



**ASSUME BICENTENNIAL ROLE.** Dr. Ted J. Warner, BYU History Professor, will be assuming the role of Father Francisco Atanasio Dominguez while giving a first-hand account of the Dominguez-Escalante Expedition of 1776., as part of a Bicentennial event giving recognition to Dominguez.

## BYU Historian seeks honors for Father Francisco Dominguez

Dr. Ted J. Warner, chairman of the Brigham Young University History Department, has donned a monk's habit and mounted a campaign to ensure that Fray Francisco Atanasio Dominguez gets proper credit for his place in history.

He says many people are unaware that Father Dominguez, a Franciscan monk who was "visitator general and commissario" of 25 Catholic missions in New Mexico in the late 1700's was the real leader of the so called Escalante Expedition through Utah 200 years ago.

Many Utah landmarks including a mountain range, a forest, a desert, a river, a canyon, a park and city have been named in honor of Father Escalante and Father Dominguez, has become a "forgotten friar," noted Dr. Warner.

The professor is a member of

the Dominguez-Escalante State-Federal Bicentennial Committee which is laying plans to commemorate the 2,000 mile trek of the Fathers beginning in July.

As part of the celebration, a small hill near the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon will be named "Dominguez Hill." That's where the Fathers and their eight civilian companions stood and they first viewed Utah Valley in September 1776.

Other research teams have retraced the trail in New Mexico, Colorado, portions of Utah and Arizona for the Bicentennial commemoration of the expedition, stated Warner.

He has edited an English translation of the journal, which will be published this summer, and he uses it as he travels throughout Utah acting the part of Father Dominguez in giving a first-person narrative of the five-month-long expedition.