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November Happenings

Monday 2nd -- Self Help for the Hard of Hearing will have its officers meeting, at 7:00 pm at the Center for the Deaf.

Tuesday 3rd -- Regular board meeting of the Utah Association for the Deaf, to take place at 7:00 pm at the Utah Community Center for the Deaf, 388 N. 400 E., Bountiful.

Friday 6th -- Salt Frat members meet at 6:45 pm at the Center for the Deaf. A social follows afterwards.

Friday-Saturday, 6th-7th -- The Utah Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf will present a workshop, "Incorporating ASL Principles," with Ann Topliff of Denver making the presentation. The Friday session will be from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, and on Saturday from 10:00 to 4:00 pm. Contact Pat Van de Graaff or Annette Tull for more information.

Saturday 7th -- Bonneville Bowlers Club of the Deaf will host a fall party at the Labor Union Hall, 2160 S. Redwood Rd., SLC. Happy hour is at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday 10th -- The Institutional Council for USDB will meet at the Utah State Office of Education at 4:30 pm. Contact Dennis Platt for more information. Annette Tull will be on hand to interpret for deaf people.

Friday 13th -- Utah Community Center for the Deaf will host a social night.

Saturday 14th -- Ogden Frat members meet at Ben Lomond Lanes for a bowling session, to begin at 9:00 am. Regular meeting begins at about 11:00 am.

Saturday 14th -- Utah Association for the Deaf will host a fall event. Jim Harper is in charge of the program.

Wednesday 18th -- Monthly meeting of the State Advisory Committee for Services to the Adult Deaf/Hearing Impaired will take place at 4:00 pm at the Utah State Office of Education, 250 E.500 S., SLC.

Wednesday 18th -- Self Help for the Hard of Hearing will have its general meeting at 7:00 pm at the Center for the Deaf.

Friday 20th -- Golden Spike Athletic Club for the Deaf will have its monthly meeting at the USD Multipurpose Room, at 6:30 pm.

Tuesday 24th -- Utah Community Center for the Deaf advisory committee meeting will be held at 6:30 pm. This group meets every other month on the fourth Tuesday. The next meeting will be in January.



Beth Ann Campbell Honored with Golden Key

News is out now that Beth Ann Campbell has been honored as a service provider at the annual Golden Key banquet held recently. Beth Ann has been instrumental in developing programs for deaf people, ranging from senior citizen luncheons to cooking classes to Education Day.

President's Message

The Public Service Commission (PSC) awarded a contract to the Utah Association for the Deaf to set up a statewide phone relay system on October 13, 1987. This long waited and exciting news was announced by the president at the October 6 UAD Board Meeting. Madelaine Perkins, Program Director, is working on many detailed plans to get the system set up and organized. Dr. Judy Buffmire, Executive Director of Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, gave the UAD the green light to set the relay services up at the Utah Community Center for the Deaf.

There is much work to be done in preparation of the room where the relay will be sited, equipment ordered and installed, phone lines hooked up, applications for employment of relay operators, job interviews, training of hired operators, supplies, rules on confidentiality, egress and access rules, and so forth. The official name the phone access relay system will be know as is **UTAH RELAY SERVICES (URS)**.

On November 14, 1987 there will be an orientation session in conjunction with the UAD fall event being held at the UCCD. This orientation session will be about an hour long with question and answer period after the lecture and demonstration session. "Introduction of the Deaf Community to the URS." How it works, how to use it, and above all, how to communicate on it. It is an entirely different way of using this relay service than it has been in the past when a deaf person needed to make a phone call to a hearing person for communication purposes or for making appointments or even for calling for pizza. It will be extremely beneficial to all deaf persons as well as all interested persons to attend this event and prepare themselves for a new system in making phone calls.

Also on tap for the evening is a neat program being prepared by Jim Harper, an UAD board member from Provo. See the flyer in this issue and also tell your friends of others who may not know about this.

The distribution of TDDs under this program is being delayed in order to get the relay system set up and operating. There is no specific date when the program will move in that direction. The collection of monies under the surcharge on phone bills is not quite enough to allow both the relay system and distribution of TDDs to take place at the same time.

Until next month....

1987 Scholarship Grants Made

Two scholarship grants were made by the Ned C. Wheeler Scholarship Foundation for the Deaf (formerly known as Utah Scholarship Foundation for the Deaf). The recipients are Cheri Lyn Karren and Barbara Bass.

Cheri is a 1987 graduate of Bountiful High School, and is attending Southern Utah State University in Cedar City, with the goal of working with the deaf. Barbara, who is an upper school teacher at the Utah School for the Deaf, is currently attending Weber State College, working towards a master's degree in education.

URS Program Director Appointed

Madelaine Perkins has been appointed by the Utah Association for the Deaf board to take over as the Utah Relay System program director in charge of all details of the new phone relay system.

Madelaine has been a professionally certified interpreter for the deaf for many years. She has several years' experience relaying communications to and from deaf people via telephone. She also has extensive experience in office management, and has interviewing and training skills related to her experience as an executive assistant in an office.

Madelaine has been an executive secretary in an office that allowed her to be responsible for coordination of that office, including secretarial services, invoicing and billing, receptionist duties, establishing filing systems, typing, dictation, travel reservations, letter composition, proofreading and editing.

The Utah Association for the Deaf board feels it has selected a well qualified and skilled person to run the Utah Relay Services.

United Way Drive on Now

Those in the work force are beginning to receive pamphlets and information on the United Way drive. In the federal installations throughout Utah the Combined Fund Campaign is also on.

This is a golden opportunity to make a contribution that makes every dollar count. Utah Association for the Deaf is an agency with the United Way of Greater Salt Lake and is a designate with the United Way of Northern Utah. The money the UAD receives is earmarked for its Interpreter's Program.

You may make either a payroll deduction or a lump sum donation. Check with your business or agency to make your contribution.

Those who are self employed or otherwise not attached to a business or an agency that promotes United Way, can make a direct contribution to their local United Way.

Utah Association for the Deaf strongly encourages each and every one of you to support United Way and to designate the Utah Association for the Deaf to receive your contribution. (The UAD is listed in the CFC pamphlet as #341.)

Deregulation Of Local Phone Service

A real battle could be shaping up as Mountain Bell promotes legislation to deregulate local phone service. If they are successful, it could open the floodgates to additional charges measured service (where you pay every time you pick up phone) and loss of any control on what Mountain Bell does. This could be a real Pandora's box. (Note that if deregulation does take place, it might be difficult for the deaf to get more benefits into their URS. The deaf need to be concerned about this movement and do what they can to join whatever fight may shape up against deregulation.)

Two Vacancies on Institutional Council to be Filled

As previously announced in last month's Bulletin, Ronald Hanks will resign from the Institutional Council for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind as of January 1. His term of office expires March 1991.

The replacement for Mr. Hanks will need to be a blind individual, as mandated in legislation passed this past spring. Interested individuals who qualify are encouraged to send a letter requesting to be considered and a resume by October 15 to:

Ronald C. Hanks, Chairman
Institutional Council
%Thomas Bannister, Superintendent
846 Twentieth Street
Ogden, UT 84401

A vacancy will occur when Gabe Vega's term expires March 1988. Interested individuals need not be deaf or blind but must have an interest in and a knowledge of the needs and education of those who are deaf or blind. For this vacancy, a letter requesting consideration plus a resume should be sent to Mr. Bannister by January 8.

H.E.A.T. Available to Low Income People

For those who meet the eligibility requirements, assistance is available for winter heating. Each eligible household may receive one HEAT (Home Energy Assistance Target) payment per year. The HEAT payment will not change either a public assistance check or a food stamp allotment.

If you are at least 60 years old or handicapped, you may apply at your local Utah Social Services office beginning October 15. All others may apply beginning November 2.

The program continues until March 31, 1988 unless federal funding is no longer available.

When you go to apply, you must bring in proof such as:

1. Some kind of identification.
2. Social Security cards for yourself and all persons who live with you in your house who are age 18 or older.
3. A copy of your most recent utility bill from each of your utility suppliers, like Mountain Fuel and Utah Power and Light.
4. Proof of all your income received by all members of your family during the previous month.
5. Proof of all your medical bills paid during the previous month if you intend to use a medical deduction.

News of Note

Senior citizens, both deaf and hearing, will have a bazaar at the Valley Fair Mall on November 6 and 7, from 10:00 am to 12:00 midnight. Handcrafts will be sold. The Mall is located at 35th South and 35th West in Salt Lake City.

Scholarship Foundation Changes Name

The governing board of the Utah Scholarship Foundation for the Deaf at its spring meeting voted to change the name of its group to Ned C. Wheeler Scholarship Foundation for the Deaf.

Ned C. Wheeler, who was chairman of the scholarship group from its founding in 1975 to his death in December 1981, had a long time interest in the scholarship group. His ties go back to the time when the original scholarship monies were turned over to the Utah Association for the Deaf. He was chairman of the UAD Scholarship Foundation. When the Utah Scholarship Foundation for the Deaf was set up as a separate entity from the Utah Association for the Deaf, he accepted the chairmanship of the group.

Donations to the Scholarship Foundations are welcome. They may be made in memory of a departed friend or relative, or as a tax deduction at any time. Send your contributions to:

Barbara Bass, Secretary-Treasurer
Ned C. Wheeler Scholarship Foundation for the Deaf
5124 S 2325 W
Roy, UT 84067

St. Mary Magdelene Club Awards Made to Writing Contest Winners

At the end of the 1986-1987 school year, the Utah School for the Deaf held a writing contest. Theme for the writing contest was "What you think will happen ten years from now?" St. Mary Magdelene Club provided the judges and the funds for the awards.

Winners for the junior high division were Truce Trujillo, first place, Brandon Barney, second place, and Jared Williams, third place. High school division winners were Mike Roach, first place, Robin Mays, second place, and Eileen Lunsford, third place.

AAAD Sports News

The American Athletic Association of the Deaf softball tournament in Charleston, South Carolina concluded with Eastern Athletic Association of the Deaf as champions in the men's division, and Farwest Athletic Association of the Deaf as champions in the women's division. The Northwest Athletic Association of the Deaf, represented by Silicon Valley of San Jose, California, placed fifth in the men's and fourth in the women's divisions.

Luigi Cassinelli and Christ Cook gained first team All Stars berths, while twins Jeanne and Jayne Murphy placed on second team All Stars.

George Wilding, vice president of American Athletic Association of the Deaf, and Dennis Platt, president of Northwest Athletic Association of the Deaf, attended the business sessions and the tournament.

Bus Fare Reduction Applications

There are a number of application blanks for the UTA reduced fare card program available to anyone that wants to ride the bus at a lower cost. Contact Dave Mortensen, 566-4423 Voice/TDD. Only deaf persons and other handicapped persons are eligible to apply for these rate reductions.

Discounts on Long Distance Calls Available to Deaf People

Application forms for reduction of long distance charges with Mountain Bell and AT&T are available through Dave Mortensen, 566-4423 Voice/TDD. Only deaf persons are eligible to apply for these rate reductions.

Utility Update

From the People's Business Salt Lake Citizens Congress written by Bela Buckley

Have you noticed the extra charges on your telephone bill? These are set by the FCC to pay for phone calls even if you never or seldom make a long distance call. These charges are scheduled to go up over the next two years to total \$3.50 a month.

Both Representative Wayne Owens and Howard Nielsen to Congress did not commit either way. Most lawmakers are adopting this wait and see attitude. Do you want to make them change their minds and make them take a stand? Call Tim Funk, Committee of Consumer Services, 530-6957 Voice/TDD, and register your complaint. Without a real groundswell of protest, these outrageous charges will continue. The Committee of Consumer Services (your advocate with the Public Service Commission) has authorized a percentage of income research project which is now being done.

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West Jordan, UT 84084
562-1163

Dennis/Shirley Platt
1052 Darling St.
Ogden, UT 84401
393-7916

Robert & Mary Ann Potter
9338 S. Greenwood Dr.
Sandy, UT 84070
566-7674

Rattles 'n' Powder

September 14 -- Elizabeth Annette, daughter of Pam & Robin Padden of Midvale.

September 25 -- Tony Nathan, son of Ann & Brian Monson of Aurora, Colorado and a grandson of Fred & Marjorie Monson of Salt Lake City.

October 1 -- Michelle Lee, daughter of Sonia & Ron Hovey of Tucson, Arizona, and a granddaughter of Kay Curtis, Roy, and Leon Curtis, Lacey, Washington.

Wedding Bells

August 29 -- Misty Ludlow to Milton Potter, son of Helen Wilkin of Pioche, Nevada, and Robert & Mary Ann Potter of Sandy. The two were united in a garden ceremony and honored at a reception afterwards.

Travels Here 'n' There

Berdean Christensen had her sister Marva from LaMesa, California, and two cousins from Arizona and South Utah for a little reunion while they did genealogy work in Salt Lake City....Arnold & Zelma Moon are off on another cruise....Beth Ann & Jay Campbell flew to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the Constitution celebration, then rented a car to enjoy a three week tour of Pennsylvania, North and South Carolina, and Tennessee....Kenneth & Priscilla Burdett, and George & Dora Laramie drove to Las Vegas, Nevada to visit friends at the bowling tournament there....George & Carola Gavros, who are in charge of the national bowling tournament in Salt Lake City in 1990, also went to the Las Vegas tourney....Bowlers at this tourney were Carola Gavros, Scott Russell, Kemper Everett, Steve Morlock, Smiley Briseno and Jim Jenkins; fans from Utah were Vicki Everett, Vickie Russell, Valerie Jenkins, Gene Eppley, Eugene Plumby, Dannie & Luke Allred, Terrie Gavros, Marsha Thurston, Keith Boehmer, Fred Bass, Lee Hunter and Betty Mortensen....

Hospital Rounds

September 2 -- Don Cochran landed in the Model Secondary School for the Deaf infirmary with a painful kidney stone; after medical treatment to dissolve the stone, he returned to his studies.

September 16 -- Beth Jensen underwent surgery at McKay Dee Hospital in Ogden to remove a cataract from one of her eyes, and had lens put in.

October 1 -- Edwin Thatcher had his right foot and part of his lower leg amputated at Holy Cross Hospital. He had developed gangrene as a complication of diabetes after he broke his arm and leg in a fall in July.

To a Higher Glory

October 2 -- Dan Curtis, 68, of St. George died of injuries. A brother, Leon Curtis of Lacey, Washington, survives.

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