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UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT SALT LAKE  
GRADUATION EXERCISES

August 26, 1977 - 10 a.m.  
Nelson Administration Building - Auditorium

PLATFORM GUESTS:

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| 1. LARRY R. CHRISTENSEN   | DEAN OF STUDENTS - GRAND MARSHAL   |
| 2. JAY L. NELSON          | PRESIDENT, UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE  |
| 3. ORVILLE D. CARNAHAN    | ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR<br>OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND<br>COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES--<br>USHE |
| 4. DR. W. DEAN BELNAP     | MEMBER, UTAH STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL<br>EDUCATION   |
| 5. JAY J. CAMPBELL        | ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT, OFFICE OF<br>ADMINISTRATION AND INSTITUTION<br>SERVICES--USBVE                         |
| 6. ROBERT L. NEWAY        | MEMBER, UTAH STATE BOARD OF REGENTS  |
| 7. CHARLES W. PETERS      | MEMBER, UTAH STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL<br>EDUCATION   |
| 8. FRANCES N. BOYDEN      | MEMBER, UTC ADVISORY COUNCIL   |
| 9. R. H. HANSEN           | VICE PRESIDENT, UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE   |
| 10. VONDA BLEAZARD        | STUDENT, ACCOUNTING - INVOCATION   |
| 11. LOWRY (BIRDY) BURNHAM | STUDENT, DRAFTING AND DESIGN TECH. -<br>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE   |
| 12. CYNTHIA A. POTTENGER  | STUDENT, AUTO MECHANICS - STUDENT<br>ANNOUNCER   |
| 13. DEAN ALLEN HUNT       | STUDENT, BUSINESS MANAGEMENT - BENEDICTION   |

UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT SALT LAKE

SUMMER GRADUATION EXERCISES

August 26, 1977 - 10 a.m., AD Auditorium

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION, MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARDS, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND FRIENDS OF UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE, IT'S CERTAINLY AN HONOR FOR ME TO GREET YOU ON THIS OCCASION.

(INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM GUESTS)

WE HAVE ASSEMBLED THIS MORNING TO PAY TRIBUTE TO 150 STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION AND TO AWARD THEM CERTIFICATES OF GRADUATION, DIPLOMAS AND ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREES.

STUDENTS WHO WILL RECEIVE GRADUATION CERTIFICATES HAVE COMPLETED ONE YEAR PROGRAMS. THOSE WHO WILL RECEIVE DIPLOMAS HAVE COMPLETED TWO YEAR PROGRAMS, AND THOSE WHO WILL BE AWARDED THE ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE HAVE COMPLETED TWO YEAR PROGRAMS WHICH INCLUDES ADDITIONAL CREDIT HOURS OF RELATED TRAINING WHICH MANY REFER TO AS GENERAL EDUCATION.

WE REFER TO THE EXERCISES THIS MORNING AS OUR SUMMER GRADUATION. LAST NIGHT WE CONDUCTED GRADUATION EXERCISES FOR 44 LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES. OUR PRINCIPAL COLLEGE GRADUATION CEREMONY IS HELD IN JUNE. THIS PAST JUNE OUR GRADUATION EXERCISES WERE HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH SPECIAL EVENTS CENTER. A TOTAL OF 870 STUDENTS WERE GRADUATED FROM UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE LAST YEAR.

YES, YOUR COLLEGE FOR "HIRE" EDUCATION, THAT'S SPELLED H-I-R-E, IS TRULY IN DEMAND. STUDENTS ARE FLOCKING TO THE COLLEGE IN PURSUIT OF TRAINING WHICH WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH THE SKILL TO GET A JOB.

IT'S MY OPINION THAT A MAJOR THRUST OF THE TOTAL SYSTEM OF EDUCATION SHOULD BE TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THEIR LIFE'S WORK. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT STUDENTS SHOULD BE STEERED INTO STUDIES THAT WILL LEAD TO EMPLOYMENT.

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OBVIOUSLY, THE COLLEGE DOESN'T THINK THIS SHOULD BE THE ONLY THRUST. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS MORE TO LIFE THAN WORK, BUT WE RECOGNIZE, TOO, THAT THERE IS REALLY NO TRULY GOOD LIFE WITHOUT A GOOD JOB.

<sup>THIS</sup> THE COLLEGE HAS AN OUTSTANDING PLACEMENT RECORD. BETWEEN 95 AND 97 PERCENT OF THE STUDENTS WHO OBTAIN A MARKETABLE SKILL AT THE COLLEGE ARE SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING A GOOD JOB AT THE CONCLUSION OF THEIR TRAINING. STUDENTS WHO ATTEND OTHER TYPES OF COLLEGES SOMETIMES, DURING RECENT YEARS AT LEAST, HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT. I MET A FATHER RECENTLY WHO IS VERY PROUD OF HIS FAMILY AND ALSO VERY PROUD OF HIS OCCUPATION--HE IS A WELDER. IN TELLING ME ABOUT HIS FAMILY, HE SAID . . . .

MY DAUGHTER HAS HER MASTER'S

MY SON HIS PH.D.

BUT FATHER IS THE ONLY ONE

WHO HAS A J-O-B.

YES, YOU MADE A WISE CHOICE WHEN YOU ENROLLED AT UTC, AND THE JOB MARKET LOOKS FAVORABLE FOR YOU GRADUATES. OUR PLACEMENT COUNSELOR ADVISES THAT THERE ARE EXCELLENT POSSIBILITIES FOR JOBS AS SECRETARIES, TYPISTS, AND OFFICE PERSONNEL, AND BETTER THAN AVERAGE POSSIBILITIES FOR WELDERS, DRAFTSMEN, HEAVY DUTY MECHANICS, AND AUTO MECHANICS. THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF INDIVIDUALS TRAINED IN HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL AREAS AND IN THE FOOD SERVICE INDUSTRY, AND YOU ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICITY TECHNICIANS SHOULD FIND EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT <sup>too</sup> MUCH DIFFICULTY. YES, EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS LOOK GOOD FOR YOU GRADUATES. AT LEAST, IF YOU CAN'T FIND A JOB, YOU'LL KNOW WHAT KIND OF WORK YOU'RE OUT OF.

THE EXPERTS TELL US THAT THE AVERAGE AMERICAN WILL MAKE SIX JOB CHANGES IN A LIFETIME, WHICH SAYS TO EACH OF US THAT WE MUST WORK AND

STUDY TO PREPARE OURSELVES TO MAKE THE TRANSFER FROM ONE JOB TO ANOTHER. EDUCATION ISN'T LIKE THE MEASLES--YOU DON'T GET IT OVER WITH DURING THE EARLY YEARS OF YOUR LIFE.

GOOD BOOK OF TOOTERONOMY (READ)

UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE IS A GREAT SCHOOL. WE'RE PROUD OF IT AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS WE MAKE IN ALL OF OUR INSTRUCTIONAL AREAS. EACH YEAR WE SPONSOR A DRAFTING DAY FOR HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE VALLEY. OUR COMMERCIAL ART SHOW EACH SPRING IS OUTSTANDING. BUT THE HIGHLIGHT OF LAST YEAR WAS THE TREMENDOUS RECOGNITION WE RECEIVED IN NATIONAL COMPETITION.

FIVE STUDENTS FROM UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT SALT LAKE WON MEDALS IN THE NATIONAL SKILL OLYMPICS AT CINCINNATI, OHIO, THIS PAST JUNE. THE VOCATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA HOLD CONTESTS IN DRAFTING, WELDING, CARPENTRY, MACHINE SHOP, PRACTICAL NURSING, ELECTRICITY-- THERE IS COMPETITION IN OVER 30 AREAS. THIS COLLEGE TOOK A FIRST PLACE IN BRICKLAYING, A SECOND PLACE IN RADIO AND TV REPAIR, AND THIRD PLACE HONORS IN AUTO BODY, COMMERCIAL FOOD TRADES, AND HEAVY DUTY MECHANICS.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AT THE COLLEGE DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS HAS BEEN PHENOMENAL. FALL QUARTER ENROLLMENTS IN 1967 TOTALED 2,251. IN SEPTEMBER OF 1976, THE FALL QUARTER ENROLLMENT TOTALED 6,158. IN ADDITION 450 STUDENTS WERE ENROLLED IN THE SKILLS CENTER DIVISION OF THE COLLEGE MAKING A TOTAL ENROLLMENT IN EXCESS OF 6,600 STUDENTS. MOST PEOPLE ARE UNAWARE THAT UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE IS THE FOURTH LARGEST PUBLIC SUPPORTED HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IN THE STATE OF UTAH. ~~APPROXIMATELY 2,500 OF THE TOTAL ARE EVENING SCHOOL STUDENTS.~~ SUMMER QUARTER ENROLLMENTS THIS YEAR TOTALED MORE THAN 1,600 STUDENTS. YES, THE COLLEGE CONTINUES TO GROW AND WILL, PROVIDING WE ARE ABLE TO ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS. WE DESPERATELY NEED A NEW BUSINESS BUILDING. BUSINESS IS NOW THE LARGEST DEPARTMENT AT THE COLLEGE.

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BECAUSE IT HAS GROWN SO RAPIDLY WE HAVE EXPANDED THE BUSINESS CLASSES INTO OTHER BUILDINGS. AS A CONSEQUENCE THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS WHICH NEED TO EXPAND NOW HAVE NO ROOM FOR EXPANSION. WHAT A DILEMMA! HOPEFULLY, WE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO ACQUIRE A PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING ON CAMPUS IN THE YEARS IMMEDIATELY AHEAD. WE'RE NOT ANTICIPATING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS. BUT EVEN THE AUTO MECHANIC OR THE PRINTER NEEDS PHYSICAL FITNESS TRAINING. DO YOU REALIZE THERE ARE ONLY TWO SCHOOLS IN UTAH, JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS AND ABOVE, THAT DON'T HAVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM--THE TWO TECHNICAL COLLEGES. DISCRIMINATION--WHATEVER IT IS, WE NEED A PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING.

#### STUDENT LETTER:

ONE OF THE CHOICE EXPERIENCES ADMINISTRATORS ENJOY IS TO GET THE OCCASIONAL LETTER OF APPRECIATION. LET ME SHARE WITH YOU SOME EXTRACTS FROM JUST SUCH A MESSAGE VERY RECENTLY RECEIVED, WRITTEN BY LAVANA MINER, A VIETNAMESE STUDENT WHO GRADUATES TODAY: *receive an*

"MY BROTHER AND I WERE DROPOUTS FROM HIGH SCHOOL. WHEN WE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES MY PARENTS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT OUR FUTURE BECAUSE WE COULDN'T SPEAK THE LANGUAGE, AND OUR KNOWLEDGE WAS NOT ENOUGH TO GO TO COLLEGE.

"WE BROUGHT OUR CONCERNS TO THE ADVISOR AT UTAH TECH: SHE TOLD US NOT TO WORRY BECAUSE THE FACULTY AT THIS SCHOOL WOULD HELP US OUT. SHE PROMISED US THAT WE COULD MAKE IT, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD TAKE LONGER FOR US THAN THE OTHERS. SHE NOT ONLY ENCOURAGED US - BUT ALSO CONVINCED MY MOM AND MY SISTER TO REGISTER, TOO." *Counselor*

IN HER OTHER COMMENTS MISS MINER LIKENS HER BROTHER TO A ROUGH ROCK. SHE POINTS OUT THAT HIS YEARS OF SCHOOLING HERE HAVE TURNED HIM FROM A ROCK INTO A BRILLIANT DIAMOND AS A RESULT OF THE PATIENT EFFORT OF THE FACULTY. *He hasn't graduated but he has a good job.*



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*deliberately to*  
WE APPRECIATE THESE SENTIMENTS, AND AGREE THAT OUR FACULTY DO  
WORK TO HELP IMPROVE STUDENTS' LIVES. THANK YOU, MISS MINER. *works*

WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE FACILITIES THE STATE OF UTAH HAS PROVIDED  
FOR THE COLLEGE. WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE AS MEMBERS  
OF THE FACULTY AND STAFF TO ASSIST THE STUDENTS WHO ATTEND. WE LOVE THE  
CHALLENGE. TO EXPRESS IT CANDIDLY LET ME SAY

WE'RE GLAD YOU CAME TO COLLEGE

AND STAYED HERE 'TIL YOU'RE THROUGH

~~BECAUSE~~, IF THEY CAN MAKE PENICILLIN OUT OF MOLDY CHEESE

WE CERTAINLY SHOULD HAVE MADE SOMETHING OUT OF YOU.

AS YOU LEAVE UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE, I HOPE YOU LEAVE WITH A  
SOARING SENSE OF YOUR OWN POTENTIAL. I TRUST THAT WE HAVE KINDLED AND  
LIGHTED A FIRE THAT WILL REALLY TRANSMIT A MESSAGE TO THE WORLD THAT YOU  
HAVE THE ABILITY, THAT YOU HAVE THE DESIRE TO WORK AND THAT YOUR ATTITUDE  
WILL REFLECT CREDIT UPON YOURSELVES, YOUR INSTRUCTORS, AND THIS  
INSTITUTION.

*Buffet - immediately following - College Center  
Private pictures - Photographs in front of stage  
Pick up framed diploma - registration desk.*

**FINAL CHARGE**

**(ASK STUDENTS TO STAND)**

**MAY I SAY TO YOU GRADUATES: YOUR PRESENCE AT UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE HAS ADDED DIGNITY TO THE SCHOOL. WE SALUTE YOU FOR YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND ADMONISH YOU TO REMEMBER THE TEACHINGS AND FOLLOW THE EXAMPLES OF YOUR INSTRUCTORS. WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOU AND IN YOUR ABILITY TO SUCCEED. WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST TO TRANSMIT THE KNOWLEDGE AND TEACH YOU THE SKILLS THAT WILL ASSIST YOU IN ATTAINING THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WHICH YOU DESIRE TO REACH IN LIFE.**

**WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT YOU ARE GRADUATES OF UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT SALT LAKE. CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOU! ON BEHALF OF THE FACULTY AND THE ADMINISTRATION, I WISH YOU GODSPEED.**

**MOVE THE TASSEL FROM LEFT TO RIGHT.**

**YOU MAY NOW BE SEATED!**

*I wonder if those graduating today etc.*

**(ASK AUDIENCE TO REMAIN SEATED UNTIL AFTER THE RECESSIONAL.)**

**WE INVITE YOU TO PARTAKE OF THE REFRESHMENTS SERVED . . . . .**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL.**

*Dean A. Hunt - Business Mgt.  
Jerry Joone, Drafting & Design student.*

**BENEDICTION: GERARD J. BLOMMAERT, A COMMERCIAL ART STUDENT**