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# DEDICATION REMARKS

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IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO INTRODUCE OUR DISTINGUISHED PLATFORM GUESTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE GUESTS STANDING AS THEIR NAMES ARE CALLED. WILL YOU KINDLY HOLD YOUR APPLAUSE.

THE SCHOOL THAT SHARED ITS FIRST BUILDING WITH A DRY CLEANING FIRM, A SUBSIDIARY OF THE TROY LAUNDRY, HAS LEARNED THAT "PRESSING PROBLEMS" CAN BE IRONED OUT BY DETERMINATION AND DEDICATION.

LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT SALT LAKE WAS PASSED BY THE 1947 LEGISLATURE. CLASSES BEGAN OPERATING IN THE OLD TROY LAUNDRY IN SEPTEMBER 1948. WEEDING AND AUTO BODY SHOPS WERE ASSIGNED THE AREA, WHICH HAD BEEN FOR MANY YEARS THE HORSE STABLES FOR THE LAUNDRY. THE MANURE TROUGHS WERE FILLED WITH CEMENT TO LEVEL THE FLOOR.

JURISDICTION OVER THE COLLEGE WAS VESTED IN THE STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION WHO IN TURN DELEGATED THE AUTHORITY TO OPERATE SALT LAKE AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY NAMED, TO AN AREA BOARD OF CONTROL. THIS BOARD WAS COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SEVEN SURROUNDING SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

ONE OF THE FIRST CRISES WHICH THE BOARD ENCOUNTERED <sup>was</sup> AS A VETO OF THE APPROPRIATION TO OPERATE THE SCHOOL BY GOVERNOR J. BRACKEN LEE. BUT WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY AND SOMEHOW THE <sup>Board</sup> ~~SCHOOL~~ MANAGED TO KEEP THE DOORS OPEN BY OPERATING THE SCHOOL EXCLUSIVELY FOR VETERANS. I CAN ASSURE YOU, HOWEVER, THAT IT WASN'T WITHOUT A CRUCIAL TEST OF THE CHURCH DOCTRINE "WITHOUT PURSE OR SCRIPT." GYROSCOPIC ACTION WAS APPLIED BY THE NEXT LEGISLATURE WHO RESTORED THE FLOW OF STATE FUNDS.

AFTER PAYING \$4,000 A MONTH <sup>RENT</sup> FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THE AREA BOARD WAS SUCCESSFUL IN CONVINCING THE LEGISLATURE THAT IT WOULD BE WISE TO PURCHASE THE

LAUNDRY BUILDING, THEY FINALLY DID FOR A FIGURE OF \$312,000. TODAY, THE PROPERTY WHICH WE NOW REFER TO AS THE DOWNTOWN CAMPUS, IS WORTH IN EXCESS OF A MILLION DOLLARS.

DURING ONE OF THE EARLY YEARS THE BOILER BLEW UP AND IN THE EMERGENCY AREA BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING CALLED TO PATCH THE PLACE TOGETHER SEVERAL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTED THAT IT WAS A SHAME THAT THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE COULDN'T HAVE MET WITH A SIMILAR FATE. IT MIGHT HAVE SPEEDED UP THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS CAMPUS.

WELL, AS TIME MOVED ALONG, LADY LUCK, SOME INFLUENTIAL FRIENDS IN THE LEGISLATURE, OUR SUCCESS STORY ~~OR THE STORY OF SUCCESS~~, A COMBINATION OF ALL OF THESE OR FOR SOME OTHER REASON, THE LEGISLATURE APPROPRIATED \$200,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW CAMPUS. AND IN 1959 THIS SITE WAS PURCHASED BY A COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE STATE BUILDING BOARD, THE STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND THE AREA BOARD OF CONTROL. I RECALL THE AIRPLANE RIDE OVER THE VALLEY TO SCOUT FOR OPEN PROPERTY; I RECALL DR. ELROY NELSON FAVORING THIS SITE SINCE IT HAD A LITTLE LOG CABIN ON THE PREMISES WHICH HE JESTINGLY, I HOPE, STATED WOULD SUFFICE FOR A PRESIDENT'S HOME.

ALSO ABOUT THIS TIME THE STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION DISSOLVED THE AREA BOARD OF CONTROL AND FORMULATED A 32 MEMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH HAS FUNCTIONED EXCELLENTLY SINCE THAT TIME. OH YES, IN 1959, THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL WAS CHANGED TO SALT LAKE TRADE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. WE HAVE BEEN AFFECTIONATELY REFERRED TO AS "TRADE TECH" OR THE COLLEGE FOR SKILLED CRAFTSMEN UNTIL THE RECENT LEGISLATURE CHRISTENED US UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT SALT LAKE.

FUNDS HAVEN'T COME EASY BUT THE 1961 LEGISLATURE APPROPRIATED ENOUGH MONEY TO BUILD A HEATING PLANT ON THE CAMPUS. IT WAS COMPLETED IN 1964. THE IRONY OF IT IS THAT WE HAVE BEEN SPENDING MONEY TO HEAT THE HEATING PLANT FOR THE PAST TWO WINTERS. WE WERE INSTRUCTED TO KEEP THE TEMPERATURE ABOVE FREEZING IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE EQUIPMENT IN THE HEATING PLANT. THIS WAS DONE ELECTRICALLY.

SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATURES HAVE APPROPRIATED MONEY FOR THREE BUILDINGS. THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COMPLETED IN MARCH, THE METALS BUILDING WHICH WE WILL OCCUPY WITHIN A FEW WEEKS, AND AN AUTOMOTIVE BUILDING SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION NEXT FALL.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? ONLY TIME WILL TELL! OUR PROJECTIONS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TECHNOLOGY, SERVICE TRADES, AERONAUTIC AND MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS PLUS AN AUDITORIUM AND A STUDENT CENTER.

NO ADDITIONAL BUILDING FUNDS HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATED TO THE COLLEGE. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE NEXT LEGISLATURE WILL RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS TO MOVE THE ENTIRE SCHOOL TO THIS CAMPUS AND PERMIT ENLARGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLLEGE (WHICH IS SO DESPERATELY NEEDED). NEXT FALL TWO-THIRDS OF THE COLLEGE WILL BE OPERATING ON THIS CAMPUS AND ONE-THIRD AT THE DOWNTOWN CAMPUS. ACCUMULATIVE ENROLLMENTS IN DAY AND EVENING CLASSES THIS YEAR TOTAL MORE THAN 4100 STUDENTS.

TRIBUTE . . . . .

THIS ACTIVITY MARKS THE CULMINATION OF A DREAM OF MANY YEARS BY MANY INDIVIDUALS. IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED DEVELOP AND PERPETUATE THE COLLEGE IN THE TIME AVAILABLE. AND SO, ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE COLLEGE LET ME PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE PRECIOUS INDIVIDUALS,

ORGANIZATIONS, AND AGENCIES WHO HAVE PROVIDED THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE WHICH HAS MADE THIS OCCASION POSSIBLE. WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL! CHALLENGE . . . . .

WE RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT THE TREMENDOUS CHALLENGE THAT IS OURS TO PROVIDE TRADE, TECHNICAL, <sup>and</sup> BUSINESS EDUCATION TO THE CITIZENS OF THE GREAT STATE OF UTAH. WE PLEDGE OUR EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF UTAH AND TO KEEP PACE WITH THE CHANGES AND INNOVATIONS BROUGHT ABOUT BY MODERN TECHNOLOGY. WE ASSURE YOU THAT OUR ENERGIES WILL BE PRIMARILY EXPENDED IN MEETING OUR OBJECTIVES--PREPARATION AND TRAINING OF SKILLED <sup>technical and</sup> HANDS.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CEREMONIES, WE INVITE YOU TO TOUR THE FACILITIES AND PARTAKE OF REFRESHMENTS IN THE ADJOINING CAFETERIA. SCHOOL PERSONNEL WILL BE ON HAND <sup>in their respective areas</sup> TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE RESPECTIVE AREAS. WE'RE THRILLED WITH THE FACILITIES--WE SINCERELY HOPE YOU WILL BE ALSO.