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## MDUP Blood Drive

by Kristi Mortensen, MDUP Advisor

The American Red Cross has asked MDUP to host a blood drive at the Deaf Center on April 23, 2003 (Wednesday) from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the gym. There will be give-aways (gifts) for those who participate in the blood drive such as a keychain with a flashing light and the Red Cross logo.



A reminder: Donors need to eat one full meal before donating blood at the blood drive. This will prevent dizziness after the blood donation. Also, if you have a card showing your blood type, bring it. It will save time and get you to the cot faster.



Please jot this date on your calendar and give a gift to save lives!

Please let us know that you are coming and at what time so we can put your name on the schedule. Contact: Kristi Mortensen at TTY (801) 582-6788, FAX (801) 582-7510 or EMAIL KLMortensen12@aol.com or Ron Nelson at Ron@uad.org.

## SLCAD AWARDED GRANT

by Joene Nicolaisen, Executive Director

Sego Lily Center for the Abused Deaf (SLCAD) would like to announce that they have recently been awarded their first grant. The funding comes from the Victims of Violent Crimes Act (VAWA). The money will go toward expanding services to Deaf and Hard of Hearing victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Utah. The grant will also help with such things as future advocate training, printing of information brochures, interpreting and purchasing additional ADA equipment.



SLCAD was established three years ago and has supported many Deaf/HH victims. The organization has also built a strong partnership with local hearing agencies to provide the best and most appropriate services to victims of domestic violence in our community. Additional funding will be sought to help SLCAD expand even more.

SLCAD would like to thank UAD and the Deaf/HH community for their support in improving the lives of Deaf/HH victims of abuse. Ron Nelson graciously wrote a letter of support that was included in the grant packet. I am sure his letter was very influential. UAD also generously donated two hotel kits to SLCAD to donate to domestic violence shelters to be used on a loan basis as needed.

Thank you again!

## UNITED STATES TO HOST 2007 WINTER DEAFLYMPICS

The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (CISS) announced that the 2007 Winter Deaflympics will be held in Park City, Utah. The games are planned for late February and early March. It will be the third time the U.S. has hosted the Deaflympic Games.

USA Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF) President Bobbie Beth Scoggins and Jack Lamberton, USADSF vice president for international relations, presented the bid to the CISS Congress at the 2003 Winter Deaflympics in Sundsvall, Sweden on Friday.

"The motto of Park City is 'The Spirit of the Games Continues,' and that spirit was very much evident when we made a recent site visit," said Scoggins in her letter to the CISS. "We are fully prepared to do whatever it requires to stage a successful Winter Deaflympic Games in 2007."

Events will commence in the Salt Lake City and Park City area, utilizing venues used from the 2002 Winter Olympics.

A 45-minute drive from the Salt Lake City International Airport, Park City is the most accessible Rocky Mountain resort town in North America, welcoming over 350 arrivals daily from across the U.S. Known as the site for the annual Sundance Film Festival, the city also boasts three world class resorts: Deer Valley Resort, The Canyons and Park City Mountain Resort, home to the national U.S. ski team. The area offers winter sports enthusiasts 8,550 acres of skiing and riding terrain, with 327 trails serviced by 49 lifts.

Several organizations have already endorsed hosting the games in the U.S., including the government of Park City, the Utah Sports Commission, the U.S. Olympic Committee, nonprofit deaf services provider CSD, Gallaudet University and the USA Deaf Skiing and Snowboard Association.

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## President's Message

by Ron Nelson



The UAD Constitution states that one of the purposes of UAD is to improve the quality of life in Utah for its citizens. Note that the "quality of life" is much more than just the basic necessities of life; shelter and food. Quality of life refers to those things that make life enjoyable.

Open caption movies falls into this category. Through the efforts of the "popcorn" coalition of UAD, SHHH, ALDA and AGBell, an email group and website was established. It has been a very enjoyable experience for me to drive to a movie theater, pay the admission price, buy unbuttered popcorn and watch a movie on a huge screen while being blasted by sound waves.

Sports is another area that is enjoyable for many deaf people, especially youngsters. The Utah Athletic Club of the Deaf recently hosted the 50th Anniversary of the NorthWest Athletic Association of the Deaf (NWAAD) and it turned out to be an enjoyable experience. Many people in Utah were involved as players or volunteers. When they heard that that UACD will work with the United States of America Deaf Basketball (USADB) to provide the national basketball tournament in Salt Lake City next year, they quickly jumped on the volunteer bandwagon.

Leadership training is something that many deaf people want but have a hard time finding opportunities in Utah. Eli McCowan, chair of the UAD's Leadership Training Committee, was successful in implementing a Leadership Academy for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (LADHH) this year, based on her own training in the prestigious Partners in-Policy-Making Training program. It was co-sponsored by the UCCDHH and UAD. The participants will graduate in May 2003 and already have several leadership projects underway. At the recent NWAAD tournament, 20 people signed up for the next LADHH class this fall. Certainly they must believe it will be a worthwhile and enjoyable experience.

"No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main..." John Donne (1572-1631),

By the same reasoning, we can say that UAD cannot be an island, isolated from the surrounding world if it hopes to improve the quality of life for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in Utah.

## 2003 Utah Association for the Deaf Conference

**June 13-14,  
2003**

**UAD Board Meeting**  
**2nd Saturday each month at UCCD**  
**9 a.m. : Board Meeting (open to public)**

## Society Page

### Wedding Bells



**March 8, 2003** – Andrea Roach to Marty Rathbun, in wedding rites performed at the Seven Oaks in Salt Lake City. A reception followed. Andrea is the daughter of Jerry and Betty Roach of Ogden, and Marty a son of Greg and Rosa Maria Rathbun of Salt Lake City. The newlyweds are making their home in Salt Lake City.

### Obituaries



**March 27, 2003** – William Sobieski, 79, passed away from effects of pulmonary fibrosis. One of his sons is Randy (Joyce) Sobieski of Sandy. A graveside service was held at the Murray City Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at the Hidden Valley Country Club.

### Jottings

**Luis & Cindy Philippe**  
lphilippe2002@yahoo.com

### Editorial Correction

JMS was spelled incorrectly as Jean Massieu School for the Deaf. The correct spelling is Jean Massieu School of the Deaf.

## Local News/Articles

### UAD Board Meeting Highlights

**March 8, 2003** : No action was taken during this meeting.

### UAD General Meeting Highlights

**March 22, 2003**

- ♦ Bylaws Proposal #1 – eliminate the words “and Officers” in Article III, Section 1 and replace “Officers” with “Directors” in Section 8. Passed
- ♦ Bylaws Proposal #2 – substitute the word “Director’s” for the word “Officer’s” in Article III, Section 6; substitute the word “director” for the word “official” in the pledge; delete the word “to” before the word “promote” in the pledge. Passed.
- ♦ Bylaw Proposal #3 – delete the words “unless excused for good and valid reasons by the Chairman”; “without excuse”; and “notify the member of release from the board” and put in the appropriate place, “consider and determine if the member shall be released from the Board” in Article V, Section 8. Referred back to the Law Committee.
- ♦ Bylaw Proposal #4 – substitute “12 months immediately” in place of “two full years” in Article V, Section 4. Passed.
- ♦ Bylaw Proposal #5 - move that the annual membership fee of \$15 for members be replaced with a flat biennial fee of \$24 per person. Declared out of order.
- ♦ Bylaws Proposal #6 – add Section 10 (new) to Article III, as follows: Removal from Office. Elected and appointed Board members may be removed, after one (1) warning by the Board of Directors, for failure to carry out their duties or for other good and sufficient reason by eight (8) (2/3 of the board) Directors at a

Board meeting and voting. Referred back to the Law Committee.

#### Motions passed:

- ♦ Begin the hunt for a chairperson for the 100th anniversary of UAD, which will happen in 2009. Passed.
- ♦ Have the board, along with ALDA, SHHH, and AGB, approach HUD to discuss the feasibility of establishing a home for deaf senior citizens. Passed.

### TOYS Tickets Available

Jean Massieu School is pleased to announce that ticket sales for the TOYS Theater is available at the UAD Bookstore. The performance date is Friday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Utah Community Center for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. See attached the poster on TOYS Theater.

Ticket prices are as follows:

\$15 General Admission  
\$12 Student/Senior Citizen  
\$8 Child (Under 3 FREE)

Questions should be forwarded to Dr. Petra M. Rose at 801-253-1331 (voice), 801-253-7132 (TTY/FAX).





## Local News/Articles

### Open-Captioned Movies

#### Salt Lake City

April 15-17, "Daredevil", Ritz

April 22-24, "Two Weeks Notice", Ritz

May 13-15, "The Core", Ritz

May 27-29, "Gods and Generals", Wynnsong

#### Provo

April 8-10, "Daredevil", Wynnsong

April 15-17, "Two Weeks Notice", Wynnsong

May 20-22, "The Core", Wynnsong

May 20-22, "Gods and Generals", Wynnsong

For more information, see [www.uad.org/cmoviesutah](http://www.uad.org/cmoviesutah).

### Jeff Pollock Wins Bronze

He was at Lake Placid, NY at the USOC Training facilities on February 18-26. He was disappointed in the warm weather because he hoped for cold weather and icy slopes similar to Sweden. Sweden is 8 hours ahead of Utah.

The Headquarter hotel is located on the top of the ski slope. There is only one slope so races were held in

the mornings and practice runs in the afternoons. About 28 nations were represented with 240 athletes. About 9 nations sent snowboarders. The snowboard competition was scheduled for Monday but due to the halfpipe not being ready, the races were postponed to Saturday. Jeff Pollock won a bronze medal in the snowboard giant slalom.

Jeff displayed the bronze medal, clothes, and caps in a recent UACD meeting. In Men's hockey competition, Canada won gold, Russia took the silver and USA took the bronze. Many nations were not happy with icy slopes and look forward to Park City in 2007. Jeff is thinking of retiring but wants to compete in the 2007 Deaflympics because it's his home town.

For the first time in Deaflympics history, the American women's team won gold and silver in the skiing giant slalom.

Jeff was asked how he felt about his bronze medal. He replied "Am I happy with the bronze? Yes and no. I am happy to win a medal for the U.S. Team, but with this being an individual sport, I am upset that I did not achieve my personal goal of winning a gold in this event."



Personally, I'm not impressed with the quality of the proceedings here. For all my friends back in Utah who have expressed interest in committee work, let's make the Utah Deaflympics the best anyone has ever seen!"

### Pat Walker Retires

Pat Walker, a counselor with the Division of Rehabilitation Services, lost no time in taking advantage of her free time after retiring at the end of January. She and Rodney jetted to Florida, came home, only to dash to Tucson, Arizona where Pat's son Nathan and his wife just had their sixth baby.

She was asked to come back to train her replacement, who assumed his duties February 18. Pat is keeping an eye on the caseload until he's trained.

Pat was with Rehabilitation Services for almost fifteen years. She loved helping people find employment, especially in satisfying jobs. She commented that not all jobs and not all people fit well together, but she felt very successful when it did work out. It's great to see people happy in their work, she said.

The past year and a half she worked with an office full of great people - all compatible, all hard-working, all positive about what they are doing, all respectful of each other, all supportive--not a grouch in the bunch! Pat said it was hard to leave them - but she doesn't miss the paperwork!

Now, for her future plans: She plans to wash every wall in her house, scrub every nook and cranny, toss things she doesn't use and reorganize what she does use. She thought she could finish that whole job in about a month, but she hasn't even started, and the more she looked at it, the more she thought three months would be more realistic! Also, she and Rodney would like to do some traveling - not sure where. She doubts she'll be rocking and knitting, as there are many things she wants to do - read, sew, help people, play with grandkids, garden, travel, walk each day, visit friends, go to museums, go to plays, sit and stare at the stars if she feels like it! Hold hands with Rodney.

### "Able And Out" for Disabled Young Adults

*Emily J. Smith, Library Assistant*

I'm planning a one-day informational program called **Able and Out**. The program is targeted at young adults with disabilities at the age when they're considering options for life after high school.

We'll have a speaker coming from the University of Utah Center for Disabled Student Services talking about  
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### "Able And Out"

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the transition from high school to college and going over some of their resources. I have a speaker coming from the Intermountain Collaborative Transition Center to discuss the details on their programming.

There will also be a speaker from the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation to give a heads-up on Vocational Rehabilitation and other programming.

We'll have a what's up from the Library's lovely and talented Volunteer Coordinator and our resident genius Young Adult Librarian will let patrons know about all the cool teen activities coming up here. Once the speakers are finished, an optional tour of the new library building will be offered. Whew!!

The program will be approximately one hour long (not including the tour) so these discussions will probably be more of an overview. Attendance is for anyone with an interest. All are welcome!

The program will take place Friday April 18 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will be held on the Roof Garden at the Main Library. (In the event of inclement weather, it will be held in the Conference Room on Level 1).

If this sounds like something you're able to do, please email me at [esmith@mail.slcpl.lib.ut.us](mailto:esmith@mail.slcpl.lib.ut.us) or call 524-8200 (voice) and ask for Level 4.

## Wanted: Teacher of the Deaf, Pre/K-8

Jean Massieu School (JMS) is an educational entity that involves families, school personnel, students, and the deaf and hearing communities in providing academic and social excellence to its students through a bi-lingual and bi-cultural (Bi-Bi) environment. In our model of a Bi-Bi education, teachers use American Sign Language (ASL) as the primary language of communication. With a well-based foundation in ASL, students are learning English, mainly through reading and writing, and acquiring literacy skills in both languages. Cultural aspects of the two languages are learned as the children receive educational, social and emotional support from both communities.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Send letter of interest, current resume (including references, and recent letters of recommendation), and a three-minute videotape of yourself telling about your bi-bi philosophy using ASL. Send the required materials and copies of official transcripts to:

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Rose, PhD, Administrator at (801) 253-1331 (TTY) E-mail: [petra@jeanmassieu.org](mailto:petra@jeanmassieu.org), or Sarah Gudmunson, Office Manager at (801) 253-1331 (V/TTY), E-mail: [sarah@jeanmassieu.org](mailto:sarah@jeanmassieu.org).



## The NAD Argues in Landmark ADA and Internet Case

The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) filed a brief with other disability rights advocacy groups in a landmark case brought by Access Now, Inc., and individuals who are visually impaired, against Southwest Airlines. The case focuses on access to information and services provided through the Internet.

The U.S. District Court in Miami dismissed the suit. The court ruled that Internet services do not have to comply with the ADA because the Internet is not a "place" of public accommodation covered under Title III of the ADA. The court concluded further that Southwest Airlines' travel service website, [southwest.com](http://southwest.com), does not exist in any particular geographical location. The court also found no link or connection between [southwest.com](http://southwest.com) and a specific, physical, concrete space, suggesting that the website exists only in cyberspace. Therefore, the website did not impede access to a "place" of public accommodation.

"The NAD strongly disagrees with the court's narrow interpretation of the ADA. The ADA was intended to make society accessible and the Internet is increasingly becoming the modern equivalent of the traditional town square where people come together to interact, exchange news and information, as well as conduct business," said NAD Law and Advocacy Staff Attorney Rosaline Crawford, "We believe that the ADA should be interpreted broadly, that the court erred in this case and that the dismissal should be overturned."

An appeal has been filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit seeking reversal of the lower court's decision to dismiss. The brief argues that Southwest Airlines owns and operates a travel service which is a place of public accommodation and that all aspects of the service, including its website and information provided by means of the website, are subject to the ADA. If the Court of Appeals overrules the decision, this case will support our continuing efforts to ensure equal access to the Internet.

The amicus curiae brief states that: "Communicating, conferencing, sharing information, and transacting business through the Internet is becoming an increasingly important component of mainstream American life. The NAD is committed to ensuring that deaf and hard of hearing Americans have equal access and an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from the Internet through the use of existing and future web-based technology, including captioning of streaming video, text equivalent of audio players, and other means of making audio transmissions visually accessible."

The court's opinion can be found online at <http://pdfserver.amlaw.com/nlj/docket/110402access-ruling.pdf>





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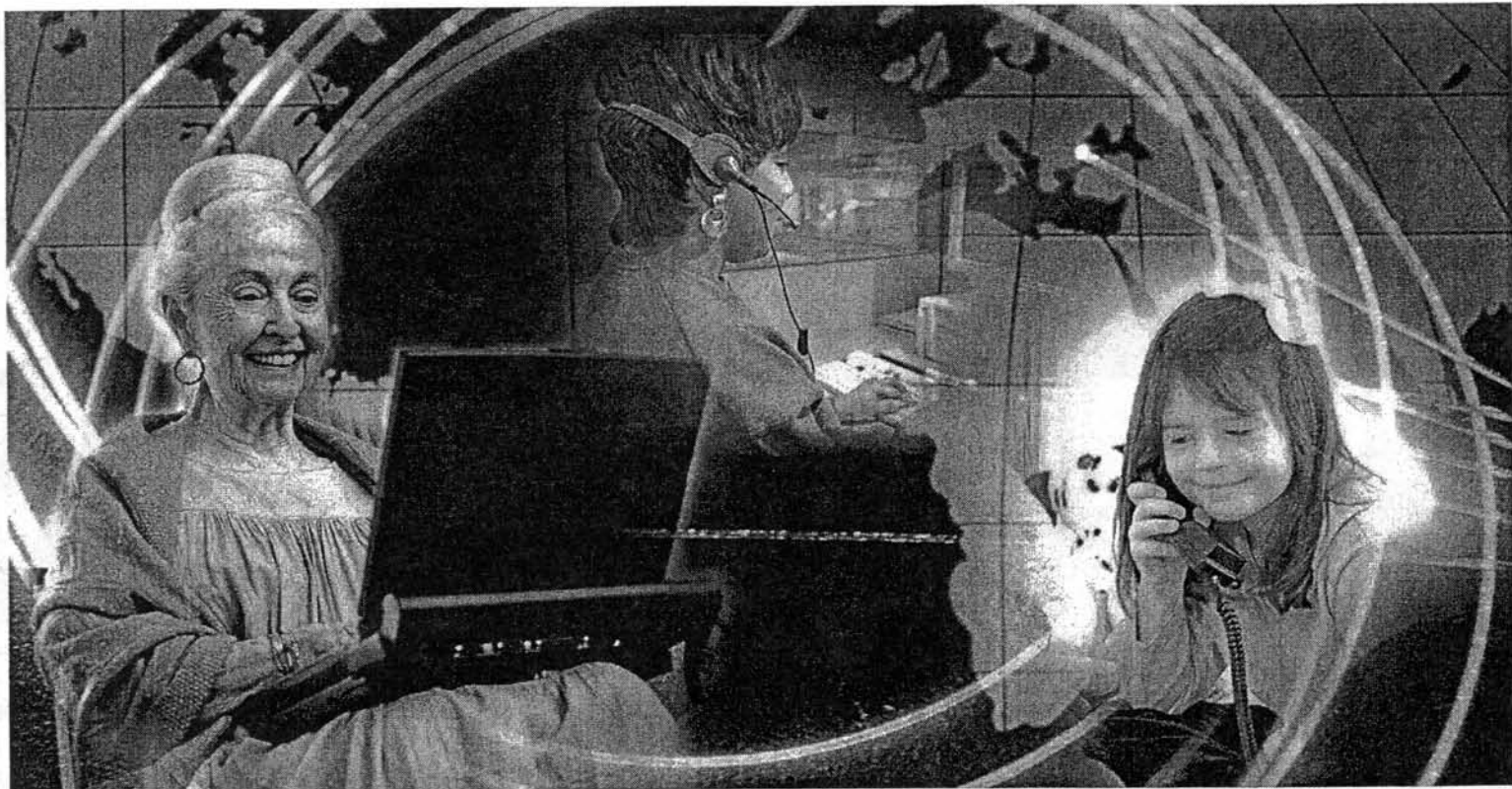


## ABOUT TOYS THEATER

TOYS Theater is the internationally acclaimed group that was formed in 1985 in St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad), Russia. The ensemble has used mime and gestures stories enhanced by rhythms to delight both deaf and hearing audiences in Finland, Norway, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, and the United States such as 2002 Deaf Way II, at the Russian Cultural Centre under the Russian Embassy in Washington, D.C., at the Deaf Festival in New York City, at the Second Annual Puppet Festival, NY and at different schools in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, New York, Massachusetts and Vermont.

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## Minnesota Hospital To Improve Services to Deaf

Abbott Northwestern Hospital will improve its interpreter services for deaf or hard of hearing patients as part of a settlement announced Monday with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights.

The hospital also agreed to pay \$20,000 to a deaf Minneapolis woman seeking emergency care in November 2001. Abbott Northwestern agreed to provide at least one qualified staff interpreter during regular business hours and employ at least three qualified on-call interpreters who will respond to after-hours requests.

The hospital also said it will maintain a response time of one hour or less in at least 80 percent of the nonscheduled interpreter requests and two hours or less in 100 percent of such instances. Lee Perish, who is deaf, filed the complaint against Abbott Northwestern after she sought care in the hospital's emergency room for breathing problems and severe abdominal pain. The hospital called for an interpreter employed by a referral service, but Perish said the interpreter did not arrive promptly and did not have the training to provide services in a medical setting. "The doctor kept insisting that surgery was going to be necessary, and that it should be done that evening," according to Perish's complaint. "I tried to explain I was a very high risk person for surgery."

In an investigation, the Department of Human Services found there was a probable cause to believe

that Abbott Northwestern violated the state Human Rights Act by failing to reasonably accommodate Perish's disability when it provided inadequately trained interpreters.  
*USA-L News, March 11, 2003, The Associated Press*

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### **Calendar of Events for April 2003**

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<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Every Monday	Last Day April 14	BBCD Seniors	Bowling League	Bonwood Lanes	11:00 AM
Every Tuesday	Last Day April 7	UACD	Basketball Practices	UCCDHH	6:00 PM
Every Wednesday	Continuing	Card Club	Cards	UCCDHH	9:00 AM
Every Wednesday	Last Day April 16	UACD	Basketball Practices	UCCDHH	6:00 PM
Every Thursday	Last Day April 17	UACD	Basketball Practices	UCCDHH	6:00 PM
Every Friday	Last Day April 18	UACD	Volleyball League	UCCDHH	6:00 PM
Friday	4/4/2003	SL Frats	Monthly Meeting	UCCDHH	9:30 AM
Friday	4/4/2003	Ogden Frats	Monthly Meeting	Chuck-a-Rama	3:45 PM
Saturday	4/5/2003	BBCD Seniors	General Meeting	UCCDHH	9:30 AM
Wednesday	4/9/2003	DSU	Meeting and Luncheon	UCCDHH	9:00 AM
Saturday	4/12/2003	SUCDHH	BBQ Party	Bloomington	11:00 AM
Saturday	4/12/2003	UAD	Board Meeting	UCCDHH	9:00 AM
Saturday	4/12/2003	YFP	Surprise Egg Hunt	UCCDHH	1:00 PM
Wednesday	4/16/2003	SLCAD	Board Meeting	UCCDHH	5:30 PM
<b>Thu-Fri</b>	<b>4/17-18/2003</b>	<b>JMS</b>	<b>TOYS</b>	<b>UCCDHH</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Saturday	4/19/2003	GSACD	Spring Theme	UCCDHH	6:00 PM
Fri-Sat	4/25-26/2003	UACD	Election of Board Officers	UCCDHH	TBA
Fri-Sat	4/25-26/2003	UACD	Volleyball Tournament	UCCDHH	TBA