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Ernest Patty is master of ceremonies at a banquet in honor of William Wood in Fairbanks, Alaska in October, 1960

Dr. Patty introduces guests at the banquet. He talks about Eva McGown who is in the audience. Elmer Rasmuson is introduced. Elmer Rasmuson talked about hiring Dr. Wood. Dean Beistline is introduced. He talked about the efforts of Judge Wickersham to form a college in Alaska. He talked about the seal of the University of Alaska, land-grant colleges and the leadership qualities of Dr. Wood. He welcomes the Wood family to Alaska. Dr. Patty thanks the faculty for their performance during his tenure. He told Dr. Wood that he is inheriting a fine faculty. He talked about the university's student body. He introduces the student body president, Kenneth Kareen. Kenneth Kareen welcomed Dr. Wood. He talked about receiving a letter from the University of Nevada. The letter expressed regrets for losing Dr. Wood at the University of Nevada. He congratulated the board of regents for their selection of Dr. Wood to lead the university. Dr. Patty introduces Harold Berg from the business office at the university. Harold Berg told Dr. Wood he appreciates the address at the inauguration. He expressed appreciation for Dr. Wood's attitude to the staff. Dr. Patty introduces Audrey Loftus from the alumni association. Audrey Loftus on behalf of the alumni congratulates Dr. Wood. She reads a letter from one of the University of Alaska graduates now in California. Dr. Nick, from the Cooperative Extension, welcomed Dr. Woods to the University of Alaska. Dr. Norby, Commissioner of Education, is introduced. Dr. Norby said he has had the privilege of getting to know Dr. Wood's family. He has discovered that Alaskans want an outstanding education program. He looked forward to working with Dr. Wood. He said you just haven't lived until you've lived in Alaska. Edgar Phillios represents Sheldon Jackson Junior College and welcomes Dr. Wood. Jim Ryan, representing the Fairbanks Public Schools, welcomes Dr. Wood. Brigadier General Lester Wheeler speaks on behalf of the armed forces and looks forward to a long and pleasant association with Dr. Wood. The Alaska delegation is introduced. Senator Bob Bartlett, Senator Gruening and Congressman Rivers speak. Mayor Ybar of Fairbanks talks about the importance of the university to the community. Dr. Paul Hagland welcomed Dr. Wood and congratulated the regents for their choice of Dr. Wood. He talked about the University of Alaska presidents of the past. Dr. McGee welcomed Dr. Wood. Dr. Conyer from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare welcomed Dr. Wood and talked about the working cooperation between his organization and the university. Dr. Clark Pele from the Geology Department welcomed Dr. Wood.