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1. All unused business cards belonging to the President are bequeathed to Verlaine Zito, who, without a doubt, should be the next president of the college.
2. The Good Book of Tooteronomy will be given to Ferris Johnsen to be used as a "busy book" to help him stay awake during Administrative Council meetings. All past issues of Playboy Magazine, collected since the "phantom subscription" came into being, will be displayed in an attractive rack on the table during administrative council meetings to keep everyone else awake.
3. All the wooden gavels in the President's possession will be turned over to Gene Overson for use in the Building Construction program where there is a shortage of hammers and mallets.
4. The golf cart will be presented to John Wiemer to help him do a better job of umpiring softball games, refereeing football games and as a quick means of escape from irate contestants when he reverts back to the shoddy officiating job he normally does.

5. An undeveloped roll of film has come into my possession, taken of events and happenings at last year's workshop in Logan. I was going to give it to the incoming president for development and possible use at next year's contract negotiations. However, if any of the staff or faculty would like to buy it, please ~~see me right~~ after this breakfast affair. *line up over on this side.*
6. The President's private refrigerator will be given to the college center food service director, with one stipulation. The 8-inch trout currently stashed in it, reportedly the largest fish ever caught by the President should be permanently frozen in the cafeteria freezer for possible future display in a hallowed spot in the college center.
7. The following faculty members, Ken Hall, Bob Beebe and Anna Lee Johnson, will be presented to Sue Zimmerman, editor of Points West, to slander and malign as she sees fit *in* ~~for~~ any of next year's issues of the student newspaper.
8. And while we're on the subject of the student newspaper, ~~this~~ Points West T-shirt is presented to Ron Ollis to wear while he prepares Headliners issues, to help inspire him to greater heights of journalism excellence.

9. President Nelson's hard hat will be given to Larry Christensen to be used during meetings with the students and their leaders next year and during construction of his empire.
10. The President's cherished intramural sports shirt will be given to Curt Smout to help him maintain a more youthful appearance. His hair has been turning noticeably greyer.
11. The President's key to the executive wash room is hereby awarded to Burt Talmage. He can wash his own socks from here on out.

Like the candle

12. The President's underground parking space will not be given to anyone. It will be established as a museum for personnel to display their speeding tickets and accident reports obtained in state vehicles.
13. The Eternal Candle is hereby bequeathed to Joe Johnson as a backup emergency lighting system in the hope that the light will never go out in the administration building.

14. One of the mysteries of my administration that has always bothered me is I would I be able to recognize my staff without their hair piece.
Chas Hansen - Jim Hite - Bob Webster - Lerin Johnson
Curtin Smout - HAVE I FORGOTTEN ANYONE? Ralph Child.

UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT SALT LAKE
GRADUATION EXERCISES
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH SPECIAL EVENTS CENTER
JUNE 2, 1978--7:30 P.M.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION, MEMBERS OF OUR GOVERNING BOARDS, MEMBERS OF OUR UTC ADVISORY COUNCIL, HONORED GUESTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, IT IS MY PLEASURE ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATING STUDENTS, THE COLLEGE FACULTY AND STAFF TO GREET YOU AND WELCOME YOU TO THESE GRADUATION EXERCISES.

WE ARE HONORED TONIGHT TO HAVE WITH US ON THE STAND A DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS--I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THEM AT THIS TIME. (REFER TO LIST OF PLATFORM GUESTS.)

THESE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OFFICIALLY COMPLETE THIRTY YEARS SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE COLLEGE IN 1948. CREATED BY THE UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE AS SALT LAKE AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, THE INSTITUTION EXISTED TOTALLY AT WHAT WE NOW CALL OUR DOWNTOWN CAMPUS AT FOURTH SOUTH AND SIXTH EAST UNTIL 1967. IN 1959 THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO SALT LAKE TRADE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, AND IN 1967 THE SCHOOL'S TITLE WAS AGAIN CHANGED TO UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT SALT LAKE. AT THAT TIME THE INITIAL MOVE WAS MADE TO THE MAIN CAMPUS AT 4600 SOUTH REDWOOD ROAD.

FROM A BEGINNING ENROLLMENT IN 1948 OF LESS THAN 700 STUDENTS, WE NOW CATER TO WELL IN EXCESS OF 7,500 MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL AGES, ENGAGED IN ONE- AND TWO-YEAR PROGRAMS. WE ARE IN FACT THE FOURTH LARGEST PUBLIC POST-HIGH SCHOOL INSTITUTION IN THE STATE . . . LARGER THAN ANY OTHER TWO-YEAR COLLEGE, AND SOUTHERN UTAH STATE COLLEGE.

WHILE UTAH TECH OFFERS MANY 2-YEAR PROGRAMS TRANSFERABLE TO OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, THE MAIN THRUST OF THE COLLEGE IS TERMINAL, PRACTICAL "HIRE" EDUCATION . . . AND THAT'S SPELLED H-I-R-E. AND YOU STUDENTS TONIGHT CAN ATTEST TO THAT!

DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, 1,009 STUDENTS HAVE QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES FROM UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT SALT LAKE. THIS NUMBER INCLUDES 140 STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED DURING SUMMER COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES LAST AUGUST, AND 82 STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED FROM OUR PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAMS. THESE EXERCISES WERE HELD IN AUGUST AND MARCH. 787 STUDENTS WERE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN TONIGHT'S GRADUATION ACTIVITIES. MANY OF THESE STUDENTS COMPLETED THEIR PROGRAMS AT THE END OF THE FALL QUARTER AND MANY OTHERS COMPLETED THEIR PROGRAMS AT THE END OF THE WINTER QUARTER. THEY HAVE BEEN ON THE JOB FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND THEY ARE WORKING THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND WERE UNABLE TO RETURN FOR THE GRADUATION EXERCISES. 520 STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE THEIR CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS, AND DEGREES TONIGHT.

WE HAVE A VERY CAPABLE AND COMPETENT FACULTY AT THE COLLEGE, AND THEY ARE DEDICATED TO THEIR ASSIGNMENTS. IN THE PROCESS OF DESIGNATING AN OUTSTANDING TEACHER THIS YEAR, THE STUDENTBODY SELECTED SIX FINALISTS FOR THE HONOR WHO WERE RECOGNIZED AT THE STUDENTBODY AWARDS BANQUET. FROM THAT DISTINGUISHED GROUP, THE COMMITTEE WAS UNABLE TO REACH A CONSENSUS. CONSEQUENTLY TWO INSTRUCTORS WERE CHOSEN TO RECEIVE THE OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD, DAVIS BALLARD, A GENERAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR, AND MARGARET NELSON, A NURSING INSTRUCTOR. DAVE BALLARD AND MARGARET NELSON, WILL YOU PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED.

TRADITIONALLY, POST SECONDARY EDUCATION HAS BEEN EXPECTED TO PERFORM TWO ROLES:

1. TO PRODUCE A BROADLY EDUCATED PERSON WHO UNDERSTANDS THE WORLD AND ONE'S RELATIONSHIP TO THAT WORLD, AND
2. TO PREPARE A PERSON FOR LIFE'S WORK BY PROVIDING A MARKETABLE SKILL.

I THINK WE WILL ALL AGREE THAT BOTH OF THESE ROLES ARE IMPORTANT. UNIVERSITIES SEEM TO ADVOCATE THAT THEIR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO TEACH

INDIVIDUALS HOW TO THINK AND PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH A BROAD GENERAL EDUCATION. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ADVOCATES PROVIDING SKILLED TRAINING AND ONLY THE SUPPORTIVE GENERAL EDUCATION NEEDED TO PERFORM THE TASK. PERHAPS THERE IS A NEED FOR A COMPROMISE IN BOTH AREAS.

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.

OBVIOUSLY, I DON'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 NO TRULY GOOD LIFE WITHOUT A GOOD JOB.

THE UNITED STATES IS A JOB ORIENTED SOCIETY. WITHOUT A JOB, YOU'RE A NOBODY. THE WORK ETHIC HAS MADE AMERICA GREAT, AND I FEEL A STRONG COMMITMENT TO PRESERVE AND REVITALIZE IT AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

I'M CONFIDENT THAT ALL OF US WANT TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN OUR LIVES. WE WANT OUR FAMILIES, OUR FRIENDS, AND RELATIVES, AND OUR BUSINESS ASSOCIATES TO LOOK UPON US WITH PRIDE AND ADMIRE OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. IT'S FUN TO COUNSEL WITH STUDENTS AND SUGGEST A FORMULA THAT WILL HELP ASSURE THEIR SUCCESS. I USE AN EXAMPLE FROM PAUL DUNN'S BOOK, ENTITLED ANXIOUSLY ENGAGED. HE TELLS ABOUT A RETIRED BUSINESS EXECUTIVE FRIEND OF HIS WHO WAS ASKED THE SECRET OF HIS GREAT SUCCESS. HE REPLIED THAT IT COULD ALL BE SUMMED UP IN THREE WORDS--"AND THEN SOME." I DISCOVERED AT AN EARLY AGE, HE SAID, THAT MOST OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AVERAGE PEOPLE AND TOP PEOPLE CAN BE EXPLAINED IN THOSE THREE WORDS. THE TOP PEOPLE DO WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THEM--AND THEN SOME. THEY ARE THOUGHTFUL AND CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS--AND THEN SOME. THEY MEET THEIR OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FAIRLY AND SQUARELY--AND THEN SOME. THEY ARE GOOD FRIENDS TO THEIR FRIENDS--AND THEN SOME. THEY CAN BE COUNTED ON IN AN EMERGENCY--AND THEN SOME.

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AND SO IT IS WHEN YOU DO WHAT YOU'VE CONTRACTED TO DO--AND THEN SOME, THEN YOUR EMPLOYER PAYS IN FULL--AND THEN SOME.

EXCELLENT IDEA--I HOPE WE'LL ALL SUBSCRIBE TO IT.

AS AN EDUCATOR I STRONGLY ADMONISH EVERYONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION. EDUCATION IS A LIFELONG PROCESS. BE PROUD OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND ATTEMPT TO EXCELL IN YOUR CRAFTSMANSHIP. SUCCESS IS ACHIEVED THROUGH PLANNING, WORK, AND DEDICATION.

IF YOU WORK FOR A MAN, IN HEAVEN'S NAME, WORK FOR HIM; SPEAK WELL OF HIM, AND THE COMPANY HE REPRESENTS.

IF YOU MUST GROWL, CONDEMN, AND ETERNALLY FIND FAULT, RESIGN YOUR POSITION AND WHEN YOU ARE ON THE OUTSIDE, DAMN TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT. BUT AS LONG AS YOU ARE A PART OF THE COMPANY, DO NOT CONDEMN IT. IF YOU DO, THE FIRST HIGH WIND THAT COMES ALONG WILL BLOW YOU AWAY, AND PROBABLY YOU WILL NEVER KNOW WHY.

REMEMBER, AN OUNCE OF LOYALTY IS WORTH A POUND OF CLEVERNESS. AND THOSE CHOICE THOUGHTS CAME FROM THE RENOWNED WRITER--ELBERT HUBBARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ON BEHALF OF THIS DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF GRADUATES, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THESE EXERCISES TONIGHT. THE PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE AS PRINTED.

UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE GRADUATION EXERCISES
June 2, 1978 - 7:30 p.m.
University of Utah Special Events Center

PLATFORM GUESTS:

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| 1. Larry R. Christensen | Dean of Students |
| 2. Donald B. Holbrook | Chairman, Utah State Board of Regents |
| 3. Dr. W. Dean Belnap | Chairman, Utah State Board for
Vocational Education |
| 4. Burton A. Talmage | Vice President for Business Affairs |
| 5. Helen B. Ure | Chairman, Salt Lake County
Commission on Youth |
| 6. Jay L. Nelson | President, Utah Technical College |
| 7. Dr. Walter D. Talbot | State Superintendent of Public
Instruction |
| 8. Dr. Kenneth McFarland | Graduation Speaker |
| 9. Dr. R. H. Hansen | Vice President for Instruction |
| 10. Senator Warren E. Pugh | Chairman of the Board, Cummins
Intermountain Diesel Sales Company |
| 11. Florence R. Malmquist | Chairman, Utah Technical College
Advisory Council |
| 12. Ronald Brent Osborn | Student, Marketing |
| 13. Charles Wade Little | Student, Business Management |
| 14. Scott Brems | Student, Heavy Duty Mechanics |
| 15. D. Omer Buttars | Member, Utah State Board of Regents |
| 16. Joan Burnside | Member, Utah State Board for
Vocational Education |
| 17. Lila B. Bjorklund | Member, Utah State Board for
Vocational Education |
| 18. Larry Chaston | Assistant Director of Institutional
Research, Utah System of Higher
Education |
| 19. Dr. Harden R. Eyring | Assistant Commissioner and Director
of Planning, Utah System of
Higher Education |

20.	James R. Schnirel	Dean of Technical Occupations and General Education
21.	Jean K. Larsen	Dean of Health and Business Occupations
22.	Max S. Lowe	Dean of Skills Center and Pre-Tech
23.	Michele Duckworth	Student, Business Management
24.	Margaret Nelson	Instructor, Health Occupations
25.	Dave Ballard	Instructor, General Education
26.	Sally Schollmeyer	Student, Marketing
27.	Cheri Matthews	Student, Marketing/Business Management
28.	Karen Baker	Student, Secretarial
29.	Ann Erickson	Instructor, General Education
30.	Verlaine Zito	Division Head, Metal Trades
31.	Chris Wentworth	UTC Studentbody President

GRADUATION EXERCISES
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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
HELEN B. URE

I AM HAPPY TONIGHT TO PRESENT A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM THIS COLLEGE TO ONE OF EDUCATION'S LEADING LADIES, HELEN B. URE.

MRS. URE WAS FORMERLY CHAIRMAN OF THE UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION--THE FIRST WOMAN TO HOLD THAT OFFICE. THROUGH HER EFFORTS, UTAH TECH CONTINUED TO GROW AND EXPAND, LEADING TO THIS COLLEGE'S PRESENT STATUS AMONG UTAH'S COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

MRS. URE CURRENTLY IS CHAIRMAN OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION ON YOUTH, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE SALT LAKE CITY - COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND A MEMBER OF A STATE COMMITTEE TO STUDY ALTERNATIVES FOR TROUBLED YOUTH.

AMONG MANY HONORS PRESENTED TO HER, OVER WHAT SEEMS TO BE A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO OTHERS, SHE WAS NAMED TO THE HALL OF FAME OF THE SALT LAKE COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

TO THESE MANY HONORS, I AM PLEASED TO ADD THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT SALT LAKE FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO UTAH TECH AND THE EDUCATION AND CARE OF THE STATE'S YOUTH.

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
STATE SENATOR WARREN E. PUGH

AMONG UTAH TECH'S LEGISLATIVE FRIENDS, I'VE ALWAYS CONSIDERED SENATOR WARREN E. PUGH AS "ONE OF US."

SENATOR PUGH HAS ACHIEVED BUSINESS AND POLITICAL SUCCESS PRIMARILY THROUGH THE WORLD OF WORK. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CUMMINS INTERMOUNTAIN DIESEL SALES COMPANY, AND PRESIDENT OF CUMMINS INTERMOUNTAIN IDAHO INC., HE HAS DEVELOPED A THRIVING AND IMPORTANT LINK IN THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY.

HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE UTAH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE STATE SENATE SINCE 1967. HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE DURING 1973-74.

SENATOR PUGH IS CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND THE EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. AMONG HIS MANY CIVIC OFFICES, HE HAS BEEN PRESIDENT OF THE SALT LAKE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND DIRECTOR OF THE UTAH CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA.

FOR HIS BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS, AND HIS EMPATHY FOR UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT SALT LAKE AND THE WORLD OF WORK, I AM MOST HAPPY TO PRESENT THIS COLLEGE'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD TO SENATOR WARREN E. PUGH.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

DR. WALTER D. TALBOT

DR. WALTER D. TALBOT IS STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR UTAH.

AS ONE OF THE STATE'S LEADING CITIZENS, DR. TALBOT IS A MEMBER OF THE UTAH STATE LAND BOARD AND THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE HANDICAPPED AND DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED.

AMONG MANY OTHER IMPORTANT OFFICES HE HAS HELD, DR. TALBOT WAS RECENTLY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNCIL OF CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICERS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AGENCY FOR INSTRUCTIONAL TELEVISION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

HE IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A NUMBER OF CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE UTAH SYMPHONY, SALT LAKE ART COUNCIL, PIONEER STATE THEATER ADVISORY BOARD AND THE UTAH OPERA CO.

FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT IN AFFAIRS THAT BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE, AND FOR HIS PERSONAL SUPPORT OF THOSE SEEKING VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION, I AM EXTREMELY PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT SALT LAKE TO DR. WALTER D. TALBOT.

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DR. KENNETH MC FARLAND

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO INTRODUCE TO YOU OUR DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER, DR. KENNETH MC FARLAND. I HAVE LONG BEEN A FAN OF DR. MC FARLAND'S . . . IN FACT, ALTHOUGH HE MAY NOT KNOW IT, HE HELPED CHEER ME UP AFTER MY FIRST HEART ATTACK, SOME 13 YEARS AGO.

DR. MC FARLAND HAS BEEN IN PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING FOR FORTY YEARS, TALKING TO HUGE AUDIENCES UP AND DOWN THE LAND. FOR YEARS HE HAS BEEN GUEST LECTURER FOR GENERAL MOTORS, AND FORMER GUEST LECTURER FOR READER'S DIGEST.

HE HAS WON THE GOLDEN PLATE AWARD AS AMERICA'S NUMBER ONE PUBLIC SPEAKER, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ACHIEVEMENT; OUTSTANDING SALESMAN OF AMERICA, NATIONAL SALES AND MARKETING EXECUTIVES; OUTSTANDING AMERICAN 1974 - NATIONAL AWARD, LOS ANGELES PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATION: NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD, FREEDOMS FOUNDATION, VALLEY FORGE . . . AMONGST MANY OTHERS.

A FORMER TEACHER AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS IN KANSAS, DR. MC FARLAND IS ALSO THE AUTHOR OF "ELOQUENCE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING" - A BEST SELLER IN ITS OWN RIGHT. I NOW INVITE YOU TO JOIN WITH ME IN WELCOMING DR. KENNETH MC FARLAND WHO IS ONE OF, IF NOT THE BEST, SPEAKER IN THE COUNTRY. AS HE SAYS IN ONE OF HIS SPEECHES, "NOW, IF YOU INCLUDE THE CITY--WELL, THAT'S A DIFFERENT STORY." DR. MC FARLAND!