

UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT SALT LAKE
CONSTRUCTION TRADES BUILDING DEDICATION

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THE DEDICATION OF A NEW BUILDING ON THIS CAMPUS, SUCH AS THIS ATTRACTIVE CONSTRUCTION TRADES BUILDING, CONTINUES TO BE A HEART-WARMING EXPERIENCE FOR ME.

IT SIGNIFIES A GREAT DEAL OF COOPERATION, INTEREST AND PLANNING ON THE PART OF NUMEROUS AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS. THIS NEW BUILDING IS A GRATIFYING EXPANSION OF A COLLEGE THAT HAS GROWN YEAR BY YEAR, PIECE BY PIECE, INTO ONE OF THE FINEST VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS IN THE U.S.

THIS IS THE THIRD MAJOR BUILDING TO BE COMPLETED ON THIS CAMPUS DURING THE PAST SIX YEARS, AN OUTSTANDING PERIOD OF GROWTH IN FACILITIES AND STUDENT NUMBERS. THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES BUILDING ALLOWS THE COLLEGE TO CONSOLIDATE ALL OF ITS MAJOR COURSES ON THIS REDWOOD ROAD CAMPUS. BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, BRICK MASONRY, APPAREL MANUFACTURING, UPHOLSTERY, AND SMALL ENGINE MECHANICS, THE PRIMARY COURSES HOUSED IN THIS STRUCTURE, HAVE BEEN AT THE OLD DOWNTOWN CAMPUS OR AT RENTED FACILITIES FOR A LONG TIME. ALSO, THE ELECTRICITY PROGRAM HAS BEEN MOVED INTO THIS BUILDING.

WITH A NEW BUILDING LIKE THIS, IT IS INEVITABLE THAT OUR THOUGHTS GO BACK TO THE OLD DAYS WE CALL "REMEMBER WHEN."

THE FIRST HOME OF THIS COLLEGE WAS IN THE OLD TROY LAUNDRY BUILDING ON FOURTH SOUTH AND SIXTH EAST WHERE WE SHARED SPACE WITH A LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENT. THE PRESENT SKILLS CENTER DIVISION OF THE COLLEGE IS OPERATING THERE NOW VERY SUCCESSFULLY.

I REMEMBER THAT OUR FIRST LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION WAS \$275,000 FOR THE 1947-49 BIENNIUM. HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED. OPERATIONAL FUNDS

FOR THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR ARE IN EXCESS OF \$7 MILLION. THE FIRST YEAR CUMULATIVE ENROLLMENT TOTALED 1,250 STUDENTS. NOW WE SERVE OVER 6,300 STUDENTS EACH QUARTER. ALONG THE WAY THE COLLEGE'S NAME HAS CHANGED, TOO.

WE FIRST OCCUPIED THIS CAMPUS IN 1967, TURNING UNDER THE FARM LAND TO HELP SPROUT WELL-TRAINED PEOPLE IN VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION. A LARGE BARN WAS CEREMONIOUSLY TORN DOWN TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION. AND THE FIRST BUILDING WAS THE HEATING PLANT, COMPLETED IN 1964, THAT HAD TO WAIT FOR OTHER BUILDINGS TO SHOW UP.

THIS CONTRUCTION TRADES BUILDING COST OVER \$3.5 MILLION. TOTAL COST OF ALL OF THE BUILDINGS, PARKING LOTS, LANDSCAPING AND RECREATION AREAS ON CAMPUS AMOUNTS TO APPROXIMATELY 15 MILLION DOLLARS.

THIS GROWTH DOES HAVE DRAWBACKS THOUGH. WHY I CAN REMEMBER BACK AT THE BEGINNING OF THE COLLEGE, WITH THE THIN WALLS AND OFFICE DIVIDERS ON THE DOWNTOWN CAMPUS, I COULD KEEP UP WITH WHAT HAS HAPPENING TO EVERYONE. THE INSULATION REQUIRED IN THESE WALLS, AND THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE BUILDINGS AND MY OFFICE, CERTAINLY HAVE SEVERED A GREAT COMMUNICATIONS LINE.

OTHER SITUATIONS HAVE MADE THEIR MARKS AROUND THIS CAMPUS, LIKE THE LAKE THAT USED TO FORM AFTER RAINSTORMS IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PARKING LOT. OUR BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS SUPERVISOR USED TO FISH THAT LAKE ON A REGULAR BASIS. I DON'T THINK HE CAUGHT ANYTHING, AT LEAST I NEVER SAW HIM EAT ANYTHING HE CAUGHT.

OH, AND I REMEMBER THE GRAND PRESENTATION WE HAD PLANNED FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE CALVIN L. RAMPTON TECHNOLOGY BUILDING ACROSS THE CONCOURSE. WE PREPARED A LIGHTED SIGN ENTITLED "TECHNOLOGY MOVES ON."

WE BLEW UP THE POWER SUPPLY WHEN THE SWITCH WAS THROWN.

NOW I CERTAINLY HOPE WE HAVEN'T REACHED A LONG, FLAT PLATEAU HERE AT UTAH TECH, BUT THERE ARE NO OTHER NEW BUILDINGS PLANNED FOR CONSTRUCTION IN THE FUTURE. I HOPE WE AREN'T CELEBRATING A BUILDING THAT MARKS THE END OF PHYSICAL FACILITY GROWTH ON THIS CAMPUS, BECAUSE AS MUCH, AND PERHAPS MORE, WILL BE EXPECTED OF US IN THE FUTURE AS HAS BEEN AMASSED IN THE PAST.

ENROLLMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO CLIMB TO 8,000 STUDENTS BY 1985. I REITERATE, HOPEFULLY, THAT PLANNING WILL CONTINUE FOR THE FUTURE OF THIS COLLEGE. WE SHOULD DO IT NOW!

DOING IT NOW REMINDS ME OF THE BIG BUSINESSMAN WHO SOUGHT TO INSPIRE MORE EFFORT AMONG HIS EMPLOYEES BY PLACING AROUND HIS BUSINESS SIGNS THAT READ, "DO IT NOW!" SOON AFTERWARDS A FRIEND ASKED THE BUSINESSMAN HOW HIS CAMPAIGN WAS GOING. "IT'S WORKING," HE SAID, "BUT NOT THE WAY I EXPECTED. AFTER I PUT UP THE SIGNS 20 EMPLOYEES ASKED FOR RAISES, THREE OF MY FOREMEN GOT PUNCHED IN THE NOSE AND MY ACCOUNTANT SKIPPED THE COUNTRY WITH \$50,000."

TO ELABORATE ON THE KIND OF "DO IT NOW" THAT I AM TALKING ABOUT, LET ME SHARE A THOUGHT FROM ONE OF JOHN DEWEY'S ESSAYS.

HE SAID, "WITH THE ADVENT OF DEMOCRACY AND MODERN INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FORETELL DEFINITELY JUST WHAT CIVILIZATION WILL BE LIKE 20 YEARS FROM NOW."

DEWEY WROTE THAT BACK IN 1897. CONTEMPLATING THE CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE 1897, 20 YEARS WOULD BE AN ETERNITY. TODAY ADVANCES

ARE HAPPENING SO FAST THAT BUSINESSMEN DON'T KNOW WHAT MANY OF THEIR EMPLOYEES WILL BE DOING SIX MONTHS FROM NOW.

CONTINUALLY, THE GREAT CHALLENGE IS TO MATCH THE SUPPLY WITH THE DEMAND. EACH YEAR JOBS ARE ELIMINATED THROUGH TECHNOLOGY, BUT AT THE SAME TIME THAT TECHNOLOGY CREATES NEW JOBS THROUGH THE SAME ADVANCEMENT. UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT SALT LAKE IS KEEPING UP WITH ADVANCEMENT, SINCE THE LATEST SURVEY OF STUDENTS WHO WENT THROUGH THIS COLLEGE LAST YEAR SHOWS 92 PERCENT OF THEM EMPLOYED IN THEIR FIELDS OF STUDY OR A RELATED FIELD. ONLY ONE PERCENT OF THEM ARE NOT WORKING.

MORE, MUCH MORE, WILL BE EXPECTED OF THIS COLLEGE IN THE FUTURE. LET'S PLAN FOR THESE EXPECTATIONS NOW. LET'S NOT REMEMBER THIS BUILDING AS THE LAST VESTIGE OF THE FORESIGHT THAT HAS BEEN SO KEEN IN THE PAST.

THE VOCATIONALLY TRAINED PEOPLE OF THE PAST WOULD BE ENVIOUS OF THE SURROUNDINGS ON THIS CAMPUS, PARTICULARLY OF THIS NEW BUILDING WITH ITS MAGNIFICENT LABS, CLASSROOMS, AND EQUIPMENT.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CANNON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, THE BUILDERS OF THIS FINE STRUCTURE. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS, THE STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, THE STATE BUILDING BOARD FOR CREATING SUCH A FINE BUILDING. AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FINE STAFF AND FACULTY WHO WILL OPERATE AND MAINTAIN IT. WE ALL HOPE THAT THOSE WHO USE IT AND LEARN FROM IT WILL RETURN THEIR GRATITUDE BY APPLYING THEIR CRAFTSMAN SKILLS ON THEIR JOBS, LIVING MEANINGFUL, PRODUCTIVE AND SATISFYING LIVES.