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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At Bulletin press time, the long awaited news of which service provider for the Utah relay services had been selected by the Public Service Commission had not been announced.

Of the three bidders, AT & T, Sprint and the Utah Association for the Deaf, the most likely to be selected is the Utah Association for the Deaf. As president, serving on the advisory committee to the Public Service Commission, I had to disqualify myself from the screening meetings, as did UAD vice president, Dennis Platt.

It was hoped that this issue of the Bulletin could have announced the service provider for the Utah relay service as well as a target date for the beginning of relay service. Unfortunately, time isn't in our favor, but the outlook is favorable and as the Bulletin is mailed out, the service provider will be named.

Next month's issue should have complete details of all plans for the Utah relay service. It is an exciting event for the deaf people of Utah and a long awaited one.

The recent issue of the NAD Broadcaster was in the mail as of a week ago. For UAD members and those who subscribe to the NAD Broadcaster who have not been getting their copy, please notify the president, Dave Mortensen, or the secretary, Annette Peebler. Several people have complained they have not been receiving their copy of the Broadcaster. The latest issue of the Broadcaster has an interesting pull out section about recommendations the National Association of the Deaf has proposed to the Commission on Education of the Deaf in Washington, DC. Also included is a survey of interpreter services in all states. It may have far reaching consequences to interpreter programs or providers of services, especially in Utah. Time will tell.

We would like to remind all UAD members and friends that the next event of the Utah Association for the Deaf will be on November 13. Jim Harper of Provo, a board member, has been given the responsibility to come up with an event we all can enjoy.

Until next month --

October Happenings

Friday 2nd -- Salt Frat members meet at 6:45 pm at the Utah Community Center for the Deaf, 388 N. 400 E., Bountiful. A social follows afterwards.

Monday 5th -- Self Help for the Hard of Hearing will have its officers meeting, at 7:00 pm at the Center for the Deaf.

Tuesday 6th -- Regular board meeting of the Utah Association for the Deaf, to take place at 7:00 pm at the Center for the Deaf.

Wednesday 7th -- "Everything You Can Do With Apples" will be the theme of this cooking/crafts class to be held from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Center for the Deaf.

Saturday 10th -- 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. Bowlers warm up at 8:30 am.

Monday 12th -- Columbus Day -- the Utah Community Center for the Deaf will be closed.

Tuesday 13th -- The Institutional Council for USDB will meet at the Utah State Office of Education at 4:30 pm. This is an open meeting; anyone with concerns can present their views. Contact Dennis Platt for more information. Annette Tull will be on hand to interpret for deaf people.

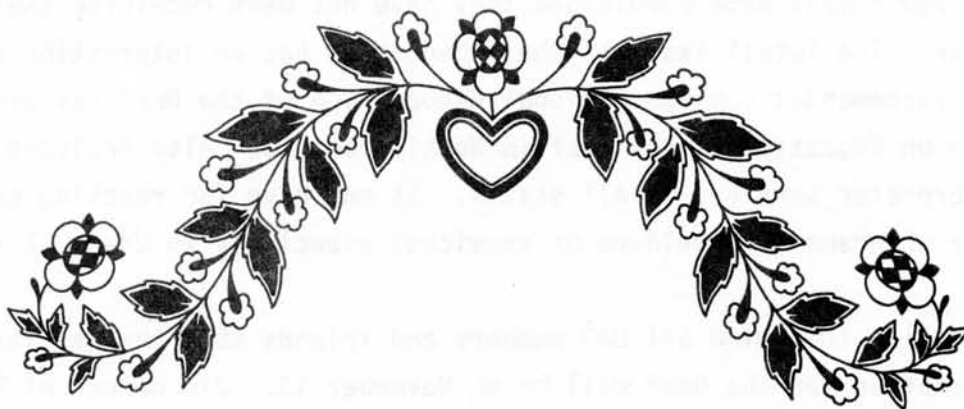
Friday 16th -- Golden Spike Athletic Club for the Deaf will have its monthly meeting at the USD Multipurpose Room, at 6:30 pm.

Saturday 17th -- Education Day will run from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with a diverse offering of classes: interpreter training, emergency communication on TTY, how to prepare and paint your house, and the like. A luncheon will be served by the Miss Deaf Utah committee at \$3.00 per person. Look for more information on this 3rd annual event.

Tuesday 20th -- Paramedics will give a class on emergency care, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Center for the Deaf.

Wednesday 21st -- 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 21st -- Self Help for the Hard of Hearing will have its general meeting at 7:00 pm at the Center for the Deaf.



SLC Investment Company Installs TDD

Fidelity Investments, the nation's largest privately held mutual fund and discount brokerage company, is one of the first financial services companies to initiate a program of using TDDs to communicate with hearing impaired individuals.

Over \$80 billion is managed for more than three million individual and corporate customers. More than 60 stock, bond, money market and tax exempt mutual funds are available to investors via their toll free number.

Salt Lake City was selected as one of four cities in the nation for a pilot program using TDDs. The other three cities are Boston, Cincinnati and Dallas, all of which have telephone operation centers. All calls will be routed to the Boston center where TDD equipment is located. Fidelity's TDD service is available Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, MDT. The toll free number to call is 1-800-544-0118. It is presently available to mutual fund customers only, but later on brokerage customers will be able to use this service. Fidelity anticipates expanding the service to 24 hours.

Proposal to Consolidate Schools Backed by Board of Education

The proposal to consolidate the Utah School for the Deaf and the Utah School for the Blind on one campus has been given backing by the Institutional Council for USDB and by the Utah Board of Education. The proposal will now go to the Utah legislature.

Part of a five year master plan being developed by a statewide advisory committee, the proposal would include turning the schools into a resource center for school districts, colleges and universities helping to train teachers for work with deaf and blind students; and overhauling the curriculum used by the two schools. The changes will sharpen the mission and direction of the schools, and could turn Utah into a national leader in the area of education for students with visual and hearing impairments.

A legislative fiscal analyst report two years ago estimated the blind school campus could be sold for \$995,000. At this time, estimates are that between \$120,000 and \$170,000 a year would be saved in decreased maintenance costs by merging the campuses. Blind and deaf students would attend different classes and live in separate quarters. It is thought \$1.8 million would be needed for renovations, but board of education members voted to request \$270,000 for the 1988-1989 school year to renovate a dormitory building, the cafeteria and building that houses a parent/infant program. Another \$20,000 will be requested next year for planning on how to renovate a classroom building for the blind students.

Chairman of Institutional Council to Resign

Ron Hanks of Salt Lake City, chairman of the Institutional Council for the USDB for the last seven of the twelve years he served, has announced his resignation, effective January 1, 1988.

The Utah board of education will seek a blind person to fill the council vacancy. A new state law requires the five member board to have one deaf member and one blind member. Dennis Platt, who is hearing impaired, was appointed to the board earlier this year.

AT&T Consolidates Services at One Phone Number

By calling 1-800-833-3232, consumers can talk to representatives about special equipment, ask questions about Reach Out America, billing and the like.

The AT & T National Special Needs Center is located in Parsippany, New Jersey. The phone number given is toll free.

Dr. Judy Buffmire Named Executive Director

An announcement was made by James Moss, Superintendent of Public Education, that Dr. Judy Buffmire is named executive director of Vocational Rehabilitation. She had been director of vocational services for the last five years, and this position is being filled by John Keate. The appointments were effective at the first of September.

Commission on Education for the Deaf Calls for Written Comments

The Presidential commission on education for the deaf has come up with recommendations on the topic of "appropriate education" under the Education of the Handicapped Act, parents' right to be informed about educational options, early identification of hearing impairment in infants and young children, Regional Postsecondary Education Programs for the Deaf, student admission policies at Gallaudet University and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, federally funded research activities, and television captioning services.

The call for written comments on the recommendations, which were published in the Federal Register in late August, is due October 15. A second set of recommendations will be published in early October.

Update on Closed Captioning

For dates and times of programs, check your local listings. Also, for updates on closed captioned programs, check your TV -- turn to Channel 4 ABC, and be sure the decoder is turned to C1 and TEXT. A good idea would be check it daily, as it is updated frequently. The editor receives news releases at the last minute, making it impossible to notify readers of specials that are closed captioned.

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