure of airplanes has more or less plateaued, so airlines have been replacing worn parts and updating instruments and letting planes fly with the same wiring that was

installed as long as 30 years ago.

"Wiring hasn't been an issue, and they're realizing now this is a problem," Furse said.

Wires have in the past been inspected by hand, but small problems can be hard to detect, and handling wires can create more problems.

Furse and her team have been working for three years to create what they have dubbed a "smart connector" — an automated testing system that will eventually be embedded right inside wiring systems. The con-

ductor will electronically detect problems and immediately communicate them to the cockpit, giving the pilot time to act before a major problem in the wiring creates a disaster for the plane.

Recent airline crashes like SwissAir 111 and TWA 800 have been attributed to faulty wiring, Furse said.

As a result, the Federal Aviation Administration, National Air and

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Service Center wraps up holiday season

JESSICA WHATCOTT
Staff Writer

The Val R. Christensen Service Center has logged in over 15,000 service hours this semester, compared to 25,000 hours for all of last year.

Alecia Fredrickson, student director of the Center, explained that at the beginning of the semester, the directors set a goal to pass up last year's total.

If volunteers continue to put in as many hours in the spring as they have this semester, the center will pass up the goal, Fredrickson said. But the center's success isn't that of the volunteers alone.

It also takes dedicated directors, who "are so committed that they inspire the volunteers," she said.

Student Rachelle Goodrich said she volunteers in the center because it

reminds her of how lucky she is.

"It gives the sense of something larger than yourself. It makes you grateful for what you have," Goodrich said.

Goodrich was one of several students who helped wrap presents on Nov. 5 for the center's "Adopt an Angel" Tree.

Volunteers collected about 95 presents to distribute to senior citizens and needy children in Cache Valley.

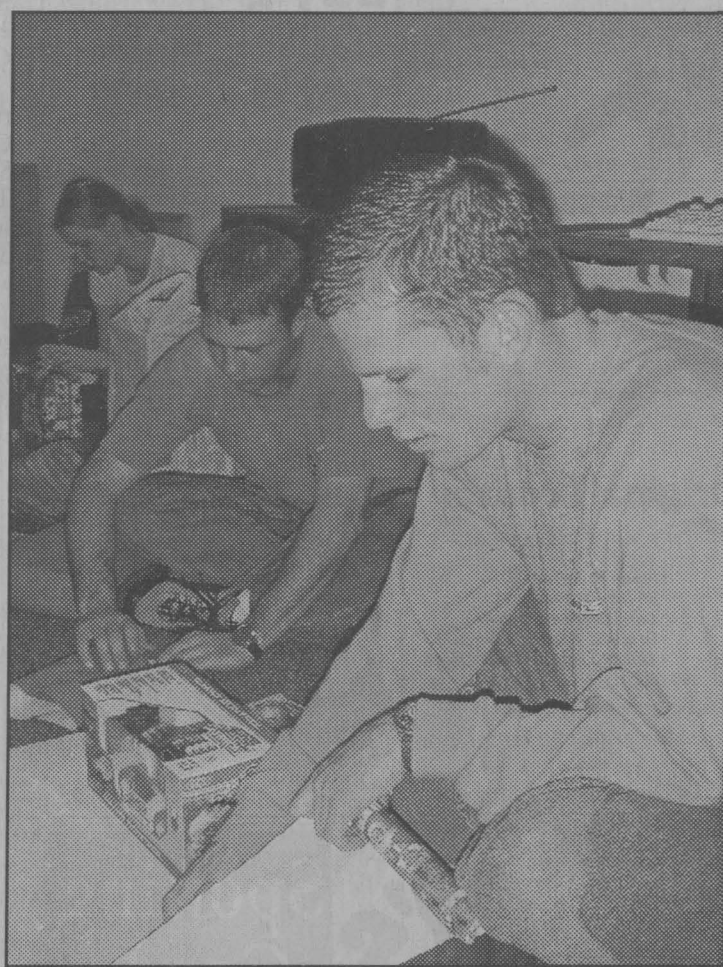
Fredrickson said she was impressed with what "poor college students" were able to give.

"They went above and beyond what was needed," she said.

This holiday season, volunteers have also participated in programs like a food drive that collected 3,250 pounds

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SERVICE CENTER volunteers Bart Giles, right, and Randall Raymond help wrap gifts donated from the Angel Tree. Gifts were given through PALS, a youth mentor group. /Liz Maudsley photo

Academy has eyes set on new USU Rec. Center

MATTHEW FLITTON
Staff Writer

The Sports Academy & Racquet Club in North Logan hopes to replace the proposed Student Recreation Center with its own expanded facility.

Keith Larsen, general manager of the Sports Academy, met with Ben Riley, ASUSU president, and other representatives Monday night to discuss the proposal. If approved, Utah State University would be the only university in the country to contract with an outside entity for recreation facilities.

It's not done anywhere else, and so we have to be careful in looking at it, and understanding why no one else does it," Riley said. "I would assume there would be some reasons involved."

The Sports Academy's plan included a \$3.5 million expansion.

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Riots, tear gas at EU summit

PAUL AMES
Associated Press

NICE, France — Hundreds of stone-throwing protesters rushed barricades around a conference center where European leaders met Thursday for a milestone summit on unity. French riot police drove them back with tear gas and stun grenades, and 45 were detained.

The clashes, which recalled similar demonstrations that have marred other high-profile international gatherings in recent months, created scenes of chaos in this resort Riviera city.

Some banks and businesses were covered in graffiti — with slogans ranging from "Long live ETA," referring to the violent Basque separatist group, to "Death to Money." Streets were littered with stones, pieces of wood, broken signs and used tear gas canisters.

Tear gas wafted across the entrance to the mammoth, concrete building during the morning confrontation, causing French President Jacques Chirac to sneeze and Prime Minister Lionel Jospin to step away from photographers so he could blow his nose.

Chirac later harshly criticized the violence. "We solemnly condemn these acts. They are radically opposed to the democratic traditions of all our countries," he told a news conference.

At least 20 police officers were lightly injured in the clashes, and 45 protesters were detained.

Although the violence was reminiscent of the chaos wrought by protesters on the Seattle meeting of the World Trade Organization last year, the thousands of demonstrators in Nice seemed to have no central command and to lack organization. Most were southern

European students rather than full-time activists for their cause.

A ragtag group of several hundred Spanish anarchists, radical trade unionists, and Basque and Corsican separatists fought pitched battles with the police as they sought to break through the ring of steel encircling the Acropolis convention center.

The demonstrators made their way to within about 300 feet of the center's main entrance, where the leaders of the 15 European Union nations arrived one by one along with the heads of 13 countries due to join the bloc in the coming years ahead. But police then pushed the rioters back.

Undeterred by the violence, the EU leaders opened the three-day summit knowing that failure to surmount deep disagreements over how to share power could plunge the bloc

into crisis and delay hopes of ending the continent's Cold War divisions.

The 15 leaders have until Sunday to agree on the most sweeping overhaul of the union's decision-making machinery in decades. It won't be easy.

Germany and France are split over the number of votes each will wield in deciding EU policies; Britain is determined to hold on to its power to block unwelcome legislation; smaller nations want to ensure their rights are not steamrollered by Europe's big hitters.

The EU must revamp itself before it can offer membership to the other countries, mostly former communist nations from central and Eastern Europe that are desperate to assume their place in the continental mainstream after

decades of forced exclusion under Soviet rule. "This great process constitutes the reunification of Europe," said European Commission President Romano Prodi.

"It's our responsibility to ensure we adopt all the reforms needed ... to expand the EU and make a common European home for us all," Prodi said at a news conference.

Eastern leaders implored the EU not to risk postponing the expansion which, if it stays on track, could see Poland, Hungary and other leading contenders join the Union by 2004.

"The Europe of today has to take the opportunity offered by the courageous changes in Eastern Europe to unite the continent," said Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Poland's minister for European affairs.

But the atmosphere in Nice was hardly one of unity. As dawn broke over the city, some 4,000 protesters gathered, hoping to march to the convention center. Police and barricades blocked the way.

The protesters' demands ranged from more social justice in Europe to increased rights for refugees. They chanted "Europe is not for sale" and "No, No, No to a federal Europe. Yes, Yes, Yes to a social Europe."

Many also criticized the Charter for Fundamental Rights, which EU leaders adopted Thursday as a stand-alone document that has no force of law.

"I am absolutely against the charter. It is a charter for the powerful and against the workers," said Katerina Mollura, a 66-year-old Italian from Turin.

Later, as the European leaders made their way to the convention center, hundreds of flag-waving protesters threw stones and bottles at police, who responded with tear gas and stun grenades.

Two blocks from the convention center, a bank was set ablaze, and protesters, some masked, attacked the fire engine that came to extinguish the flames. But the blaze was quickly put out.

Protesters then turned on a real estate agency, smashing windows as terrified staff fled to an inner courtyard.

More WORDS

"Europe is not for sale. No, No, No to a federal Europe. Yes, Yes, Yes to a social Europe."

— protesters

Customers ordered to reduce power use

JOHN HOWARD
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California edged toward an unprecedented energy crisis Thursday as hundreds of companies were ordered to cut back on electricity use and officials warned of the possibility of rolling blackouts.

"We are really hurting today. The state is scrambling to find energy," said Pat Dorinson, spokesman for the California Independent System Operator, a state power agency.

The power crunch — which hit before winter had even begun — has been blamed on cold weather in the Northwest, the shutdown of some power plants for repairs, and the effects of utility deregulation in California.

With supplies of electricity running perilously low, California officials declared a Stage Two emergency at 4 a.m. Thursday. It was the fourth such declaration in as many days and the eighth in three weeks.

Under the Stage Two emergency, hundreds of companies

that had signed "interruptible" service contracts in exchange for huge rebates were ordered to reduce or shut down their power. Others awaited notification to do likewise.

Computer chip manufacturer Intel stood ready to turn off 50 percent of the lights at its 6,500-employee installation in Folsom.

"If that's not enough, we'll take the lights down 100 percent and work in the dark," Intel spokesman Bill Mueller said.

Officials said the crisis could elevate to a Stage Three later in the day, which would trigger forced outages. Rolling blackouts would last about an hour in any given area and could affect hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses across the state.

A Stage Two emergency is declared when power reserves fall — or are expected to fall — below 5 percent. California has never before had a statewide Stage Three emergency, which is declared when reserves fall below 1.5 percent.

The alerts are the latest in a series of problems to bedevil

California's deregulated electricity system.

The phased-in deregulation of California's \$20 billion electrical power industry was supposed to lower prices by creating greater competition. But demand for electricity has outstripped supply, in part because of a growing population and a booming high-tech economy.

Electricity is also in short supply because energy companies held off building new power plants while deregulation was in the planning stages. In addition, deregulation has forced utilities to sell off their power-generating assets, such as dams and plants, and import electricity from neighboring states, where power demand is high right now because of a cold snap.

Earlier this week, energy companies and state officials asked Californians to delay turning on their Christmas lights until well after nightfall and to keep thermostats set at 68 degrees. After lighting the Christmas tree at the state Capitol, Gov. Gray Davis quickly pulled the plug to conserve energy.

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USU Greek system revolves around service, members say



CHI OMEGA SORORITY AND SIGMA NU FRATERNITY are two of the Greek groups that are located next to campus. Sigma Nu, along with other greek organizations has gone out of its way to help the community this semester with service projects. Chi Omega donated \$1,455 to the Disability Resource Center./Joe Rowley photo

JESSICA WARREN
Senior Writer

The Greek community is not only a strong social group, but also one that raises money, donates time and gives back to the community.

A good example of this is the donation of \$1,455 by Chi Omega to the Disability Resource Center. The DRC has been struggling financially this year, and the proceeds from a Chi Omega-sponsored concert combining the talents of local bands in Utah were presented to the DRC on Wednesday.

Lana Walters, president of Chi Omega, said as a national organization, they believe the welfare of others is important.

"We need to give back to those who give to us," Walters said.

Jamie Blomquist, rush chairman for Chi Omega, said they plan on doing another concert next semester because of the good turnout.

Delta Sigma Phi is nationally associated with the March of Dimes. Chad Linville, president, said each year they set up walk-a-thon locally in the spring and participate in Adopt a Highway, cleaning up a section of Logan Canyon regularly.

"That's part of why we all join — for the philanthropic part," Linville said.

He said hours of community service are part of the criteria and goals they must meet to be called a fraternity.

Justin Albrecht, president of Sigma Chi, said in 1992 the national organization teamed up with Children's Miracle Network. Last year, the 226 chapters raised \$600,000, with USU's chapter raising \$4,200.

"It's important to stick to what fraternities and sororities were founded on and give a hand back to the community," Albrecht said.

AIRPLANES

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Space Administration, National Transportation Safety Board, the Nuclear Regulatory Agency and the White House are very interested in fixing the problem, and have been tracking Furse's team's progress.

The system they're creating has two parts: a computer and a Frequency Domain Reflector (FDR). The computer does what any computer does and runs software.

The FDR produces high frequency sin waves, like a single musical tone with a pitch far too high to hear, at the computer's command, and when the sin waves finish their trip to the end of the wire and back, the computer program reads how long they took.

If they come back too early, it means they didn't hit the end of the wire, they hit a break in the wire. That's a problem -- the kind of problem that causes electrical fires, Furse said.

The project is still in the developing stage, but within two years, Furse expects to have smart connectors small enough to embed in individual wires and sensitive enough to detect small frays in wires.

The students hired as research assistants on the project have brought the connector a long way in three years, Furse said.

When Marc Nielsen, the only undergraduate student on the project, wrote the first software program to control the FDR, it took a regular-sized PC to run it.

Now in its third generation, the FDR itself is about half the size of a playing card, and the computer that controls it is about the size of an Andes mint.

In two years, the FDR and computer will together weigh less than an ounce and be small enough to fit inside a toothpaste cap. This is important because to test every wire in a plane, anywhere from 800 to 1,500 connectors will have to be installed, and the weight will add up.

"It's all about making it cheap and light," Furse said.

Making such a complex system cheap and light takes thousands of hours of trial-and-error testing.

The Navy and other interested organizations are pushing the team to have a smart connector ready for testing in two years. After that it will take anywhere from five to 10 years to get the connector to its smallest, simplest and most efficient size.

"If you've got a mile to run, you can't run it all at once," Furse said. "So you just take it one step at a time."

Funding key for keep rates low at campus Children's House

DAVID BOYLE
Staff Writer

Danielle Gardner, College of Family Life senator and student representative, said students at Utah State University receive discounts at the USU Children's House.

"This year we gave \$13,529 to the Children's House for their operating budget," she said. "So it's the Associated Students of USU providing student services to the students of USU."

She said this is a way to reach out to smaller groups on campus who need the help of student services.

"As a student, you get a discounted price in enrolling your children because student services is helping make up the differences," she said.

Linda Ebersole Gilgen, director of the Children's House, said parents must be full-time students to qualify for

the student rate.

Gilgen said the full-day rate for the children of USU students is \$2.50 less than the rate for faculty and staff and \$4.75 less than the rate for the outside community.

In addition, she said, the half-day rate is \$1 less than the rate for faculty and staff and \$2 less than the rate for the community.

"Tuition costs are to be paid in advance of services rendered and can be paid in full at the start of the semester or in four monthly payments," Gilgen said.

Funding is important and needs to be established for the house to be a success, she said.

"[The Children's House] is a real accomplishment, as far as being able to provide high quality education for children because it is the best quality education in Cache Valley that you can receive for a child," she said.

Finals bring counseling down

WILL BETTMANN
Staff Writer

The number of students who use the Counseling Center has not increased during the last few weeks of the semester. During the semester students who use the center has been constant said Maren Seamons, staff assistant at the center.

"We've had a waiting list for a while," said Seamons. "If someone just wants a one-time visit we'll try to fit them in, but if they want to meet with a therapist weekly, there's a three to four week waiting list."

Seamons said a lot of students are too busy studying for finals or writing papers to make it to the center.

"We've definitely had more appointments canceled this week due to finals," said Seamons.

Another reason there may not be increased numbers at the center is that Christmas is still a few weeks away.

Copy now, pay later

LARA GALE
Copy Editor

Students who need copies from the computer lab but are out of money on their card may soon be able to take their copies and pay later.

The Stater's Council — made up of representatives from Associated Students of Utah State University and university administration leaders, including President George H. Emert — met Wednesday morning to discuss campus issues. They decided to allow students who can't pay for copies to charge fees to a lab card and pay the fees in the Card Office in the Taggart Student Center later. The council also discussed, but did not resolve, issues from tuition to campus lighting.

Bradley Bishop, ASUSU student advocate vice president, proposed USU adopt a new payment plan allowing a few monthly payments of equal amounts during the term, with no fee, to help students who need financial aid but don't qualify. The university counts on tuition money and starts using it at the very beginning

of the semester, Emert said. The money pays for labs and other costs. What is left is invested and collects interest for scholarships.

This doesn't mean there can be no compromise, Emert said.

In addition, lighting was addressed. Last year administration resolved campus lighting inadequacies would cost nearly \$1.5 million. More than \$150,000 has been spent on new lights, and Physical Plant is continuing efforts to light up campus.

The drop policy was also addressed. Drops between the fifth and 30th days of class have increased. The administration is concerned small classes, especially labs, fill up and then decrease in number because of drops. Mid-semester is too late for other students to add, said Jim Stephenson, academic VP for ASUSU. He made one suggestion to allow professors to drop students who don't attend the first or second days of class and another to move the superdrop deadline from day 30 to day 10 of the semester or implement a \$20 fee per drop after the 10th day of class.

QUAD program easy as 1-2-3

SHARALYN HARTWELL
Staff Writer

Students can avoid long lines by paying Spring Semester fees online on the QUAD program or by touch-tone phone. These have been available for a couple of years, but haven't been well known, said Bill Jensen, cashier supervisor at Utah State University.

"We really want to encourage it," Jensen said. "Standing in line doesn't make much sense."

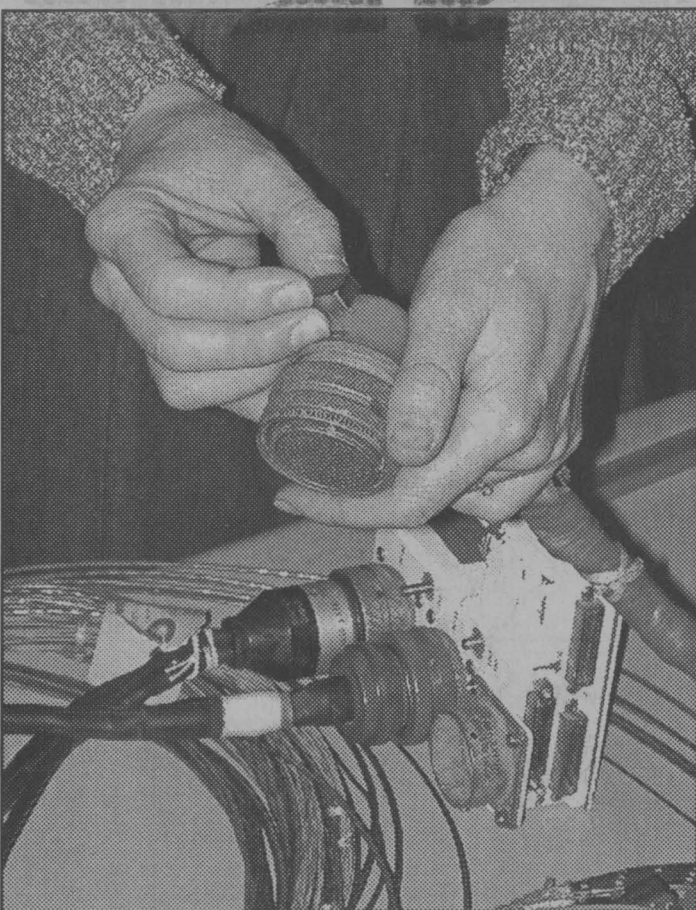
Parents can pay student fees more conveniently through online and touch-tone phone services, Jensen said. All parents or students need is the student's social security number, pin number and credit card or debit card

number. The pin number is initially set up as the student's birthday, he said, but can be changed later on.

On a touch-tone phone, calling 797-8888 will direct students through payment instructions, Jensen said. Connecting to the QUAD system will also guide students through the process.

Jensen said some other universities have stopped payment in person all together and only take payment over the phone or online, but USU chose not to. He said the goal was to alleviate stress and make paying more convenient.

The deadline for online or touch-tone registration is Dec. 19 the same day as for in-person payment.



CYNTHIA FURSE shows how a sensor would fit on a piece of airplane electrical wire. She came up with the method while students helped develop sensors./Joe Rowley photo

REC. CENTER

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sion of its current facilities and would include an 8,000 square foot student-only weight room, a rock climbing wall, an additional basketball court, an indoor tennis facility and an indoor track.

Current Rec. Center plans would cost \$12.5 million and would include a climbing wall, cardiovascular equipment, a weight training area, an indoor track, multi-purpose areas and a juice bar.

The weight room would include a row of televisions all connected to headsets to allow students to watch and listen to what they want while exercising.

The Sports Academy proposed either a \$15 fee for all students with an extra fee of \$63 per semester for students electing to use the facility, or a \$28 fee, which would allow all students access. The current

Rec. Center plans would charge \$11.50 per student per semester until the facility is built, then it would be \$63 per semester.

Currently, a little more than 900 students exercise at the Sports Academy. Its current membership price is \$39 per month.

Riley said while there were many advantages to the plan, a major drawback to the proposal is the fact that USU would never own it.

"Say they didn't have the student area stocked with equipment that we liked, and say we have qualms with that," he said. "We take that up with them and they say, 'Tough, that's all we can give you,' then we can have a lot of those kinds of consternations or problems. So that's a concern."

Students voted last April to fund the building of a new recreation facility.

News Briefs

Mitten Tree holiday donations benefit Headstart

The Utah State University Women's Center Advisory Board is sponsoring the annual Mitten Tree now through Wednesday.

Tree locations are set up at Arkana Hair, Caffe Ibis, Inkley's, J.C. Penney, the Sport Academy, the Carousel in the Taggart Student Center and various other locations throughout Cache Valley.

New winter clothing items, such as mittens, hats, coats and socks, can be donated at any of the above or additional locations. All donations will benefit the Bear River Headstart Program.

Foreign exchange deadline the 15th

The priority deadline for students wishing to participate in the International Student Exchange Program is Dec. 15. The deadline is for exchanges during Fall and Spring Semesters of next year.

The program includes semester and year-long exchanges to the Netherlands, Sweden, Costa Rica, Argentina, Kenya and many other countries.

The scholarship deadline for students studying abroad through ISEP is also Dec. 15. Scholarships will be awarded for the 2001-2002 academic year.

For more information, contact the Student Abroad Office in the Taggart Student Center, Room 304. The office can be reached by phone at 797-0601. More information is also available over the Web at www.usu.edu/stdyabrd

CAPSA looking for volunteers

The Community Abuse Prevention Services Agency (CAPSA) is looking for volunteers as crisis line attendants, weekend shelter managers, a children's group coordinator and to make up the victim advocate mobile crisis team.

Training sessions during the Spring Semester will be held through January and February.

Extensive training is necessary and a year-long commitment is required.

For more information, contact Erin, Jenny or Heather at 753-2500.

Avoid lines with Spring Semester book reservation

The Utah State University Bookstore will be reserving books for Spring Semester now through Dec. 22.

By reserving spring books ahead of time, students will have a better chance at getting all of their books, will avoid the rush at the beginning of the term and will receive first priority on used books.

Book reservation forms can be picked up at the Bookstore.

For more information contact the USU Bookstore at 797-1666 or visit the store's Web site at www.bookstore.usu.edu

Correction

In Wednesday's paper, Chris Machen, wife of University of Utah President J. Bernard Machen, was identified as Utah State University First Lady Billie Emert.

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'Candyland'

Exploring the hidden world of fantasy in Theatre 'Costume Storage Land'

MARCIE YOUNG

Assistant News Editor

Melinda Kay McDermott struggles with the key.

The door is locked tight, and even with the right key she has to turn the handle just so to get it open.

She jiggles the knob, and with a pop the door swings open to a world of pink taffeta, golden masks and a few Canadian mountie uniforms. "This is our playground," the 21-year-old costume design major says with a grin. "Costume Storage Land."

The room is packed from ceiling to floor, a height of more than 10 feet — with 1970s disco dresses, mobster pinstriped suits and black lace bodices.

Show after show and year after year the Utah State University Theatre department squeezes more floral print dresses, more floor-length leather jackets and more bellbottoms into the already-overcrowded storage room.

"It is so anal-retentive organized, you couldn't fit a

fly between the garments," McDermott says as she points toward the back of the room to a door buried in a corner.

She walks over to the corner — her eyes light up like a kid watching a trapeze artist as she unlocks the second door.

"It's actually 'the wool room' or 'the stinky room,'" McDermott says of the walk-in-closet-sized room. "But I call it the Candyland room because it makes me happy."

Masks, hats and furs line the built-in shelves and clothing racks.

The sun god, with golden flames erupting from his papier mache helmet, is perched on the highest shelf. The mask was one of six McDermott created for USU's 1999 production of "Ming Lee and the Magic Tree."

In addition to the sun god, she brought the rain god to life with a mask of sparkling paint, and allowed the mountain god to become real with Mount Fuji painted across his masked face.

Although McDermott says the gods allowed her creative side to really get going, the fun part and the "biggest pain in the butt" was creating the masks and make-up for the animal characters.

The actors transformed into the beasts McDermott created with make-up and fur.

"It was so much fun to make them come alive," McDermott said of her creations. "[One actor] would scratch the fur on her head, and it was so delightful to look at."

The animal masks were composed of mostly papier mache, face paint and fur, which McDermott glued to the masks in chunks, she said.

"I would walk home with clumps of fur stuck to me," she said. "I got a lot of funny looks."

Less to less

But the Brigham City-bred and Salt Lake-born theatre arts major didn't jump into college life thinking she would build costumes for the Charles Schultz-inspired play, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

McDermott graduated from Box Elder High School in 1997 and began her freshman year as an art major at USU.

Although she planned to get out of Utah, she stuck close to home because she couldn't afford the high tuition costs of out-of-state schools.

McDermott's father thought his daughter was making a bad decision when she said she was going to major in art.

When she told him she



PEPPERMINT PATTY'S COSTUME has to mesh with the rest of the set — without looking too cartoony. / Marcie Young photo

switched to costume design, he thought she was really stepping down.

"Like going from less to less," McDermott says.

But McDermott's dad was just concerned about his daughter's welfare — would she be able to provide for herself? Would she be happy?

"He just didn't want me to be a bum," she said.

Regardless of what her dad thought about her career choice, McDermott knew she wanted to get into the costume design business after she took a make-up class and a sewing class.

"By sheer luck and accident I happened across such a great theater department," McDermott said.

Baptism by fire
McDermott has spent

more than 45 hours making a dress for just one of the cartoon-like characters.

But Lucy's skirt is finally doing what it's supposed to, McDermott said of the way the waffle-textured, blue material pops up in regular "Peanuts" comic strip fashion.

"It's a lot of baptism by fire," she said. "If you're weak of soul, you're not gonna make it."

McDermott said her friends can't believe how much time she spends in the costume design shop, Room 229 of the Chase Fine Arts Building.

But she loves what she does, especially when she can see results of her nine-hour

SEE COSTUMES

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USU THEATRE ARTS MAJOR Melinda Kay McDermott finished up Lucy's costume in 'Costume Storage Land.' / Marcie Young photo

Decking the halls: Not worth the money

It's December, and people everywhere are preparing for Christmas. Except for me.

I tend to wait until old Saint Chubby is fueling up his reindeer before I drag myself to the nearest store and brave the feeding frenzy called Holiday Shopping.

My wife, on the other hand, has to have her Christmas shopping done by the Fourth of July.

Then there is the Christmas decorating.

You can find anything you'd ever want to spice up yourself or your house for Christmas in stores these days.

There are Christmas dishes, Christmas candles, Christmas wreaths, Christmas toilet paper, Christmas jewelry, Christmas sweaters and Christmas socks, which the person who wears always seems to bring up in conversation and then gross you out by exposing winter-white, pasty legs.

But my all-time favorite is the way people decorate the outside of their houses for Christmas. I have decided that there are four kinds of people who do this.

First is the Uncommitted. These people want to put up Christmas lights, but can't bear to spend any money on it and will never finish what they start.

Houses that are decorated by the Uncommitted will have lights on three-fourths of the roof and then nothing; or they will have lights that stay on all of the time, except for the last 5 feet of the roof line, where the lights blink on and off.

The second type is the Vegas-Strip kind. Yes, you know what I'm talking about.

These are the houses that keep the power company in business the rest of the year.

They receive formal complaints

from commercial airline pilots. They have reindeer, Santa, a manger scene with a star and the voice of Casey Kasem doing the narrative.

The snow melts on the yards of these houses and wolves bay at sight of them.

The next type is the Trend Follower. There is always a new thing on the market each year to gouge the pockets of the Christmas consumer. Throughout the years there have been moving lights,

which change their pattern and direction, lights that flash while they play music and lights that dangle off the roof like icicles.

The latest kind of lights for 2000 is the ever-popular butterfly-ballot lights, made by manufacturers in Florida.

The butterfly-ballot lights come with poor instructions, a warranty that allows you to send it back if your claims reach the U.S. Supreme Court and a guarantee that it will bring any major decision-making in your household to a screeching halt.

The final type is the Artist. These are the kinds of houses that everyone oohs and ahhs at as they drive past the house.

They have the perfect balance of form and light.

They spend hours in the cold, wrapping each individual twig on their bushes so that it illuminates the souls of all who see.

Me? Well, I'm an Uncommitted Trend Follower.

I'll probably just strap a couple of wise men up in my trees and outline the face of Al Gore on my roof.

I will, of course, hand count each light I use to do so.

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



Utah Symphony brings holiday concert series

JULIE SULUNGA
Staff Writer

The holidays are here, and the Utah Symphony will present a handful of concerts full of holiday cheer.

The first of the concerts will be "A Broadway Yuletide," performed by Bravo Broadway.

It will take place Dec. 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. at Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake City.

Bravo Broadway will feature Michael Maguire, Jan Horvath and Doug LaBrecque, who have previously starred in Broadway productions like "The Phantom of the Opera" and "Les Miserables." Guest conductor Randall Craig Fleisher will direct the orchestra.

The Bravo Broadway has been in Utah before.

Maguire had a part in the New Year's celebration for the millennium the Symphony held in Salt Lake City last year.

The group has performed not only on Broadway, but also in various countries all over the world, said Steven Ireland, marketing manager.

Now the show prepares to hit Utah. And Ireland said the concert is the kind just about everyone will love.

"It is a family show," Ireland said. "With Christmas carols, it is something that the whole family can enjoy."

"A Broadway Yuletide" is typically a big hit — the two shows usually sell out or at least come close, Ireland said.

"Here Comes Santa Claus" will be performed Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., combining music and a chance to sit on Santa's lap for the kids.

Santa will even be in the lobby waiting to greet the little ones.

The music is upbeat and filled with high spirits.

Randall Craig Fleisher will conduct and Heidi Joyce will narrate.

The last of these shows will be a New Year's celebration. It will be Dec. 30 at 8 p.m.

It will encompass many different dances, including waltzes, polkas and marches.

This concert will be directed by Kory Katseanes and will feature singers George Dryer and Lindsay Killian.

"When this concert is on New Year's Eve, there is

a countdown," Ireland said. "It is quite festive."

However, the countdown to midnight won't be included this year because New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday and Utahns don't typically turn out in large numbers at Sunday events.

As a result, the concert will be held Saturday, instead.

On the plus side, people who want to go to Salt Lake City's First Night celebration and the concert can now go to both if they choose or just stay in on New Year's Eve, Ireland said.

Tickets for these shows range from \$6 to \$40, depending on the show.

Show-specific information is available by calling the Utah Symphony hotline at (801) 533-6683.

Where

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Aggie Carolers' CD a good listen, but live shows better



THE AGGIE CAROLERS released a Christmas CD, now available for purchase. / Aggie Carolers photo

JARED STERZER
Features Editor

Don't just go tell it; go buy it.

For the most part, the Aggie Carolers' recent Christmas CD "Go Tell It" is a wonderful blend of music styles and carols that give the gift of enlightening enjoyment. I really only had two major gripes with it.

First, "Carol of the Bells" wasn't included. Second, the recording doesn't really do justice to the carolers' live performances.

The thing that sets the CD and the carolers themselves apart is the unique blending of their voices.

The slight discord evident in many of the songs gave me chills.

It has the perfect blend of music that is complex enough to be appreciated by a musician, yet simple enough to please any listener.

My favorite tracks on the album were the 98 Degrees-style "The Little Drummer

Boy" sung by the men and the jazz arrangement of Natalie Sleeth's "Gloria." "Drummer" was an upbeat toe-tapper full of those chilling atonal chords. "Jazz

"Gloria" combines the human voice in a mixture of melodies and drums to provide a round-style Christmas tribute.

The ladies also joined in with a jazzed-up rendition of "Go Tell It On the Mountain."

I don't know if it was intentional or not, but the tribute to Harry Connick Jr.'s Christmas album in "Let It Snow" is very entertaining.

The traditional versions of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "What Child is This?" and "Silent Night" brought a nice balance to the hip-hop tunes on the CD.

The group also added a bit of culture fun with "Mary's Little Boy Child" and its steel drum sound and the Israeli

folk song "Heivenu Shalom Alechem (We Bring You Peace)."

The only song I didn't really care for was the disjointed rendition of "Rudolph the Red

Nosed Reindeer." I'm sure the song makes much more sense when seen

Music REVIEW

Go Tell It/Grade B+

in person, but it seemed to have trouble deciding if it was a lullaby, a jazz dance tune or an operatic aria.

Overall, the CD is great. It's a nice addition to any Christmas collection. I just hope you get to hear "Carol of the Bells" sometime. It's really their best song. I promise.

"Go Tell It" is available in the Programs and Entertainment Office, Taggart Student Center, Room 316, for \$12.95.

It is also available at Hastings and The Book Table.

John Lennon: late music legend

Instant KARMA

Kelli Eyres
Guest columnist

What does Dec. 8 mean to you? For some it is the last day of classes before finals; for others it's 17 days until Christmas.

But for a few, it means something bigger — it marks one more anniversary of John Lennon's death.

For hard-core Beatles fans like myself, Dec. 8 is a day to reflect on a life ended too soon.

It was exactly 20 years ago today that ex-Beatle John Lennon was murdered in front of his home in New York City by Mark David Chapman.

Chapman had approached Lennon early in the afternoon on Dec. 8, 1980, and asked for an autograph, which Lennon gladly gave. Lennon took the album Chapman held out to him and signed it "Peace and Love forever, John Lennon."

Lennon then smiled for a photo that documented their brief encounter.

Later that same day, around 11:15 p.m., as Lennon and his wife Yoko Ono stepped out of their taxi and started walking into their apartment building, Chapman stepped out of the shadows and called, "Mr. Lennon."

He then fired the first bullet into the rock legend.

The bullet hit him in the left shoulder blade. A stream of three more bullets followed as Lennon yelled, "I'm shot."

The bullets hit him randomly throughout the back and side. Lennon fell with the impact of the last bullet and started crawling toward the guard booth.

Once the ambulance and police had arrived, the suspect had been detained and Lennon was dying.

"Do you know who you are? Do you know where you are?" the paramedics asked John, but he had been hit in the upper chest, his vocal chords severed. The man whose voice touched millions had no last words.

Chapman, who pleaded guilty and insanity at the same time, was sentenced to 20 years before the chance of parole. He came up for his first parole hearing in November 2000, but was denied.

Although he had a perfect record for good prisoner conduct, his level of insanity was deemed too uncontrollable.

Ono said in an interview with reporters she didn't want Chapman to remain behind bars so much for killing her husband, but for his own safety.

She feared that if he was released his life would be in danger, due to vengeful fans.

So as we remember Lennon, the man who changed music forever, we are sad at our loss but rejoice in the fact that his musical legacy and his crusade for peace have lived on.

Beatles fans and non-Beatles fans alike, please remember what one person can do.

Lennon lived that lesson. It only takes one person to change the planet.



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Two guys and a movie

A look back at a semester of movie memories



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Best comedic scene

The most sublime comedic moments occur when skilled filmmakers hold up a mirror and show the audience a humorous vision right out of their own lives. In "Saving Grace," Grace and her gardener Matthew go to the hardware store to buy supplies for their marijuana-growing venture. They are forced to wait nervously at the counter to see if their credit card will go through. The two of them try to avoid making eye contact with the checkout clerk, who is trying to avoid making eye contact with them. Describing this scene on paper will never do it justice.

Best romantic movie

I applaud any romantic movie that can go from start to finish without retreating back to the obligatory brief-nudity love scene. I held my breath waiting for the charming story of "Return to Me" to downshift into a thighs-and-cleavage lovemaking climax complete with candles and voyeuristic camera angles. It never came. Bonnie Hunt (the writer and director of this film) is a prima donna; but I have to give her credit for her work in "Return to Me." It's most certainly destined for a place on the classic films rack.

Most disappointing underachiever

"Gone in 60 Seconds" had some great car chases; but much like my friend Mary's Saab, it just wasn't put together very well. It also made the mistake of recycling character types that are boring and out of date. I'm tired of watching movies populated with oily

European crooks who have somehow figured out how to operate above the law in America. Let's face it; the only scary thing about most European men is that they seem to be completely comfortable wearing things like blouses and huarache sandals.

Sequel that had to suck

Simple. It's "Blair Witch 2: Book of Shadows." What made the original so good was its unique, grainy look and camping-trip-from-hell format. Polish it up, add a few more sassy college kids and what have you got? Another tedious "I Know What You Did Last Summer."

Best movie

"Almost Famous" was pure quality — especially if you like music. Nearly everyone I've talked to about this film spoke of it as the rare kind of movie that hits the viewer on a very personal level. "Almost Famous" tells a story about real life and the basic goodness of most people — even rock stars. It is engrossing and emotional while remaining lighthearted throughout.

Worst movie of the fall/summer

The title pretty much says it all: "Coyote Ugly." If Hollywood were a factory, this film would be the toxic discharge that gets dumped into the river. I'm pretty sure if you played this movie in a lab full of frogs they would mutate into something terrible. "Coyote Ugly" was such a depressing mess that I couldn't even stay interested by all the women. A close second would be "Highlander Endgame," which proves once again that Hollywood execs know that fans of fantasy and science fiction will watch anything. If you don't believe this is true, wait for "Dungeons and Dragons" to come out.

Best Actor

If the Academy Awards were tomorrow, I'd be split between Billy Crudup for his role as rocker Russell Hammond in "Almost Famous" and Ben Stiller for his role as Gaylord Focker in "Meet the Parents." Crudup has made it a habit to pick only the best roles and is able to shine as the "everyman," and Stiller embodies the geek that is present in every one of us. Just split the gold statue between the two of them, because, man, they're good.

Worst Actor

I racked my brain to think of the worst actor, and I was almost ready to pick Arnold Schwarzenegger for his role in "The Sixth Day," but I remembered the putrid, numbing, neutering feeling I suffered when I saw "Highlander: Endgame" and decided to give this award — which is an aluminum statue of a fat, half-naked guy in boxer shorts and slippers — to Adrian Paul and Christopher Lambert.

Most theatergoers understand completely that Lambert has never been good, nor shall he ever be, and folks are beginning to realize that Adrian Paul's ability will make him the replacement for Lorenzo Lamas on the TV show "Renegade." Honorable Mention: Richard Gere for his work in "Autumn in New York" and "Dr. T and the Women."

Best Actress

Kate Hudson, in a heartbeat. Goldie Hawn's daughter is not only incredibly attractive and remarkably sexy, but she emits an honesty — a sincerity — that makes her characters come to life with a vibrancy that resembles real life and not some sugar-coated wad of

celluloid.

Her performance in "Almost Famous" will probably be the best of her career, but, then again, she's got a lot of life to live and she may just surprise us with her ability.

Worst Actress

This is easy. It's Puff Daddy's woman, his ho or whatever, you want to call her.

Oh, yeah, Jennifer Lopez.

When she acts, I feel queasy, like I just ate an entire bag of marshmallows and spent the entire afternoon cleaning a litterbox. Not only was "The Cell" disturbing and sickening even without her paltry attempt at acting, but also I don't think she's a good singer. Plastic comes to mind, and I don't mean surgery. Although I'd bet those, um, assets aren't all real. Honorable Mention: Winona Rider for "Autumn in New York" and "Lost Souls."

Best Movie Line

"Almost Famous" wins again with this clever statement made by rock journalist Lester Bangs (Phillip Seymour Hoffman): "The only true currency in this bankrupt world is what you share with someone else when you're uncool." Honorable Mention: Jack Byrnes (Robert De Niro) in "Meet the Parents," questioning his soon-to-be son-in-law, Greg Focker: "I have nipples, Greg. Would you milk me?"

Worst Movie Line

Again, a toss-up, but I'd say the entire script for "Bless the Child" and the entire screenplay for "Red Planet" suck the sweat off my gym socks. However, feast on this

Andy
Morgan

gem from "Highlander: Endgame."

I can't really give you a context, because there was none in the entire film.

So, just picture a white male with a ponytail trying to sound Scottish, but sounding like a gay Sean Connery: "There can be only one — and you aren't it!" Gag me, please.

Biggest Disappointment

This is easy — "Pay It Forward." How can a movie with Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt and Haley Joel Osment reek to high heaven? The story was dumb and depressing. It seemed like they tried to shove a wannabe feel-good flick down our throats without coating the movie in a single ounce of honesty.

I really do like most movies, but I have a hard time enjoying them when they pretend to be something they are not. Filmmaking and life are a lot the same — honesty is the best policy.

Best Movie

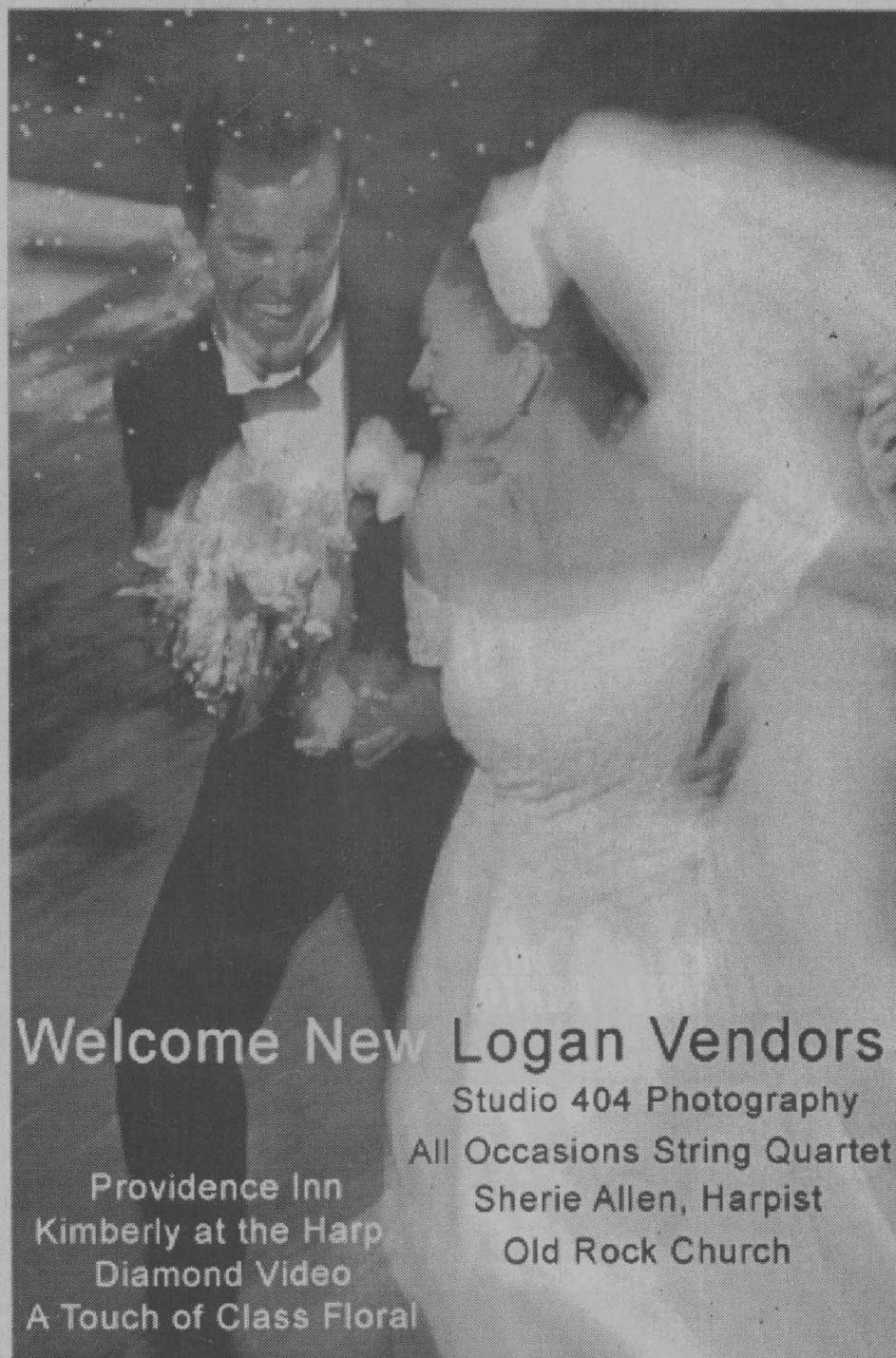
Cameron Crowe's "Almost Famous" is the best movie of the year — to this point.

It is full of clever, smart dialogue, believable characters and a tremendous storyline. Best of all, it's a feel-good movie and leaves you wanting to sing Elton John's "Tiny Dancer" the entire way home.

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Father-son duo to sing holiday songs

HEIDI INGBRIGTSEN
Staff Writer

Gary Morris, a former "Les Miserables" cast member and nationally touring singer, will be performing "A Gary Morris Christmas" with his son Matthew Saturday at 8 p.m. at Utah State University's Ellen Eccles Theatre.

Wendi Hassan, director of communications for the Capitol Arts Alliance, said Gary Morris is on an annual tour. He has performed this concert in a

variety of locations, including Los Angeles and Dallas.

Lisette Miles, executive director of the Capitol Arts Alliance, said Gary Morris was the first American to play Jean Valjean in "Les Miserables."

Gary Morris has won awards for his original rendition of "Wind Beneath My Wings," Miles said. He has also performed on Broadway in "La Boheme" with Linda Ronstadt.

From 1991 to 1994, Matthew Morris was a member of the New Mickey Mouse

Club, Hassan said. He recorded an album for Disney with six other club members.

Gary and Matthew Morris first appeared together when Matthew Morris was 7, Hassan said. Gary Morris was performing with Kenny Rogers, and Matthew Morris wanted to appear on stage. Matthew Morris sang "Your Momma Don't Dance and Daddy Don't Rock 'n' Roll," and quickly ran off the stage. The audience "was on their feet."

Since then, Gary Morris has

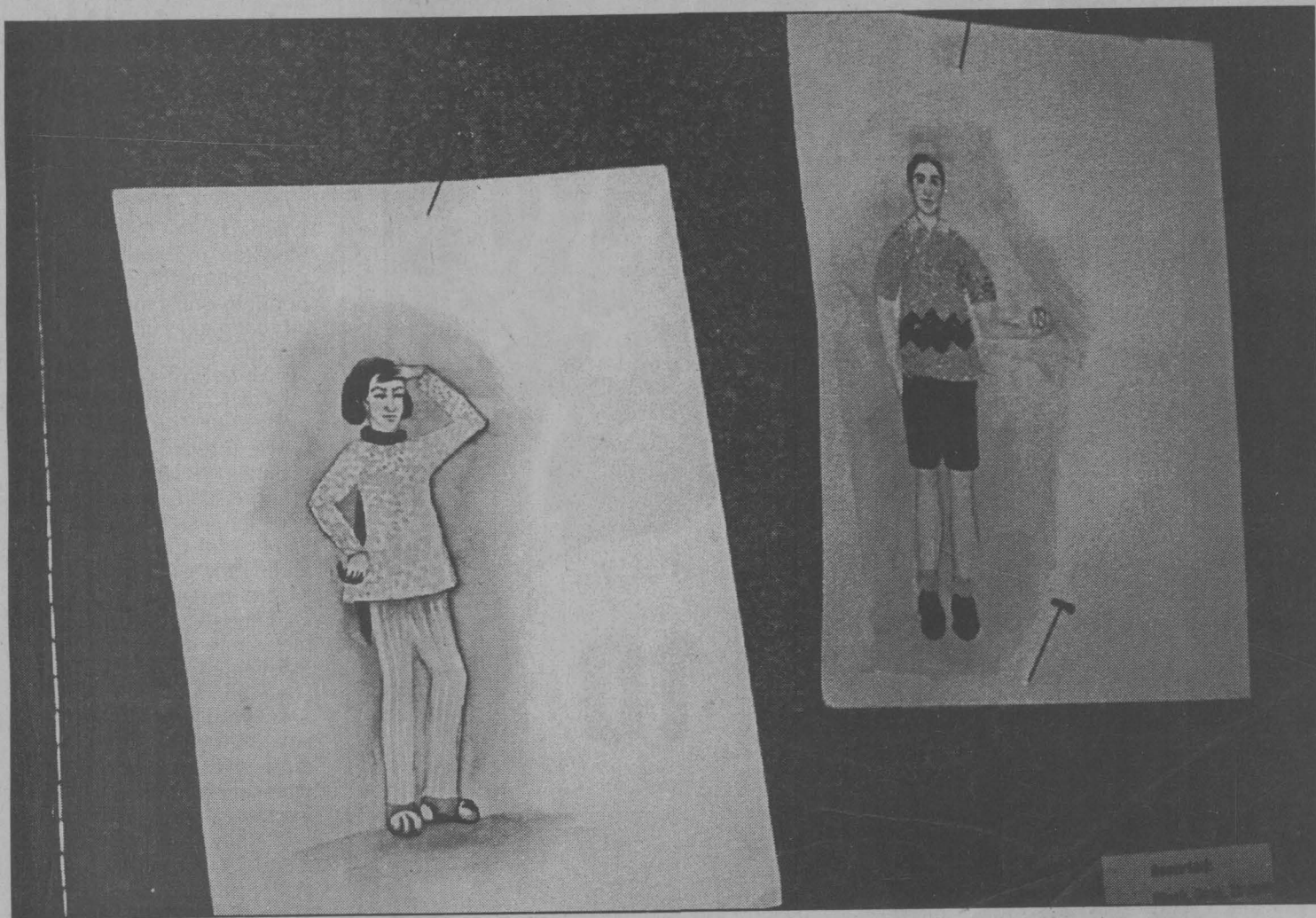
helped promote Matthew Morris' career, Hassan said. He also helps him get gigs.

Hassan said in 1998 Gary released the album "My Son, Your Christmas." Gary and Matthew Morris have written a song together called "Shine." Matthew Morris spent a year in the Peace Corps, Hassan said. He recently released a bilingual album.

Tickets to the show cost between \$16 and \$22, Miles said. For ticket information, call 752-0026.

► COSTUMES

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SKETCHES OF COSTUMING plans, like these for Snoopy and Charlie Brown, play an important part in the final product. Theatre arts major Melinda Kay McDermott drew these for USU Theatre's "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." / Marcie Young photo

daily shifts.

"I'd rather make the sacrifice and do my work than be a business major and have time to hang out," she said as she clipped around the pattern of Lucy's short dress.

Although McDermott said she has spent more than 100 hours on the comic-strip-inspired show, she was worried about the amount of freedom she was going to have in creating the characters through their attire.

"I thought, 'This will suck,'" McDermott said.

But that was before she started thinking about how she could create human qualities without being too cartoony and cheesy.

Director Kevin Doyle didn't want Charlie, Snoopy, Lucy and the other characters to be too artsy and seemingly drawn.

Instead, he wanted McDermott to create costumes that would allow the audience to see the qualities of the famous cartoon children.

"They all look a little bit fuzzy," McDermott said. "It's cheesy, but not like 'Star Trek' Convention cheesy."

Double-edged sword

With all the time she puts into a show, McDermott said it's hard to step back and not take too much credit.

When costume artists look for that type of recognition, they are looking for their work to stand out among all the other work put into the play.

The direction, the acting, the scenery and the lighting all need to complement each other, she says, because if they don't, the show won't seem real.

"It's a double-edged sword," McDermott said. "People don't realize what the costumes mean to a show, but if they do, they realize it is just a show and not real."

When all of the pieces don't fit together, McDermott said a show becomes "chaos on stage."

Death and rebirth

"We have all this stuff," McDermott said, pointing to random pieces of mismatched fabric, hair bows, shoes and multipurpose glue.

The glue, she said, is what costume designers refer to as "ambiguous glue" because it is

used for everything, and not one specific thing, in the design shop.

"We hate hot glue because we hate getting burned," she said. "We're picky."

It's stuff like the glue, hard work and dedication of the costume design students and professors that allow rooms like "Costume Storage Land" to stay well packed.

During a show, each costume brings a character to life for a couple of weeks.

But with the show's close, the character dies, said Brandy Jenks, another costume-design student, as she too puts finishing touches on a light pink bonnet.

However, Nancy Hills, the costume design faculty supervisor, quickly suggests another, more hopeful idea.

"[The characters] live in other people's memories," she said.

Jenks agreed. She restated her previous comment, realizing the costumes, acting, directing and script can give audiences a personal and sometimes lifelong connection with characters.

"They live and die and live again," she said.

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'The Great Escape'

USU survives scare to beat No. 22 Utah

AARON MORTON
Sports Editor

The last 16 seconds might have felt like an eternity for many USU fans, but it wasn't long enough for Utah to get in the shot it needed Wednesday night.

Utah's Kevin Bradley missed a desperate leaner, and both Jeff Johnsen and Mike Puzey's shots would not go down to give the Aggies a dramatic come-from-behind win over the No. 22-ranked Utes.

"I thought that last one was going to go down," said USU head coach Stew Morrill. "Your life flashes before your eyes."

"It was a good effort to crash the boards," said acting Utah head coach Dick Hunsaker, filling in for head coach Rick Majerus who did not make the trip because of a severe knee injury.

"If it goes in, were the happy team dancing on the floor," he said.

But instead, it was USU fans cheering on the floor of the Spectrum Wednesday night.

"This was the time of my life," said USU center Jeremy Vague. "It was just awesome. The fans were great."

Vague, a JC transfer junior, got some significant minutes filling in for the banged-up and struggling Dimitri Jorsen. Vague only scored three points but helped to neutralize the Ute size advantage and grabbed five important rebounds.

"My No. 1 priority was to rebound," he said.

Tony Brown's top priority was to score points — he succeeded, leading all scorers with 18 points on 4-of-7 from the field. He also hit all eight of his free throws, something many USU fans wish Curtis Bobb could have done late in the game.

After Nate Althoff made one of two free throws to cut the lead to one, 58-57, Utah had a chance to move ahead. But Travis Spivey's three-pointer was wide and Bobb scooped the rebound and called USU's final time out as he was falling out of bounce. Bobb was fouled on the inbounds pass, but missed both free throws, giving the Utes one more chance.

"This game we didn't capitalize," Morrill said, "but we still got away with the win."

The Aggies did get off to a good start though, as a sold-out crowd of 10,270 watched USU jump to a 7-0 lead. The Utes

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UTAH POINT GUARD KEVIN BRADLEY steps up to the free throw line in the second half of the game Wednesday night. Bradley was a favorite target of Aggie fans. They booed him all night every time he had possession of the ball after he knocked down USU guard Tony Brown with an elbow with 16:35 left in the first half that led to technicals on both coaches. / Casey Hobson photo

USU 58
UTAH 57

► **Game MVP**

Tony Brown scored 18 points.

► **Turning point**

USU's 7-0 run after forcing a Utah shot clock violation in the second half.

► **Key stat**

Utah shot 38 percent from the field.

In-state rivals get physical in sell out

KATRINA CARTWRIGHT
Staff writer

Wednesday's game pitting Utah State against the University of Utah showed that even though the two teams compete in different conferences and only battle each other once a year, the rivalry is alive and well.

"It was a war," said Aggie head coach Stew Morrill, "as all in-state games are."

After less than four minutes of playing time, everyone on the floor was already so worked up that when Utah guard Kevin Bradley shoved USU's Tony Brown, the coaches and players from both teams were in a frenzy and the referees had to call an official's time out.

After what seemed like an eternity, the referees returned the verdict: An intentional personal foul on Bradley and technical fouls on both coaches.

Neither Morrill nor Ute assistant coach Dick Hunsaker would give a straight answer when asked what choice words were exchanged between the benches during the time out.

"We were arguing about who was going to buy the soda," joked Morrill. But he added, "I feel bad about the [technical], but that's life."

After the foul, Bradley couldn't touch the ball without the crowd booing him.

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Crossley leads USU hockey club with toughness

JASON TURNER
Staff writer

Toughness, commitment and dedication — these are three intangibles that separate the successful from the mediocre in the sporting world.

When USU hockey head coach Jerry Crossley was a young kid growing up in Spruce Grove, Alberta, Canada, a town just outside of Edmonton, he showed his toughness and dedication for the sport when he and his Little League team practiced outdoors in sub-zero temperatures. His mother, Sally Crossley, said they played outdoors because they didn't

have an indoor arena for them to play in.

That dedication and commitment has carried over to his experience as the coach at USU.

"I think I've only seen him miss one practice in my four years playing at Utah State," said USU assistant captain Deryk Anderson.

While this might not seem like a big deal to many, consider this: Crossley works 50 hours a week for Jack B. Parsons Construction,

he has a family and he doesn't get paid to coach the Aggies — only the travel costs and hotel accommodations for long road trips are taken care of.

"When he makes a commitment, he

goes at it full bore," said Tammy Crossley, Crossley's wife. "Jerry is very much a perfectionist. He wants to do the best job he can."

And what a job he and the hockey team have done.

Over the past five years, USU has qualified for the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Division II National Tournament every year, finishing fifth in 2000, 12th in 1999, fourth in 1998, seventh in 1997 and 12th in 1996. Last year, the Aggies lost a 3-2 heartbreaker to the eventual champion, University of Miami, Ohio, on a goal with 2.2 seconds remaining in the game before winning its next two games to finish fifth.

To cap off its successful season — USU won 19 straight games during one stretch — the team was the recipient of the 2000 Robins Award for

"Organization of the Year." It was the first time a club-level organization had been so honored.

Although hockey has always been a passion of his, Sally Crossley said, it took a back seat during his teenage years. When Crossley was a sophomore in high school, his family moved to Smithfield. As a student at Sky-View High School, he was a two-sport star in football and baseball.

Several years later, Crossley further displayed his all-around athleticism winning five gold medals in speedskating at the Utah Winter Games in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

"He's just a great all-around athlete," Tammy Crossley said.

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Is This FOR REAL?

Julie Ann Grosshans



Jazz is the last 'true' team in NBA

When people think of the Utah Jazz, the names John Stockton and Karl Malone are usually the first things to pop into one's mind. Is this all that makes up the team that many Utahns have grown to love?

On Tuesday night against the Toronto Raptors, power forward Karl Malone became the second leading all-time scorer in NBA history as he passed Hall of Famer Wilt Chamberlain, ending the game with 31,443 career points.

Fittingly, the assist on the play came from longtime teammate John Stockton.

"I wouldn't have had it any other way," Malone told a crowd of reporters who surrounded him following the game.

Although the highlight of the night focused on the eight points Malone needed to pass Chamberlain and his other 23 points of the game, it was still a team effort to defeat the Raptors, 98-84.

Just like it was a team effort to defeat the Raptors, every game for the Jazz is played as a team.

In his post-game interview with "Hot Rod" Hundley, Malone told fans he thought the Jazz were one of the only true teams left in basketball.

He's right. Although the Jazz have added some new faces to this year's team, they are still the same team overall that they have always been — a group of hardworking men who love to play the game.

That's what really matters, right? Playing for the love of the game, not the hundreds of thousands of dollars that can come along with it.

Looking at the roster for the Utah Jazz, money does not seem to be an issue. Malone and Stockton have played in Utah for 16 and 17 years, respectively. At the caliber these two players have played, they could have moved to many other teams in the NBA that would have paid them more money.

It's not just that they come out and play once in a while, either. Stockton is tied with A.C. Green for the most seasons in which he has played all 82 games, with nine.

Although they are not a big-market team, the Jazz have been able to bring a few big name players to Utah.

Prior to his retirement, guard Jeff Hornacek had played with the Phoenix Suns and Philadelphia 76ers before finding a home in Utah. He played in the 1992 All-Star Game and is the eighth-best free throw shooter in NBA history.

To replace Hornacek, the Jazz were able to bring former New York Knick John Starks to Utah. Starks played in the 1994 NBA All-Star game and helped lead the

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DOWN THE LINE

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Pick THE WINNERS

The Statesman predicts this year's bowl game victors

Outgoing USU President George H. Emert and incoming USU President Kermit L. Hall square off as guest pickers for the bowl games to see who is the bigger college football guru. In an unexpected development, Hall picked against his current employer, North Carolina State University, and instead picked Minnesota in the MicronPC.com Bowl.

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OAHU BOWL DEC. 24 Virginia vs. Georgia	UG	UG	Va.	UG	Va.	UG	UG	UG	UG	UG	Va.
ALOHA BOWL DEC. 25 Boston Coll. vs. Arizona St.	ASU	ASU	ASU	ASU	ASU	BC	BC	BC	ASU	ASU	ASU
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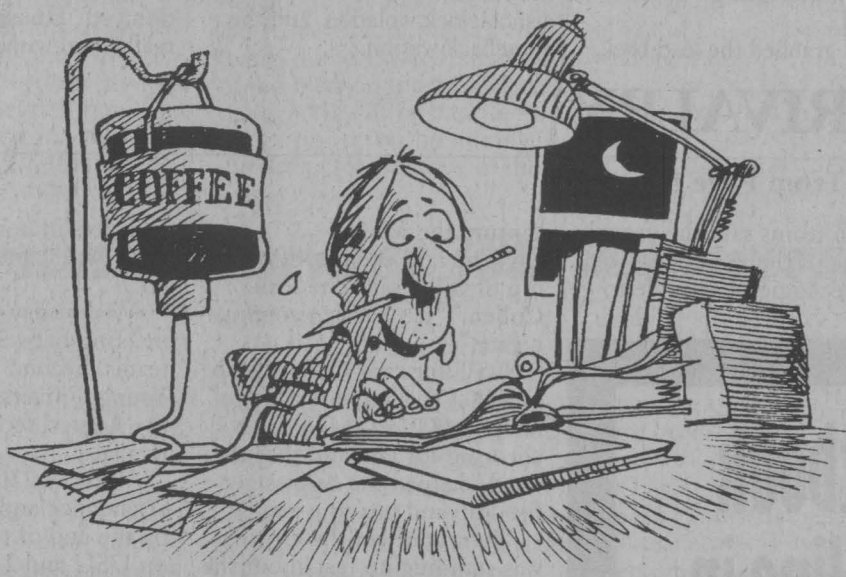
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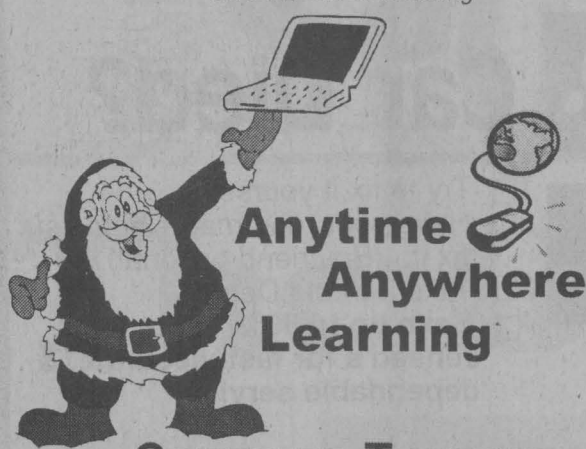
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Loud crowd cheers Aggies to victory

REUBEN WADSWORTH

Assistant Sports Editor

The decibel level in the Spectrum hit 110 a couple of times in the Aggies' victory over the Utes Wednesday night.

"It's too bad we don't have this good of attendance all the time," said Scott Didericksen, a senior marketing major from Ephraim. "It's the best crowd we've had all season."

"That was awesome," said Tacey Gibbs, a junior from Missoula, Mont., majoring in archaeology. "That was even better than the football Homecoming game."

One fan said a large crowd positively affects the players' performances.

"I think the players play better the louder the crowd is," said Daniel Miller, a Master's student in business information systems from Richmond.

Another fan thought the

crowd was affected by the players' performances.

"They kick butt and they play with intensity, which helps the crowd get into it," said Todd Bischoff, a sophomore from Brigham City who hasn't decided on a major. "The first seven points pumped up the crowd for the rest of the game."

The Aggies began the game with a 7-0 run, but then let the Utes back into it — and after that point, Gibbs thought the game wasn't as exciting. Gibbs said the first four minutes of the game were intense, but the intensity went downhill before the end of the first half.

Gibbs wasn't disappointed with the second half, however. After the game she couldn't hear well because of all the noise.

"School spirit was phenomenal," she said. "I'm not going to have a voice tomorrow. That was a dang good game."

Didericksen enjoyed seeing head coach Stew Morrill

encourage the crowd.

I love it when Stew gets the crowd motivated," he said.

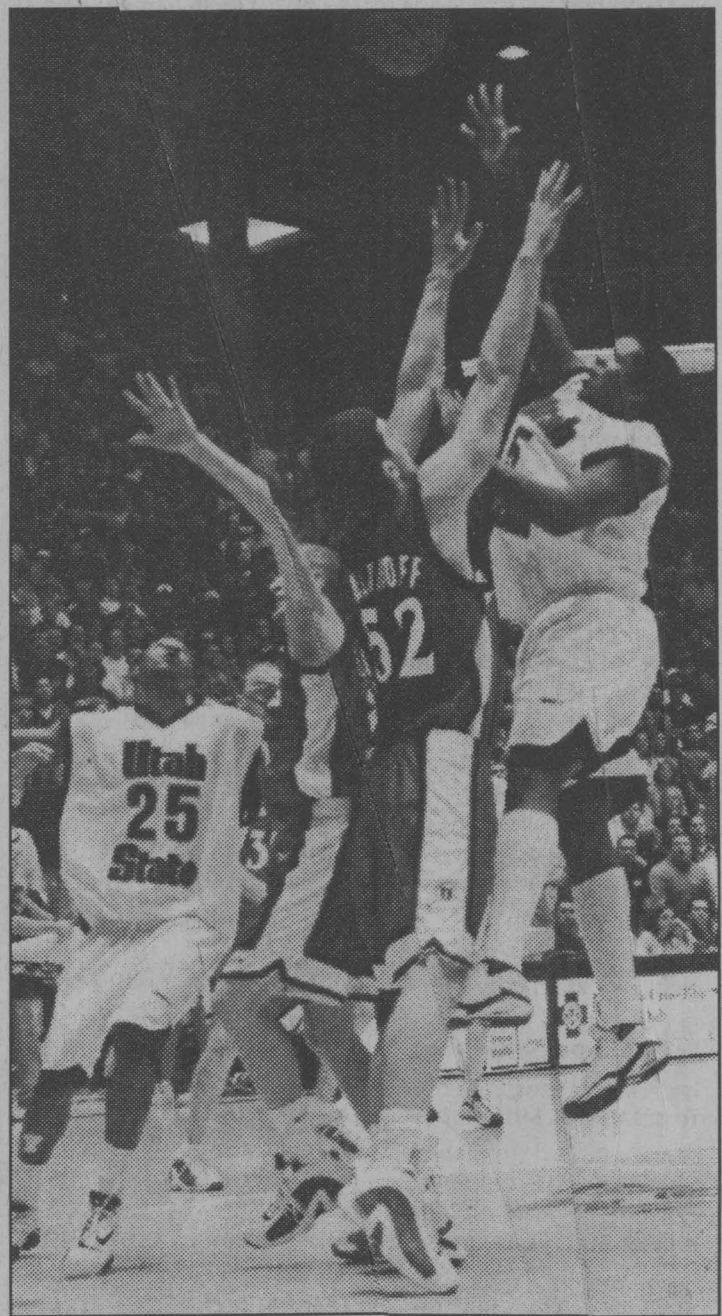
Utah point guard Kevin Bradley was subject to boos the whole night after elbowing USU guard Tony Brown early in the first half, and Didericksen said he deserved it.

Didericksen thought Bradley was partly responsible for the boos he received because he was "calling the crowd on."

"Players shouldn't taunt the

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USU FORWARD SHAWN DANIELS goes up against Utah center Nate Althoff for two of his 15 points Wednesday night. USU beat Utah for the second time in a row at home. / Casey Hobbs photo

► USU vs. Utah

Utah	Min	FG	FT	Reb.	A	TP
Johnsen, B.	23	1/4	2/4	6	1	4
Burgess	25	2/5	0/0	7	0	4
Althoff	21	4/5	4/5	5	1	12
Bradley	21	4/7	2/3	2	3	13
Johnsen, J.	20	1/4	0/0	3	2	3
Jackson	3	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Spivey	27	1/7	0/1	4	3	2
Jacobsen	9	1/2	0/0	2	0	3
Caton	18	0/2	0/0	0	1	0
Cullen	26	4/11	2/2	1	0	13
Puzey	7	1/3	1/2	1	0	3
TOTALS	200	19/50	11/17	35	11	57

USU	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	TP
Daniels	28	7/10	1/3	5	1	15
Bobb	28	3/7	0/2	4	2	7
Jorssen	20	1/3	2/2	0	0	4
Rock	36	2/10	3/5	2	2	8
Brown	34	4/7	8/8	3	6	18
Vincent	3	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Vague	20	1/4	1/2	5	0	3
Ray	10	1/1	0/0	1	0	2
Bailey	16	0/2	1/2	5	0	1
Johnson	2	0/0	0/0	1	0	0
Evans	3	0/0	0/0	1	0	0
TOTALS	200	19/44	16/24	30	11	58

3pt FG: Utah 8/23 (Bradley 3/5, Cullen 3/9, Johnsen, J. 1/3, Jacobsen 1/2, Spivey 0/2, Caton 0/1, Althoff 0/1). USU 4/13 (Brown 2/3, Bobb 1/3, Rock 1/7).
Steals: Utah 7 (Cullen 3, Johnsen, B., Jackson, Spivey, Jacobsen). USU 3 (Daniels 2, Bobb).
Blocks: Utah 3 (Althoff, Burgess, Cullen). USU 3 (Daniels, Rock, Jorssen).

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turned the ball over on their first four possessions, but after a time out they closed the lead to two points when Tony Brown was knocked down by Bradley's elbow and both Morrill and Hunsaker were given technical fouls.

As the Utes continued to chip at the home team's lead, they started to use the inside-outside combination of Althoff inside and several three-point shooters outside.

Showing signs of repeating last year's 77-42 drubbing of the Aggies in Salt Lake City, the Utes hit four straight three-pointers to take a 22-18 lead with 12 minutes to go in the first half.

USU grabbed the lead back,

25-24, when Brown nailed two free throws with nine minutes remaining. But Utah started to look like a team deserving of its top-25 ranking by taking charge and slowly extending the lead to eight after Duke University transfer Chris Burgess hit back-to-back buckets.

However, USU guard Bernard Rock hit a three with 16 seconds left, slicing the lead to a manageable five points.

"Rock's three-pointer going into the half was a big energy boost," Vague said. "He showed that he could hit big shots."

One minute into the second half, USU forced the Utes into a shot-clock violation, and the comeback was on.

"I am real proud of our kids in the second half," Morrill said. "They did a good job of just hanging through."

The Aggies reeled off runs of 7-0 and 10-1. The latter turned a four-point deficit into a five-point lead. Shawn Daniels scored eight points in that run and quietly piled up 15 points.

For Utah, Phil Cullen (13 points), Althoff (13) and Bradley (12) were all in double figures. Nobly else registered more than four points as the team shot 38 percent from the field.

"We really can't have any seasoned leadership in any position yet," Hunsaker said. "It's really hard without Majerus."

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Both teams said the crowd was one of the major reasons that the Aggies were able to

capture the win.

"The fans are just right on top of you," said Ute Phil Cullen. "It's hard to communicate."

USU forward Curtis Bobb said that it is unbelievable to have 10,000 or 11,000 fans cheering for you and that the crowd helped the Aggies get fired up and into the game.

"Everyone [in the crowd] was standing up just about the whole game," said Aggie Shawn Daniels. "When you're down a little bit, they pick you up. If the crowd was like that every game, I think we would win every home game."

"The crowd was like it was two years ago; it was as loud

as it gets in here," Brown said. "We came out ready to go."

Wednesday was the 213th meeting between the two teams. Second to Brigham Young University, the U is the Aggies' second oldest rivalry.

With 10,270 people in attendance and 40 timeouts by the end of the game—18 on USU and 22 on Utah—the rivalry was intense.

After the final buzzer, ecstatic fans rushed on the floor and cheered.

Jeremy Vague nicely summed up how the Aggie were feeling.

"I'm so happy, I can't even talk," he said.

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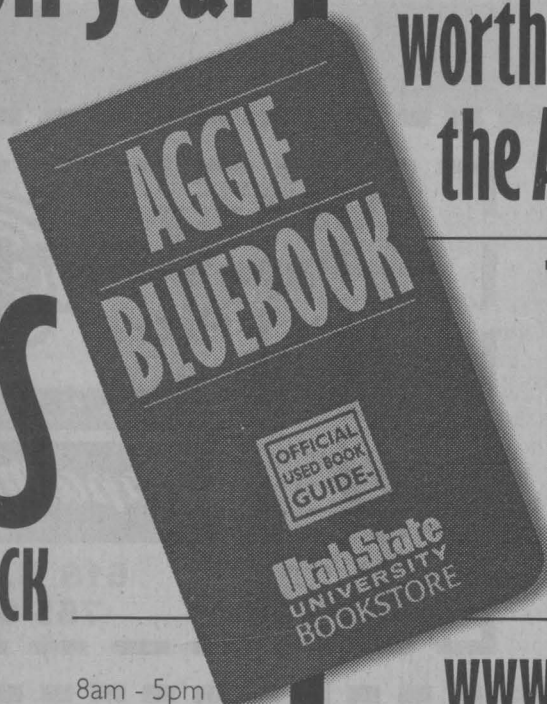
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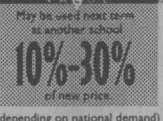
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Hockey hosts Robert Morris, Weber State

JASON TURNER
Staff writer

With Christmas looming, the USU men's hockey team is looking to give itself an early present — momentum for the second half of the season with victories over Robert Morris College and Weber State University.

The Aggies will close out the first half of their season with two home games at the Weber County Ice Sheet, facing off against Robert Morris Thursday at 8:45 p.m. and nemesis WSU Saturday at 8:30 p.m. USU will then take a month break, resuming the second half of its season on Jan. 12 in Missoula, Mont., against the University of Montana.

Though the Aggies are happy with the

level of play and discipline they showed in their 8-2 thumping of the University of Utah, USU Assistant Captain Aaron Burrell said now is not the time to celebrate because the games will continue to get bigger.

"I think the biggest game of the season is going to be Saturday night against Weber State," Burrell said.

It doesn't mean the victory over the Utes wasn't a huge one. Both Burrell and forward Deryk Anderson said it was the team's biggest victory of the year, especially since the Utes owned the top spot in the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Hockey Association (RMCHA). The game was also played in Murray on Utah's home ice.

"Everyone was relieved and excited to

play the way they did," Anderson said. "It just felt good to play a good team and come out on top."

When asked about WSU, Burrell said the Aggies will have to play the same way they did against the Utes. The Wildcats are a lot like Utah, Burrell said, in the sense they try to get in the players' heads.

"They'll try to get in our heads and take us off of our game," he said.

On the other hand, the team doesn't know much about Robert Morris, Anderson said. He said upon looking at its Web site, he determined the team is young, but promising. Teams from the Eastern United States are generally solid, Burrell said.

"They come from the East, and the East always has good players," he said.

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When they moved to Smithfield, where there was really no place to play hockey, Jerry Crossley built an ice rink in his backyard for his sons. Soon after, the place became a hot spot and children from all over the valley came to play, Sally Crossley said. She said he then proceeded to add other accessories, such as flood lights and a little clubhouse for the kids to change in, to make the experience more enjoyable.

"He has always accepted people for what they were," Sally said. "He has always been considerate of others. He was that way growing up."

In 1994 the hockey club was

in its first year of existence and just trying to win support. Crossley was asked to be the head coach but was worried that his already busy schedule wouldn't allow him to be as committed as he wanted to be, Tammy Crossley said. As a result, he spent the first two years as an assistant under Matt Anderson before taking on the head job.

The rest is history.

Gone are the days when the club was just trying to get its feet off the ground. Not only has USU been successful, it has a pretty big fan base. USU consistently draws more than 1,000 fans at its home games at

the Weber County Ice Sheet, and Jerry Crossley has been there to witness it.

When asked why he has been successful as a coach, Tammy Crossley said his knowledge of the game and competitive nature came to mind. He also has the ability to analyze game situations and apply what he discovered during practice, she said.

"Jerry expects a lot of his players," she said. "He's very competitive."

Anderson said, "He really understands where the mistakes are being made and what we need to do to correct them."

Whatever the reason, one thing is for certain — he will always give 100 percent.

JAZZ

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Knicks to the NBA Finals in 1994.

The Jazz even have the capability to draw back old faces.

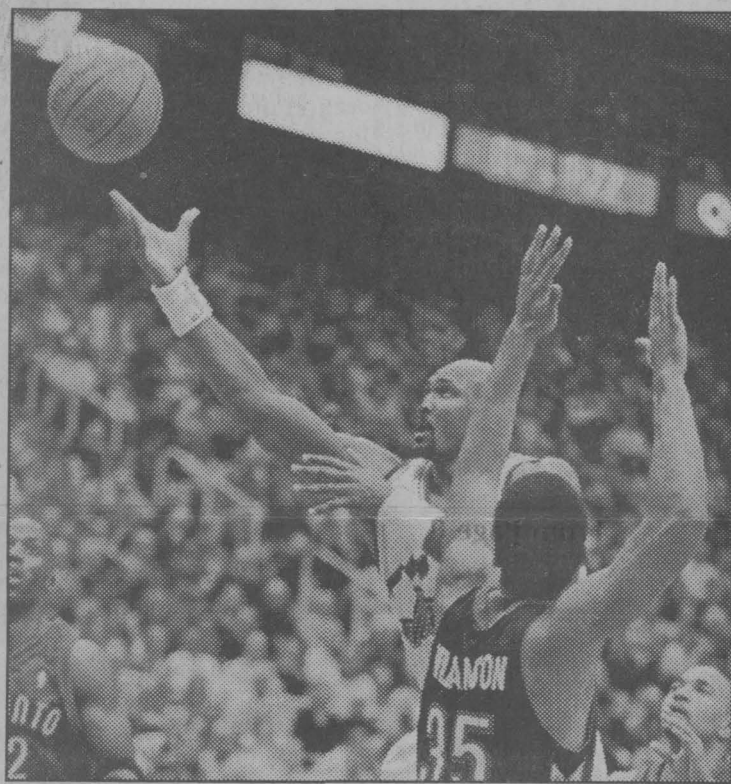
Playing his first five seasons in the NBA with the Jazz, forward David Benoit left the Jazz as a free agent in 1996 and signed with the New Jersey Nets. Benoit was then traded to the Orlando Magic and also played a short stint overseas before coming back to the Jazz this season.

Another old face is guard John Crotty. Looking to help Starks fill the void left by Hornacek and to give Stockton a rest, the Jazz reacquired Crotty after he spent the 1999-2000 season with the Detroit Pistons. Crotty began his NBA career with the Jazz in 1992.

Along with the old faces and famous names, the Jazz have always had strong players such as Bryon Russell and Greg Ostertag.

Besides the players, the most important men who have been with the Jazz for a long time are owner Larry H. Miller, coach Jerry Sloan, and assistant coach Phil Johnson.

These three men have more than 40 years of experience with the Utah Jazz between them and they are



WITH THIS SHOT KARL MALONE surpassed Wilt Chamberlain on the NBA all-time scoring list. Associated Press photo

truly the core of the team.

Without the longstanding leadership, it would be hard for the team to be where it is today.

Coming full circle, the Jazz are known for Karl Malone and John Stockton, but they are so much more.

Malone is right, the Jazz are really one of the last true teams left in basketball. Most of the men on the team have college educations and are not in it just for the money; they play for the love of the game.

Karl Malone passing Wilt Chamberlain on the all-time scoring list was an important event that gave a small-market team like the Jazz the national spotlight for a moment.

It isn't going to change the Jazz, though.

"We are the same team, it just put us on the map," Malone said.

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Spectrum celebrates 30th anniversary

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
Athletic Media Relations

This week marks the 30th anniversary of USU's Dee Glen Smith Spectrum. Originally called the Activities Center, the name was changed in 1972 to the Spectrum and then in 1988 the building was named for Smith, an Aggie

alumnus.

The 10,270-seat arena has hosted two first-round NCAA tournaments as well as two NIT first-round games.

In 30 years of use, the Spectrum has treated the basketball team well — it has won 80 percent of its games played in the arena. The current USU team has an 11-game

winning streak after

Wednesday's victory over the University of Utah. Counting that game, there have been 22 sell-outs in Aggie basketball history.

The facility is also home to USU's gymnastics and volleyball teams and is used for commencement, church and community meetings and concerts.

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crowd," Didericksen said.

Didericksen wasn't surprised by the outcome of the game Wednesday. He said before the contest that he had predicted the Aggies would win by two. Gibbs, on the other hand, was surprised.

"I didn't think it would be so close," she said.

Gibbs thought one team or the other would run away with it.

"I thought we got jacked by the refs," she said. "Even I could have called better tonight."

Each fan came to the consensus that USU will be in good shape this year — but they, along with Morrill, think the team will be hard pressed to

go undefeated in Big West Conference play again.

"I don't think we'll go undefeated [in conference] again, but we'll do pretty well," Didericksen said. "The players have gotten smarter. Rock and Ray have improved their games."

"I don't know if we'll go undefeated, but we'll win because we've got a good coach and players that know how to win," Miller said.

"I think that they'll do just as good [as last year] because they only had one guy leave," Bischoff said. "They'll make it one step further in the NCAA tournament, if not more."

"If they are able to put it all together at the clinch times,

they'll be able to do as good, if not better [than last year]," Gibbs said.

Miller, though complimentary about most aspects of the team's game this season, also sees room for improvement.

"I think that the second unit lacks experience," he said. "It kind of hurts them a little bit, but they'll come together."

"Even though they won tonight, they didn't score a single point in the last two minutes," he said. "Last year's team finished strong."

Basketball team aside,

Didericksen had good things to say about another mainstay at USU games.

"Our cheerleading squad has improved its looks," he said.

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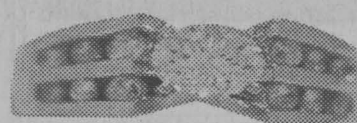
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What's THE DEAL

Dee
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I'm sure you've noticed that my last name has changed. (It's not a marriage thing, OK?) Isn't changing our last names when we get married or divorced rather redundant? I mean, think about it. Everyone knows us by numbers, anyway. Social Security, student number (which in this school is the same thing), phone number, bank number and on and on. I went to rent a video the other day and the lady asked me if I knew my number. Yeah, right, like I have the memory capacity to remember every ID number I've received for all the accounts I've ever owned! Funny thing is I knew it but couldn't figure out why I knew it. I still haven't figured out why some numbers stick with us and others don't.

I still remember the phone number I had when I was 8. Of course, I can't remember the phone number of the place I live today, but maybe I'm not putting in as much effort to memorize it as I did then. When I draw a blank now, I just tell

people the standard line. You know the one — "I can't remember, I never call myself."

I have five children for whom I can never seem to rattle off a birth year (let alone their Social Security Numbers), an address, two phone numbers, a cell phone number, my work number and the birth dates of 30 family members. (Remembering birthdays is mandatory in my family. I don't even think about going home to eat dinner if I forget to send a card to my father. And Mom won't talk to me, either, because she's spent the last week trying tirelessly to convince Dad that I'm not a total failure as a person.) I can't drive without my driver's license, license plate, registration number and insurance policy number. And I can't bank without my account numbers, debit card numbers and pin access number. Heaven help me for having two Visas, a library card and a Penny's card, not to mention being a member of three book clubs and two audio, each of which requires you to enter your account number on the monthly return envelope!

A while back I talked to a friend whom I hadn't seen in ages. "Why don't you call me?" she asked.

Are you kidding? Then I would have to recall her number! I was so embarrassed I actually mumbled something about being busy and trying harder in the

future. Is it socially unacceptable to admit that among the many numbers I have to know each day, some just don't come to mind?

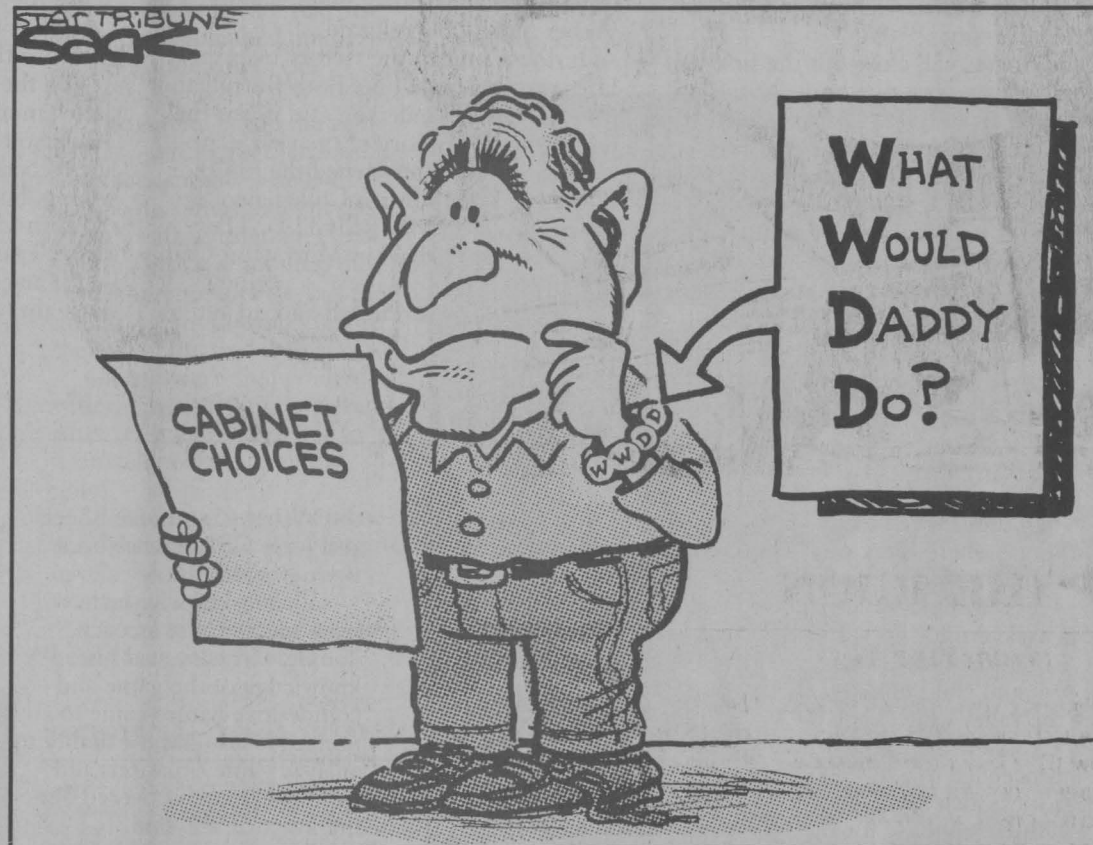
I wonder if that qualifies as a way to value your friendships? You know, for each number of their phone number you remember, they get certain points of importance in your life? Maybe I should get one of those phones that lets you program each of your important numbers in and all you have to do is push one button.

Much simpler. But then you have to hide the list so no one knows who you gave the No. 1 spot to.

After all of this I've come to the conclusion that we are wasting vast amounts of hours contemplating the names of our unborn children. If we would just number them and be done with it, we could pass the information on to the government, which, in turn, would waste less time assigning us social security numbers.

Forget about changing your last name when you get married, it wouldn't be necessary. Of course, then when he looks deep into your eyes and whispers your name you'll have to listen closer. He may add an extra number to the end and be talking about a whole different person.

Dee Waltz' columns appear Fridays in the Statesman. Comments may be e-mailed to degbert@cc.usu.edu.



Beyond tolerance: We should appreciate religious differences

Other PERSPECTIVES

Guest column
Charlie Huenemann,
associate professor
of philosophy

Recently we have had a discussion on campus about tolerating religious differences. I hope no one would deny that religious intolerance is a bad thing. We shouldn't forget that throughout history people have been imprisoned, tortured or killed for having religious views that differed from those who held power. Moreover, there are places in the world today where this is still true. In such places, nothing better could develop than the toleration of religious differences. But let's examine this a little further.

What does toleration mean? When we tolerate, we agree not to disrupt or interfere. When I tolerate my neighbor's music, I agree not to interfere with their enjoyment of it, no matter how much I might dislike that music myself. In a way, I place an imaginary barrier between my neighbor and me: I agree not to bother them, and I hope that later on, when I listen to my music, they won't bother me. We agree to live

and let live, each in our own little world. It's certainly true that such mature toleration prevents many conflicts.

But even though toleration is such a GOOD thing, we can ask whether it is the BEST thing. In particular, we should ask whether the toleration of religious differences is the best thing we can hope for on a college campus like that of Utah State University. I think there is something better we can work toward. I call it

"open and critical discussion." An open and critical discussion means examining various religious beliefs, discovering what they do or do not entail, comparing and contrasting those beliefs with others and — yes, even this — arguing for those beliefs and against them. (By the way, "arguing" does not necessarily mean throwing furniture or yelling or beating. An argument is a set of reasons for believing something, and when we argue, we offer reasons and try to deter-

mine whether those reasons are good enough evidence for believing something. It is possible to do this without beating anyone.) An open and critical discussion means being willing to really examine your beliefs and those of others, being willing to consider arguments against your beliefs and being willing to help others to criticize, defend or simply straighten out their own beliefs. In short, it means taking beliefs seriously — not just agreeing to tolerate them. How

might such a discussion proceed? Well, I, for one, would like to hear the reasons a Christian has for believing that the Bible is inspired by God and other religious texts aren't.

Or, if the Christian believes that all religious texts approach the same truth, I would like to hear how the apparent contradictions among the texts are supposed to be resolved. I would like to hear an atheist explain why it is that there is such widespread agreement among the many people who report having

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Genetic link to addiction alters treatment course

More INSIGHT

Ernest P. Noble,
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Special to the L.A. Times

Why would a talented and successful actor like Robert Downey Jr. repeatedly risk his career for the sake of a drug-induced high?

For many addicts like Downey, the answer may lie not in their upbringing or the company they keep, but in their genetic makeup.

And for drug users whose DNA plays a role in their habit, clinicians need to turn their attention to new treatment options that address the genetics of addiction.

Downey's very public yet personal struggle is a familiar story to millions of Americans who struggle with addiction.

A quarter of the U.S. adult population is hooked on alcohol, cocaine, nicotine, amphetamines or some other substance.

Through most of the 20th century, we viewed addiction largely as the product of a flawed upbringing or bad character.

Addicts deserved punishment, not sympathy.

Studies comparing the

lifestyles and habits of twins and adopted children first suggested that addictive behavior has a hereditary component.

We began to consider the possibility that we might find the root cause of addiction in our genetic makeup.

A major breakthrough in understanding the genetics of addiction came in 1990, when researchers first linked a gene called DRD2 — later nicknamed the "pleasure-seeking" gene — to severe alcoholism.

UCLA studies of brain tissue showed that individuals with the "A1 variation" of the DRD2 gene have significantly fewer dopamine receptors in pleasure centers of the brain.

The findings suggest that many addicts use drugs, which increase brain dopamine levels, to compensate for the deficiency in their neurological pleasure system.

Subsequent studies linked the A1 variation of the DRD2 gene to cocaine, amphetamine, heroin and nicotine addiction.

What does this all mean? It means simply that people with this genetic trait are much more susceptible to addiction.

In addition, they're more likely to fall prey to the most severe forms of addiction. In fact, data show that while only 10 percent of the general population in the United States has the A1 variation of the DRD2 gene, it is found in about half of addicts.

Meanwhile, the implica-

tions for treatment programs are becoming increasingly clear. A UCLA study of heroin addicts published this summer showed that a high percentage of heroin users who respond poorly to traditional addiction treatment programs have the troublesome A1 variation of the DRD2 gene.

And a recent study of alcoholics showed that patients with the same "pleasure-seeking" trait responded well to treatment with a non-addictive drug that stimulates the dopamine receptors.

These findings demand that clinicians rethink treatment options for the millions of drug-users who are genetically predisposed to addiction.

A simple cheek cell test of DNA can help differentiate hard-core, genetic addicts from those who developed bad habits while socializing with bad crowds.

Drug abusers with a genetic propensity toward addiction typically require one of a growing number of innovative prescription drug therapies to beat their habit.

Those without the gene more often respond best to counseling that addresses environmental factors that led to their drug abuse.

They do not believe which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's or, in particular, Florida voters, are little.

Pres. OR NO?

Jim Shea,
Hartford Courant

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no president of the United States. Papa says, "If you see it in the newspaper it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a president?

— Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia O'Hanlon, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age.

They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's or, in particular, Florida voters, are little.

In this great country of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the bound-

less world about him, as measured by the intelligence incapable of grasping the punch-card ballot.

Yes, Virginia, there will be a president.

He will someday exist as certainly as dimpled chads and butterfly ballots and hand recounts, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas!

How dreary would be MSNBC if there were no president! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginia.

There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance, no snippiness to make tolerable this existence.

We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight and "The West Wing." The external light with which the presidency fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in the president! You might as well not believe in soft money.

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in politics are

those that neither children nor Nader voters can see.

Did you ever see fairies dancing on the White House lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there.

Nobody can conceive or imagine all the loopholes there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

Only lawyers, spin doctors, pundits and Katherine Harris can push aside that voting-booth curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond.

Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No president! Thank God! He lives and lives forever.

Of course, it may be a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, but eventually the appeal process will come to an end and make glad the heart of childhood.

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religious experiences. I would like to hear mystics explain how they know their mystical experiences are not mere hallucinations. I would like to hear religious people debate about whether they ought to proselytize — and about whether there are right and wrong ways to do it. And, yes, I would like to hear Mormons and non-Mormon Christians explain exactly what beliefs distinguish them from one another. I would like to hear these discussions in rooms filled with believers and non-believers alike, each allowing the others the time to develop their cases and even assisting them in building their cases even when they don't agree with the other person's conclusions. Believe it or not, it is possible to have such open, critical discussion without it leading to immature name-calling, humiliation or hurt feelings.

I know, because I have these kinds of discussions with students all the time. (If you doubt that it is possible, you ought to try out a class in philosophy.)

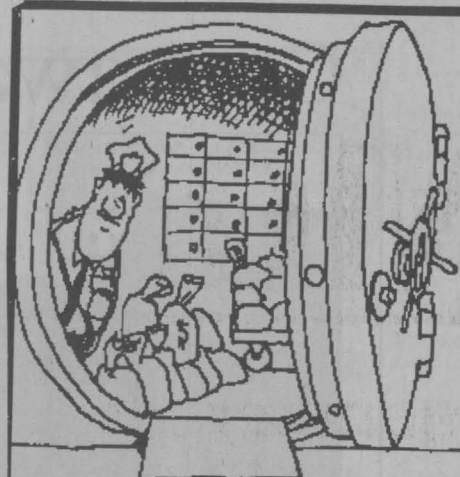
What is required is an open mind and a concern for the truth. When you and I engage in an open, critical discussion, we're not just trying to persuade one another. We are trying to figure out why we believe what we

believe, and whether there might be something else we should believe. We are not trying to FORCE the other person to agree with us. We are simply trying to help one another cultivate an understanding of why we believe what we believe. You might point out that such conversations will never get anywhere — and if by "getting anywhere" you mean "achieving universal agreement", you are right. But there are many types of progress. In such discussions, we come to understand our own views better, and we come to understand other views better. In the end, we may be in as much disagreement as ever, but it will now be a well-informed disagreement, instead of one based on ignorance.

That being said, though, there is a danger in such discussions. The danger is that you might run into a series of thoughts which lead you to change your mind. It might be that, when you really examine your beliefs, you find that they don't fit so well together, and that you'll have to modify or even abandon some of them. This danger is called LEARNING. But this is the sort of danger we should rather expect to encounter on college campuses. Learning does hurt sometimes — at times we have to give up

some of our most cherished errors — but it is better to suffer these pains than to go around believing false things. I regard it as a very BAD thing if someone goes to college and is never called upon to examine their beliefs, or to offer reasons for their beliefs to other people who disagree with them. It is also a very BAD thing if you give me reasons for your beliefs and I don't take you seriously enough to consider your reasons honestly and intelligently and let you know whether I think your reasons are sufficient. Similarly, I think you have done me an injustice if you let me go my merry way when you can see I have made some obvious mistake in my reasoning. Simple respect for one another should urge us not to merely tolerate differences of belief, but to actively help one another to develop as thinking beings.

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Napster hires Sen. Orrin Hatch's adviser for policy development

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — The embattled music-swapping Internet service Napster announced Thursday it has hired the chief policy adviser to Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, as its vice president for corporate and policy development.

Manus Cooney will be entrusted to set Napster's strategic course on legislative policy issues.

"I am deeply indebted to Chairman Hatch and my colleagues on the Senate Judiciary Committee," Cooney said. "The experience has been extraordinary."

Now, however, it's time for me to explore new challenges where I can help advance the interests of music listeners and artists."

Cooney currently serves as chief counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, where he has worked on issues dealing with intellectual property law such as the American Inventors Protection Act and the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

Cooney officially will join Napster in January.

Napster continues to defend itself in a copyright infringement suit filed against it by the recording industry. Both sides await an opinion from the 9th U.S.

Circuit Court of Appeals on a preliminary injunction against Napster that was stayed in July.

Cub Foods' ground beef causes E. coli outbreak in three states

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The number of people sickened by an E. coli outbreak involving ground beef bought at Cub Foods has risen to 30, with cases confirmed in three states.

Three of those sickened, including a 16-year-old girl, remained hospitalized Wednesday, said Buddy Ferguson, spokesman for the Minnesota Department of Health.

Four new cases of the food-borne illness were confirmed in the state Wednesday, adding to the 22 confirmed earlier. One person in Iowa and three in Wisconsin also have been sickened.

Cub Foods' supplier, American Foods Group Inc., has voluntarily recalled 1.1 million pounds of ground beef prepared at its Green Bay, Wis., plant in early November. American Foods said it has found no evidence the E. coli bacteria entered the ground beef on its premises.

Other distributors who honored the recall include Aldi Inc., Kroger Co. and Sysco Corp.

States affected by the current American Foods recall include Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.



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Gore awaits court decision on his fate



VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE takes questions from the media outside the White House in Washington, D.C., Dec. 5. Gore said he expected Florida's high court to eventually resolve the disputed election. / KRT photo by Chuck Kennedy

SANDRA SOBIERAJ
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Waitresses called out "Good luck!" as Al Gore, out at lunch Thursday, took brief leave of his vigil by the television, waiting out a Florida Supreme Court verdict with no concession speech at the ready.

Neither the vice president nor his aides have drafted any remarks conceding the presidency to Republican George W. Bush, senior campaign officials said. Such a speech was

loaded into a TelePrompTer exactly one month ago on election night but never delivered.

One optimistic Gore adviser talked of "an unspoken superstition" against putting either a concession or victory speech down on paper.

There was a consensus in the Gore camp that no speech would be needed for another day or two, anyway, while Florida's Supreme Court and lower courts deliberated not only Gore's election contest but also two related lawsuits over the handling of absentee bal-

lots.

"You know, I'm hopeful," Sen. Joseph Lieberman, Gore's Democratic running mate, told reporters on Capitol Hill, where he cast two budget votes in the Senate's lame-duck session.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who prayed with Gore at his home on Wednesday night, described him as "real strong and steadfast and focused."

"Vice President Gore believes he won the race by getting the most votes, so his focus is to get them counted," Jackson said in an interview.

Jackson, who said he and Gore also spoke about alleged civil rights violations against black voters in Florida, refused to entertain questions about Gore losing and trying again in 2004.

"I'm talking about his prospects on Dec. 8, that's what I'm concerned about," the Democratic activist said.

But Sen. Dick Durbin, a Democrat from Illinois, sounded the final bell.

"This is coming to an end," he said, urging Gore to concede if Florida's high court denies him the recounts he believes will overcome Bush's certified 537-vote lead in the state.

If Gore presses on, looking

for finality from the pending cases about absentee ballots in Seminole and Martin counties, "more and more people will feel ... that it's time to think about the Bush presidency," Durbin warned.

Gore himself said nothing about the drama climaxing around him. Journalists outside Cafe Deluxe, where Gore, Lieberman and their wives ate lunch, asked Gore about his spirits. "Hi, how are you, thank you," he replied.

Restaurant workers sent him off with a cheerful, "Good luck!"

That morning, watching the televised final court arguments over his election contest was a family-only affair for Gore and Lieberman at the vice presidential mansion on Embassy Row.

As if to acknowledge the nearing conclusion to this monthlong election, they dispatched their topmost adviser, campaign chairman Bill Daley, to Tallahassee to thank their small army of lawyers.

"This entire proceeding has been based on one premise — that every vote should count," Daley told reporters on the steps of the Supreme Court building.

"We look forward to the decision of the court. We respect them."

An emotional memorial

One-minute silence marks attack on Pearl Harbor 59 years ago

JAYMES SONG
Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — This sprawling naval base drew silent for one minute Thursday to mark the time 59 years ago that Japanese planes attacked the U.S. Pacific fleet and plunged the nation into World War II.

A soft mist started falling as moment of silence began at 7:55 a.m., creating a brilliant rainbow over Ford Island. It lasted until the American flag was raised five minutes later over the gleaming white USS Arizona Memorial during the Navy's annual commemorative ceremony.

"Why do we remember Pearl Harbor above and beyond all others?" asked Adm. Dennis Blair, commander of the U.S. Pacific Command. "In part, because we considered it an act of treachery."

"But did we think we defined the rules by which others act? Did we think we could never be hit at home? This was one of the great lessons of Pearl Harbor to Americans."

About 240 survivors, veterans, dignitaries, military officials and guests attend-

ed the services on the memorial that straddles the battleship sunk in the attack, a tomb for about 1,000 of its crewmen.

The surprise attack on Pearl Harbor and other military bases on Oahu lasted two hours. The Japanese military sank or heavily damaged 21 ships, destroyed or damaged 323 aircraft, killed 2,388 people and wounded 1,178.

"It's very emotional, it truly is," said Woodrow Wilson Derby, an 82-year-old retired math teacher from San Diego who was a petty officer on the USS Nevada. "The bad memories have gone out of my mind. I'm just glad to be alive."

Douglas Phillips, who lives near Annapolis, was a crewman aboard the USS Ramsay and saw the USS Utah roll over.

"We realized at that time it wasn't a drill. We just stood in awe," he said.

The service aboard the USS Arizona Memorial included prayers, 40 wreath presentations, a "missing man" formation flyover by Hawaii Air National Guard F-15 jets, a 21-gun salute and echo taps.

On Wednesday, three Japanese pilots who flew in the attack and a dozen

American survivors of the raid shook hands and embraced during a reconciliation ceremony aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

Another World War II battleship — the USS Wisconsin, launched exactly two years after the Pearl Harbor attack — was towed to Norfolk, Va., for its new assignment as a floating museum.

The Wisconsin was the last of the four Iowa-class battleships, the largest built by the Navy. It served in World War II, Korea and the Persian Gulf War. The ship was retired three times and last was decommissioned in 1991.

Services were held across the country, from Alabama to West Virginia and in New York City, where veterans gathered for a memorial on the battleship Intrepid.

Peter Sarantopoulos, 77, recalled the confusion that swept the Pearl Harbor Naval Base. He was an 18-year-old radio man on board the repair ship USS Argonne when the explosions began.

"I remember running from one side of the ship to the other trying to figure out what was happening," he said. "And I remember being scared."

Albright arrives in Africa for fight against AIDS

RAVI NESSMAN
Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright arrived in Africa on Thursday for a visit to highlight flourishing democracies, urge more action against AIDS and support women's rights.

Albright plans to meet Friday morning with Nobel Peace laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu and with a group of female political and business leaders. She then will fly to Pretoria to meet with President Thabo Mbeki.

She also planned to visit the prenatal and the HIV/AIDS research unit at Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto.

On Saturday, Albright will fly to Mauritius, the island nation she helped to get Africa's seat on the U.N. Security Council. She will complete the Africa leg of her overseas trip with a stop in Botswana, the country with the most widespread AIDS problem on the continent hit hardest by the disease.

The trip could be the last overseas venture for Albright in the Clinton

administration, which will end when a new U.S. president takes office on Jan. 20.

En route, Albright added Hungary to her long itinerary of a trip that began in Cape Town and will end with the meeting of NATO foreign ministers in Brussels next Thursday and Friday.

She will visit Budapest next Tuesday and Wednesday and meet with Prime Minister Viktor Orban and Foreign Minister Janos Martonyi.

The State Department said in a statement that she would talk with them about regional concerns, an apparent reference to the restive Balkans.

At the NATO meeting, she plans to take up slumping U.S.-Russian relations with Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, who will be in Brussels for related conferences.

Sure to be on Albright's agenda will be the conviction in Moscow of Edmund Pope, a retired U.S. Navy officer, on espionage charges.

The White House and State Department said Wednesday there was no evidence to support the conviction and that Pope should be released.

Before taking off for Cape Town on Wednesday, Albright telephoned Ivanov to urge Pope's release.



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of food for the Cache Valley Food Bank, Homeless and Hunger Week awareness activities and "Change Someone's Christmas," which collected money to buy presents for the elderly.

Most of the center's projects run year-round, like "Pals," which pairs college students with youth from the community to provide positive role models.

Other volunteer opportunities happen only once a year.

One of the center's most popular projects is the Special Olympics Invitational, which was held on Nov. 18 this year.

About 350 athletes participated, Fredrickson said, and about the same

number of volunteers.

On certain projects, Fredrickson said, there are too many volunteers.

"In some programs there are more volunteers than opportunities," she said.

But there are plenty of jobs for volunteers if they were to switch to other programs, she said.

Fredrickson said most volunteers come in for personal reasons.

But the center also works closely with campus organizations like sororities and members of Campus Clubs and Organizations who use service hours to apply for Associated Students of USU funding.

The center is organizing "Service Center Days" for the Wednesday and Thursday during the first week of Spring Semester.

The center will bring in speakers and set up a service fair where all the center's organizations can table and have sign-up sheets.

The goal of the event is to let students know they can sign up for service projects any time, not just at the beginning of the semester.

Fredrickson praised USU students for being willing to serve. Other college service centers have to do a lot more recruiting for their programs, she said.

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Barry Bonus: How to lay tile

TODAY'S TOPIC FOR HOMEOWNERS IS: How to install a tile floor.

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But if you're like most homeowners, you think that laying tile is a job for the "pros." Boy, are you ever stupid! Because the truth is that anybody can do it! All it takes is a little planning, the right materials, and a Fire Rescue unit.

Consider the true story of a woman in Linthicum, Md., who decided to tile her kitchen floor, as reported in an excellent front-page newspaper article written by Eric Collins for the Sept. 26 issue of the Annapolis, Md., Capital, and sent in by many alert readers. According to this article, the woman, who wanted to be identified only as "Anne" for reasons that will become clear, decided to surprise her fiancé by tiling her kitchen floor herself, thus saving the \$700 a so-called "expert" would have charged for the job.

Step One, of course, was for Anne to spread powerful glue on the floor, so the tiles would be bonded firmly in place. Anne then proceeded to Step Two, which as you have probably already guessed as was to slip and fall face-first into the glue coat she created in Step One, thus bonding herself to the floor like a gum wad on a hot sidewalk.

Fortunately, Anne was not alone. Also in the house, thank goodness, was one of the most useful companions a person can ever hope to have: a small dog. Specifically, it was a Yorkshire Terrier, a breed originally developed in England to serve as make-up applicators. A full-grown "Yorkie" is about the size of a standard walnut, although it has more hair and a smaller brain.

Anne's dog as named Cleopatra as saw that her owner was in trouble, so she immediately ran outside and summoned a police officer.

Ha ha! No, seriously, Cleopatra did what all dogs do when their owners are in trouble: lick the owner's face. Dogs believe this is the correct response to every emergency. If Lassie had been a real dog, when little Timmy was sinking in the quicksand, Lassie, instead of racing back to the farmhouse to get help, would have helpfully licked Timmy on the face until he disappeared, at which point Lassie, having done all she could for him, would have resumed licking herself.

So anyway, when Cleopatra decided to help out, she naturally also became stuck in the glue. But again, luck was on Anne's side, because also at home were her two daughters, ages 9 and 10, who, realizing that the situation was no joking matter, immediately, in the words of the Capital article, "began laughing hysterically."

Eventually, with their help, Anne got unstuck from the floor and was able to lay the tile. But she still had glue all over herself. So, according to the Capital article, "she called a glue emergency hotline, but no one answered."

I don't know about you, but that sentence disturbs me. I think somebody should check on the glue-emergency-hotline staff. I picture an office reeking of glue fumes, with whacked-out workers permanently bonded to floors, walls, ceilings, each other, etc. Come to think of it, this is also how I picture Congress.

But getting back to Anne: Still trying to solve her personal glue problem, she called a tile contractor. During this conversation, the glue on her body hardened, such that (1) her right foot became stuck to the floor, (2) her legs became stuck together, (3) her body became stuck to a chair, and (4) her hand became stuck to the phone.

"I had to dial 911 with my nose," she is quoted as saying. When the rescue personnel arrived, they found Anne still stuck. Perhaps this is a good time in our story to bring up the fact that she had been working in, and was still wearing, only her underwear. Fortunately, the rescue crews were serious, competent, highly trained professionals, and thus, to again quote the Capital article, they "laughed until they cried."

Once they recovered, the rescue crews were able to free Anne by following the standard procedure for this type of situation: licking her face.

No, seriously, they freed her with solvents, and everything was fine. Anne got her new floor and saved herself \$700, which I am sure more than makes up for suffering enough humiliation to last four or five lifetimes.

So the bottom line, homeowners, is this: Don't be afraid to tackle that tile job! Just be sure to have a dog handy, and always remember the No. 1 rule of tile-installation professionals: Wear clean underwear.

Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald.

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- Spring semester fee payment deadline Dec. 12 (mail) or Dec. 19 in person. Avoid lines and use the Quad system or touch-tone system to pay.
- On sale now, **Big Blue's Believe it or not Cookbook**. Available TSC Dec. 8. Available in the NFS building the rest of the holiday.
- United Campus Volunteers "Change Someone's Christmas" Help the elderly have a better Christmas, donate your change in the Hub.
- Canal Trails Scoping meeting, Dec. 8, 7:30 to 9 p.m. North Logan City Library meeting room. Call Corbett 713-6368 for info.
- Club Renner will be holding its monthly meeting, Dec. 10, 8 p.m. in the same place as usual.
- Art exhibition featuring the works of Diane Terry and Jerry Fuhrman Dec. 8, 6 to 9 p.m. at Fuhman's Framing, 75 South Main, downtown Logan.
- There will be an Ag. Leadership retreat on Jan. 13 for anyone in the College of Agriculture who may want to be an Ag. Ambassador or run for Ag. Senator. Pre-registration is \$2 by Dec. 8 in Jean Edwards office, AGSC, Room 218.
- Cinnamon Brown and the Eskimos concert Dec. 8, 8:30 p.m. to midnight. TSC International Lounge. There will be free drawings for a guitar and other stuff. Tickets are \$5 at the door.
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explorations & backpacking, climbing in the West Desert, Great Basin Birding, and more. Call now for a catalog or for more info. 797-7379 or stop by our office in the basement of the ECC, Room 103.

•To warm hands, feet and hearts, Valley residents are encouraged to give to the **Mitten Tree** sponsored by the USU Women's Center Advisory Board. Donations of NEW mittens, hats, and socks, for Cache Valley infants and children are welcomed. Items may be donated through Dec. 13, at many locations off campus. On campus TSC Carousel Square. More info. 797-1728.

•Elite Hall last dance of the year will be held Dec. 9, in Hyrum. Admission \$3 per person. 8:30 to 11 p.m. Professional Christmas photos will be available for 5 X 7 for \$2.50. Put on your "Best Threads" and come out for a great evening of hallroom dancing.

•A free seminar on saving 30 percent to 70 percent on your grocery bill will be held Dec. 13, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Located at 550 North Main, Logan, Utah Call and leave a message for Darren 757-4243.

•After finals treat December 14 & 15, Utah State Theatre Conservatory Series, "A Christmas Carol," 7:30 p.m., USU Chase Fine Arts Center, Morgan Theatre. General admission, \$5; USU student with current ID, free. For information, 797-1500. This one-man production of the Charles Dickens holiday classic, adapted and performed by Utah State Theatre Arts alumnus Doug Baker, is sure to help start the season right. This production is presented as a benefit with the proceeds going to the W. Vosvo Call Scholarship Fund.

•Seasons Greetings' Cache Children's Choir Christmas concert. All welcome, free admission. December 14th, Kent Concert Hall. Free admission.

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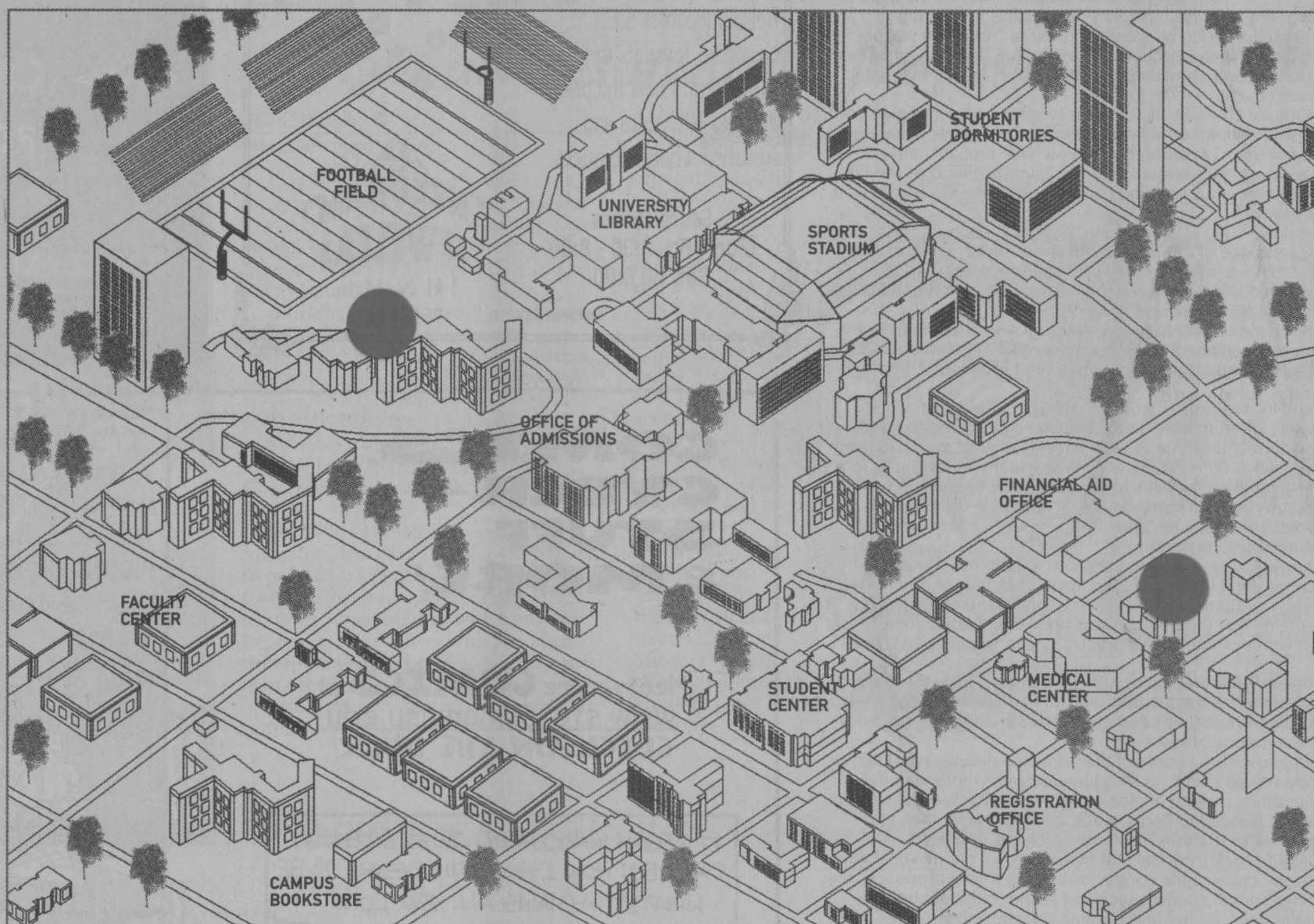
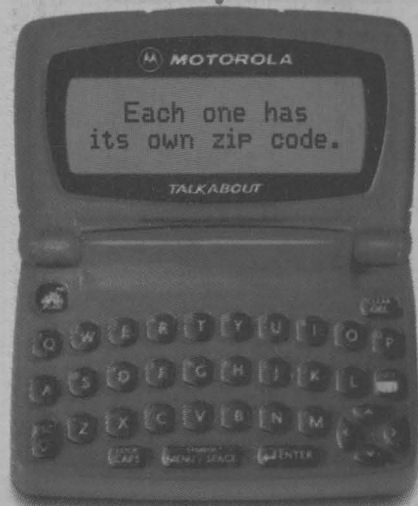
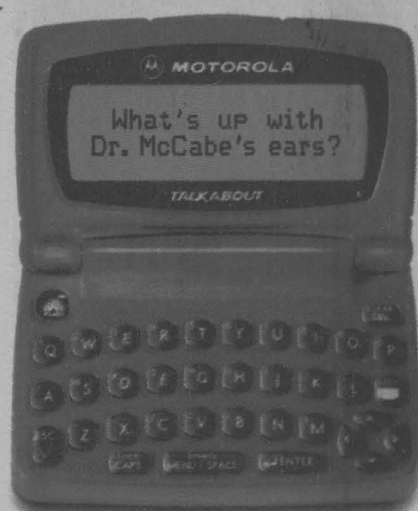
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Emert bids adieu

How old is George Emert?
Is that *really* his name?

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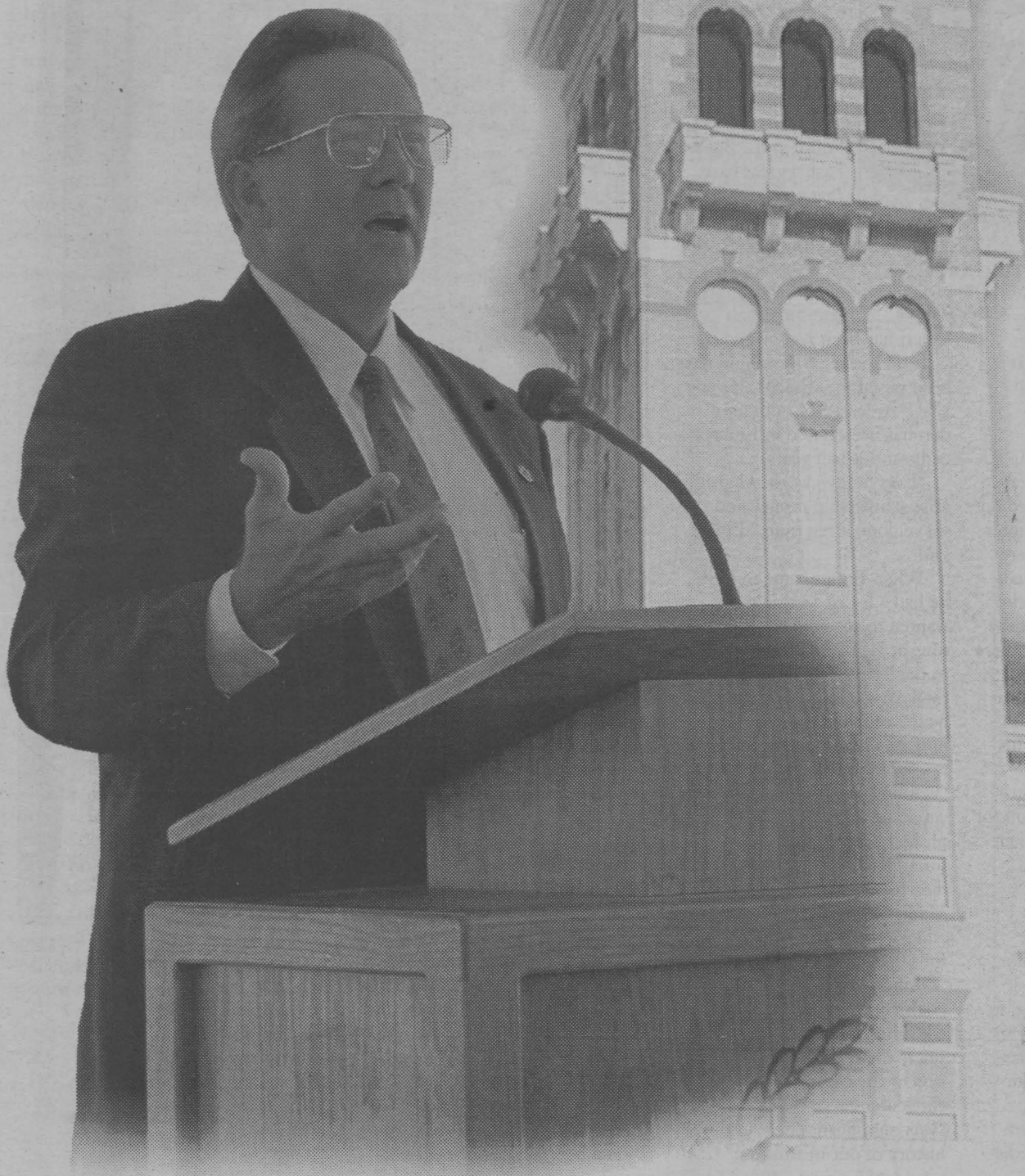
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What has Emert done for
athletics at USU?

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What's the deal with
Emert's controversial table
and house?

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Zest for Life

To walk a path,
In the mountains
deep,
To know the way,
The columbines
sleep.

The few become
many,
As leaves in the
fall,
And how do we
respond?
Myriad challenges
call.

Of course, hope
first,
To give a light
heart.
Then to face the
beast,
With a running
start!
Tis to the fray,
That we must go.
In order to be
tested,
Thus, our courage
to know.

For in the end, it's
not the Score. But
that we look up,
And ask for more!

— George Emert
Oct. 16, 1991

Of 39 goals for his tenure, Emert has accomplished 38

LEAH L. CULLER
News Editor

Utah State University has come a long way in the eight-and-a-half years George H. Emert has been its president. Emert said he can't pick out one thing to call his greatest accomplishment, but he is proud

of all the improvements that have been made during his time at USU.

While Emert himself may not consider one achievement greater than another, others will remember two important accomplishments in conjunction with Emert's time at USU: the creation of alumni chapters and an increase in scholarship dollars.

When Emert arrived at USU, he came with a vision to create a new alumni association based on constituents in different chapter areas. At that time, there were no alumni chapters associated with the university, said Carlos Smith, executive director of the Alumni Association. Today, there are 48.

"He empowered the alumni staff to move forward," Smith said. "He provided us with his total support."

Emert inaugurated the sustaining membership program for the Alumni Association and created the legacy wall and the alumni travel program. He played an important role in increasing major events like Founder's Day and the Senior Sendoff, Smith said.

Smith said the best thing, in his opinion, is the County Aggies — an alumni organization that provides immediate assistance to USU.

At least two alumni volunteers from every legislative dis-

trict in Utah promote university initiatives during the legislative session. There are more than 100 districts in Utah.

"We have had most of our initiatives passed in the last two years," Smith said. "It's been a major undertaking."

Smith said alumni chapters have helped alumni to feel they have ownership in their association.

"We're looking to the future under our new president to move onward and upward," Smith said. "But we have a great base that we've built on."

An increase in scholarships is another accomplishment for which Emert has been recognized.

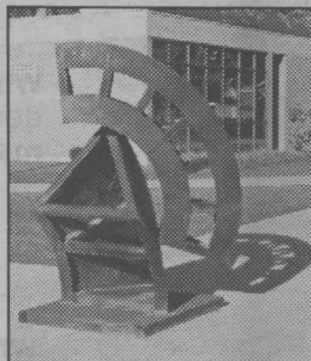
In 112 years, \$30 million have been raised for scholarships at USU. At least \$24 million of that has been raised in Emert's eight-and-a-half years.

"Everybody's worked hard to raise scholarship money and we've done it big time," Emert said.

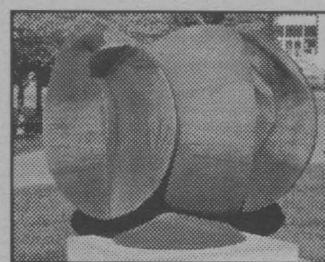
When Emert came to USU, he had a list of 34 things he wanted to accomplish. In his time at USU, he added five goals to the list and all but one of the total 39 will be completed when he leaves. That goal, the planning of a new capital campaign, is something Emert has been "working hard on," but has not

yet accomplished, said John DeVilbiss, director of Media Relations and Marketing for USU.

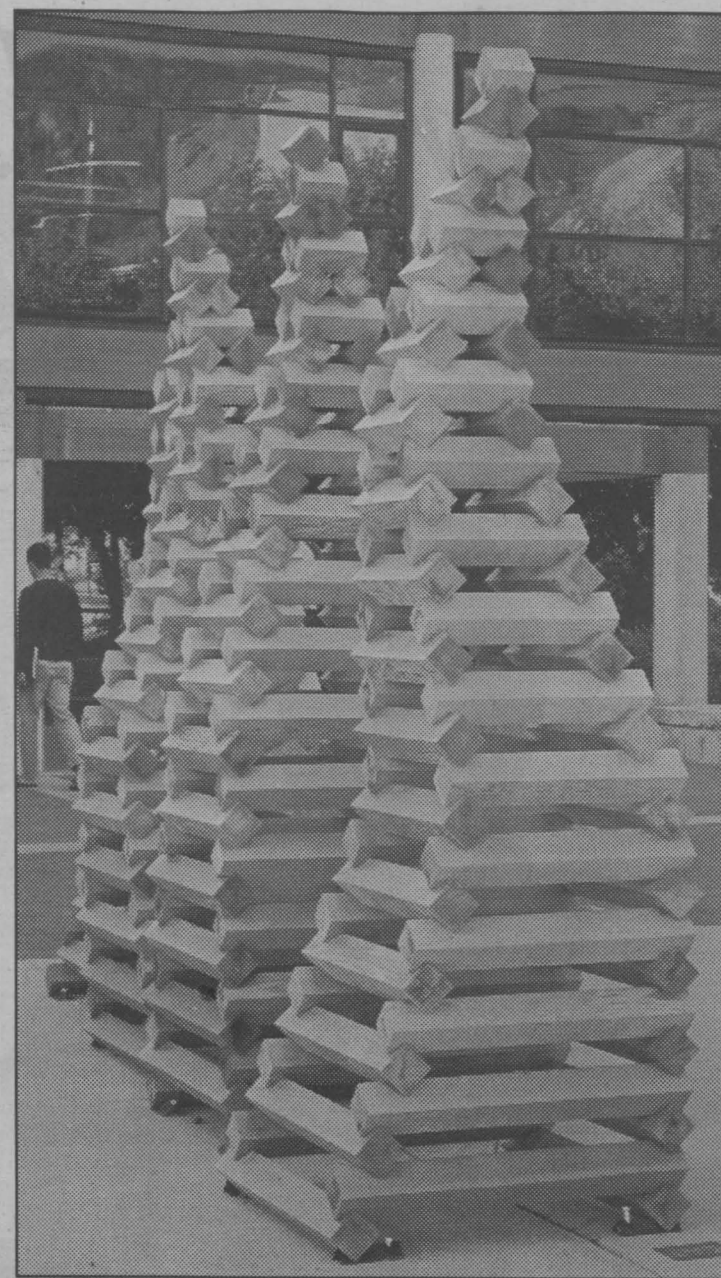
Among the goals completed, Emert considers the revision of the core curriculum a "very significant effort in the history of our institution."



'CONCENTRIC ARCS' are located near the Engineering Classroom./Casey Hobson



'ORB WRAP' is near the Merrill Library./Casey Hobson photo



'FOUR WITHOUT,' a sculpture near the Natural Resources Building, is one of several new sculptures on campus./Casey Hobson photo

Emert said the faculty discussed what they thought the general education array of courses should accomplish for the students and revised them accordingly.

The addition of Snow Hall and married-student housing is another achievement Emert considers significant.

"USU is perceived as a residential campus," Emert said. "If we lost that, we would be a totally different uni-

versity."

Nationally, if a university has fewer than 20 to 25 percent of its students housed on campus, it loses the flavor of a residential campus, Emert said. Only 12 percent of USU students live on campus.

"That's one challenge I didn't quite complete," Emert said. "I wish we could house one out of five on campus."

One reason for the decrease in on-campus housing is the great proportion of non-traditional students who account for

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Oh the places he'll go ...

LARA GALE
Copy Editor

For the first time in 30 years, Utah State University President George H. Emert is taking a break. Sort of.

The self-proclaimed workaholic looks at the conclusion of his presidency not as a closing of a chapter, but as just one more page in his life's work — a work that hasn't been concluded yet, he said.

He'll leave on a year's sabbatical after handing USU over to a new president, but he's not planning any leisure time. By the clock, with an accumulated 23 years of teaching and eight-and-one-half years serving as president of USU, Emert could have gone on sabbatical four times.

"Probably the reason I haven't asked for one before is because I love to work," he said.



EMERT PAINTS AN 'A' on the Romney Stadium football field. Although he's leaving as president, he'll return as an Aggie in a year. / *Statesman* file photo

"Well, and you'll notice it's going to be a working sabbatical."

During his year away from the university, Emert will visit six institutions across the country to help in his design of a Regents Teaching Academy. The idea is to create an institution where professors from all nine public universities and colleges in Utah will learn from colleagues how to become better educators.

At the end of the year he'll present his plan before the Board of Regents, which will decide whether to present it before the legislature.

Three years ago, Emert formulated the idea for the academy after observing instructors fresh from graduate school in the classroom. He hopes the academy will help new instructors, and experienced instructors who need brushing up, improve in all areas of teaching, including class planning, teaching and forming relationships with students.

This is returning to his roots, Emert said. All he ever wanted to do was teach — and when he returns from sabbatical,



BILLIE AND GEORGE EMERT say goodbye to Utah State University for one year, after which they will return. Emert plans on teaching. / *President's office*

he'll also return to his role as an instructor of biochemistry at USU.

Though administration was never something he aspired to, he did enjoy being president, he said.

"I think being in this leadership position has been a grand experience," he said. "I love listening to people's aspirations and dreams and helping them reach those dreams."

He'll shed the title easily to slip back into his role as an educator, he said.

"A title is just like a degree," Emert said. "It can get you through a door, but only with ideas, energy and hard work will you achieve success."

The announcement didn't come until after graduation last spring — he didn't want to distract from the atmosphere, he said — but Emert knew last January his contributions had taken USU as far as they could and the school was ready for new leadership.

He is proud of the progress USU has made since he became president, but it can all be even better, Emert said.

"There was a need when I arrived, and I think the needs right now are different," Emert said. "I think the timing is right."

Duality

A ferret is a small creature
With snout, fur and spirit.
Ferreting is seeking
That hiding from view.

To go forth is to start out,
For reasons personal and proud,
But to go fourth is to be in line
After first, second, and third.

To have sight is to be able
To see clowns cavort
To have a site is to possess,
A place to do or be.

Even more complex is a miss
That results in lost opportunity,
And a miss, comely and true,
Unmarried and aspiring to be.

To hood the hood or the hood,
To bridge the gap with a bridge,
To horse around the horse,
Or be mule-headed around the mule.

Ford the stream in a Ford,
Read the book and it's read,
Bob can bob for apples,
Sally can bob red hair.

Bob can bob while bare,
But should watch out for bear.
Can is able, tin or dance,
And ten is more than nine.

— George H. Emert

Nov. 2, 1991

... and will he succeed?

Yes! He will indeed! (98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed.)

— Dr. Seuss



EMERT THROUGH THE YEARS



George Emert as a child after falling off his bike

Emert in the ninth grade



Emert as a junior in high school

Emert as a college student at U. of Colorado



Emert in the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1966

Emert at his presidential inauguration, July, 1992.



Photos courtesy of president's office

Gorg, er, George

Born on a dirt floor sometime probably in 1938, Emert struggled to survive

DOUG SMEATH
Assistant Features Editor

What should a child who was born on the dirt floor of an eastern Tennessee home, sometime in December — never knowing exactly what day or year — expect to be when he or she grows up? Perhaps the president of a public university.

That's where Utah State University President George H. Emert began life — a quiet entrance observed only by his mother, father, grandmother and aunt Lizzy.

The son of a tenant farmer, young Emert spent his first years in a home with no running water, and he had no birthday.

That's because no one at the

home knew what date it was, or even what year. Aunt Lizzy had one guess; Grandma had another. Mom and Dad were sure it was another day altogether.

So they settled on a date somewhere reasonably in the middle and assumed it was 1938, making Emert now almost 62.

In fact, if Aunt Lizzy had her way, USU's president would be named Gorg

— that's how she spelled his name on the birth certificate.

"My first order of business as a child was to survive," Emert said. The second was "to do the best I could."

And so he worked his way through high school and college, eventually ending up at USU, a school he said he loves for the "extraordinary work

ethic" of faculty, staff, students and Utahns in general.

It is also a school he will no longer lead at the end of the semester after eight-and-a-half years as its president.

Being president is a far cry from his humble beginnings, but Emert said even when he was young he was seen as someone with a head on his shoulders — a "well-balanced person" who avoided impulse.

"My mind moves a lot faster than my body," Emert said. "As a child, I was considered, in the phraseology of my family, the little old man — even when I was 5 years old."

That little old man — who would leave home at age 12 and live on a 6-foot square landing between the first and second floors of a newspaper office through high school — never knew what he wanted to

be when he grew up. He said he tried on, as most children do, everything from cowboy to lawyer, truck driver to cash register operator.

Even in high school, an aptitude test that was supposed to help school counselors advise him on his life's path left him unclear. The counselors told him he could be anything he wanted.

"That was hugely frustrating for me," Emert said.

But throughout high school, Emert took

hard subjects, including chemistry, biology and geometry. He

More WORDS

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— George Emert, president, USU

First Lady Emert volunteers time, energy to community, USU

NATALIE LARSON
Senior Writer

As Utah State University's first lady, Billie Emert "has been an asset to not just the university, but the community as a whole," said Jill Anderson with Citizens Against Physical and Sexual Abuse.

"I would be honored if people would remember I was here," Emert said.

Janet Osborne, director of USU's Women's Center, said Emert is not just a passive member, but a real doer whose positive influence on behalf of the university has been felt throughout the community.

"She takes a sincere interest in people and what they're

doing," Osborne said.

"Everyone comes away feeling that Emert is their best friend even if they don't see her very often. That's a real gift for an individual to have."

Emert said originally she and her husband never had aspirations to be in a university presidency, but "it's been a great run."

"If you follow your path from the inside, it leads you to more exciting places than you could imagine yourself," she said. "It's part of living to know when it's time to change."

"A friend told us that you shouldn't fall in love with your school," she said. "You can't be here and not fall in love with it."

Her roles as the first lady of Utah State University are purely voluntary, she said. She's a hostess, a community service volunteer and a support for the president.

Emert said, "I have the neat job; [USU President George H. Emert] has the challenging job. I get to meet the people. People are the best part of the job. But he gets paid more than I do."

The couple entertained guests for the university frequently to "make friends for USU." Picking a favorite is like "picking your favorite child," she said.

One of the most interesting people they hosted was Billy Mills, Emert said. Mills works

with Steven Hawking on research about the outer regions of the galaxy.

She has been involved in many organizations and boards during her time at USU, including the Women's Center, Sunshine Terrace, the Community Abuse Prevention Services Agency and the museum.

Though the school doesn't hold the prestige of a larger university, USU is worthy of respect, she said.

"Students, don't underestimate the caliber of the school you're attending," she said. "It might be an agricultural school

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Emert parties, eats, lives with students



ABOVE: EMERT JOINS A CONGA LINE as part of RHSA's activities last year during his stay in on-campus housing.

RIGHT: EMERT FILLS HIS DRINK at the Junction where he ate while living on campus last year. / **Cory Hill photos**

MARCIE YOUNG

Assistant News Editor

Utah State University President George H. Emert made a home in Bullen Hall for a few days last spring. Although some students saw the move as a publicity stunt, Ben Riley, president of Associated Students of USU, said it was the probably the greatest and most publicized event the university's 13th president took on.

Although Aggie Television showed up with Emert when he first moved on campus, John DeVilbiss, director of Public Relations and Marketing, said it wasn't a strategy to make Emert

seem more open.

"I'm not aware of any plan where someone sat down and said, 'What can we do to make the president more approachable?'" DeVilbiss said.

Regardless of the intention of the night in the residence hall, the students Emert lived with were apprehensive when Housing and Food Services told them they would have a new roommate the day before Emert moved in.

"I was nervous because I didn't know him," roommate Nick Aiello said.

That nervousness ended, however, when Emert moved in



with a gift of goodies for his three new roommates — Aiello, James Jenkins and Ryan Lewis.

Aiello said he knew Emert really cared about meeting students and getting to know their opinions and thoughts about life at USU. What impressed Aiello even more was when

Emert approached him and his girlfriend, Jessica Bentsch, at Ag Day this semester, Aiello said.

"He remembered us," Aiello said, "which I thought was pret-

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Emert was just one of the guys in our apartment

From THE INSIDE James Jenkins

Last year my roommates, Ryan Lewis and Nick Aiello, and I had the opportunity to live with Utah State University President George H. Emert for three days.

We found out about the event when our resident assistant came to tell us about room

checks. Upon finding out that our room only had the three of us, he told us that we were going to be hosting President Emert. Nick, who hadn't been home for the news, thought it was an April Fool's joke.

Living with him, I really had the occasion to understand more about the university and its functions. I never knew what the president did, and this gave me the chance to ask those questions. We talked to him about the school's prestige, academics, our relation-

ships with our professors and our relationships in the workforce. We were also able to clarify all of the rumors that had been floating around, such as "the table." He stayed up with us until midnight both nights and was really just one of the guys.

We did benefit from living with him. Housing cleaned our bathroom and donated three 12-packs of soda in case President Emert got thirsty. Upon his arrival, he gave us a house-warming gift of pop-

corn, licorice, Snickers and other junk food. The final night Emert was with us, we sang "You've Lost that Loving' Feeling" at the Depot, and we all received matching USU hats.

I really enjoyed my experience living with Emert, and I hope that President Kermit Hall will have the chance to participate in such an activity. I felt I understood better the university's functions, and I know similar activities in the future will benefit others as well.

Geek

He's big and burly,
And not a little curly.

He's always in a fog,
As he walks the dog.

But he is called on his beeper,
When needed by his keeper.

When time to use his bean,
Or appropriate to be seen.

And there is no sonic boom,
As he stomps into the room.

Each may cringe and frown,
As he shows to be a clown.

But he always does his part,
For he has a great, big heart.

Be careful not to demean,
Those who must be seen.

Some must carry the load,
And some must be a toad.

Don't too hastily critique,
If one happens to see a geek.

— George H. Emert
Oct. 29, 1991



Athletics thrives, even with a tight budget

AARON MORTON

Sports Editor

A new softball field, a new indoor practice facility, 5,000 seats added to the football stadium and a new soccer field on the way — Utah State University President George H. Emert is proud of what the Athletics department has done in his 8.5 years — especially because it's all been done on a balanced budget.

"The level of competition, the budget and facilities have improved," Emert said.

During Emert's tenure, USU has added women's soccer, women's volleyball has gone from a 0-30 season in 1995 to a top-25 program and the basketball team has gone to the NCAA Tournament twice and the National Invitational Tournament once.

"He's had a tremendously positive effect," said Athletics Director Rance Pugmire, in his second year as the fourth person to hold that office during Emert's administration.

While USU's Athletics department has grown and gotten better, Emert emphasized that he has not focused too much on sports. He has not

given the department more funding from the university since he has been at USU — it has stood on its own, Emert said.

"He has made everyone aware Athletics is as important as any other department," Pugmire said.

And despite the small budget — USU ranks 105th in athletics funding out of 108 Division I schools — USU managed to increase revenue and private funding every year Emert has been here while balancing its budget, currently at \$6.4 million.

"We're very proud of that,"

Pugmire said.

This football season, USU broke the season ticket record and is on track to break basketball's record, as well. Emert sent a mandate requiring Pugmire to increase sales. Athletics is important, Emert said. It brings in more than 60 percent of the university's publicity.

With the addition of women's soccer, USU now sponsors 10 sports, including football, volleyball, cross country, tennis, track and field, softball, basketball, gymnastics and golf. Most of them are at or near the top of the Big West Conference.

"We get an immense bang for our buck,"

Emert said.

However, USU's membership in a conference is on shaky ground. The Big West Conference finished its final season Nov. 18. All BWC football playing schools but USU have left the conference for either the Sun Belt Conference or the Western Athletic Conference.

Although USU is still a member of the BWC in other sports, football will have to play as an independent. That will likely hurt the department in the long run because independent teams spend more for travel than others and have a much harder time qualifying for a bowl game.

The university has come under criticism for not getting a bid into the WAC or the Mountain West Conference, where the University of Utah and Brigham

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More INFO

► Emert has not given the Athletics department more university funding since he came to USU.

► The Athletics budget, currently \$6.4 million, has been balanced all eight years of Emert's presidency.

► Athletics accounts for more than 60 percent of the university's publicity.

Former football coach sues for breach of contract

SHEREEN SAUREY

Senior Writer

Utah State University has been served with the official copy of the complaint filed by former head football coach Dave Arslanian, according to Robert Barclay of the Utah Attorney General's Office.

The Oct. 5 lawsuit, filed by Arslanian in the 3rd District Court, names as defendants USU President George H. Emert, Athletic Director Rance Pugmire, Vice President of Administrative Affairs Fred Hunsaker, USU and the Board of Regents. The lawsuit charges all parties with breach of contract and breach of good faith and fair dealing. Arslanian is seeking the full value of his four-year contract, approximately \$310,504, plus attorney's fees.

The complaint singles out Emert, charging him with intentional interference with prospec-

tive economic relations. The lawsuit claims Arslanian's reputation and career have been "severely and irreparably damaged."

Emert maintains that coaches lose their jobs every year because it is a high-profile and high-paying profession. A coach's performance is subject to scrutiny.

"We're satisfying his contract," Emert said.

Arslanian led the Aggie football team to a 7-15 record in two seasons.

Barclay said the law does not require a complaint to be as extensive as Arslanian's lawsuit. To be officially served, one party needs only to file a notice to the other party informing them of why they are suing. Arslanian's complaint is a fact pleading, meaning all parties are named in detail and many allegations are cited.

Barclay added that a case like Arslanian's is often tried in the

media before ever going to court.

"This is not a criticism, but if you're a reporter, three lines doesn't make for much of a story," he said. "So [Arslanian] will give you a 17-page complaint."

The Utah Attorney General's Office is currently in the process of preparing the answer — the pleading that will be filed as a response to Arslanian's allegations in his complaint. Anything denied in the answer becomes an "issue."

The next step is discovery, in which both parties will request documents from each other to build a case.

"That's where the facts develop," Barclay said.

The lawsuit was originally being handled by USU attorney Craig Simper.

By legislation, however, the attorney general must represent USU in litigation. The attorney general also represents the Utah Department of Transportation, all

other Utah colleges and universities and other government-sponsored organizations. Approximately nine divisions exist within the attorney general's office. Barclay is the Education Division lawyer.

"I'm the coordinator for this case," Barclay said. "I'm not in the driver's seat."

Barclay said the attorney general's office has met with Emert, Hunsaker and Pugmire to ensure the answer is prepared properly.

The answer must be filed within 20 days of the official service.





EMERT AND SPORTS: EIGHT UP-AND-DOWN YEARS

- **1992** Charlie Weatherbie is hired as head football coach, one of four head coaches during Emert's administration.
- Chuck Bell is hired as Athletics director.
- The Aggie gymnastics team wins its first of three Big West Championships.

- **1993** The USU football team wins the Big West with a 5-1 record and goes on to win its only bowl game — a 42-33 win over Ball State in the Las Vegas Bowl.
- Softball team ties for first in the Big West — the only time in the '90s.
- The men's and women's track and field team wins its first of 12 conference championships in the next seven years.

- **1994** In his second year, head basketball coach Larry Eustachy leads USU to an National Invitational Tournament berth.

- **1995** John L. Smith is hired as head football coach. In his three years, his teams tie for first in the Big West twice.
- The volleyball team finishes the season 0-30.

- **1996** Women's soccer debuts at USU.

- **1997** The last Big West Championship football team in Emert's administration. Cincinnati beats USU 35-19 in the Humanitarian Bowl.

- **1998** The USU basketball team qualifies for its first NCAA Tournament since 1988.
- Emert hires Bruce Van De Velde as Athletics director. He is at USU for only 13 months, replaced by current Athletics Director Rance Pugmire in 1999.

- **1999** Mick Dennehy is hired as head coach just hours after Dave Arslanian is fired as football head coach. Arslanian later files a lawsuit against the university that is currently pending.

- **2000** The Aggie basketball team has its greatest season ever in Stew Morrill's second year, going 19-0 in Big West play and earning a spot in the NCAA Tournament.
- Second-year volleyball coach Tom Peterson leads USU to its first NCAA Tournament and advances to the second round.





A house fit for a president

JESSICA WARREN
Senior Writer

In accordance with the Board of Regents policy to provide housing for all university presidents, Utah State University was in need of an adequate facility.

The process led to criticism and concern from students as well as the community because of cost and potential degradation of historic university land.

A committee of representatives from USU, the Board of Regents and the Board of Trustees, as well as members of the community, looked at various sites before deciding on one at approximately 1400 E. and 1350 North in Logan.

The selection committee originally looked at a site on Old Main Hill, just east of Old Main.

"There was concern about the green space being taken up by Old Main Hill," said Cecelia H. Foxley, commissioner of higher education for the Board of Regents.

James MacMahon, vice president for University Advancement, said there are historical attachments to Old Main Hill for the community and the campus.

"People revere Old Main," MacMahon said.

Foxley said the Alumni House north of Old Main was originally the presidential residence.

Another house, used by former USU President Stanford Cazier, was east of campus and was purchased by the Caziers for their personal residence.

Foxley said the house currently occupied by USU President George H. Emert and his wife was bought by the university with the promise the Emerts could purchase the home after his time as president.

The house is not ideal for the responsibilities that come with being president, like entertain-

ing guests.

Foxley said inadequate parking crowds the neighborhood, and the location is not accessible.

All institutions, including two-year schools in Utah, provide presidential residences because it is mandated by the Regents' policy. There clearly needs to be one, Foxley said.

The house will belong to the state of Utah, MacMahon said, and will be an important asset to the university.

According to a Board of Regents press release, the house will serve as part of the compensation package for a new president.

The committee takes into account the type of institution, living standards and cost of housing in the surrounding area and the ability of the house to meet the necessary requirements.

Because compensation isn't as high in Utah as in other states, the house is part of an expected package, Foxley said.

Foxley said the Board of Regents hopes this house will serve as the presidential residence for the long haul, perhaps for 100 years to come.

"This will not only house the family, but will be appropriate for the hosting," Foxley said.

Controversial table fills newspapers

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With every top position comes perceived controversy between administrators and those affected by that administration.

Notable controversial events occurred during Utah State University President George H. Emert's time here when the cost of a conference table in Old Main was released.

The final bill was \$26,920 for the oak-veneer table that sits in Champ Hall on the first floor of Old Main.

The bids for the table ran from \$16,000 up to \$40,000, said John DeVilbiss, director of Media Relations and Marketing on campus. When the table was chosen, the price was included in the original budget of the remodeling of Old Main in 1997.

DeVilbiss said the table was needed because the table there was too small and was inadequate to serve its purpose.

It is used by the president for cabinet meetings, administrative council meetings, receptions and other meetings with potential donors and other dignitaries, he said.

"Very important things transpire there," DeVilbiss said.

The room is already at capacity with more people than seats around the table, he said.

DeVilbiss said the table was specifically chosen because it was



THE OPINION SECTION OF THE STATESMAN was flooded with editorial cartoons and letters to the editor responding to the new conference table. /Statesman cartoon 1997

the best product for the money. The less-expensive tables didn't offer what was needed as far as size and design.

Students didn't see it that way. The buzz was all over campus, prompting letters to the editor in the Statesman and administrators being questioned.

Tiffany Dahl wrote a letter to the editor asking where the priorities of the university really are, citing both the dance and horse program being cut for lack of funds.

"This agriculturally based university doesn't even have

facilities for the rodeo team to practice in," wrote Dahl.

DeVilbiss said the controversy came as a surprise. He said it's interesting that something as simple as a table can turn into something much more complicated.

The 20-by-8-foot table, which can seat 20 people, was meant to blend in with the new furnishings and be an asset to Champ Hall — a heavily used facility.

DeVilbiss said the controversy occurred as a result of miscommunication and mixed sig-

nals.

"It became an emotional issue," DeVilbiss said.

He said because the administration was quiet, it appeared there was something to hide and money was being misappropriated.

DeVilbiss said the table is fully justified. The board room table at Kennecott, for example, cost \$40,000.

"What is extravagant to one isn't to another," DeVilbiss said.

He said the table is a beautiful piece of art and will be an heirloom for the university.

Public FORUM

1997 Statesman letters to the editor

Editor's note: The following are letters to the editor from 1997 when the "table issue" was in full swing.

Letter: "Last word on the table"

Regarding a letter concerning "the table," it is suggested that we ask any banker in Logan about using income on self-gratify-

ing desires. May I point out that "any bank in Logan" has some rather pricey furnishings, which seem to attract customers quite well.

Also, he asked why someone didn't donate the table. As I recall, the table was purchased with donated funds.

I don't know President Emert personally, but would hesitate to call him incompetent just because of this table issue.

Anita Kingdon

Letter: "Conference table should be rented out"

I am writing in regards to the considerable amount of interest shown. As a possible solution to the current controversy, I would like to make the following suggestion.

I believe that much of the debate centers around a concern that the new table will not impact students' lives

enough to justify the amount of money spent on it. In order to minimize these concerns, and to increase student support, I would suggest that the new table be rented out for 15-20 minute time slots on A-Day

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Kowoon

My heart beats wildly
My mind heavy with burden.
A sense of dread rides its horse
Upon me, my family, my dreams.

Today's news filled with hate, tragedy,
Suffering, pain, and death.
Cruel acts of man not in nature's plan.
Helplessness pervasive.

Pain causes tears from deep inside
Inability immobilizes me
Heart and mind wonder, what next?
Where is comfort?
Where to go?

Nature sends messages of survival
Provides men of great spirit
Leaders to guide us through dark places
To our rightful place in the plan of living.

A priest names Kowoon to help us
To feed and clothe our family.
A way to educate our children.
Kowoon gives us hope.

Kowoon is our place of comfort,
The energy to feed our spirit.
We are the clouds rushing here and there.
Kowoon the mountain where we may rest.

— George H. Emert
Aug. 22, 2000



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ty cool."

Bentsch said Emert joked with them about the time her grandmother called at midnight and woke him up.

"He joked about it and said he always tells people that story," Bentsch said.

Even with his three days and two nights living on campus, Emert has gained a reputation across campus of being unapproachable.

Many students, faculty and staff, however, say he is actually a very open leader.

"I could call up and get on his agenda anytime, and I think any student could," Riley said.

Patricia Terrell, vice president of Student Services, said Emert has been very approachable from an administrative point of view. She said Emert would call her about a USU student he met or would ask her to help a student out.

"He never advertised it," Terrell

said of Emert's involvement.

Terrell said she is surprised students don't find Emert approachable, because that is never the side she saw of him.

Terrell said Emert has been involved with the deaf community, helped ASUSU with plans for the new Student Recreation Center and supported USU's branch campuses — and those are just a few examples of his involvement in student life.

DeVilbiss said Emert has done more than just academic things to

become more approachable.

DeVilbiss said he walked into Emert's office one afternoon and found the president sitting with his guitar.

"He was going to have a jam session with some faculty," DeVilbiss said.

Although DeVilbiss said Emert was a little embarrassed about the situation in his office, he said Emert has a "Southern dignity," which keeps him from being open with such casual situations.

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always did well in them, so he kept taking them in college.

When he finally had to declare a major, he chose zoology, "but only because I liked the outdoors," he said. He said

there were a number of other

majors he could have chosen, based on the classes he had taken.

College was a last-minute decision for Emert, who said he never anticipated going while in high school.

But a group of teachers, who saw potential in him, formed a teachers' association to raise the \$250 needed to get him in.

"Their encouragement to me said, 'Hey, maybe I should go to college,'" he said.

So he hitched a ride to the University of Colorado. When he was 17, he moved to Denver, where he made saddles, chaps, bridles and other similar products.

Emert would leave the West and spend 20 years in the South. But he said coming to Utah was an easy decision for him.

"I, of course, am a Rocky Mountain person," he said. "Being back amongst these mountains after being in Arkansas and Virginia for 20 years brought a great deal of relief."

A Methodist in a state full of members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Emert said religion has never been a problem. He said early LDS presidents Joseph Smith and Brigham Young were both Methodists before becoming LDS, so he

said Methodists and Latter-day Saints share similar values.

He said he never faced any "critical aspects related to religion" as president.

He also never worried about his safety or the safety of his family.

A sort of celebrity in Cache Valley — and sometimes an unpopular one — Emert said he faced everything from insults to bomb threats, but because he sees himself as well-balanced and an expert at survival, he never felt threatened.

When students go home for the winter break, they will have seen the end of Emert's years as president of USU — but not of his time as an educator or an Aggie.

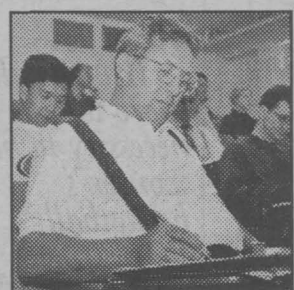
He said he plans to take a year-long sabbatical, during which he expects to design what he calls the Regents' Teaching Academy. He will visit six educational institutions where faculty study ways to better teach college students.

What he learns there he will use to design workshops for faculty at Utah's nine colleges and universities, teaching them how to write good tests, create an efficient and helpful syllabus and encourage classroom dialogue, among other things.

"Kind of the nitty-gritty dos and don'ts," Emert said. "Certainly there's a lot to be said about on-the-job training," but there's also a lot to be learned from the "teaching masters."

After his sabbatical, Emert said he plans to return to USU to teach microbiology, biochemistry or whatever related classes need new teachers.





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in Logan, Utah, but it really is world-class. You won't get a better education anyplace else. I want you to be aware this is a special place with old-fashioned values for working hard and learning. It's so refreshing."

Emert said she'd like to see the character of the students remain the same.

"They are hard-working students and really want to learn. I want to see the dedication of teachers not to change. I have never found teachers that care as much as these," she said.

She'd like to see better funding and the endowment continue to build.

"The one thing I would change would be that I would have the scholarship endowment be so big that no students would have to borrow money," she said.

Emert said USU does more substantial work with less money than any other

school in the United States.

"It has to do with the work ethic of the culture. We're proud to have been associated with it," she said. "I want it to continue to blossom."

The Emerts are planning to leave for at least a year to give the new president room, Emert said, and they're happy to let the new couple take over.

"I wouldn't give any advice to the new president's wife," she said. "I'd just tell them they are so fortunate to have this opportunity."

She said she loves Logan, and "this is not an ordinary place."

"My uncle said, 'You

would love Logan.' He was right," she said.

Emert said she loves children and plans on "going back to writing and back to my grandbabies."

Emert said, "Whoever invented children had a wicked sense of humor, but whoever invented grandchildren was brilliant."

She said her goals have been to support her husband, support her family and "do the best by

the university we know how to do."

Emert grew up in Wyoming and met George Emert in Okinawa when her father arranged a picnic date for her. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Wyoming.

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"Whoever invented children had a wicked sense of humor, but whoever invented grandchildren was brilliant."

— Billie Emert

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and Homecoming. Not only would this give a whole new meaning to the phrase "True Aggie," but any money collected could be used to finance other symbols of our university's prestige, such as the football team.

Perhaps they could even sell T-shirts with slogans like "Presidential Aggie," or, for the slightly more daring, "I Laid It On The Table."

I would encourage the administration to consider this solution to both future economic concerns, and the more pressing problem of student morale.

Yours in the hope of future prestigious economic development,

Shannon Duerden

Letter: "\$26,000 table is a poor choice by Emert"

As I sat in my Education class and participated in a discussion on how education

is financed, I was shocked to find that the president of Utah State University is spending \$26,000 on a conference table. Through my classes and the low balance in my checkbook, I know that we, the students of this great university, pay for projects like this.

Where are our priorities? The dance program is being cut because of lack of funds. The horse program has been discontinued.

This "agriculturally" based university doesn't even have facilities for the rodeo team to practice in, yet there's enough money in the budget to spend \$26,000 on a table!

Do the students of this university get money to build special desks to sit in? No! We pay \$800 to sit in a good old-fashioned wooden one!

Tiffany Dahl





FORMER FOOTBALL COACH DAVE ARSLANIAN is suing George Emert, USU, the Board of Regents and others for breach of contract after he was fired a year ago. / *Statesman* file photo

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Young University reside. Other BWC schools, the University of Nevada-Reno and Boise State University, have accepted bids to the WAC.

Emert deflects those criticisms, pointing out that the WAC's latest additions were based on Nevada having a baseball program or Boise State having a bowl game or the WAC's need to have more schools in Louisiana to balance out the conference geographically.

"How can you overcome things like that?" Emert said. "We have made a mighty effort."

Emert said for USU to get into a stronger conference, it has to get bigger donations and have more attendance for football games.

BYU, an MWC member, averages more than 60,000 fans to a home game while Utah averages more than 39,000. USU has averaged between 14,000 and 20,000 over the past five years.

"Why would they want us in their league?" Emert asked.

USU may have to add women's basketball; only The Citadel, the Virginia Military Institute and USU don't have women's basketball teams.

"There will be a necessity to have women's basketball," Emert said.

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"[Eventually] there will be a necessity to have women's basketball."

— George H. Emert

On the plus side, USU's attendance has been going up, and the two biggest programs — football and volleyball — seem to be on the way up as the Aggie football team surprised many by taking second

in the conference.

Two other major sports, volleyball and gymnastics, draw crowds of around 2,000 — comparable to other schools in the region.

If USU does get a bid, it will not be until the spring or summer because most schools are focusing on the football or basketball seasons, Pugmire said.

The responsibility for finding a new conference will fall on Pugmire and the new university president, Kermit Hall — with whom Pugmire said he is looking forward to working.

Patron Sun

Light through the heart fills our minds
Orange, gray, red, pink
Sun you are our engine.

You cause water to flow, flowers to grow.
Tides follow your orders the moon your path.

Your heavenly home you share with us
Making nests cozy, warm for creatures many.

Our plights not defined multicolored, varied
You light our paths without arrows to guide.

The end is yet unseen one knows it is there
With the sun as guide, it in time will be revealed.

— George H. Emert
Nov. 9, 1999

➤ ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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the majority of the enrollment increase. These students typically don't live in on-campus housing. But John Ringle, associate director for Housing and Food Services, said it is due to Emert's vision and insistence that so many residents are housed on

campus.

"[On-campus housing] is more academics-oriented and more conducive to developing a better student," Ringle said.

Emert also had a part in the transition from linear to plateau tuition several years ago.

"It's encouraged students to take more hours and graduate sooner," Emert said.

During Emert's time at USU the university has been recognized as a Carnegie I Research Institution — one of 88 nationwide.

Emert also considers an increase in teaching effectiveness to be an important accomplishment.

At any given time, \$150 million in construction is being done on USU facilities. Projects during Emert's time include the

renovation of Old Main, the replacement of Widtsoe Hall, renovation and addition of residence halls, tunnels under the highway, the addition of research space, the NASA building and funding for an expansion at Edith Bowen.

