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By nature I am a researcher. So, groping to understand objectively the rationale in selecting UTAH POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY as the new name for DSU, I reached for my Webster's Dictionary.....the unabridged version, of course. I thought that if I dissected the individual words in the proposed name, I might find a thread of logic to it all. Here are my findings:

1. UTAH: Got it!

2. POLYTECHNIC: WOW!!.....that's quite a word. From its mere length one might think that it is all encompassing, but not so. Webster defines it as: "of, pertaining to, or offering instruction in a variety of industrial arts, applied sciences, or technical subjects". I pose the question where is there any reference to the rest of the curricula (?): the arts in general, theater/musical arts, athletics, and most likely more. I thought DSU's various arts departments were strong and striving to be even more so, broadening their reputations.....building on their exposure to Tuachan, etc. And, too, private monies are always being sought to improve the athletics department. Didn't we just have a recent addition to the football stadium? Oh dear, I am so confused.

3. STATE and UNIVERSITY: Got these two words as well!

Alas, my dictionary is now closed. The uses of the words UTAH, STATE, and UNIVERSITY are obvious. The problem arises with the word 'polytechnic'. I am now assured that the 'new' name is much more off its mark than I initially thought. In my mind ( and probably those of other average 'joes'), the collective rationale has unwittingly limited the scope of what DSU offers academically; and, thus, has short changed the caliber of the DSU institution itself. One of the disturbing points in all of this is that the individuals that constitute the collective rationale have apparently missed this. All of which brings into my mind their ability to make decisions that would truly benefit DSU.

As I pen these lines I come to you as an individual of sensibilities, fairness, objectivity.....not shackled by prejudices, bigotry, private agendas, etc. What I am now wondering is if I see 'a Red Storm' rising on the horizon.....

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