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President's Message: We are approaching a milestone in the history of the Utah Academy as we anticipate our Centennial Celebration next year. The Academy was founded on April 3, 1908 as the Utah Academy of Sciences. In 1933, the Academy was expanded to include Arts and Letters and assumed its current name. We will be celebrating the founding of the original organization in a number of ways this coming year. Our plans include:



- publishing an author and title index of all papers presented in the Academy over its 100 year history.
- publication of presidential, Tanner, and other plenary lectures.
- commissioning a painting to commemorate the Academy's Centennial. This painting will reside at the school which hosts our Annual conference each year.
- staging a special dance production at our April meeting.
- holding a poster competition for a Centennial Poster publicizing the Academy and its Centennial.
- pushing to expand our membership to twice its current number.
- publishing a 100 year history of the Academy.

In commemoration of our Centennial, we will hold our Annual Spring Meeting at the University of Utah. This is where the first meeting was held in 1908. We have plans for some outstanding plenary speakers with invitations to higher education and government leaders to join us for this historic event. Please mark our tentative date of March 21, 2008 on your calendars right now so you can join us. I'd also like to solicit your support of our success this coming year. The Academy has a mission and history of uniting scholars in a number of important ways. First, we have involvement from every major institution of higher education in the State of Utah. This gives us an opportunity to collaborate and support each other in cross-institutional efforts. Secondly, it unites us in sharing our scholarship across a variety of disciplines. In an era of increasing specialization, interdisciplinary conversations and perspectives are becoming increasingly rare but necessary. Please help us extend our reach by inviting your colleagues to become members of the Academy and join us in our mission this coming centennial year.

As I begin my tenure as the Academy President, I'd like to express my deep appreciation to each of you for your efforts, particularly our past Academy officers and board members, who have brought the organization to this point. In regards to our upcoming centennial, I'd like to particularly recognize the efforts of Craig Oberg for spearheading the Centennial Committee, Carrie Minnoch for compiling the index and past Academy lectures, Spencer Blake for his work on the Academy History, and Nicole Ortega for the special dance production. The work and vision of our immediate past presidents, James Harrison and Dwight Israelsen were crucial in getting the ball rolling for this centennial year.

It is a joy to be part of an organization that celebrates and promotes the values of a broad liberal education, institutional collaboration, and the value of interdisciplinary perspectives. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Awards Meeting in October and our Annual Conference in March.



2007 Annual Conference: The Utah Academy 2007 Annual Conference was held at Southern Utah University on April 13, 2007 and was very well attended this year. We express our thanks to our gracious host institution for the welcome we received, and are especially grateful to Carrie Minnoch who did such a great job organizing the conference and to Belinda Harrison who worked as our liaison with SUU.

Fred C. Adams gave the Tanner Lecture, entitled A History of the Shakespearean Festival. The lecture was both entertaining and very informative. Dr. Boyd Beck, from Snow College, received the Distinguished Service Award for lifetime achievement in Organic Chemistry and Geologist W. Kenneth Hamblin received the Willard and Viola Gardner Prize his contributions to study of the Natural Sciences.



Fred C. Adams
Tanner Lecturer



Boyd Beck
Distinguished Service
Award



Kenneth Hamblin
Willard & Viola
Gardner Prize



Fall Awards Evening Invitation

Featuring a Special Multi-media Presentation by
Sir Chris Bonington

Friday, October 12, 2007 7:00 PM
Stewart Library Special Collections Room
Weber State University
Presentation of UASAL Awards * Refreshments
Open to the Public

Fall Awards Evening 2007: All members of the Academy are invited to attend the annual Fall Awards Evening on Friday, October 12 at Weber State University at 7:00 PM, in the Special Collections Room of the Stewart Library.

We are pleased to announce that Sir Chris Bonington, renown mountaineer, environmental advocate, photographer, and writer, will be our guest speaker. What does one do after he has climbed Mt. Everest? Navigated the Blue Nile? Led climbing expeditions in places as varied as South America, the Arctic, and the Himalayas? Find out from our guest. He will give a multi-media presentation that describes his adventures and relates them to how others can approach their own challenges.

Recipients of awards from the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters for 2007 will be honored at this event.

A reception buffet will follow the program.

Weber State University is located in Ogden east Harrison Blvd at 4100 South. For maps and more detailed directions, see <http://weber.edu/weberstatemap/>.

Stewart Library is located in the center of campus, south east of the Bell Tower. The special Collections Room is in the southeast corner of the 3rd floor.

UASAL Journal: The Academy is pleased to announce the imminent release of the 2006 *Journal*. Our thanks go out to Carrie Minnoch, Managing Editor, and Senior Editors Mike Vause and Craig Oberg. Look for the 2007 *Journal* at the Spring Conference.



Call for Nominations

for the following awards to be presented at the Centennial Conference on March 21, 2008 at the University of Utah

Distinguished Service Award John & Olga Gardner Prize in the Humanities

This year's **Distinguished Service Award** is given in recognition of career-long contributions to education in the areas of Health, Physical Education, Recreation; Education; Business; Engineering; or Applied Areas.

The **John & Olga Gardner Prize** is for excellence in the field of humanities.

Please email your nominations to Steven Turley at turley@byu.edu no later than January 9, 2008.

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