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## COLLEGE CENTER'S NORTH DINING AREA TO GET A NEW LOOK

Following a meeting with both the College Center Board and President Carnahan, CC director Curtis Smout had announced that the north dining area will be remodeled.

Carpeting throughout, new drapes, wood trim and appropriate chandeliers are basic items planned to provide a warm new look for the area.

The bidding process is under way currently, and it is hoped that refurbishing can be undertaken during the Christmas break.

No changes are planned immediately on the south cafeteria, which was remodeled within the past few years.

When the north dining area is completed, it is intended to offer a Friday night buffet, somewhat similar to the Panorama Room of the Student Union Building at the University of Utah.

A new name is also being sought for the area.

Food service manager Al Richardson is confident that the students, staff, faculty and community will support the improved facility.

Refurbishing is being paid for from reserve funds set aside out of the College Center bond repayment revenue account.

## BURTON TALMAGE NAMED DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

President Orville D. Carnahan announced at a recent Administrative Council meeting that Vice President for Business Affairs Burton A. Talmage has been assigned an additional responsibility as the Development Officer for Utah Technical College at Salt Lake.

Shortly following the announcement a 2-day Workshop on College Management and Resource Development was held. W. Harvey Sharron, Jr., of Sharron and Associates, who has been engaged as consultant on financial development conducted the workshop. Assisting him was Robert L. Stoddard, dean for instruction at Snow College.

Approximately 35 college faculty and staff from both campuses participated in the workshop. Mr. Sharron pointed out that Snow College is now receiving better than one million dollars a year as a result of faculty and staff grantsmanship channelled through the development office.

A number of exciting possibilities will be pursued as faculty transform dreams into reality via well-reasoned written proposals.

It is anticipated further workshops will be conducted on campus during 1982, so that additional college employees may have the chance to participate.

## TIAA-CREF ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN ANNUITY EXPENSE CHARGES

Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association - College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF) recently announced that, commencing January 1, 1982, regular contracts will no longer have an operating expense charge deducted from the premium payments.

Instead, both TIAA and CREF operating expenses for these individual annuities will be charged against investment earnings as the expenses are incurred. Current premium expense charges for regular annuities are 3.5% deducted from each TIAA premium at the time it is paid, and 1.75% from each CREF premium.

In the past a portion of TIAA premium expense charges was set aside in a Reserve for Future Expenses, to meet the cost of administering TIAA annuities after premiums cease and benefits begin. Since future operating expenses will be charged against investment earnings, this Reserve is no longer required. Consequently, there will result a 2% increase in annuity accumulations for TIAA participants not yet receiving annuity income.

The fiscal office advises that Utah Tech has 186 employees who are a part of TIAA/CREF. Virtually all will be affected positively by the new method of charging TIAA/CREF operating expenses.

## SOLAR WORKSHOP PLANNED ON HEATING WATER

Electricity instructor Merrill Shaw advises that a two-part National Solar Water Heater workshop is planned for Friday evening, December 4th and Saturday, December 12th.

The first session will be seminar instruction on water heaters; and the second will be a construction workshop.

Cost of the workshop itself is \$80.00, with registration under way now. The basic 2-collector materials package is \$960.00, with an additional \$100 to \$150 for hardware expenses. Mr. Shaw notes that while at first glance that sounds like an expensive project, if one were to contract commercially for solar water heater installation, the cost would be more than \$5,000.00.

Do-it-yourself enthusiasts are the ones signing up for the workshop. One aspect that helps cut the final cost is the fact that federal income tax will allow 40% against the total cost, and state tax will approve 10%. So, at least for some people, the "real cost" is half the original pay out figure.

The college is building a working model for students to follow. It is based on the freeze protection closed loop anti-freeze system, and is recommended by the federal government as a result of studies made by an Arizona university.



## GIFTS & DECORATIONS: THE PROFESSIONAL LOOK WITH THE PERSONAL TOUCH

External Programs dean Verlaine McPhie announces that Fran Werbel is operating a short term Christmas gifts and decorations class, open to anyone interested.

The Open Entry class is held in the College Center Crafts Center (lower level). Cost is \$20.00 per registrant, with supplies charged extra. The program began November 16th, and runs through December 18th.

Registrants can participate any time during open hours for as long or as short a time period as they desire. (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

Fran Werbel will provide instruction on a personal, as-needed basis.

## DACUMS CONTINUE - WITH SUCCESS

Robert Beebe notes that DACUM (Developing A Curriculum) meetings have been conducted during the past couple of weeks in the areas of Word Processing, Executive Secretary, and Secretarial-Clerk Typist-Stenography.

Audni Miller-Beach from the National Center for Research in Vocational Education at Ohio State University has been on campus as a participant in the DACUM process.

Long term benefits are anticipated as a result of the DACUM meetings, which normally include input from both the civic and educational communities.

## STUDENT SERVICES PUBLISHES WEEKLY NEWSNOTES

As a service to such groups as the Institutional Council, Administrative Council, Advisory Council and other valued segments of the educational/business/industrial community, Student Services is publishing an informative weekly sheet emphasizing an aspect of the department.

Most recent focus is on the high school tour. By the time Utah Tech's counselors have visited the ninety-nine high schools on the tour this Fall they will have met with about 2,000 high school seniors.

## STATE PRINTING CONTEST AT UTAH TECH

The Litho Craftsmen's Club of Utah has been holding its 1981 Fine Gallery of Printing exhibition and contest this week in the sunken lounge of the College Center.

Printing instructor Dick Olsen explains that this contest culminates in an awards banquet. At that time winners are selected to enter the national contest. There is also an international contest. Mr. Olsen notes that in 1976 BYU Printing Services won an international award.

Utah has several fine printers interested in quality work. Entry fees in the state contest go toward three scholarships the Litho Craftsmen's Club awards high school students to attend Utah Tech's printing program.

## BUY HOLIDAY CANDIES NOW!

Jeri Madill invites all college employees to take advantage of arrangements made by UTC/SL chapter of the Utah Public Employees Association to purchase See's Candies at good savings.

Orders must be received by December 4th at the latest, and payment has to be made at the time of ordering.

Jeri Madill can be contacted in the college bookstore, ext. 4047.

## SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT NOTED IN REDUCTION OF STUDENT LOAN DEFAULTS

LaNae Williams, fiscal office collection technician, notes that her office has been able to reduce the default rate on National Direct Student Loan payments by nearly 40% in the last year. The default rate for 1980-81 was 7.56%, as compared with 12.45% for the previous year.

The goal for 1980-81 was to reduce the rate to under 10%.

In the 1977-78 year the NDSL default rate stood at approximately 28%. Thus, in the ensuing three year span the reduction has been pegged by over 20%!

Assisting Mrs. Williams is Karen Hayward. The teamwork has certainly produced remarkable results!

## OFFICIAL THIRD WEEK STUDENT ENROLLMENT FIGURES

"Spotlight" doesn't always get it first and if some of you missed it along with us we now put the record straight. The official Fall quarter third week figure showed a Headcount of 6,383 compared to 5,937 for Fall quarter, 1980. Student Credit Hours numbered 62,400 - up about 2,500 over the previous Fall.

Additionally, there are over 700 students taking non-credit classes. They are not counted in the Headcount, but their enrollment means there are 7,000 students on Utah Tech's campuses this quarter.

The FTE (Full-Time Equivalency, which provides a standard yardstick for all Utah colleges) shows 4,161. The 171 increase over the previous year is beneficial as the possibility of increased funding is largely based on FTE's.

## HUMOROUS SPEECH CONTEST

Bryan Gardner represented the Utah Tech Toastmaster Club last week at an area humorous speech contest. He received the second place award. In a similar Evaluation Speech contest, Utah Tech club member Jim Munro was awarded third place.

## VIVAEROBICS! VIVA THE LADIES!

We have mentioned Vivaerobics previously, but now we have word of some of the ladies participating. Mondays and Wednesdays you can probably find Delores Meik, Becky Carnahan, Marian Lindsay, Marilyn Broadbent, Sue Elliott, Monica Ray, Donna Erwin and several students exercising AND smiling while they're at it.