

...and ease this discontent by communicating more openly how these resources allocated," commented Fisher.

Fisher left a model showing how to improve the communication process. Although he found no significant internal control weaknesses, matters related to non-compliance with policy or concerns with operating processes were addressed. The matters identified in the audit include the following:

- Star Schools funds compliance - CEU receives annual funding via legislative

In the second related matter, CEU combined the dean of applied technology with an academic dean, where Donna Cartwright assumed Rich Robinson's responsibilities.

Fisher explained that the college's rationale for not seeking trustee approval was that these actions represent reallocation of work duties not new appointments.

Policy requires all executive appointments to be made by the president with trustee approval.

"The college should abide (Continued on page 2)

in the cost of heating homes with gas has hit the elderly particularly hard.

The HEAT program has seen an enormous increase in the number of local residents seeking assistance in paying those big utility bills said Katie Smolic, HEAT specialist.

The Castle Valley has experienced colder than usual temperatures this winter. Combined with the utility rate hike, January and February brought a drastic increase in the number of households unable to keep warm, said Barbara Dougherty, director of

costs that rose from \$150, said Dougherty. Carbon resident brought a bill for almost \$500 for one month, she continued.

Ordinarily clients scheduled through the February, but this HEAT has clients scheduled through March 26 and continue to provide allocations through April 1 until the funding runs out.

HEAT will also assist clients who have had their power shut off or received 48 hour shut off notice before their power restored.

It is important to understand that HEAT is a one-t

Trail Mountain coal mine closes

Trail Mountain employees witnessed the end of the mine's final shift last week. Trail Mountain closed and the remaining workers at the mine were faced with the prospect of moving on.

Approximately 164 coal miners were affected by the Trail Mountain closure, according to Utah Power spokesman Dave Eskelsen.

A number of the displaced Trail Mountain workers will transfer to the Cottonwood preparation plant or the Deer Creek mine.

"Many employees are eligible for severance pay, early retirement or both. We don't know the exact number of employees who will take advantage of this offer," indicated Eskelsen.

The fallout from the mine's closure, while harsh, is not as harsh as was first expected, according to the company spokesman.

"We originally announced that 200 people would lose their jobs, but that number will be significantly less than announced," pointed out Eskelsen.

The Trail Mountain closure will not only have an immediate impact on the mine employees, but on the truck drivers who transported the coal as well

Western Coal Carriers' 37 employees face the fact that the company's trucks are now idle and work will have to be found elsewhere.

Thirteen truck drivers were laid off last week, according to a spokesperson at Western Coal Carriers. Three other drivers retired.

The remaining trucking company employees will stay on hand until approximately March 23, removing the last of the coal as clean up at the Trail Mountain mine is accomplished.

For the coal truck drivers, the prospects of finding employment elsewhere is unsettling. The average number of years with the company is 32.

With operations at Trail Mountain at an end, the closure process will begin. Equipment removal and sealing the portal will take a number of months.

Closing the portal and other procedures should be complete by June. A small crew will stay on to complete the related tasks, added the Utah Power spokesman.

"Coal for the Hunter plant will continue to come from Deer Creek mine and Utah Power maintains a contract with SUFCO. We will continue to purchase from other



4-Hers sharpen shooting skills

Steven Scow puts earplugs in Steven Scow's ears for protection as Heather Karren stands near just before the youngsters go to the line to shoot clay pigeons at the Helper Gun Club. The 4-H group meets once a month in competition shooting, but it isn't always with shotguns. They have gone rifle and muzzle loader shooting in the past and have even done some archery. Last Saturday the kids, ranging in age from 11-18, had five of their number shoot 20 or more clay pigeons.

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