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May Happenings

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

Tuesday 3th -- Utah Association for the Deaf board of directors meet at 7:00 pm at the Center for the Deaf.

Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th -- Sign language class taught by Kirk Walker. Beginners' class is from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, intermediates' from 8:00 to 9:30 pm. The classes are held at the Center for the Deaf.

Thursday 5th -- Continuation class in Money Management Budgeting. Instructor is Dr. Jay J. Campbell.

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

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.

Saturday 14th -- Bonneville Bowlers Club of the Deaf and Weber Deaf Bowlers will hold its annual awards banquet at the Labor Union Hall, 2261 S. Redwood Road, SLC. Cost is \$7.50 per person before May 6; after that, it goes up to \$8.50. Happy hour is at 5:30 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. Contact persons are Steve Morlock and Kemper Everett.

Saturday 14th -- Beehive Chapter of Gallaudet University Alumni Association will host its annual spring dinner at the Mansion House, Adams Avenue near 24th in Ogden. The dinner, which is \$10.00 per person, begins with happy hour at 6:00 and goes on to the dinner at 7:00 pm. It is open to all. Deadline for notifying Dennis/Shirley Platt is May 10; they may be called at 393-7916 (T:Ogden).

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.

Saturday 21st -- Weber Golf Association of the Deaf of Ogden. For more information, contact Fred Bass.

Monday 30th -- Memorial Day. The Center will be closed.

Tuesday 31st -- Utah Community Center for the Deaf Advisory Committee will meet at 7:00 pm at the Center for the Deaf.

NOTE: Don't forget the UCCD fundraiser on April 23. With its Hawaiian theme, come dressed in tropical clothes and enjoy an Hawaiian program, complete with Hawaiian food.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

An open meeting at the State Office of Education on March 31, 1988 produced close to 100 members of the deaf community in attendance.

It was at this meeting that Dr. Judy Buffmire, Executive Director of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in Utah chose to allow the deaf people and any others who wanted to say something or express opinions, ideas and proposals on the new SB 218 bill that was recently passed, setting up a separate Division of Services to the Hearing Impaired/Deaf.

Thank you for the opportunity to communicate on behalf of many deaf people who have asked me to mention some of their concerns about this new law, SB 218, that was passed during the 1988 legislature without their knowledge. Why weren't we, the deaf community or its leaders, informed about this bill? Why weren't we asked for input, for opinions? We want and need to be involved in anything that pertains to our future, socially, economically, and educationally.

Historically speaking, for the past 75 years or more, programs for the deaf have always been proposed, developed, and administered by hearing people. There is only one exception that can be thought of when Robert Sanderson was placed in Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and remained for several years, leading deaf people and developing a variety of programs to serve us. Unfortunately, when he retired, he was not replaced by a deaf person. He was replaced by a hearing person. We feel there has been a deterioration or breaking up of some of these services that were of benefit to the deaf community the past 4 years.

We believe it is time now to allow deaf people to have more say in matters that affect the quality of their life. We believe it is time now to select qualified deaf people to run programs or divisions. We are fast approaching the 21st century. We must control our destiny. We want to show you that we are no longer going to sit idly by and allow hearing people who do not understand us or our needs to continue to wreck our future.

Our educational needs suffered in the hands of hearing people who thought they were doing the best for us without even asking us (the consumer: the product: the results) what would have been a better way to give us an education that we could be proud of.

We are at a point where we must say that we need more control over the Division of Services to the Hearing Impaired/Deaf. We are asking once again that people in positions of power ask us, the deaf what we want. And when given an answer, follow through with it.

We need clarification on the meaning of hearing impaired and deaf.

For 75 years plus, educational and rehabilitation officials who could hear invested money into programs to try and improve and educate the deaf while making sure that none of the deaf who were in their programs would ever rise above their own positions. Now we, the deaf, want to prove that part of their investments were worthwhile to a degree by choosing a deaf person to run the Division of Services to the Hearing Impaired/Deaf.

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Many other deaf people stood up to speak about what their feelings were and in the end we received a response that the position of director of DSHI will be opened up for nationwide recruitment. One small victory for us, but we need more victories to assure our place in society as leaders.

There are many other matters that the UAD will be looking into very seriously the next few months. One issue that strikes us hard enough to look into is the use of S.E.E. signing in the Total Communication Department at the Utah School for the Deaf in Ogden and its extension division in other parts of the state. We will report on this in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Have patience. We are working on guidelines and some forms of rules regarding the use of TDD tapes. To file or not to file in client cases. We will work out the best arrangement that satisfies us and maintains our rights to privacy.

Till next month....

Gallaudet University Selects Deaf President

The Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University selected Dr. Irving King Jordan as their first deaf president after 124 years of domination by hearing administrators. He replaces Dr. Elisabeth Zinser, who resigned after protest of her appointment reached national proportions. She was selected after former president, Dr. Jerry C. Lee, left to accept a position as Vice President of Bassett Industries, Inc., in Roanoke, Virginia.

Jane Bassett Spilman, Chairman of the Board, resigned after a week-long protest by Gallaudet students, faculty and staff. Spilman, who had been on the board for 6 years -- and had yet to learn sign language -- is also the heiress to Bassett Industries. She was replaced as Chairman of the Board by Philip W. Bravin of New York, a 1966 graduate of Gallaudet.

Dr. Jordan, a Pennsylvania native and former Navy man, became deaf at age 21 in a motorcycle accident. He has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Gallaudet, his master's and PhD from University of Tennessee. He has been dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for 2 years. His wife, Linda, is a first grade teacher and they have 2 teenage children.

(Editor's note: The deaf community respects and applauds Dr. Elisabeth Zinser for her decision to resign and her understanding of the need for a deaf president of Gallaudet. She is to be commended for her sensitivity and empathy to the issues.)

Colorado Has Toll-Free Relay System

Colorado has a toll-free, state-wide relay service (1-800-338-2306) for residents. Denver metro area uses 233-2526. If you are visiting in Colorado and need to use their relay service, now you have the numbers!

Minutes

Utah Association for the Deaf Board Meeting at the Utah Community Center for the Deaf in Bountiful, March 1, 1988.

Since a quorum was not met, no official business was transacted. Present: R. Cochran, D. Mortensen, J. Westberg, P. Green, B. A. Campbell, L. Perkins. Excused: S. O'Neal, A. Peebler, D. Platt. S. Snow.

Minutes of the February 2 meeting were read and approved by those in attendance. It was agreed that Shirley Snow would be asked to read the minutes the next day and if she approved, the minutes would be officially accepted.

The board suggested that the president write a letter of appreciation to those instrumental in getting SB 218 passed. This is the bill that provides for a Division of Services to the Hearing Impaired. It was pointed out that Dr. Judy Buffmire had a great deal to do with the passage of this bill, and it is important that the deaf people show their appreciation for her efforts.

The board members present expressed their great concern with the leadership that Jim Hilber has given. The board does not support Jim as Division administrator. This concern needs to be expressed to all the right parties right away.

A discussion was held concerning the "transcript" that was made of Dave Mortensen's conversation with people at the Division of Rehabilitation. It was pointed out that deaf people have as much right to privacy in their TDD/TTY conversations as the hearing do. Is the State Office passing these "transcripts" around and storing them when deaf people call in? It was agreed that the president would write the concerns of the board and put it in the next UAD Bulletin. Further appropriate steps will be taken. In the meantime it was decided that deaf people would be encouraged not to use a TTY or TDD when calling the State Office for fear they will continue to abuse the privacy issue.

It was pointed out that Jim Hilber should be on top of things like this and educate the staff at the State Office regarding these matters.

The board agreed to have Don Patterson as a sales person when Louise Saathoff is not at the Center.

US House of Representatives Bill Could Mean More Money for the Deaf Population

A proposed bill, HB 632, in the House of Representatives, will amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide on additional deduction of \$600.00 to taxpayers who are deaf. It is presently pending in the House Committee on Ways and Means. If you are in favor of getting an additional \$600.00 exemption on your tax, or if you are against the idea, call the Senate Special Services Office (202)224-4049 TDD and tell them.

National Captioning Institute Installs New Service

The NCI is constantly looking for ways to serve the deaf community and has now installed a toll-free number for us to call between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:30 pm EST. You can call the NCI at 1-800-533-WORD and ask them just about anything. Plans are being made to install an answering machine so that you can call and leave message anytime, day or night.

The NCI is to be commended on the fantastic job they did on the captioning of the Winter Olympic Games! Despite a few glitches, the real-time, live captioning was really good. It's no wonder since it's very hard to caption some of the incredibly-spelled names of athletes from other nations, or because of the outside noises of the Chinook winds, fireworks, music and screaming fans. The NCI has every right to be proud of their dedicated and hard-working staff, many of whom worked odd hours and overtime to make sure that we get our programs and news captioned, as well as the Olympics.

I'm sure many of you have noted that almost all of the various cartoons on Saturday morning are now captioned. Letters received by NCI indicate that the kids are really enjoying their share of television viewing time, too.

NCI is also responsible for the captioning of over 1,000 home video movies that you can rent from the video stores. They publish a list of titles and updates six times a year. If you would like to receive this free list and update, write to: Program Marketing Dept., NCI, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041.

Not Getting Captions With Your Favorite Program??

If your favorite programs are normally captioned, but for some reason, one day you do not get your captions on the screen--call your local TV station and tell them to turn on the captioning switch! Many times they just overlook it--other times, there are broadcasting difficulties from New York or California. It works!

Here are the telephone numbers of local television stations that you can now call through the Utah Relay Service--put them near your phone so you can call right away when you don't see the captions:

KSL (CBS) Channel 5-575-5880
KTVX (ABC) Channel 4-972-1776
KUTV (NBC) Channel 2-973-3000
KUED(PBS) Channel 7-581-3276
KBYU (PBS) Channel 11-378-5298

New Deaf Publication Hits the Stands

Eye Festival Communications, Inc. has announced the release of a new newspaper for deaf readers called DEAF USA. It is planned as a monthly publication and claims 15,000 plus customers. Subscription cost is \$16.00 per year. Anyone interested in this publication may write to the publisher at the following address: Eye Festival Communications, Inc., 1530 N. Gower St., Suite 201, Hollywood, California 90028 TDD 213-466-6833.

Listen to the Needs of Deaf Children

by Harlan Lane

Reprinted from the New York Times (excerpts from the Denver Center on Deafness Newsletter)

The Congressional Commission on Education of the Deaf should recommend the revitalizing of residential schools for the deaf in its report to Congress. The commission visited five cities and found an educational disaster. The average 12th grade deaf student reads at a fourth grade level and does math (his best subject) at a 6th grade level. Many deaf children leave school unable to read newspapers and are grossly unprepared for our technological society.

It is not surprising that deaf children do badly in school. Their instruction is in spoken and written English, although 8 out of 10 of them became deaf before they could learn English at home. They lack the knowledge of English and the skills of articulation and lip reading required to succeed.

To remedy this terrible situation, many leaders of the deaf community want to reform the residential schools for the deaf children and reintroduce sign language and deaf in classrooms. These were very successful practices in the 19th century when deaf children studied all their subjects in their most fluent language, the American Sign Language for the Deaf.

The profession of special education, which has largely locked out deaf adults, strongly disagrees with the leaders of the deaf community about how to reform education of the deaf. The special education profession favors integration of deaf children with hearing children in neighborhood public schools, and has used the 1975 Education for All Handicapped Children Act to "mainstream" some two-thirds of the 80,000 deaf school children in the United States.

This group considers that the deaf child isolated in a hearing classroom has been placed in a less restrictive environment -- the goal of the Act -- than the one who participates in the intellectual and social life of the deaf school.

Congress was wiser, recognizing (as the Supreme Court put it in a case brought by a parent of a deaf child) that regular classrooms simply would not be a suitable setting for the education of many handicapped children. Congress provided for alternative placements, but educators largely ignored this provision of the law.

Poor conditions in local public schools for the social and emotional growth of deaf children are not offset by enhanced conditions for learning. The first report cards on mainstreamed for deaf children show no improvement in math or English attributable to mainstreaming even though the first children mainstreamed had the best speech and hearing.

The deaf children who do best in school are the fortunate 10 percent who learned sign language as a native language from their deaf parents. They outperform deaf classmates from hearing homes in most subjects; they are better adjusted, better socialized and have more positive attitudes.

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The superior performance of deaf children of deaf parents highlights the changes that most need to be made in the education of deaf children -- a return to sign language, deaf teachers and deaf administrators.

A 1986 report by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization of Education of the Deaf concludes that deaf adults can play an important role in the development and education of deaf children, and that the interaction of deaf adults with deaf children, their parents and teachers also enriches the socialization of the deaf child.

UNESCO concludes: "We must recognize the legitimacy of sign language as a linguistic system and it should be accorded the same status as other languages...The old idea that the use of sign language interferes with the acquisition of spoken and written language is no longer considered valid."

If deaf adults and their manual language were again substantially involved in the education of deaf children, there would be role models for those children, English language skills would take their appropriate priority, literacy would improve and schools would no longer be unsuccessful speech clinics but rather productive educational institutions.

(The Commission on Education of the Deaf was to give a final report to Congress this past February. The results of their findings and recommendations had not been released as we went to press.

(Harlan Lane is also the author of a new book, When the Mind Hears, which is a comprehensive history of the deaf and their relationship with hearing academic communities. It can be ordered through the UAD office; contact Louise Saathoff.)

Hlibok Becomes First Deaf Broker

Stephen C. Hlibok passed the general securities examination of the New York Stock Exchange and becomes a fully registered financial consultant for Merrill Lynch financial brokerage. He works in the Columbia, Maryland office and he can be contacted for financial and stock market assistance at the following toll-free number: 1-800-345-7466.

New York TDDs and Equal Access

The state of New York has legislation that permits a deaf person to lease TDD equipment from a telephone company in New York and the deaf person can apply the lease payments towards the cost of the TDD. The new law says that the telephone company cannot sell the equipment for more than whatever price the New York State Public Service Commission decides. This is a boon for many financially disadvantaged deaf people, because they can lease the TDD -- make the lease payments and have the payments applied towards the cost of the TDD and then it becomes their TDD and not the state's.

Utah Board of Education Approves AIDS Policy

The Utah State Board of Education has given preliminary approval to a policy that addresses how to deal with students and employees who contract serious communicable diseases such as AIDS.

The policy apply to students and employees of the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, and employees at the State Office of Rehabilitation.

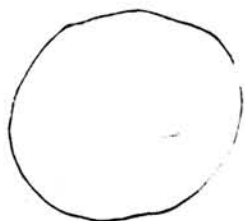
Individual school districts, who set their own policy, will be issued copies of the state board guidelines. The policy is to be approved in April.

Under the policy, infected employees must report their illness to their supervisor and administrators. Parents or guardians must report their child's illness as soon as possible.

Evaluation teams will then be formed to make recommendations on what to do with the student or employee.

At USDB, those recommendations will be given to the schools' superintendent who will make the final decision. For employees in the state education and state rehabilitation offices, the decision will be made by a designated administrator.

Medical and other information will be kept confidential but confirmed cases will be reported to the State Department of Health.



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Charleston, South Carolina Site of 1988 NAD Convention

The National Association of the Deaf Biennial Convention is to be held at the Omni Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina July 5-9, 1988 by the South Carolina Association of the Deaf. Special combo ticket before May 31 is \$95.00 for members. There are special rates of \$25.00 for high school students and \$10.00 for children under 12. Interested individuals can get a copy of the flyer from Dave Mortensen or by writing to: Joel M. Silberstein, 6 Sweetbriar Lane, Charleston, South Carolina 29301.

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Has TTD

The AARP now has a TTY number for their deaf members to call for assistance. The new number is 1-202-728-4440. It is not a toll-free number.

New Decoder for \$99.95 Coming

Captioning Concepts, Inc.(CCI) of Tarzana, California has confirmed that they will manufacture a new TV decoder "CaptionViewer II", that will sell for \$99.95. The announcement was made in a press conference in Washington, DC. The proposed decoder will be portable, easy to carry, will have 6 different color backgrounds to give clear identification to which person is speaking, and will have a choice of 2 caption sizes. It will also have remote control, and cable ready 181-channel tuner and LED display capability. It is expected to go on sale June, 1988.



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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 to 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.

*** **Walking with Grandfather**, a six part children's series, will air with captions on PBS and in schools throughout the country. Each 15 minute program tells a traditional North American Indian folktale through live action and semi-animated segments. Designed for elementary school language arts classes, this program faithfully preserves the simple but expressively vivid language of the original tales, making the series an effective tool for teaching youngsters about the power of language.

*** Three videos are due for releases: **Stakeout**, an action/comedy starring Emilio Estevez and Richard Dreyfuss, in March. The following month, **Adventures in Babysitting** will be released. **Tough Guys Don't Dance**, A murder/mystery directed by Norman Mailer and starring Ryan O'Neal, is scheduled for a March release.



News from Other States

Ohio -- Three McDonald's outlets in cooperation with Ohio University have established a training program in sign language so that McDonald's employees can use and understand sign language when deaf customers place their orders.

New Mexico -- National Association of the Deaf (NAD) Region IV Conference will be held at the High Mesa Inn, Santa Fe, New Mexico May 13-15, 1988.

New Jersey -- Decoders are available for needy families in NJ; a family of four is considered needy if they have an annual income of \$17,000 or less.

Texas -- There are 16 locations in which message relay services are provided. With funding from Texas Commission for the Deaf the 16 Councils for the Deaf provide relay services which vary in number of hours of service and degree of competency.

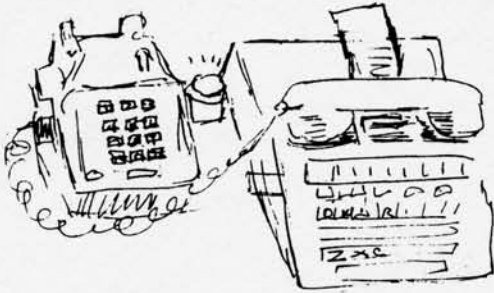
Missouri -- A lawsuit was recently won forcing the Missouri Department of Social Services to change regulations to allow equal access and to make sure deaf people can gain admittance to residential care facilities (group homes).

Connecticut -- NTD, the National Theatre of the Deaf, has received \$150,000 in a "challenging grant" from the US government. They will use it to raise more money.

California -- The Governor signed a bill into law last July that will allow American Sign Language (ASL) to be taught for credit as a "foreign language" requirement for graduation in high schools. It will take effect in the fall of 1988.

Georgia -- About 300 deaf people attended the "Free Breakfast with State Legislators" on January 14, 1988 which was sponsored by the Georgia Council for the Hearing Impaired.

Louisiana -- A phone subsidy is being considered for proposal to the Public Service Commission to help subsidize a program to provide TDD equipment for the deaf.



Senior Adults:

Your TDD* now has a direct dial connection with Salt Lake County Aging Services' TDD.

Aging Services' Outreach Program has information about programs and services for senior adults, 60 years of age and older, who are residents of Salt Lake County.

Call 468-2480

For more information
on available services,
assistance with your problems,
and referrals to other
community agencies.

Some of the services available include:

Chore Service: Lawn mowing, yard clean up.

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Meals On Wheels: Hot, nutritious noon meals
for the homebound.

Senior Activity Centers: Social activities, lunch, workshops.

Transportation: Rides to medical appointments and
grocery shopping.

Call 468-2480 and ask for Coming Of Age brochure which
describes Salt Lake County Aging Services for Senior Adults.

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