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REGENTS' FACILITIES COMMITTEE IMPROVES UTAH TECH'S CHANCES

The facilities sub-committee of the State Board of Regents has placed the projected Business Building for Utah Tech at the head of its list of statewide campus new building priorities.

The first phase of the building is projected at \$3,717,000.00. However, this does not include parking lots and other needs.

Nevertheless the Business Building -- even when meshed in with the Stat's other building priorities from all agencies -- still may stand a good chance of being funded, unless heavy politicking rearranges once again the prioritized list.

Additionally, the Regents placed fourth in priority the need to put the downtown Skills Center building in good repair. Further details on this plan will be announced later.

FACILITIES COORDINATOR APPOINTED

Gene Overson, former Dean of Construction Trades and Apprenticeship, has been appointed Facilities Coordinator working in the facilities department of the college.

In this capacity Gene will coordinate various remodeling projects, re-roofing situations, parking lot maintenance, represents the department at various meetings, and be responsible in many ways for aspects of the department which Paul Gundersen heads.

Coming to the school as a building trades teacher and subsequently as division head, Gene has been employed full-time with Utah Tech since 1971. A Delta High School graduate, he also attended the College of Southern Utah. He received a masters' degree from Utah State University.

SIGN UP FOR BOWLING TEAM

Bowling enthusiasts will be happy to know that Dennis McGarvey has arranged with Family Center Lanes for the college to have lanes on Monday nights. Starting the last Monday in August, the group will play regularly at 6:45 pm. There are mens' and womens' handicaps.

Family Center Lanes is located in the Family Center Shopping Center on Redwood Road at the intersection with Interstate 215, a few blocks south of the Redwood Road campus.

For additional information and sign-up, call Dennis in the College Center 976-4205.

NON-PROFIT CORPORATION ORGANIZED

A Utah Technical College at Salt Lake Foundation has been formally organized. It is to be operated exclusively for charitable, cultural, scientific and educational purposes. According to the new foundation's Articles of Incorporation, it is intended to maintain, develop, increase and extend the facilities and services of the College; and to solicit gifts and contributions.

It is anticipated that the Foundation will be meeting about mid-October. At that time, the board of directors, executive committee and officers will be named.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR ELECTRIC SIGN

UTC facilities director Paul Gundersen reports that the contract has been awarded for the electronic sign which will abut Redwood Road in front of the Administration Building.

The \$54,930.00 sign is being engineered by YESCO (Young Electric Sign Co.). Paul Gundersen anticipates that the sign will be completed and operational well before fall quarter starts.

REMODELING JOBS NOW UNDER WAY

Following approval by the State Division of Facilities Construction and Management, a \$58,986.00 contract has been awarded to C.I.C. Construction to remodel the former Day Care Center into facilities for the new Dental Assisting Program.

At the same time, remodeling is under way in a house at the west end of the campus -- 2200 West -- for the new Day Care Center. It will provide for approximately 60 children.

In other areas, the Auto Trades east and central wings are being re-roofed. Up to 6 inches of insulation is being applied to some parts of that roof.

COTTONWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOMS TO BE USED BY UTC/SL THIS FALL

Four classrooms in one wing of Cottonwood High School are being leased to Utah Tech for instructional purposes beginning this fall.

According to Dr. Max Lowe, vice-president for instruction, classes in Accounting, data processing, economics, English, management, mathematics, psychology and Sociology are planned for that campus this fall. He added, "Acquisition of this classroom space could prove very attractive to students living on the east side of town."

PROFILE:

MIKE HOMER

"Often small decisions have a major impact on our lives," says Mike Homer, recently appointed Dean of the School of Business.

"It was a relatively small decision that influenced my interest in furthering my education," continued Mike, who is a graduate of South High. He has, over the years, taken classes at B.Y.U., Utah State, Utah Tech/SL, and University of Utah. Now holding a doctoral degree, he has come a long way from his early years as a child in the inner-city.

Known as a butterball while in high school, Mike shocked his peers when he served during summer recess with the Air National Guard, losing 65 pounds and gaining two inches in height.

After graduation, Mike worked for Huddart Floral and soon went on active duty, 4 years, with the Air Force. He was still in the service during the Berlin Crisis when he was promoted to crew chief on a jet tanker. By the time he was due to re-enlist, he was fed up with the useless "spit-and-polish" routine and decided to re-enter civilian life.

For two years, Mike worked for Sperry Utah as an inspector of electro-mechanical products. He enrolled, hastily, at the old "Trade Tech" to learn more about electronics.

Laid off by Sperry, Mike moved to Litton Guidance Control to write inspection manuals. Once again, he found a need for more learning so he enrolled at the U and took English classes.

Promoted, at Litton, to a supervisory position, he found himself ordering people around the military way and not having much luck. That didn't sit too well with his colleagues, so Mike signed up for management classes. When he transferred from night shift to day shift for quality control, he was within six months of completing his bachelors' degree. With his wife's acquiescence, he quit Litton and earned his B.A. magna cum laude.

For three years, Mike taught math at Union Junior High School and worked toward an M.B.A. During this period he also taught part-time at Utah Tech. "The satisfaction of seeing another person grow and knowing that you have contributed to that process is one of the greatest gratifications one can have," says Mike.

Full time with the college since 1972, Mike has been a teacher and department head in the business area. He has also been involved in consulting, work that now takes a back seat as he immerses himself in his new Dean's position.

Away from the college, Mike loves to be with his wife of 24 years -- Margo --, and his four daughters, Kristy, Diana, Mindie, and Julia. He also has a grandchild that he "dearly loves too -- although I'm not," he is quick to add, "old enough to be a grandpa." Family

oriented, Mike water skis, enjoys good music, and reads too. "Science fiction is a big kick," he admits, "but I also read a lot of professional literature and all the journals and books in my area of expertise." Mike regularly writes and contributes his writing to professional journals. He is developing a business statistics textbook.

Mike Homer is excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for the School of Business. He sees a great future for the school, with exciting curricula changes to keep programs abreast with the needs of the area. "We have great faculty," he says, "and they have ideas, enthusiasm and potential which will be a marvelous benefit to the students who come to the college for business education." Dean Homer works hard, and plays hard. If you can't find him anywhere else, doubtless he'll be giving his all on the raquetball court -- determined to win -- and enjoy it.

EAR-TO-THE-GROUND DEPARTMENT

* Continued recognition comes to President Orville D. Carnahan. He has been elected Rocky Mountain region representative and trustee to the American Technical Education Association. He will serve in that capacity into 1985.

* Hope you saw the Utah Tech/SL float in the "Days of '47 Parade" on the 24th of July. The float's theme was "The Magic of Education" and featured a flying carpet and some Arabian-dressed beauties. Curtis Smout put the float together and mounted it on a junk 1971 model Mercury.

* The Fall Quarter Day and Evening Class Schedule is now printed and available. Twenty thousand copies have been printed on campus. The 40 page document is the largest Utah Tech/SL class schedule to date.

* "Spotlight" general manager Bryan Gardner is trying valiantly to come-out of his annual daze from vacationing in San Diego. In the meantime, PR chief Jay Williams is concerned that he won't have near enough publishable material for the next issue. In a mild scream for all possible help, he is pleading for you to send him anything you can no later than August 12th. Rumor is that he will even pick items up if you call him at 4103.

MOVIES FOR THE BALANCE OF AUGUST

College Center programs director Dennis McGarvey announces the final roster of big screen movies to be shown before the end of summer quarter. As in the past, the movies are viewed on the big screen TV in the fireplace lounge of the College Center at 10 am, 1 pm, and 6 pm.

"Slapshot," Tuesday, August 10
"North Dallas Forty," Wednesday, August 11
"Tommy," Tuesday, August 17
"Xanadu," Wednesday, August 18
"One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest,"
Tuesday, August 24
"Star Wars," Wednesday, August 25

