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HOWARD B. GUNDERSEN

May 12, 1972

TONIGHT WE ALSO WISH TO HONOR A MAN WHOSE FORESIGHT AND INITIATIVE CONTRIBUTED MORE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE THAN PERHAPS ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL--HOWARD B. GUNDERSEN.

HOWARD, YOU ARE AWARE THAT THE COLLEGE HAS BEEN KNOWN BY THREE NAMES. SALT LAKE AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IS PERHAPS THE NAME BY WHICH YOU'LL REMEMBER IT MOST. IN 1959 THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO SALT LAKE TRADE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. WE HAVE BEEN AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS TRADE TECH SINCE THAT TIME EVEN THOUGH OUR NAME WAS CHANGED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN 1967 TO UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT SALT LAKE.

MANY OF THE FACULTY WHICH YOU EMPLOYED ARE STILL PERFORMING IN AN ADMIRABLE MANNER AT THE COLLEGE--DON WELLARD, PARKER PRATT, HARRIET VIGEN, EVAN JENSEN, FLORENCE PIACITELLI, AND JAY L. NELSON.

YOU'LL REMEMBER GOVERNOR J. BRACKEN LEE CREATED PLENTY OF PROBLEMS FOR US DURING HIS TERM AS GOVERNOR. THIS WILL THRILL YOU THOUGH. HE WAS PRESENT AT A RECENT BREAKFAST MEETING I ATTENDED. IT SURPRISED AND PLEASED ME THAT HE CAME OVER TO THE TABLE WHERE I WAS SEATED AND COMMENTED. THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR COLLEGE IS TREMENDOUS. YOU'VE SUCCEEDED IN SPITE OF ME! I THOUGHT THAT WAS QUITE AN ADMISSION.

AFTER LEAVING THE COLLEGE, MR. GUNDERSEN:

FILLED A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT FOR THE U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION
IN EUROPE
WAS TRAINING DIRECTOR FOR KENNECOTT COPPER CORPORATION FOR
SEVERAL YEARS

WORKED FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR THREE YEARS
AS AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES
WORKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
WELFARE AND ESTABLISHED 9 REGIONAL OFFICES AND LATER
SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
RETIRED EARLY THIS YEAR

HOWARD, WE'RE PROUD OF YOU. YOUR PICTURE WILL ALWAYS BE DISPLAYED
AT THE COLLEGE. ON BEHALF OF YOUR COLLEAGUES AND MINE, IT IS A PLEASURE
TO PRESENT TO YOU THE COLLEGE INSIGNIA INDICATING YOUR LEADERSHIP AS THE
FIRST PRESIDENT OF UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE.