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"CRISIS IN VO-ED" FORUM AT UTAH TECH, NOV. 29

"Crisis in Vocational Education" is the provocative title of an open forum co-sponsored at the college on November 29 at 7 p.m. by the U.V.A., Utah State P.T.A., the State Vocational Advisory Council, and vocational student organizations.

Dean Michael Homer, president-elect of the Utah Vocational Association, points out that there is a climate of educational reform in the state and nation.

All employees, their families, friends, VIPs, etc., are invited to attend this free discussion in the Technology Building auditorium. Other forums, sponsored by the same groups, will take place in St. George, Logan, and other centers in the state.

Among those who have accepted as forum presentors on this night are: Haven J. Barlow, legislator; Ron Erickson, human resources manager, National Semiconductor; Darlene Hutchinson, State Board of Education member; Peggy Pappas, a parent; Reed H. Thatcher, Jordan School District vocational director; Elva Barnes, State Board of Regents member; and Kent Summers, a student.

Three prime issues will be considered by presentors. They are: To what extent is the public's responsibility to provide education for employment within the public education system? How does the general public and the business community perceive vocational education in the State of Utah? And, What funding levels are necessary to provide quality vocational education at a level supported by the public?

The audience will have the opportunity to participate in the forum.

ONE SATISFIED CUSTOMER...

Bob Beebe, assistant to the vice-president for instruction, recently received a letter from a student who took time to praise a staff member. Sometimes in the welter of classes, meetings, paperwork, and other activities, we fail to realize that many students are really appreciative of the help offered at the college. This letter - while representing a deserved bouquet to one department - is characteristic of the way most of our clientele feel.

"I would like to thank Gylene Davis in your Cooperative Education Department for the professional guidance I have received. Because of her efforts I am presently employed as a part-time computer programmer at the Utah National Guard. I am receiving both credit and experience, the latter of which will enhance my chances of getting a job when I graduate.

"The economic picture is frightening to those of us still in school. Cooperative Education will serve as an important link between school and the 'real world.' It not only provides the experience employers are looking for, but also the confidence in knowing how to handle the responsibilities and pressures the job demands.

"I feel Cooperative Education is as important as any service a college can offer, especially in the hands of one as concerned and competent as Gylene Davis."

SPECIAL SEMICONDUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM STARTS

Dr. Max Lowe, Vice-President for Instruction, notes that beginning November 28 a new semi-conductor technician training program is being offered at the school, coordinated with National Semiconductor.

The project will involve approximately 300 students before it is completed, and will include a one-year classroom training program and a one-year combination of classroom and on-the-job training.

The intent of the program is, at this time, that if the student successfully completes the on-the-job portion of the program, he/she will be hired by National Semiconductor as a semiconductor technician. "However," Dr. Lowe adds, "all of this is contingent upon economic conditions at that future time."

"The program," the instructional vice-president comments, "is somewhat different from our regular Electronic Technician program in that it will emphasize more of the chemistry, plus management techniques.

"Special State monies are being used to fund this program, through our External Programs School. If you know of any individuals who might be interested in this type of training, please contact Dean Bruggger's office."

Dean Geoffrey Bruggger is excited about the new program, and feels it is a real feather in our cap. While other colleges also have a part to play, ours in many ways is the major role.

THE FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Fall Quarter Faculty Development Committee (FDC) meetings - formerly the Faculty Credentials Committee - are held on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the CTA/FDC Office (Construction Trades, Room 218). The telephone number is 967-4057.

Members of the committee are: Maureen Aylett, chair; Neal Grover; Don Merrill; Merril Shaw; and Jerry Van Os.

"Before the Fact" and "After the Fact" forms are now obsolete and will no longer be accepted. The new "Faculty Development Proposal" form must be used, as specified in the new Faculty Development Program document that replaces the older FCC document. By now all full-time faculty should have received a copy of this document from Dr. Max Lowe, vice-president for instruction.

The new forms are available from any FDC committee member, or from your division chairperson.

JOB LINES

Rand Johnson, Placement Director, reports that United Parcel Service has hired at least 18 Utah Tech students since September. And Marv Ellis, the U.P.S. personnel representative, was due back at the college on November 18 to interview another group of students, possibly hiring as many as an additional 10 employees.

Bo Hall, from Special Vocational Services (a division of the Skills Center) was recently on campus to conduct an inservice workshop for deans and division chairs and their secretaries relative to the Guidance Information System.

At the November 3rd College Senate meeting, Senate President Jim Schnirel welcomed Hal Beckstead, replacing Syd Penrod as a Downtown Campus representative.

Dr. Lowe discussed the re-training program that will be taking effect. He indicated that internal re-training and shifting of personnel into areas where help is needed will be emphasized over the selection of new personnel from the outside. This applies to tenured and full-time faculty. Dr. Lowe noted that he will be putting out a memorandum about this in due course.

The Senate established a Capital Facilities Committee, with Reed Parr as chair. Other committee members are Bill Graham, Jeviene Christopulos, and Ulrich Zeisler. Non-Senatorial committee members are Paul Gundersen, and Jerry Fullmer.

Senator Frank Harper voiced a motion (that carried) which asked the Capital Facilities Committee to study the development of recreational facilities and activities for the students, faculty, and other employees of the college.

Senator Nancy Matthews reported that in connection with the mailroom, when the equipment arrives and minor remodeling is accomplished, the worker in that area will give full-time attention to the mail, and that no information services would be offered. Mail will have a delivery twice a day to the major areas throughout the college.

Additionally, Nancy Matthews reported response to Senators' requests for legislator information from their constituents was disappointing. Jeri Hendrickson thought some employees might not know who their legislators were, and to that end suggested employees call 535-7731, and ask who the senator and representative is for the area in which they reside.

President Schnirel passed around copies of proposed resolutions to be sent President Carnahan, John Klas of the college's Institutional Council, and Kem Gardner of the State Board of Regents. The resolutions commend the individuals and organizations for their stand on the improvement of salaries at this institution and for higher education at large in the state.

The Senate will recommend to the administration a scheduled 'activity period' during the school day for staff, faculty, student meetings and activities. The schedule is staggered in such a way that the same classes would not suffer throughout the year.

JACKSON HOLE SKI TRIP

Activities Coordinator Jerry Urlacher gives us details of the upcoming Jackson Hole ski trip, planned for December 16-18.

Lodging is based on 4-person occupancy per room, at \$27.50 per person. That covers two nights' lodging and two days of skiing at Snow King. (Jerry points out that rooms can be reserved for 2-person occupancy, but cost is then \$55 per person.)

All participants must be affiliated with Utah Tech, or be a guest of a student, faculty or staff member.

Jerry says the procedure is to pay the \$27.50 (his office is Room 110 in the College Center); indicate whom you will be rooming with (note that all persons in the same quad must pay at the same time); if no previous arrangements have been made, Jerry will assign rooms; sign carpool list if you know whom you are driving with - or, sign list for persons needing transportation (you pay your transportation costs, of course).

"Most important," says Jerry, "is that you save your receipt. No lodging or skiing will be honored without that receipt!"

Jubilant is the word among alumni officers. Karen Hayward, the organization's treasurer and collection clerk in the college's Collections Office, was bubbling about the alumni response to Utah Tech's first phonathon effort.

And Carol Henderson, alumni coordinator who undertook most of the detail organizational work, was thrilled that the initial goal of \$10,000 was surpassed. "We actually received pledges totalling in excess of \$13,000," says Carol. "And we have already banked some \$4,000. Scarcely a day goes by without some pledges being transformed into cash."

The Phonathon began in mid-October, and ran through November 15 on selected evenings. Carol Henderson says several score volunteers undertook the telephone duty, with up to 20 phones being used some nights. She estimates that about 5,000 alumni throughout the state of Utah were contacted.

"In addition to the monetary contributions," Carol adds, "we have been able to update many of our files on people's addresses, etc. Nearly all those to whom we talked had good memories of the college and the help they received while going to school here."

Dr. Max Lowe joins Carol Henderson in expressing particular appreciation to all those faculty and staff members who voluntarily aided in the Phonathon.

SPOKEN IN THE HALLWAYS

* Bob Beebe anticipates addition of a new self-operated copy machine in the Copy Center (Ad. Bldg) before the turn of the year. This is to be a state-of-the-art I.B.M. machine, capable of copying 2 sides on one pass through the machine. The user operation is intended primarily for emergency use.

* The Comprehensive Demonstration Cooperative Education grant worked on by Jim Godfrey, Gylene Davis, Bob Beebe and others, is being reviewed by outside independent consultants prior to getting a final polish before being transmitted to Washington, D.C. If the grant were funded, it could mean up to about \$500,000 over a period of time for the college.

* Mention of Jim Godfrey allows us to comment that he came through his bypass operation with flying colors, and hopes to be back at the college on a limited basis early in December. In the meantime, he is doing some college work out of his home.

* The rough draft of the college's Self Study, prepared in connection with the upcoming Accreditation visit to the college next year, is being looked at so the document can be transmitted to the visiting team early next year.

* You'd hardly believe that we're winding down the quarter. The apprenticeship calendar has Monday/Wednesday classes concluding on November 30, with Tuesday/Thursday programs finishing the next day. (However, the Saturday program doesn't finish until December 17.)

* Al Richardson, Food Service Director, notes that his staff are into a very strenuous few weeks. "We have back-to-back groups coming in for the next month," Al says. "Some of them are as big as 300-400 people. And the Copper Room buffet is doing well, too. I am really happy with the support from both college employees and the community."

* The Ad Hoc Parking Study Committee is close to submitting the results of its studies to the College Senate. But there is just time for employees to submit ideas or information to committee members before the report is completed. Committee members include Judd Morgan, Lou Hulett, Jeri Hendrickson, Frank Harper, and Bruce Hiatt.