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March Happenings

- Tue 5th -- The Utah Community Center for the Deaf advisory council will meet at Utah Community Center for the Deaf, 388 N. 400 E., Bountiful, at 7:00 pm.
- Thu 7th -- Ogden Frat members meet at the lecture room of USD vocational building in Ogden, at 7:30 pm.
- Fri 8th -- Salt Lake Frat members meet at the Center for the Deaf, at 6:45 pm. A movie will follow.
- Sat 9th -- Utah Association for the Deaf board of directors will meet for its regular meeting at the Center for the Deaf, 10:00 am.
- Sat 9th -- Valley Ward for the Deaf will host a volleyball tournament and a dinner -- contact Stan O'Neal, bishop, for more information.
- Fri-Sat 15th-16th -- Utah Association for the Deaf is sponsoring a Parliamentary Procedure workshop. Details will come soon. Contact Dave Mortensen.
- Fri 15th -- Utah Athletic Club for the Deaf will have a general meeting, which will include its annual election, with a social to follow. It will be at the Center for the Deaf, starting at 6:30 pm. Contact Steve Christensen for more information.
- Fri 15th -- The Utah Board of Education will meet at its headquarters, 250 E. 500 S., SLC, for its monthly meeting.
- Sat 15th -- Wasatch Golf Association of the Deaf will have its first 1985 golf date. All members and non members are welcome to play. Contact Robert DeSpain, Bridget Laramie or Wayne Stoltz for more information.
- Sat 22nd -- Ogden Branch for the Deaf will have its spring dinner with movie to follow. Contact Deane Baggs for more information.
- Sat 23rd -- UACD bowling tournament; contact Myron Bosshardt for details.
- Fri 29th -- Valley Ward will have a captioned movie and snack evening. Contact Stan O'Neal, bishop, for details.
- Sat 30th -- Utah Community Center for the Deaf will have a fund-raiser. Contact Glen Ross for information.

So Long, Folks! -- Robert G. (Sandie) Sanderson

It has been absolutely G R E A T sharing with you our accomplishments in developing better services for deaf people. In 1965 when I began with Rehabilitation there were approximately eleven deaf people on the rolls and only one fingerspelling counselor to serve them. No wonder deaf people did not go to Rehab for help!

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Today, as I leave there are over 300 deaf and hard of hearing people being served. There are many interpreters available (if you can find 'em!), four counselors who are experts in sign language, a full time Rehab interpreter, and two full time UAD interpreters.

We have a Community Center for the Deaf, being used by thousands of people -- over 9,000 people have registered in our guest book!

Our Center is training deaf people for high-tech jobs, and in home making. We also train hearing people in sign language.

Most of all, we now have a place of our own (almost -- remember the State still owns the building) where we can meet when we need to as long as we need to...

All in all, the past 19 1/2 years have been the best of my life, and I hope that yours, my friends, will be the best of your lives from now on. But you can lose it all if you relax and let other people tell you what you need and what to do.

You've got to keep banging away at Rehab, at Education and at the Legislature to be sure they keep your needs in mind. You've got to compete with hearing people to get what you deserve, so get in there and make yourselves seen and heard!!!

President's Message -- Dave Mortensen

An excellent article appeared in the most recent GA-SK Newsletter. Because this article is so relevant to the present status of the deaf community in this state and raises some very important points that all deaf persons need to pay attention to, possibly these points can be raised at their own organization meetings.

(The following guest editorial, "We're Hitting the Hump" was written by Leo M. Jacobs and is quoted from the GA-SK Newsletter, Vol. 16 No. 1)

GA-SK Newsletter indicates that the deaf community is reaping the benefits from a rapidly advancing technology and a hearing society who has been more aware of the ramifications of deafness and the needs of deaf persons. The latter is probably the result of effective deaf leadership during an era when the physically disabled got the eyes and ears of the public through effective and timely public relations efforts. You probably already know this because of the relatively recent developments of not only the TDDs but also allied services such as TDD directories, reduced phone rates for TDD users, and the burgeoning relay services, as well as closed captioning on television, captioned films, et cetera.

However, for example, blind citizens are far ahead of us with various amenities that they are receiving from the public sector. This indicates that their political activity has been far more advanced than that of the deaf community. This shows us that we have far to go in this respect and that this is no time for us to become complacent.

Furthermore, in the last few years, there have been indications that due to critical economic factors such as inflation, increasing interest rates, flagging employment, etc., public interest and concern for the physically disabled, including deaf persons, are cooling off as the public turns toward the solving of their own problems. It may be said that they are hitting the hump now.

One of the gravest concerns now affecting the deaf community as a result of this economic worry is the strong push to turn deaf children away from expensive special education programs toward mainstreaming in public school programs. We know that this trend will be traumatic for future hopes of better education and communication with attendant improved career opportunities and more satisfying living. But our hearing contemporaries do not know this.

This is no time for us to sit back in complacency and enjoy the fruits of our latest gains. For, you can be assured that you will find yourselves and your deaf children starting to lose ground quickly, and discover yourselves back in second-class citizenship before you realize it. I am also afraid that your gains will also lose ground as soon as the politicians find that deaf citizens do not care to exercise their political know-how and strength. It will take all our strength, efforts and togetherness to press on with our fight to keep special schools as well as to maintain our recent gains if we are to go up and forward past the hump rather than to go down!

by Leo M. Jacobs

It would be a very good idea for our UAD members as well as members of other organizations if they would write in their comments and how they feel about this article. Address letters to the Bulletin Editor or put a call through to any UAD board member. We would really like feedback.

Salt Lake City-County Health Department Adds TDD

To serve its deaf consumers by phone, the Salt Lake City-County Health Department has added a TDD. The phone number, 530-7606, will enable a deaf caller to obtain a variety of information. Information about its clinical services -- such as immunization, well-child conference, hypertension screening, family planning, WIC services will be given over the TDD. In addition, the Environmental Health Division and Nursing Division will take TDD calls through its referral clerk handling the TDD call.

Teacher of Sign Language Needed In Davis County

Davis County School District is interested in hiring a part time certified teacher to teach sign language at Davis High School in Kayville.

Call Gene Stewart at 533-5997 (SLC:T/V) for more information.

Monthly Home Makers' Get Together

Several home makers have started a monthly get together on the first Wednesday of each month, at 10:00 am at the Utah Community Center for the Deaf. Each month will offer a different event -- with the focus on a variety of learning experiences as desired by the home makers. The February get together featured pizza making by one of the home makers. Future get togethers will possibly have one-time cooking/sewing classes, lectures by health experts, budget planning and the like. For more information, contact Beth Ann Campbell at 533-5997 (SLC:T/V).

Scholarship Available for U of U Handicapped Students

The University of Utah Center for Handicapped Student Services is accepting applications for the Louise J. Snow Scholarship for the 1985-1986 academic year. To qualify, a disabled student must be a Utah resident and be admitted to the U of U as a matriculated student.

Five scholarships are offered -- two \$1,500 graduate scholarships, two \$1,000 undergraduate scholarships, and one \$1,000 new student or freshman scholarship. Selection will be based on financial need and scholastic record.

Deadline for application and accompanying information is March 8, 1985. For application form and further information, call 581-5020 (SLC:T/V).

"Is Anyone Out There?"

In a letter well written but too long to print here, Wayne Elrod of Mexican Hat has asked that everyone in the deaf community who comes his way stop by to visit him and a student of his, a 5 year old Navajo deaf boy. They live on the Navajo reservation in southeast Utah, and this little boy, as well as the boy's parents, need the experience of meeting deaf people from other areas. Write to Mr. Elrod at Box 514, Mexican Hat, UT 84531 to get instructions on how to find them. It would be a great experience for them and for the visitor, too.

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Classified Ads

For Sale: Sears TeleCaption adapter (decoder), 4 years old, in excellent condition, will sell for \$150.00. Call Greg 268-2545 (SLC:V).

FREE: Six puppies, born February 6; mother is a Brittany Spaniel. Also an eight month old pup, half Labrador and half German Shepherd. Contact Frank Burgess, 321 34th St., Ogden, after 4:30 pm.

For Sale: Rear window with rubber gasket, for Dodge truck -- will take best offer. Contact Frank Burgess, 321 34th St., Ogden, after 4:30 pm.

New Officers for Ogden Frats

Due to the resignation of the Ogden Frats president, Scott Newton, the members elected Edith Wheeler as its new president and John Peterson as its new vice president for the remainder of 1985.

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Update on Center for the Deaf

Thanks go to Glen and LaRue Ross for the donation of an used electric stove, which is now in use at the Center kitchen.

USD Vibes

The USD boys' basketball team will compete in the regional tournament to be held March 14 through 16 at North Summit High School.

Wedding Bells

February 14 -- Mary Ann Hutchins and Robert Potter were wedded by the justice of peace in Salt Lake City. They were honored at an open house at the Utah Community Center for the Deaf on February 16.

Rattles 'n' Powder

January 20 -- Chad Lewis, son of Kathy Middleton of Seaside, OR and formerly of Morgan.

February 15 -- Kristi, daughter of Brian & Ann Monson, Aurora, CO. Fred & Marjorie Monson are the grandparents.

To a Greater Glory

(Editor's note: In the obituary for Edith Gavros, we inadvertently overlooked the name of Mary Gines, another daughter and a sister of George Gavros and Irene Gavros. Our apologies.)

Hospital Rounds

January 7 -- Irene Young, St. Anthony, ID, has been in LDS Hospital, SLC for colostomy surgery and is making her recovery at the home of her son, Fay Young, in Woods Cross.

January 25 -- Beverly Monk was taken to LDS Hospital, SLC, after she fell and broke her left ankle just outside her apartment. She has been staying with her mother in California.

News of Note

Vera Brubaker, who lives in Olathe, KS with her son and daughter in law, Richard and Joan, wrote recently to let us know that her granddaughter, Joyce, is on the American volleyball team and will compete in the XV World Games for the Deaf in Los Angeles this summer. She is one of three KSD girls to be chosen for the team. Vera also mentioned that Daniel is a sophomore at Gallaudet College.

TTY Jottings

The 1985 TTY directory is being updated at this time. Deadline for changes will be March 1. Please call Valerie Platt at 295-8245 (Bountiful:T) to give her any changes you want made to your listing.

Is your TTY due for its annual checkup? If you don't know, check the tag that is wired to your machine -- it will give the date it was last checked. It may be time for its oil and lube. It is important that TTYs be oiled and lubed on a regular basis to maintain its working parts. Give the TTY Shop a call and make an appointment -- 533-5997 (T/V:SLC).

Note the following in your current TTY directory:

Tom & Linda Collins	646-3078	Roosevelt
Linea Blomgren	969-3711	West Valley City
Donald & Ardell Patterson	569-2263	West Jordan
Salt Lake City-County Health	530-7606	Salt Lake City

Update on Closed Captioning

(Programs listed below are offered with closed captioning. For exact date and time, check your local listing)

*** Billy Graham's televised Crusades will be closed captioned in early March when the most recent Crusades air across the United States on three different nights.

*** A recent addition to the closed captioned videocassette list is the series of religious docudramas which deal with the Annunciation, Early Ministry, The Parable, and the Crucifixion, Resurrection and the Ascension. Collectively, the four videocassettes run approximately four and a half hours. They may be purchased by calling 800-336-4545 and asking for the "Luke" series.

*** A movie made for TV, "Summer to Remember" will star a deaf boy who communicates with an orangutan in sign language. The movie will also be closed captioned. Sean Gerlis, a 12 year old whose parents, Stewart & Lynn Gerlis, are also deaf, has the role of the deaf boy. It will be aired on CBS (Channel 5 in this area) sometime this spring. The Gerlis family lives in New York and were in Salem, OR for the filming; they stopped to see the Sigoda family -- Scott and Adele are also from New York.

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*** Contact any of the reporters -- Jean Nelson, Cleo Peterson, Nellie Sausedo or Dorothy Young -- or the editor, Valerie Platt. Mail your news for the Bulletin to her at the Center for the Deaf, 388 N. 400 E., Bountiful, UT 84010, or call her at the Center, 295-8245 (T only) or 533-5997 (T/V). Northern Utahns may call her at her home in Ogden, 479-5259 (T/V).

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