“Times they are a changin’”
A new scholarship position

The CNR student council decided that we needed to play a more meaningful role in the college to improve the quality of life of each student, staff and faculty member. We spent a weekend beginning with the basics such as developing a mission statement. Next, we decided what areas needed the most attention and created a new council structure to meet those needs.

Perhaps the most exciting change is the new scholarship position for the CNR student president. This person will work with the senate to plan activities such as NR week and run things at the college level. This will allow for more activities and representation in the college while lending more time for the senator to represent NR students at the university level.

How this applies to you is that there are several opportunities to participate in the functions of the college. You can a) apply for CNR student president, or b) apply to be on CNR council or c) be an active participant in the clubs. The CNR is a great place and very unique in many respects. These changes are targeted at continuing to make it great and add to the quality of life for our Natural Resources community.

This is your opportunity to get involved. This is one way to express your concerns and ideas for making this an even a greater place. It is the opportunity to give input and feedback to your senator on any legislation being passed through ASUSS. This provides a wonderful experience to work with the faculty and staff on a different level than class work. I encourage any and all who feel inclined to play a role in this growing organization to take the time out of your busy life to participate. This is a great way to serve the college and develop skills that will be beneficial to you for the rest of your life.

“Do you know your custodian?”

We all see them. We know they exist, but do we really know them? Let me introduce you to our custodians: Stan Hall (aka the silent) Robert Estes (aka the whistler), Susie Ricks (aka smiley). We complain about 7:30 classes, but Stan, Robert, and Susie start work 4 am, and they get off at 12:30 pm. Stan and Robert work until noon, Susie works in our building until 8 am then works in the bio-tech building until noon, after which she attends class.

They clean bathrooms, windows, mop floors, and myriad other tasks. They don’t even mind cleaning up Jim’s sidewalk chalk. The only thing they do mind is shovelling snow. But hey, I don’t shovel the white stuff either, much less at 4 in the morning. I asked “how do you feel when students take care of the building?” Stan and Robert commented that the CNR building is very easy to take care of, and the students keep it clean, if someone would just dust that kayak. They indicated we are good at picking up after ourselves, and cleaning up our own messes. One thing they did ask is, if we have some event or are setting up a display, to let them know so they can plan and possibly help. Robert just married Judy on December 9, 2000. Susie also

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was married in December on the 15th, to Matt Ricks, a computer engineering major (I wonder if he stole Paul). Susie is a speech language pathology major. No wonder they don’t like to shovel snow. Robert, Stan, and Susie are also addicted to doughnuts. They are good for a half dozen every Wednesday. It is clear that we have a conscientious, caring, and kind custodial staff who love their jobs. So wipe your feet, pick up after yourself, and say hi to Robert, Stan, and Susie.

HAVE A HAPPY SPRING BREAK!!

The First Annual Earth Day Speaker’s Forum at USU

Nuclear and Hazardous Waste in Utah

Dear Clubs, Organizations, and Community Members:

To celebrate Earth Day this year, a group of students and staff at USU are organizing an educational program directly related to Utah and Cache Valley. We would like to make this speaker’s forum an annual event in Cache Valley. The topic this year will be “Nuclear and Hazardous Waste in Utah.” We invite all clubs and organizations of USU and the Cache Valley community to be a part of this by co-sponsoring or participating in this event and/or their own Earth Day event.

We will be bringing in four speakers, who are notorious in the hazardous waste arena, to participate on a panel discussion on the evening of April 18th. These speakers include:

- Chip Ward, author of Canaries on the Rim and leading environmental activist.
- Margene Bullcreek, Skull Valley Goshute

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THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Wednesday 3/28 @ 5:30 TSC Auditorium

Contact: jim.steitz@usu.edu for info
The Natural Resource and Environmental Policy Program
Spring Semester 2001 Seminar Series

• “Communicating to Make a Difference: The Media and Environmental Issues” Dr. Jo Ann Valenti, Communications Professor, BYU Thursday, March 8th, 7:00 p.m. Eccles Conference Center, Room 307

• “Public Lands in Utah: Challenges and Opportunities” Sally Wisely, BLM, Utah State Director Tuesday, March 20th, 7:00 p.m. Eccles Conference Center, Room 303

• “Vital Democracies and Ecosystems” Linking Science, Citizens, and Politics” Dr. Hanna Cornser, Research Professor, Northern Arizona University, Wednesday, March 28th, 7:00 p.m. Eccles Conference Center, Room 307

• “The Legacy Highway: Communities or Freeways, It’s Your Choice” Keith Bartholomew, Associate Director, Wallace Stegner Center, U of U, Monday, April 16th, 7:00 p.m. Eccles Conference Center, Room 201

• Conference: “Landscape Frontiers” Annual Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning (LAEP) Conference, USU, Thursday, April 5th, 800 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eccles Conference Center

• Student Presentation: “The Role of Private Property Rights and the Provision of Instream Flow in the West” Amanda Thennes, Political Science Department, Tuesday, April 10th, 12:30 p.m., NR 204

Come check it out, refreshments will be served!!

Nuclear and Hazardous Waste in Utah

A tribal member, working to protect her family, tribe, and ancestral land from the harmful effects of storing nuclear waste on the Skull Valley Goshute Reservation, as chairperson of the Ohngo Gaudadeh Devia Awareness (OGDA).

• Cynthia of the desert, member of appointed committee working with tribal members toward finding viable economic alternatives for the Goshute people.

• Jason Greenwald, director of Families Against Incinerator Risk (FAIR) who will discuss healthier alternatives to making, storing, and transporting our toxic waste products.

The main objectives of this panel are to find inclusive alternative solutions to an issue that affects us all. This panel will not only serve to bring awareness about the nuclear and hazardous waste issues, but also take it one step further. We would like to focus this discussion toward finding resolutions to these core issues: developing and maintaining viable economic alternatives for the Goshute reservation, finding healthier alternatives to making, storing, and transporting our toxic waste, and taking care of our Mother Earth.

Our state and valley are on the line and this is a great way to learn more about this important issue, get involved, and form alliances with the many clubs and organizations that will be involved in this event to honor the Earth. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

For more information contact one of the event coordinators listed below:
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Student of the Month

By Sheree Duncan-McCarty

The student of the month for February is Meg Poulson. She is majoring in geography and is graduating in May. Two professors from the Geography Department nominated Meg and described her as very smart and they believe she will go straight to the top because of her brilliant mind! Her plans for the future are to make maps for the National Guard Bureau.

Graduating from high school in 1997 from Duchesne Utah, Meg came to USU because USU offered her the best scholarship. She took two classes, human geography and world regional geography from a teacher that inspired her to practice geography for her career. Meg believes that the Geography Department considers the students and the two professors that are prime example of this are Professor Ted Alsop and Professor Robert Gillies. Currently Meg is a TA for a GIA course that Professor Paul Box teaches.

Please congratulate Meg on her recognition as student of the month!

Wolves in Utah & the CNR's Role!

"We envision a future for Utah that includes a viable population of wolves. Our recommendations are directed toward preparing Utahns, our economy, and our ecosystems for this future." So is chartered Dr. Robert Schmidt’s class on the future of wolves in Utah. The innocuous title of "FW 650 - Wildlife Damage Management Policy does not do justice to the goal of this class - to formulate a management plan in anticipation of the return of the gray wolf to Utah. Once an inhabitant most of North America, Canis lupus has been relegated to a few packs in the Northern Rockies and the Yellowstone Area. The movement for wolf reintroduction is growing, and our class is premised upon the idea that wolf return is not only desirable but necessary and unavoidable, baring a return to earlier, draconian control policies.

There is but one assignment for the semester - create a plan to guide future wolf management in Utah that meets the vision above, while being socially and economically palatable. For this, Dr. Schmidt is not so much teacher as facilitator. The class has been a learning in learning through total immersion, and we have learned in the process how hard the job of the Fish and Wildlife Service truly is! Mapping potential wolf habitat, assessing social and economic impacts, and crafting wolf predation, transplanting, and control policies, all within today's tangled legal framework, are challenges our class has taken on. When (and if) we complete our plan, we envision it becoming THE PLAN for Utah, not an academic exercise that will collect dust. With any luck, our class will treat the CNR to a vision for Utah that includes the spine-chilling howl of this reclusive yet enchanting predator before we plunge into finals - stay tuned. Wolves will be back.

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