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THE FUTURE IS READING



Alan Hofmeister works with children

Experts agree that one of the greatest obstacles to success in life is not learning how to read at an early age, and this phenomena is a major problem in the United States. One expert who is mounting an effort to combat the problem is Utah State University's Alan Hofmeister, professor and director of the Reading for All Learners Program (RALP). From Harlem to Puerto Rico to the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona, RALP is changing the face of the future for America's school children by giving any student the chance to learn how to read through a program that is easy to use for educators and fun for kids.

"Our program is designed to help young children get a jump on reading no matter who they are," Hofmeister says. "We believe that if you can give school children this basic skill early on in life, not only will they have a head start in their education, but they are less likely to exhibit anti-social behavior later in life."

Life is looking better for these elementary kids whose reading skills are jumping by leaps and bounds. And they'll have members of Hofmeister's team to thank for it for the rest of their lives.

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Kurt Johnson

Nestlé teamed up with parents nation-wide to find the "Very Best Teacher" in the United States. They found him at the Edith Bowen Laboratory School at Utah State University.

Kurt Johnson is the winner of the Nestlé Ice Cream's "Very Best Teacher" Contest. Kurt teaches a 3rd/4th grade multi-age class at Edith Bowen. He has been a faculty member for five years.



Nestle Ice Cream's "Very Best Teacher" Contest honors the top teacher with \$1,000. Edith Bowen will receive a \$5,000 donation and a school-wide ice cream party from Nestlé on Sept. 25.

In honor of the award, Kurt will be featured in *Rosie Magazine* the official magazine of the Rosie O'Donnell Show, in December 2002.

NATIONAL APPOINTMENT



Utah State's Kevin Womack

Kevin Womack, associate professor in the civil and environmental engineering department and associate vice president for administrative services, has been appointed to the Research and Technology Coordinating Committee by Dr. Bruce Alberts, chairman of the National Research Council and president of the National Academy of Sciences. The committee was created in 1991 by state and federal highway agencies as a means of improving the efficiency of the nation's highway system.

Kevin's appointment to the RTCC came as a result of sabbatical work in Washington, D.C., with the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment

and Public Works. While on sabbatical he worked with members of the RTCC and the executive director of the Transportation Research Board. Kevin has professional expertise in civil engineering, focusing on transportation structures. His appointment to the board is for three years.

SHRINK WRAPPING HISTORY

Noel A. Carmack, preservation librarian in Special Collections and Archives, will administer a \$2,600 grant recently awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The award was among 324 new grants to museums, colleges and other educational institutions across the United States. Carmack will use the grant at Utah State to purchase archival supplies and storage furniture to rehouse collections of 19th century government documents including reports, atlases and maps.



Government documents will be shrink wrapped — a popular, effective and inexpensive tool for preservation. This will be especially effective for pieces with deteriorating leather bindings. Maps will be cleaned, flattened and encapsulated, then placed in flat file storage.

Utah State's Merrill Library is among 52 regional federal depositories in the United States. It houses more federal documents than any library in Utah. The library's federal documents collection contains more than 1.6 million titles in paper, microfiche and electronic format, offering primary research material spanning 200 years. The government map holdings include nearly 90,000 sheets.



Many of the early federal documents are fine specimens for the study of the history of printing. They are also helpful in the study of land use, irrigation and the environment. The maps and reconnaissance reports are used by students of history, agriculture, geography and the social sciences.
