



U. of Utah athletic officials took down this billboard in response to charges they used sex to sell tickets.

## ► Gymnastics on a whole new apparatus

If ticket sales for the gymnastics team at the U. of Utah were lagging before, they definitely aren't now.

A billboard along the highway leading to Salt Lake City, home of the university, featured sophomore gymnast Aimee Trepanier in what some called a sensual pose.

Utah athletic officials say they erected the billboard simply to promote ticket sales for the team.

And they certainly succeeded. Last year the gymnastics team sold 12,500 tickets during a five-meet period. During a three-meet period this season, the team already has sold 13,300 tickets.

"I loved it," says Liz Abel, director of Sports Information at the university. "I thought it was great."

The billboard is down now, though, removed amid charges the university used sex to promote ticket sales.

"It was great free publicity to start out with and then it was just a nuisance," Abel says.

Jennifer Goe, a U. of Utah senior, says the billboard went too far just to sell tickets.

"It is a gymnastics pose, but I think maybe a different pose would have been better," she says.

Though the athletic officials buckled in the end to public pressure, gymnastics Coach Greg Marsden says Trepanier's performance has not suffered because of the billboard controversy and neither has the team's.

"In fact as a group we found the whole thing amusing," Marsden says. "What we thought was a beautiful, artistic, eye-catching representation — we were absolutely surprised when people chose to make something of it." ■ **Bobbie Kriz, SDSU Collegian, South Dakota State U.**

## ► Insanely great profit for a frosh

Financial aid? Scholarships? Mom and Dad? Who needs 'em? Adam Stein certainly doesn't now that he owns his own company.

This 18-year-old U. of Pennsylvania freshman struck out on his own corporate ventures.

He now owns a company, Insanely Great Software Co., which helps pay for his schooling — quintessential collegiate bootstrap financing.

"I guess I've always been interested in business and selling stuff," he says of his beginnings as a software entrepreneur.

Stein, a student of Penn's Wharton School of Business, says he began selling software for the original Apple II system at the age of 14 by running an advertisement in a local paper.

While his first attempts didn't really take off, his latest gambit has.

Stein's latest software development is a customizer/enhancer for Macintosh computers using System 7 operating software. System 7 Pack 3.0 has received flattering reviews from *MacWorld*, *MacWeek* and *MacUser*, including *MacUser's* award for best System 7 enhancer.

Stein contracts a company in Colorado to take orders for him by phone 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-



Freshman Adam Stein's computer skills translate into big bucks.

a-week and his parents help with shipping.

Delegating these other tasks gives Stein time to market his current products and develop new ones.

Bashful about his earnings — and competitive advantage — Stein declines to say how much his Insanely Great Software Co. brings in for him each year. "You can say it makes [money] in the thousands, but not over \$10,000."

IGS's customer list boasts clients from 20 different countries, including Britain, Japan, Denmark, France, Spain and Finland, an extensive list for someone his age.

But then being young has its advantages, Stein says. "The age thing is really nice. I sometimes feel that people push my product for me," he says. ■ **Michael D. Oeser, Daily Cougar, U. of Houston**

## ► On the basis of race...

Being a black male at the State U. of New York, College at Oneonta, last fall didn't just mean you were part of minority group. It also meant you were a suspect in a local assault.

Leif Hartmark, vice president for administration, approved the release of a list of all black male students enrolled in the college to the Oneonta and New York State Police after officers found blood-stained towels on campus following an assault in the community.

Now lawyers for black students at the school are suing and asking the state to provide scholarships as part of compensation for the "blacklist."

Police say they requested the list from the university to assist in an investigation of an early morning burglary and assault of a 77-year-old woman in September. The victim reported that when a black man came into her home in Oneonta they were both cut during the confrontation.

Black male students at Oneonta are outraged their university vice president released their names as a block of potential suspects in the crime. Furthermore, the students say, they were stopped on campus and at their jobs by local police who insisted on checking their wrists for slash marks.

Scott N. Fein, lawyer from the firm of Osterman and Hanna, says the lawsuit will be filed in both state and federal courts. The suit focuses on violations of the 14th Amendment, which guarantees due process and equal protection of rights.

"What was done at Oneonta by college and state officials is a blatant act of racism," says Kevin Allen, an Oneonta student on the "blacklist."

About 10 percent of SUNY at Oneonta college's 6,200 students are minorities.

Hartmark has refused to comment on the case. He was suspended without pay for a month after the incident.

Alan B. Donovan, college president, says Hartmark violated the Buckley Amendment, a federal privacy act that prohibits a school from releasing such information to an outside agency.

Mike Hiesteand, an attorney at the Student Press Law Center, says no part of the amendment allows a school to give information about racial statistics to an outside agency. The amendment was designed to protect the privacy of students; therefore, personal information cannot be released without the consent of the student.

Still, police deny racism was involved in singling out black college students. "If your car has an accident and there's red paint on it, are you going to look for a green car?" says H. Karl Chandler, a senior state police investigator. ■ **Julian Willock, The Spectrum, State U. of New York, Buffalo**

## ► Dirty Dancing

They had the time of their lives.

And they may have a police record to prove it.

Two 20-year-olds, one a student at Florida State U., were arrested for having sex on a dance floor amid more than 100 people in February at a Tallahassee, Fla., nightclub.

"They were completely exposed from the waist down," said Police Department spokesman Phil Kiracofe. "The guy was quite into what he was doing. He didn't want to be interrupted."

The man, a first-year student at FSU, presumably was too busy to notice when two officers walked up behind him and his cohort, a female Tallahassee resident. Neither of the minglers would comment on the event afterward, but the man told officers he had met the woman that night on the dance floor and did not know her name. Kiracofe said the couple's technique was a vertical stance against the wall. After the authorities initiated coitus interruptus, Kiracofe said, the two dancers quickly regained their senses and modesty, as they scurried to pull up their pants. "[The crowd] started cheering, laughing and clapping," Kiracofe said.

Steve, a bartender at the club, was working when the incident occurred. "A lot of wild things have happened here in the past, but this was dirty dancing to the extreme," he said.

The dirty dancers were charged with disorderly conduct and released until their court hearing. ■ **Joel Risberg, Florida Flambeau, Florida State U.**