

Richard Gay delivers the baccalaureate address at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, Alaska on May 22, 1966

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The Reverend Richard Gay talked about self-awareness. He said you didn't ask to be born. The longer you live the more you discover that there are fewer and fewer people who appreciate you. It is obvious such as on n days like today that each of us is worthy of reverence and veneration. So few people perceive this idea. Then we get the idea sometimes gradually that we are going to die. This is the human situation. He discussed different classes of people: the burden bearers, the pilgrims, the people who view life as a challenge, peoples who view life as an opportunity and people who view life as a gift. He said people should be expressing gratitude for the gift of life and living a life of imaginative gratitude.

Bill Cashen invites everyone to a reception given by the Alumni Association and the married student housing dedication.

D.H. Hilgee reads the benediction.

Recessional music.