

Utah partnership hopes to continue de

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The chairman of a partnership between private business and public education said he believes the program will continue despite the death of its director last week.

Donald Holbrook, the chairman of the Utah Partnership of Educational and Economic Development, said he'll meet with its board of directors soon to determine the course of the project.

It's future was thrown into question when 48-year-old James Moss died in an accident Friday. Investi-

gators said Moss suffered a heart attack and swerved off the road on Interstate 15 near Draper.

Moss joined the partnership as its director in April after resigning as state schools superintendent amid rumors that his job was in jeopardy.

Holbrook said he believes the partnership has lost a director whose aggressive nature made him perfect for the job.

"But despite this great tragedy, the partnership is bigger than just one person," he said. "We have no

intentions of cutting back on our desire to make a significant contribution."

Holbrook said he has not thoroughly discussed the matter with other board members, but believes they'll try to maintain the partnership office and replace Moss with an other full-time director.

"I feel that's the only way we can bring about true success," he said.

However, he said the board may consider staffing the office with a volunteer, and added that no option

has been ruled out.

Funding for the partnership also needs to be addressed, Holbrook said. Gov. Norm Bangert's proposed budget for 1991-92 includes a \$50,000 supplemental request for the partnership.

Colleen Colton, Gov. Norm Bangert's education adviser, said that money is part of a \$10 million budget request to pay for the second of three phases of the Utah Technology Initiative, a program adopted by the 1990 Legislature to put computers in Utah classrooms.

ACLU finds solace in censoring certain items

Salt Lake City attorney Brian Barnard, a veteran of local church/state skirmishes, has made an interesting investment: he has presented the Utah ACLU with a \$1,000 investment certificate that will come into maturity on January 1, 2190.

Barnard is serenely confident that the ACLU will remain in existence in 2190. If the ACLU enjoys such longevity it will be at the expense of the liberties of the American republic, whose destruction appears to be the ACLU's tacit objective.

Barnard's donation occurred in conjunction with an editorial by the Salt Lake Tribune, which urged Utahns to applaud the ACLU for (fighting) for 70 years, often thanklessly yet effectively, to protect the individual "freedom" enshrined in the Bill of Rights. Utah County residents, quite familiar with the peculiar concept of liberty that animates the ACLU, may think a more appropriate gift would be a bouquet of stinging nettles.

As company affords some comfort for the miserable, Utah County residents may be interested in the trials the ACLU has inflicted upon their neighbors to the north.

On November 16, Edward Pevar of the Colorado branch of the ACLU filed a lawsuit against the Madison County School District in Rexburg, Idaho. The issue that provoked the suit was — of course — graduation prayer. The plaintiffs, who remain anonymous, went directly to Pevar without expressing as much as a syllable of dissatisfaction to the Madison County School Board.

Prior to the filing of the suit, Madison High School music instructor Bob Briggs wrote a letter that was published in the Rexburg Standard-Journal. Briggs expressed some concern about the music his choirs perform, as some of it is frankly religious in nature. Ever vigilant, Pevar spotted Briggs' letter and wrote a letter of his own to the school district. Pevar portentously proclaimed that the issue of sacred music "interested him" and demanded that the district supply him with a list of all of the music performed by the choirs, including the text of all of the lyrics.



Will Grigg

At Home

Although Pevar has hinted that the music may provide the basis of yet another lawsuit, the district, much to its credit, has ignored the arrogant demand.

The threat of a lawsuit is the ACLU's primary weapon in its campaign of extortion-by-litigation. According to a source at the Rexburg Standard-Journal, Pevar's threat has had the desired effect in another southern Idaho school district: The Montpelier district has reportedly banned the performance of sacred music in its schools.

Pevar has since turned his attention to church/state issues in Wyoming, thereby becoming a meane to the constitutional liberties of at least three states.

The ACLU was prominent among those who defended the pornographic simian gruntings of the rap group "2 Live Crew;" it is now presuming to censor school choirs in Idaho.

The ACLU, which frets mightily about the "chilling effect" on free speech supposedly exerted by restrictions on child pornography, sees nothing amiss in scanning the lyrics of sacred songs for impermissible religious content.

Last week the Utah ACLU confirmed that the replacement of graduation prayer with a moment of silence would not be satisfactory; such silence affords the opportunity for thoughts to drift into the religious realm. Not content with its roles as music critic and lyric censor, the ACLU has appointed itself to be thought police as well.

Americans have been properly appalled by the restriction placed upon American soldiers in Saudi Arabia — the suppression of religious hymns, literature and speech. Regarding religion, in that way is the feudal Saudi regime any less intolerant than the "progressive" ACLU?

Students helping out Romanians

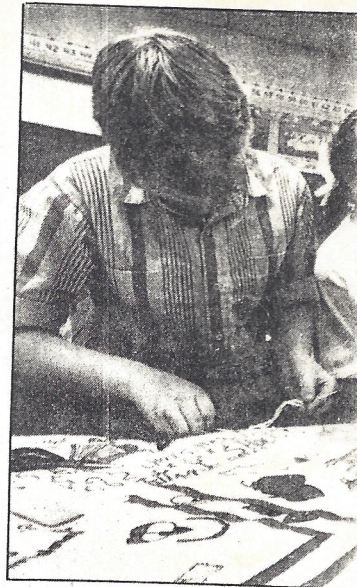
Somebody in Romania will be a little warmer this winter thanks to the efforts of some Franklin Elementary students.

Linde Safsten's fifth grade class, along with teaching assistant Linda Roskelly, has been working on a project which includes the making of a twin sized quilt. Upon finishing the quilt, which is nearly complete, the class will donate it to the Red Cross to give to some Romanian orphans.

"We heard they were really short of food," said Safsten. "Each student was given a block of material to draw their own designs on it. Then Mrs. Roskelly took the blocks home and sewed them all together."

Safsten said the students weren't too thrilled about the project at first, some saying it was "kind of dorky." However, once they got going on it and saw it sewed together, she said the students got pretty excited.

Each of Safsten's 38 students also got a chance to put five quilt ties in with a needle. Some made Christmas cards to go along with



Franklin School students, from left. Jason Santos, work on a quilt studen

the quilt. The quilt has a red and green Christmas-like border. "It's important for the people that don't have the things that we do, like homes and stuff," said 11-

Some Desert Shield guards get free ride home for Christmas

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Some Utah reservists and guardsmen activated in support of Operation Desert Shield will be able to come home for the holidays, providing they can find a ride.

The more than 400 members of the Utah Army National Guard's 144th Evacuation Hospital have been told they can take a four-day leave from their mobilization station at Fort Carson, Colo., either from Dec. 19-23 or Dec. 22-26.

But they had to find their own way home.

That dilemma was partly solved Thursday when the Utah Automobile Dealers Association, which donated \$2,500 to rent buses to transport members of the troop from Ft. Carson, Colo., where they are stationed pending being sent to the Persian Gulf.

Utah Army National Guard spokesman Maj. Bob Nelson said the military does not pay for travel, meaning many of the crews

can't afford plane or bus tickets from Colorado.

"We decided we wanted to help these guardsmen and the women enjoy Christmas with their families before they are sent to the Middle East," said Bob Carlson of the automobile dealers association.

Guard officials had not heard whether the 111 Utahns from the Murray-based 625th Military Police Company currently at Ft. Lewis, Wash., will have enough time off at Christmas to consider a trip home.

The 50 members of the Army Reserve's 321st Medical Detachment in Salt Lake are also at Ft. Carson and will be able to leave the fort between Dec. 22-26, according to the public affairs office there.

"They're trying to charter a bus" so they can come home for Christmas, said the unidentified spokeswoman.

Whether the 321st travels home for Christmas will be left up to the unit, said Maj. Bill Auer, public

Mormon leaders defend Bangkok mission pr