Graduate Recruiting
The top applicants for graduate school were invited to visit campus for a three-day weekend March 29 – 31, 2003. The goal of the annual graduate recruiting weekend is to bring the top applicants to campus as a group so that they get a sense of the cohort that will comprise the incoming graduate class.

On Sunday, the recruits were given an overview of the department, city, and state. After lunch they were given a tour of campus followed by formal presentations on research areas in the department. This was followed by a general reception attended by most faculty and graduate students. The remainder of the afternoon was dedicated to informal discussions with faculty. The current graduate students then hosted dinner for the guests at a local restaurant. On Monday, the recruits attended some classes and visited with current graduate students. Those who were interested took advantage of a Saturday outing of skiing, snow shoeing, cultural events, or getting acquainted with the city. Recruits were housed in the University Guest House on upper campus.

The responses from the attendees of the recruitment weekend were very positive. One student said, “I would like to thank you for putting together such a great weekend for our visit. I really think the quality of the department was evident in everything that we did.” Another student wrote, “I had such a wonderful time visiting Utah this past weekend. Thanks for all your hard work organizing and preparing everything that you did offer. Please thank the graduate students who were involved as well, they were terrific!”

Personalities!
Erin Chamberlain enjoys rock climbing, backpacking, mountain biking and reading. She is a first-year graduate student who came to us from Reno, NV. Erin came to the U of U for the location and because it is a good school (three cheers for the U of U!). She is likely to specialize in Commutative Algebra.

Erin has four brothers, three sisters, and fourteen nieces and nephews. Her family has an impressive list of professions, including physicist (times two), computer geek, elementary school teacher, cop, and radiation equipment repair technician.

What talents has Erin been hiding? She speaks German and plays the viola.

Upcoming Events
Saturday, April 12 – Calculus Challenge; Open to all undergraduate students, CASH PRIZES! 9:00 - 12:00, LCB 219.

Thursday, April 17 – Math Department Awards Ceremony; 3:00 PM, JWB 335.

Wednesday, April 23 – Last day of classes.

Thursday, April 24 – Reading Day

Friday, May 2 – Graduation! College of Science Convocation 11:30 AM at Kingsbury Hall.