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Headliners

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Practical nurses to graduate March 16

Graduation ceremonies for 38 practical nursing students at the college will be held Thurs., Mar. 16, at 8 p.m. in the Nelson Administration Bldg. Auditorium.

Members of the 56th class of graduating practical nurses are Glenda E. Archibald, Kristine L. Bartell, Sheryl L. Blackburn, Dawn Bowles, Denise Boyce,

Karen C. Brim, Myrna Mae Brown, Dorothy S. Burnett, Mary J. Chauvette, Lissa Clark, Patricia Lee Crawley, Barbara M. Eslinger, Janet L. Fredrickson, Melodie E. Gay, Bobbie Jo Gundersen, Joyce H. Hughes, Betsy H. Johanesen, Janis M. Jolley, Nancy A. Kirkpatrick, Alice C. Lerdahl, Clara Lobato, LuCinda Melville,

Margaret F. Miller, Jerome V.H. Moffitt, Pauline E. Morse, Lisa K.M. Neve, Beth C. Nielsen, Marie C. Osoro, Marci L. Radeke, Ruth M. Rudick, Louise Shryers, Patsy T. Sorensen, Beatrice L. VanSchenck, Rosalie K. Walker, LaVonne S. Ward, Cheri A. Waterman, DeAnn P. Wilkey and Oakley C. Young.

Guest speaker at the graduation program will be Sherry Hoffman, clinical coordinator at the Cottonwood Hospital. Others on the program include student speakers DeAnn Wilkey and Pat Sorensen, and Marci Radeke and Karen M. Neve with musical numbers. Graduation certificates will be presented by Rodney L. Dahl, a member of the Utah State Board For Vocational Education.

Campus remodeling progresses

A \$259,000 remodeling of the welding labs in the Metal Trades Bldg. is listed among projects upcoming on the main campus.

The present related welding lab, formerly used for major

appliance repair, will get new arc welding booths, an exhaust system and storage facilities for materials.

The remodeling money comes from a \$1.3 million higher

education appropriation to the Utah State Building Board from the state's general fund. The legislature approved \$5 million for acquisition, construction, alteration and repair of state grounds, buildings and facilities.

Joe Johnson, superintendent of buildings and grounds, also indicates that new carpeting will be installed in the fiscal, administration and registration areas of the Nelson Administration Bldg. Johnson says the present carpeting has been in use for 11 years and needs to be replaced.

Two new bays have been added to the laborer's training program building near the tennis courts. The additional area will be for storage.

A planning guide for the construction of a business building on the main campus is underway. Funds for the planning guide were authorized by the recent legislature. A request for planning guide funds for construction of a heavy duty mechanics building is being prepared for next year's lawmakers.

April 1 still is listed as the completion date for College Center remodeling. Bookstore expansion and additional office space accounts for most of the construction work. No decision has been made about proposed office space in the present games area. One suggestion has been to install a giant TV screen. Another has been to assign the area to the Dean of Students personnel.

Creative writing is something you occasionally find in magazines and invariably find in resumes.

Tuition, fee increases coming

Resident student tuition at the college will increase \$10 to \$138 a quarter for fulltime students, those with 10 credit hours or more, beginning this coming summer quarter. Non-resident fees jump another \$25. The controversial tuition increase at

the state's colleges and universities was approved by the 1978 Legislature.

The increase, submitted through the legislature as HB 109, brings Utah Tech in line with other two-year colleges in the state. Rising educational costs have prompted the tuition increase.

Other fee changes involve an increase from \$5 to \$10 in the application fee for new students, and an increase from \$5 to \$10 for late payment of tuition. These increases become effective summer quarter also. Administrative costs are blamed for the increases.

Kangaroo film from Audubon showing Mar. 23

"Kangaroos Can't Be Cornered," an Audubon wildlife film about the red kangaroo in the wilds of Australia, will be shown Thurs., Mar. 23, at 8 p.m. in the Rampton Technology Bldg. Auditorium. Admission is \$1.50 a person.

Film maker Lionel Hudson in intimately explores the red kangaroo's natural habitat. One of the animal kingdom's largest marsupials, and largely a nocturnal animal, the red kangaroo is shown close up, including the interior of a wild 'roo doe's pouch, warm and close, complete with a tiny joey.

The film also shows the koala bear and the outlawed dingo dog. Australia has a 6,000 mile long barrier fence to keep dingoes in the desert regions and out of the sheep country.

Hudson is a former World War II pilot and correspondent. Now he's an independent film producer of films in New Guinea and Australia. Last year he led an Audubon tour of these areas.

Few Australians have seen the red kangaroo at close quarters in the wild, and little is known of the kangaroo's habits.

"Kangaroos Can't Be Cornered," an extraordinary film, is a documentary of the red kangaroo, a focus on the dingo dog and a capsule taste of the spirit of Australia's outback and wildlife.

New personnel fill vacancies at college

Among new personnel at the college are LENAE WILLIAMS, a collection technician in the fiscal department; BEN MENDOSA, a counselor with the Skills Center; ELAINE WILDING, a secretary on the main campus for the Skills Center; and RANDY SWAIN, a secretary in the office of veterans affairs.



Lenae Williams



Ben Mendosa



Elaine Wilding



Randy Swain

FTE count drops in state colleges

Winter quarter enrollments at Utah's state colleges and universities dropped sharply from fall quarter statistics, according to a report from the office of the state commissioner of higher education. But Utah Tech's drop was the least of all the state schools.

The report noted larger than usual losses in FTE enrollments, except at Utah Tech.

The school's FTE enrollment dropped 21 students, compared to an average fall to winter loss of 47. The decline leaves the college with 3,958 FTE students and a headcount of 6,282 winter quarter students. Utah Technical College at Provo's loss was 71 FTE students, compared to an average drop of 57.

Larger institutions showed even more dramatic losses. The University of Utah lost 1,292 FTE students compared to an average drop of 1,126. Most were resident students. Utah State University showed a 466 FTE loss compared to an average of 239. Most of the two-year colleges showed losing at least double the students compared to averages. The College of Eastern Utah was high with a drop of 79 FTE students, compared to an average of 13.

Dr. T. H. Bell, commissioner of higher education, says a cause for the drop has not been clearly defined, but the losses could have a major impact on both tuition and final budget adjustments for the coming school year.



Nearly three decades of service

Pres. Jay L. Nelson's retirement

Practically everyone at Utah Tech, at one time or another, has seen the school's president picking up a scrap of paper from the floor, straightening a stack of brochures on the information desk, taking an inspection tour around the college, or some similar activity. What one has seen is the rare personal interest of Jay L. Nelson in every aspect of the college since its beginning in 1947. And if you were around back in the beginning, you might remember you were asked to help paint the restrooms on the downtown campus on a Saturday.

Pres. Nelson has announced his retirement, effective Aug. 31. That will end the only era the college has had.

Pres. Nelson has been singled out a number of times for his leadership of a school that started as a makeshift effort in an old laundry building, now the downtown campus facility. He's conducted the affairs of Utah Tech, as its president since 1949, in an accommodating way, with practically no controversy.

Probably the biggest calamity was former Gov. J. Bracken Lee's veto of the 1949-51 biennial appropriation. But the school has grown from a \$137,000 a year budget to an \$8 million slice of funds and 1,250 students to nearly 7,000. In terms of service, Pres. Nelson is one of the senior college presidents in the nation.

Vocational-technical education in Utah has traveled an arduous trail over the years, struggling against an image gap, unrepresentative budgets and the like. Now the exceptional job placement record of its graduates, outstanding main campus facilities, its stature as the largest vocational college in the state, and yes, the lack of pieces of paper on the floors, can be attributed to the perseverance and leadership of Pres. Nelson.

Pres. Nelson refers to his years at the college as "... a very satisfying experience."

He has resisted attempts to convert Utah Tech to a community

college. He still believes the major thrust of the institution should be toward vocational-technical education, until the employment needs of Utah business and industry are met. Then, he thinks, the proliferation of area vocational centers will hasten the school's evolution to a full community college.

As anyone with a gripe knows, Pres. Nelson has tried not to irritate people during his administration. "You just don't win arguments," he says. Pres. Nelson adds, "When you see opposition you take the middle road, back away until you have better information or try a different angle." Practically anyone confronting Pres. Nelson with a problem comes out of the experience with a new direction, urged to make ideas work in a positive manner.

Pres. Nelson's colleagues say that he is easy to work with, but they also indicate he has a firm determination to achieve his goals. He expects the best from everyone.

He is a native of Brigham City, and a graduate of the Brigham Young University, with graduate work at other colleges. He taught school in Sevier and Iron Counties. He's served on numerous education, community and Boy Scout committees and boards. He and his wife, Afton, have three sons and one daughter.

"Mr. Vocational Education," as he has been called, expects to keep busy when he steps down from his duties next August, honing his golf game, concentrating on upland game bird hunting, and writing a history of Utah Tech.

The man and his manner are retiring from the Utah Tech College scene. Hopefully, the future will provide individuals of similar character and desire to lead the affairs of one of Utah's most important schools.



State leaders such as, from far right, former Utah Gov. Calvin L. Rampton, former Utah Gov. George D. Clyde and Congressman David S. King, have helped guide Utah Tech's progress.



Seemingly always available to students, staff or faculty, Pres. Nelson has relished participation in campus activities, such as this visit from a Halloween ghoul.

Algot Anderson, former related training supervisor when the college was housed at the downtown campus, helps Pres. Nelson clip ribbon to open project house to the public. Houses formerly built on the downtown campus were hauled by buyers to home sites. Early "Project House" program became public showplace of student's building skills. Building construction students now build houses in Salt Lake Valley subdivisions, under college supervision.

ment to end remarkable era

School's VICA contests end, list winners

Utah Tech's skill contests for members of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America were held Feb. 24 and produced a number of winners. First, second and third place finishers are eligible to compete in the state VICA competitions set for the first week in April.

The winners of state contests are scheduled to compete in the National VICA Skill Olympics in June in Alabama.

The school's contest winners in leadership categories were Nancy Scott, first, in prepared speech; Lavana Miner, first, Alaina Lowry, second and Tom Nelson, third, in job interview; and the opening and closing ceremony team of Gordon Coulson, Robin Christensen, Maria Msumek, Dennis Blanchard, Alaina Lowry, Scott Brems and Carol Taylor

Other winners were:

Graphic Communications - Robert L. Jackson, first; Alaina Lowry, second; Kenneth W. Boswell, third.

Cosmetology - Dana Twitchell, first; Collette Gaydon, second; Kit Bartlett, third.

Commercial Foods - Iva Jean Pitcher, first; Philip M. Gipson, second; Timothy A. Westley, third.

Health Occupations - Janet Woodruff, first; Beth Nielsen, second; Becky Coplen, third.

Commercial Art - Gary Graham, first; Kim Sutphen, second; Ruth Hewlett, third.

Machine Drafting - Scott Lee, first; Eric Valgardson, second; Greg Nordgren, third.

Architectural Drafting - Bruce Allen, first; Bart Dalton, second; Scott Starley and K. Warner Jessop, tied for third.

Radio and TV Repair - Dave Matern, first; Neldon Adair, second; John Larsen, third.

Industrial Electronics - Curtis Barnett, first; Howard Armstrong, second; Sharon Tate, third;

Small Engine Repair - John Metcalf, first; Clinton Godfrey, second; Gordon Coulson, third.

Carpentry - Gary Seegmiller, first; Tim Lane, second.

Cabinet Making - Scott A. Whiting, first; Brent Beutler, second; Melton Johnson, third.

Bricklaying - Jeff Allred, first; Glen Smith, second; Roy Nielson, third.

Machine Shop - Kelly Van Otten, first; Tom Bladen, second; Pam Sayers, third.

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration - Bruce Richardson and Tom Suhy, tie for first.

Welding/Shielded Metal Arc - Vaughn Barker, first; Dean Landmark, second; Brian Woolsey, third.

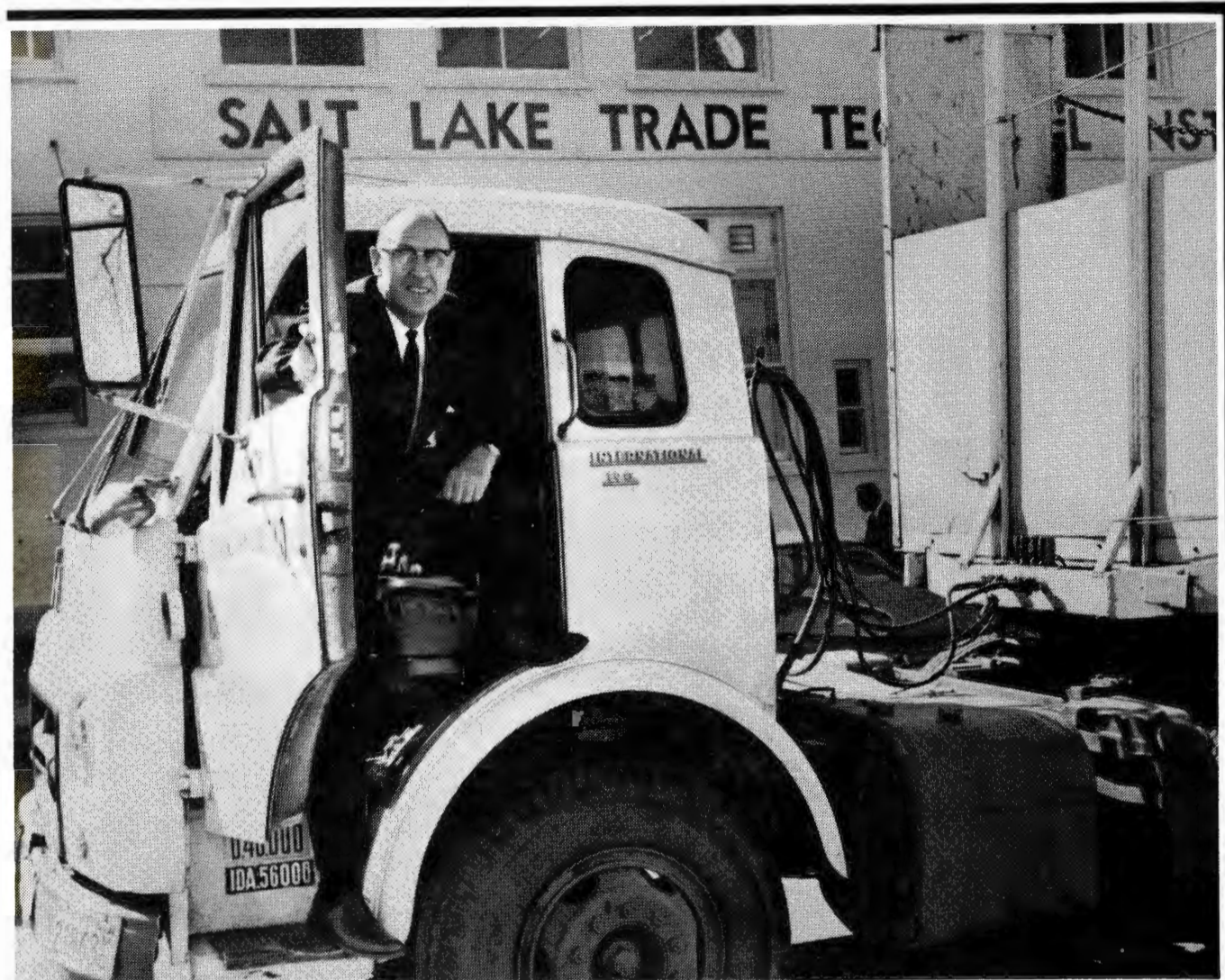
Welding/Mig and Tig - Lewis DeLange, first; Kay Gedge, second; Craig Mortensen, third.

Heavy Duty Mechanics - Scott Brems, first; Gregory Nielsen, second; Scott Neeley, third.

Auto Body - Vince Badger, first; Brent Stringfellow, second; Mike Lorenc, third.

Auto Mechanics - Scott Van Otten, first; Michael DeVroom, second; Michael Ma, third.

Electrical Trades - Dick Beaton, first; Roger L. Peterson, second; Brian Bales, third.



Pres. Nelson has been an energetic administrator, helping the college to grow into the state's largest vocational-technical college with consistently climbing enrollments. Personal interest in campus activities has been his hallmark.

Here's what's been said of him . . .

The nation's past two presidents have lauded Pres. Nelson's contribution to the state's educational progress. Former President Gerald R. Ford said, "I salute your foresight, perseverance and your ability to adapt to change so as to meet the most current needs of your students and of our business and industrial community." President Jimmy Carter said, "Your convictions that students should be prepared for marketable careers led to a greatly enriched curriculum and remarkable success in placing graduates in their chosen fields of endeavor. You have served education and the nation with great distinction . . ."

AND HERE'S WHAT
GEORGE BURNS SAID



GEORGE BURNS

February 1, 1978

My dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am not certain if any of you have seen the movie "Oh, God!", in which I portray the central character. You have only one guess, but here's a hint -- my name isn't "Oh".

The reason we are responding to a letter from the Utah Technical College at Salt Lake is, quite frankly, because I have not been God for a terribly long time and I am trying to establish exactly what places I am responsible to -- and also, who is Jay L. Nelson? And where is Salt Lake? However, to go on, I am ready to assume responsibility for Salt Lake, but I must ask again -- who is Jay L. Nelson? I am friends with John Denver, Frank Sinatra and Seymour Funderman, three of the biggest names in show business, but Jay L. Nelson is another story. Unless he looks a lot like Charlton Heston, chances are he has performed no miracles of late.

But you people are honoring him so he must be a pretty good fellow and a most revered gentleman. With this in mind I send my sincerest best wishes for a marvelous evening. My warmest congratulations go to Jay L. Nelson -- whoever and wherever he is.

Personal regards to you all,

George Burns
George Burns (God--big G)

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Recognition Banquet honors 68 at the college

A Recognition Banquet, honoring 68 individuals at the college with 10 to 25 years service, was held Mar. 4 at the Salt Lake Hilton.

Those recognized for 25 or more years of service were George S. Bringham, Lloyd V. Tilt, Levern Hansen, June A. Black, President Jay L. Nelson and Burton A. Talmage.

The committee in charge of the affair was supervised by Pres. Nelson with Earl Bartholomew, Jean Bird, Mary Lou Densley, Ann Erickson, Bryan Gardner, Ferris Johnsen, Ron Ollis, Grant Smart, Clair Thomson, Lloyd Tilt, John Udy and Linda Walk as committee members.

Personal gifts, fine entertainment, a few laughs, excellent dining and glimpses on slides, with narration, highlighted the activities



Utah Tech's President Jay L. Nelson hosted the affair. He was among six applauded for 25 or more years of service.



Nearly 540 people attended the Recognition Banquet at the Salt Lake Hilton, honoring those with 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service to the school.



Among the array of gifts to individuals recognized at the banquet were caricatures created by commercial art instructor Grant Hulet.



Some even sacrificed their tickets to the traditional University of Utah - BYU basketball game to attend.