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UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT SALT LAKE  
March 18, 1976

TRIBUTE

MARTHA PARRISH

As Utah Technical College approaches its 29th birthday, we begin to feel the loss of some of our original colleagues. Those who have borne the heat of the day and those cold nights of non-acceptance. Martha Parrish, a Practical Nursing Instructor for 21 years, has come through those years with us and has emerged as a warm, self-confident person.

A talented songwriter once wrote "The Best Things in Life Are Free," a bright and happy thought, but many of us here, including Martha know that though some good things appear free, the best things are those we work for;

The dreams we first see from afar  
The plans we devise to carry us closer to those dreams  
The struggle to prepare ourselves to grasp those dreams  
when life puts them within our reach  
The ultimate satisfaction when everything comes together  
and we can share our success with those we cherish.

There is one further step in the progress of our dreams, a step which Martha has understood and enjoyed. It is the sense of fulfillment when you see the spark of your own dreams coming to life in the heart of another person. For it can truly be said, that, in our best moments at this College we are all dream merchants--we sell vision, and convert hopes into reality.

Martha has a fine sensitivity which reaches out to others. She seems to know and understand the tensions, the pressures, and the stress that others feel. Martha uses her talent to soften the impact of such forces on the people with whom she works.

She is liked and respected by students and faculty alike. Her cheery smile and happy humor have made her a person one wants to be around. Her love of family, of nephews and nieces, is well-known. Her regard for Centerville where she lives, is a joy to listen to. Her appreciation and faith in her Church is a strengthening influence upon all her friends.

Along with all this Martha has been very active in the U.S. Naval Reserve, achieving the rank of Lieutenant-Commander--a Flag Officer position which speaks for her leadership abilities and for her loyalty to this great country.

Martha's career has touched the lives of thousands of people--her students, her patients, and her fellow workers. We are all richer for having associated with you, Martha. We respect and admire you and pray that your time and talents in the years ahead will be dedicated to serving others.

--Jay L. Nelson, President  
Utah Technical College at Salt Lake

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ALONG WITH ALL THIS MARTHA HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE U.S. NAVAL RESERVE, ACHIEVING THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER--A FLAG OFFICER POSITION WHICH SPEAKS FOR HER LEADERSHIP ABILITIES AND FOR HER LOYALTY TO THIS GREAT COUNTRY.

MARTHA'S CAREER HAS TOUCHED THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE--HER STUDENTS, HER PATIENTS, AND HER FELLOW WORKERS. WE ARE ALL RICHER FOR HAVING ASSOCIATED WITH YOU, MARTHA. WE RESPECT AND ADMIRE YOU AND PRAY THAT YOUR TIME AND TALENTS IN THE YEARS AHEAD WILL BE DEDICATED TO SERVING OTHERS.