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Bunnell Memorial Building dedication with Bill Cashen, Bill Egan and Ernest Patty at the University of Alaska Fairbanks in the summer of 1960

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Governor Egan talked about the 1955-56 meeting to frame the Alaska Constitution that took place on the university campus. One of the framers was a graduate of the university. The university's influence can be found throughout the state including the cooperative extension programs. Thirty-eight years ago Dr. Bunnell defined the measure of success of this institution as the service it can render to those who seek education and who are willing to pay the price necessary to secure these accomplishments. He compares these words to Dr. Patty's recent report to the board of regents and the plans of the university to best meet the needs of the state of Alaska.

Dean Cashen thanks Governor Egan. He introduced Paul Bunion who is the president of the Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo #4. He talked about the first people he met at the university including Dr. Bunnell who he called the "Judge." Paul said Dr. Bunnell was a true pioneer. He was always able to accomplish his determined goals even if it meant using his personal funds. His devotion and untiring efforts will be remembered and it is fitting and proper for this building to be dedicated to him.

Dean Cashen said he as one of the first students at the university he always felt like he was a junior partner. Dr. Bunnell paid the students to work at the college. They always received 45 dollars a month which was the cost of room and board. Dr. Bunnell frequently paid for other needs of the students. He had a great faith in students. He knew there were several hundred people in the territory that had an opportunity for an education because of Dr. Bunnell. One of his poems was set to music and the Choir of the North presents it. Dr. Bunnell's daughter, Jean, is introduced. Dean Cashen said soon after Dr. Bunnell's death the alumni association met to determine a fitting memorial for Dr. Bunnell. The association decided that a bronze plaque was fitting. The committee was headed by Audrey Loftus. The memorial plaque is presented to Jean Bunnell. Jean Bunnell reads the plaque. She brought with her the pen that signed the charter for the University of Alaska.