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# UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE GRADUATION EXERCISES

June 1, 1973--7:30 p.m.

## PLATFORM GUESTS:

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| 1.  | Jean K. Larsen             | Supervisor, Health & Business Occupations  |
| 2.  | Father Meersman            | Pastor, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church   |
| 3.  | Ella D. DuPont             | Executive Secretarial Student  |
| 4.  | W. Robert Wright           | Member of the State Board of Education   |
| 5.  | Donald B. Holbrook         | Vice Chairman, State Board of Higher Education   |
| 6.  | John H. Klas               | Chairman of the Promotion and Development Committee for the Advisory Council of UTC                      |
| 7.  | Governor Calvin L. Rampton | Governor of the Great State of Utah  |
| 8.  | Jay L. Nelson              |  |
| 9.  | Mary Svitak                | Stenographic Technology Student & Secretary of the UTC Student Body                                      |
| 10. | Terry W. Gray              | Business Management Student and Treasurer of the Student Association at the College                      |
| 11. | Richard M. Baker           | Automotive Technology Student and President of our Student Body  |
| 12. | Dr. R. H. Hansen           | Vice President, UTC  |
| 13. | Richard J. Maughan         | Member of the State Board of Higher Education  |
| 14. | Dr. Sterling R. Provost    | Member of the Staff of the State Board of Higher Education and the Representative of Commissioner Durham |
| 15. | Cammon I. Arrington        | Member of the Utah Technical College Advisory Council  |
| 16. | Dick R. Jenkins            | Student in Automotive Technology   |
| 17. | Ronald L. Jensen           | Student in Electricity   |
| 18. | Paul R. Gundersen          | Supervisor of Trade Occupations at Utah Technical College  |

UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
GRADUATION EXERCISES

Highland High School  
June 1, 1973--7:30 p.m.

TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. IT HAPPENS THAT TODAY IS FRIDAY, AND FOR MANY OF US FRIDAY IS ALWAYS A GREAT DAY. BUT THE OTHER DAY I READ A WORTHWHILE SIGN WHICH SAID: "IF YOU LOOK FORWARD TO MONDAY MORE THAN YOU DO TO FRIDAY, YOU ARE IN DANGER OF BECOMING SUCCESSFUL!"

AS A RESULT OF YOUR SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCES AT UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE CULMINATING IN THIS GRADUATION, WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO MONDAYS - AS WELL AS EVERY OTHER DAY OF THE WEEK.

SUCCESS IS THAT BUOYANCY THAT WE GET WHEN WE REALIZE THAT WE HAVE DEVELOPED AN ABILITY. IT'S ACHIEVING GOALS THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED AND HAVE WORKED DILIGENTLY TO ACCOMPLISH. IT MAY BE WINNING A RACE; IT MAY BE CLIMBING A MOUNTAIN; IT MAY BE OPERATING A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS; IT MAY BE REARING A WONDERFUL FAMILY. IT DEFINITELY IS UTILIZING YOUR TALENTS. IT MAY OR MAY NOT BE THE ACQUISITION OF MATERIAL THINGS. IN THIS LATTER CONNECTION I SHOULD REPORT THAT I RECENTLY SUCCEEDED IN DOING SOMETHING I'VE DREAMED OF DOING SINCE 1962. I PURCHASED A 1962 CADILLAC!

ONE DAY A COLLEGE PROFESSOR - NOT AT UTAH TECH - DREAMED THAT HE WAS LECTURING TO HIS CLASS, AND AWOKE TO FIND OUT THAT HE WAS. I CAN ASSURE YOU, THE MAN WHO WAKES UP AND FINDS HIMSELF A SUCCESS HAS NOT BEEN ASLEEP. THE LATE VINCE LOMBARDI, THE GREAT COACH OF THE OFT-TIME

June 1, 1973

CHAMPION GREEN BAY PACKERS FOOTBALL TEAM, GAVE US A NUMBER OF SUCCESS GUIDE POSTS FOR OUR LIVES. HERE ARE FIVE OF THEM:

1. GET INTO GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION. IF WE FEEL GOOD WE HAVE ZEST, ZEAL, DESIRE AND THE RIGHT ATTITUDE - AND ATTITUDE IS IMPORTANT.

2. ANOTHER RULE LOMBARDI MENTIONED IS SELF-DISCIPLINE, WHICH HE STATED IS ESSENTIAL TO BUILD CHARACTER. IT TAKES COURAGE TO DEVELOP OUR CHARACTERS.

3. HE SAYS WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING - IT'S THE ONLY THING! WINNING REQUIRES DETERMINATION AND EDUCATION. YOU'VE GOT TO WANT TO BE A CHAMPION OR YOU'LL NEVER ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS. YOU'VE GOT TO WANT TO SUCCEED OR YOU'LL NEVER BE SUCCESSFUL.

4. DO THE BEST YOU'RE CAPABLE OF AT ALL TIMES.

5. IF YOU DON'T SUCCEED THE FIRST TIME - MAKE THAT SECOND EFFORT. A SECOND EFFORT IS AS ESSENTIAL IN LIFE AS IT IS IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS.

NOW LET ME ADD A THOUGHT OR TWO ABOUT SERVICE IN RELATION TO SUCCESS. SOME TIME AGO WE DISPLAYED A POSTER ON OUR CAMPUS WHICH READ LIKE THIS: "NINE OUT OF TEN PEOPLE LOSE THEIR JOBS, NOT BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL INCOMPETENCY, BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR INABILITY TO GET ALONG WITH OTHER PEOPLE." THOSE PEOPLE SIMPLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO SERVE IN THE WORLD OF WORK. THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY BE WELL TRAINED, THEY CAN'T POSSIBLY BE SUCCESSFUL UNTIL THEY REALIZE THAT THE WHOLE STRUCTURE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INTERCOURSE IS BASED ON THE PROVISION OF WORTHY SERVICE.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE MASTER TEACHER WAS ALSO A MASTER SERVANT. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE HIM TO BUILD YOUR HOUSE? I BELIEVE YOU COULD COUNT ON A GOOD JOB. HE PROVIDED SERVICE.

YOU KNOW, THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WORK AND SERVICE. PLENTY OF PEOPLE PERFORM WORK, BUT IF IT ISN'T THE BEST THAT THEY ARE CAPABLE OF, THEN THAT'S ALL IT IS - WORK, NOT SERVICE. PLENTY OF PEOPLE ARE ON THE PAYROLL, BUT NOT ON THE SERVICE ROLL.

IT ISN'T SERVICE WHEN A CAT OPERATOR HIDES 10 TONS OF TRASH UNDER 20 TONS OF FILL DIRT WHEN HE BACK-FILLS THE FOUNDATION OF YOUR HOUSE, KNOWING FULL WELL THAT YOU'LL HAVE A GROUND-SINKING PROBLEM LATER ON; NOT TO MENTION THE SLEDGE HAMMER IN YOUR HAND FOR THAT CAT OPERATOR. THAT'S NOT SERVICE - JUST WORK.

IT ISN'T SERVICE WHEN AN ELECTRICIAN DOES A SHODDY, UNSAFE WIRING JOB, KNOWING THAT THE CIRCUIT BREAKERS WILL BE POPPING OUT BY THE NUMBERS WHEN A HEAVY LOAD IS LATER FED INTO THE SYSTEM. HIS EFFORT IS ONLY LABOR.

IT ISN'T SERVICE WHEN A WELDER SPARES A ROD ON A SHOVEL BLADE THAT HE KNOWS WILL CRACK WHEN IT HITS THE FIRST LARGE BOULDER. NOT SERVICE, ONLY WORK.

INTEGRITY, HONESTY, DEPENDABILITY AND CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS ARE ALL FACTORS THAT MIGHT PROPERLY COME UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF SATISFACTORY SERVICE.

THE ATTITUDE OF SERVICE IS PLEASING TO THE RECIPIENT, AND GRATIFYING TO THE ONE WHO GIVES. WE HAVE NOT BEEN PLACED ON THIS EARTH IN ORDER TO BLOCK ONE ANOTHER'S EFFORTS, NOR TO BELITTLE OTHERS, NOR YET TO BE FAILURES. I AM CONVINCED WE ARE HERE TO OVERCOME, TO SUCCEED. BUT THAT SUCCESS COMES FROM OUR OWN EFFORTS.

MANY YEARS AGO IN GREECE THERE WAS A MAN WHO KNEW ALL THE ANSWERS. HE WAS CALLED THE ORACLE. IT WAS HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO ADVISE THE CITIZENS

OF GREECE. BUT IN THOSE DAYS, AS NOW, THERE WERE MANY WHO JUST DIDN'T THINK THE ORACLE KNEW ALL THE ANSWERS. TWO YOUNG PEOPLE DECIDED TO FIND OUT JUST HOW WISE THE OLD PHILOSOPHER REALLY WAS. "I'M GOING TO FOOL THE ORACLE," SAID ONE. "I'M GOING TO PROVE THAT HE'S WRONG NO MATTER WHAT HE SAYS."

"HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT?"

"I'M GOING TO THE ORACLE, AND I'M GOING TO HOLD A SMALL BIRD IN MY HAND.

THEN I'LL SAY, "OH ORACLE, IS THIS BIRD DEAD OR IS IT ALIVE? AND IF HE SAYS IT'S DEAD, I'LL OPEN MY HANDS AND IT WILL FLY AWAY. HE'LL BE WRONG. IF HE SAYS IT'S ALIVE, I WILL CRUSH IT IN MY HAND. AND AGAIN HE WILL BE WRONG."

AND SO THE TWO BOYS APPROACHED THE ORACLE AND THE SPOKESMAN SAID, "OH ORACLE, WHAT DO I HOLD IN MY HAND?"

AND THE ORACLE COULD SEE THE FEATHERS STICKING OUT AND HEAR THE BIRD CHIRPING. "WHY, MY SON, YOU HAVE A BIRD IN YOUR HAND."

THE YOUNG MAN SAID, "YES, I HAVE A BIRD IN MY HAND: BUT TELL ME, WISE ORACLE, IS THE BIRD ALIVE OR IS IT DEAD?"

AND THE WISE OLD ORACLE REPLIED WITHOUT HESITATION - "THAT, MY SON, DEPENDS UPON YOU."

GRADUATES AND FRIENDS OF UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE - THE STAFF AND FACULTY OF THIS GREAT INSTITUTION HAVE TRIED TO ASSIST YOU IN RECEIVING A SATISFYING AND SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE THUS FAR. YOUR FUTURE SUCCESS, HOWEVER, DEPENDS ENTIRELY UPON YOURSELVES.