

Report of the Chair

October 2007

- **University of Utah:**

The University of Utah Singers recently returned from Europe where they performed in the 12th International Choir Festival en Provence, the Festival des Choeurs Lauréats; and the 19th Festival "Choralies de Vaison-la-Romaine," in France. They were the 2006 winners of the European Grand Prix International Choir Competition in Tolosa, Spain and have won acclaim in Europe as well as at home.

- **Utah State University:**

Oct. 4 marked the 50th anniversary of Sputnik 1, and members of Utah State University's student Microgravity Research Team are among space enthusiasts around the world who are commemorating the 1957 event. The team, composed of undergraduate and graduate students from a variety of disciplines, is crafting a tiny replica of the original satellite. Known as "Little Nik," the USU replica will fit into a four-inch cube. USU's effort is part of an international picosatellite project led by California State Polytechnic University. USU's team expects to complete Little Nik in the spring and launch the cubesat in fall 2008. USU's team includes **Phillip Anderson, Steve Berkley, Jeff Brady, Ryan Schaefermeyer** and **Jacob Beck**. Faculty mentor is **Jan Sojka**, head of the Physics Department.

- **Weber State University:**

Weber State University athletic training majors **Erick Hennessy, Brittnie Holmgren** and **Luke Willson** recently interacted with some of the world's premiere athletes. All three served as volunteer athletic training assistants at the Dew Action Sports Tour during its stop in Salt Lake City. In late November, the students will volunteer with the medical staff at the U.S. Junior National Figure Skating Championships in Salt Lake City and Murray.

- **Snow College:**

Snow College sophomore **Staci Grover** from Cedar City is big on preparation. Grover, a Dean's List student each of her first two semesters and a Snow College Ambassador, was named Miss Snow earlier this month. Her platform is emergency preparedness, and she hopes to help each student on campus prepare a 72-hour kit.

- **College of Eastern Utah:**

Two graduates of the College of Eastern Utah's San Juan Campus were recently recognized as Daniels Scholars. **Melissa Yuhas** of Grand County High School and **Caliphea Blackhorn** of Navajo Mountain High School graduated from their respective high schools this past spring, at the same time receiving their Associate's Degrees from the College of Eastern Utah. They were selected from more than 800 students and were two of 16 students selected from the state of Utah by the Daniels Fund to receive this prestigious award. Currently, both are attending Southern Utah University.

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- **Utah Valley State College:**

Maegan Hoyt, a physical education major, transferred to UVSC on a volleyball scholarship. She played with the team in 2005, winning the D-I Independent Championship title. This past year, Hoyt has been part of UVSC's Know Greater Heroes program that teaches student athletes and performers how to be positive role models in the community and make a difference in the lives of children. "It's been an amazing experience to visit the elementary schools for assemblies and see how excited the kids get to see us there, to see the principles we teach influence them so positively." She is looking forward to a coaching career and continuing to inspire others to reach their goals.

- **Salt Lake Community College:**

Salt Lake Community College's Women's Volleyball team attained a national #1 ranking for the first time in the program's history. The Lady Bruins currently boast a 37-1 record and the longest winning streak in the country at a remarkable 23 matches. The team is looking to remain undefeated in conference play with three more regular season matches remaining. The team will then try to duplicate its Region 18 championship from last year and improve on its top-12 national finish.

- **Utah College of Applied Technology:**

Mona Kay Dial lives in Kanab. She attended UCAT's Southwest Applied Technology College (SWATC) at the new Kane Campus and successfully completed the professional truck driving course. Dial now operates several types of equipment for Larry Rose Construction. Dial is a single mother of two children and is enjoying her job. "I love being in the outdoors, I love big trucks and I love towing stuff," states Dial. "I've realized all along I've needed some kind of schooling to get anywhere in life. I've tried several different avenues but have always said I would be a truck driver." Dial appreciates the opportunity to improve her life with a scholarship from the Southern Utah Trucking Association and SWATC program.

