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Organ music, chatter for 13 minutes. The colors are posted. An invocation is given by E.L. Baker.

President Wood welcomes the audience to the 48<sup>th</sup> commencement exercises of the University of Alaska. Wood speaks for several minutes about the mountains of Alaska. Wood compares Elmer E. Rasmuson to a mountain.

Rasmuson speaks. He acknowledges the audience. He says Dr. Wood's words are "the kind of golden spurs that he has used always to encourage us on to serve in the great unified effort that has brought this university." He speaks of the friendship between Dr. Wood and himself. He reminisces on a boat his father owned. Rowing a boat is the only activity he knows of where you can make any kind of progress sitting down and looking backwards. He says he is thankful that the human tendency is to look forward, despite disadvantages which include running into objections from those who have vested interests, the risk of making mistakes. He thinks looking to the past is helpful for preparing for the future but that nostalgia is not helpful.

He speaks of the vision of the state of Alaska and the changes in Alaska and in the world.

Last fall, over 100 Alaskans assembled to have a series of organized seminars sponsored by the state legislative council. The first discussions were focused on goals; everyone agreed that they wanted "the Alaskan way of life" in terms of environment, friendliness, bigness, and Alaskan viewpoint. The speaker says that the old Alaska is fast disappearing, though. He speaks of world-wide changes, the first of which is increasing world population. This means that the population in Alaska, too, will increase dramatically, especially in Fairbanks and Anchorage. This urbanization, the second world-wide change, means that urban areas will have more representatives from towns and cities than from rural areas. More tax money will go toward infrastructure. The speaker says Alaska stands at a threshold and that Alaska must process raw materials here in Alaska. This is in line with the third world-wide change, industrialization. He thinks as an emerging state, Alaska is like an emerging nation and the standard of living will be raised through industrialization. This issue will determine much of the future of Alaska. He says Alaska got rid of political colonialism when it became a state and needs to get rid of economic colonialism by processing Alaska's raw materials in Alaska. He thinks greater productivity will raise incomes and lower costs. He thinks that dependence on an extractive industry alone leads to a weakened political and social atmosphere, citing the canned salmon industry in Alaska during territorial days.

The speaker speaks about inflation, saying that current controls have not worked as there are too many controls on the demand side restricting money by tightening credit and "screwing

up" interest instead of trying to expand the supplies. He hopes this can change as we better understand modern day economics.

When government spending is diverted from civilian economy to other features, particularly defense spending, there is a terrific inflationary surge because the government spending puts out tremendous purchasing power without producing any goods that will come to the market place. This means that resolving the Vietnam conflict will ease inflationary pressures. He says this is true for the Alaskan government as well. They must be cognizant of effect of inflation when handling oil revenue.

The speaker is also concerned with environmental problems. He insists that the state should create an environmental act patterned after the federal act. He says the absolutely unacceptable type of environmental pollution is that which is cumulative and permanently deteriorative in our circulating envelope of the air and the sea. He says strangely, biological waste which may be offensive in local situations like our garbage and our sewage can be treated and recirculated, even beneficially, into the environment provided we have the determination to do it and the will to pay the costs. But the more permanent waste such as plastic Clorox containers and oil spills should be strictly controlled and, if necessary, absolutely banned. There needs to be a positive prohibition against dumping oil anywhere in the oceans of the world. Speaking of the pipeline controversy, he believes many of the objections raised may be rooted in a fixed prejudice against any modification of our environment. He point out that nature modifies the environment through, forest fires, floods, glaciation, etc. Modification in itself is not necessarily derogatory, but the spilling of oil through the rupture of the pipeline must be avoided at all costs.

He finishes by speaking about education and the University of Alaska. These are the 21st commencement proceedings he has attended at the university. He feels grateful to be associated with the university and is humbled to have his name associated with the library and now overjoyed to be included as an honorary graduate. He feels the university's achievements are proportional to the extent that adhered to the principle that all of Alaska is the campus and that every Alaskan is a potential student.

The most noteworthy achievements of the university are the expanding partnership of research and instruction and the community college program. The most revolutionary thought in education today is that it is a continuous process. Rasmuson believes that as long as every course that is taught is of quality level, "a multiplicity of course certifications may lead to a more intense and meaningful scholarship than just laying each student on the procrustean bed of baccalaureate conformity." This sort of flexibility may inspire a lifelong love of learning in a student. Rasmuson thinks the community college program is an example of this.

Rasmuson confesses that of all the commencements he has attended he cannot remember a word of what any of the excellent speakers said in their speeches. He does however remember the speakers' attitudes and their spirits. Rasmuson hopes that if the students do not remember

Rasmuson's words, they will remember his spirit. He urges the students to become confident forward-looking problem solvers. Rasmuson ends his speech. Applause.

Dr. Earl H. Beistline, acting for Dr. Theophilus(?) , confers degrees upon the students

Candidates from the college of arts and letters are called forward by Dean Charles Keim (names may be misspelled):

Sunday Rochelle McQueen, Associate in Arts, Liberal Arts  
Patricia Evans Olsen, Associate in Arts, Liberal Arts  
Roscoe Smith Carnahan, Bachelor of Arts, Art  
Virginia May Clutch, Bachelor of Music  
Phillip Craig Corey, Bachelor of Music, Magna cum laude  
Florence Coleman Heig, Bachelor of Music  
Richard Francis Harnois, Bachelor of Arts, Art and Journalism  
Gerald Mark Hughes, Bachelor of Music  
Phillip Kelley, Bachelor of Arts, Speech  
Dorothy Benton Lewis, Bachelor of Arts, Speech  
Scott Betts Lowell, Bachelor of Arts, Speech  
Collen Dalton McCarthy, Bachelor of Arts, English  
Bobby Jean Mitchel, Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy  
Mary Elaine Short, Bachelor of Arts, Speech  
Harriet Dorothy Gezuski Smith, Bachelor of Arts, French  
John Patricia Tealborg, Bachelor of Arts, English  
Dorothy Patricia West, Bachelor of Arts, Art

Candidates from the college of behavioral sciences and education are called forward by Dean Wendell W. Wolfe (names may be misspelled):

Catherine Elizabeth Adams, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
John Samuel Armstrong, Jr. , Bachelor of Education, Secondary  
Glenn H. Bacon, Bachelor of Science, Anthropology  
Lawrence Eddy Buck, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
Marylee Ann Calvin, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
Selwin G. Carol, Bachelor of Education, Secondary  
Linda Jean Cook, Bachelor of Science, Home Economics  
Thomas Diamantes, Jr. , Bachelor of Education, Secondary  
Edward James Dixon, Jr. , Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology  
Mary Ann Douglas, Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology  
Gusella Marie Dicoma, Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology  
Carol Carinian Ernst, Bachelor of Education, Secondary  
Francis Patrick Fitzgerald, Bachelor of Education, Secondary  
Steven James Gage, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology  
Charles Hayden Gallagher, Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology and Geography  
Beverly Jean Brown Gillespie, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
George Raul Harbeson, Jr. , Bachelor of Education, Secondary

Anita Harry, Bachelor of Education, Secondary, Cum laude  
James Costello Hayes, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
Nancy Elaine Hidden, Bachelor of Education, Secondary  
Charles Edgar Holmes, Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology  
Percy William House, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
Gordon Leslie Jackson, Bachelor of Education, Secondary  
Robert Dean Kendall, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
Janet M. Grisnik, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
Oneen Elison Linholm, Bachelor of Education, Secondary  
Susan Erwin McHenry, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Cum laude  
Karen Joyce McIntyre, Bachelor of Science, Home Economics  
Richard Arthur Minigellie, Bachelor of Education, Secondary  
Gregory C. Mitchel, Bachelor of Education, Secondary  
Melissa Ruth Wells Muskowitz, Bachelor of Science, Home Economics  
Cathleen Irene Moore Nelson, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology  
Ramona Louise Newton, Bachelor of Science, Home Economics  
Marilyn Elaine Johnson Patterson, Bachelor of Education, Secondary  
Wanda Lee Pike, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
Maria Prokopiof, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
Eunice S. Kinyon Reed, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
Susan Jane Richmond Richardson, Bachelor of Education, Secondary  
Daniel James Rodey, Bachelor of Education, Secondary  
Emiko Satake, Bachelor of Science, Home Economics  
Judith K. Silko, Bachelor of Education, Secondary  
Anna L. Stickmann, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology  
Emerson Leroy Stocks, Jr. , Bachelor of Science, Psychology  
Richard Alan Tarkianian, Bachelor of Education, Secondary  
Lynn Valray Williams, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
Bobby Jean Stevens Woods, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
Charlene M. Yakov, Bachelor of Arts, Office Administration and Psychology

Candidates from the college of biological sciences and renewable resources are called forward by Dean Brina Kessel(?) (names may be misspelled):

Judith Gail Anderson Brown, Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences  
James R. Clay, Bachelor of Science, Fisheries Biology  
Patrick Kozlov, Bachelor of Science, Wildlife Management  
William Davis McGee, Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences  
Michael William Mazarus, Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences  
Judith Marie Oskoloff, Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences  
Gary A. Peirce, Bachelor of Science, Fisheries Biology  
Patrick A. Rice, Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences  
Marvin Basil Robertson, Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences  
Marlene Rochelle Swartz, Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences

Ron Marvin Warbelow, Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences  
James Clifford Wagner, Bachelor of Science, Wildlife Management  
Patrick Paul Wright, Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences

Candidates from the college of business, economics and government are called forward by Dean Robert L. Smith(?) (names may be misspelled):

Mary Cashton Ashton, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management  
Helen Catherine Atkinson, Bachelor of Arts, Business Education  
Condon Ernie Blacka, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management  
Juan Randal Boyd, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science  
Thomas Frederick Corberry, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management  
Curtis Charles Classen, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management  
Sherry Leigh Davids, Bachelor of Arts, Business Education  
Dennis Charles Freeman, Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance  
John Everett Hanchett, Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting  
Robert Warren James, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management  
Joseph David Jay, Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance  
Raymond Marshal Coval, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management  
Heather Campbell McFallen, Bachelor of Arts, History  
James Frederick Miller, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management  
Richard Laurence Millicent, Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting  
David Paul Newell, Bachelor of Arts, Economics  
Gary Alan Norgard, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management  
John Robert Penman, Jr, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management  
David Richard Staib, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management  
Randal Clayton Super, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management  
Richard Lee Thomas, Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance  
Jonathan Alexander Wilson, IV, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management  
Robert Frasier Yeomens, Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing

Candidates from the college of earth sciences and mineral industries are called forward by Dean Earl Beistline (names may be misspelled):

Francis Patrick Fitzgerald, Bachelor of Science, Geography  
James Scott Fredenhagen, Bachelor of Science, Geology  
Martha Jean Hope Gilmore, Bachelor of Science, General Science, Geology  
Douglas Richard Pope, Bachelor of Science, Geography  
James Alan Waite, Bachelor of Science, Geology  
John Wood, Bachelor of Science, Mining Engineering

Candidates from the college of mathematics, physical science and engineering are called forward by Dean Charles E. Belke(?) (names may be misspelled):

Robert E. Arnold, Associate in Electronics Technology  
Paul Charles Barth, Associate in Electronics Technology  
Jean Curtis Brooks, Associate in Electronics Technology  
Pamela June Buckway, Associate in Electronics Technology  
Jerry Wayne Crook, Associate in Electronics Technology  
Harry Dean Curen, Associate in Electronics Technology  
Kathleen Mary Driscoll, Associate in Electronics Technology  
Ronald Raymond Ernst, Associate in Electronics Technology  
John William Foster, Associate in Electronics Technology, cum laude  
Arnold V. Garner, Associate in Electronics Technology  
Laurence Leroy Inga, Associate in Electronics Technology  
Gerard Lee, Associate in Electronics Technology  
Theodore Francis Monroe, Associate in Electronics Technology  
Robert D. Morton, Associate in Electronics Technology  
Ferdinand Sharp, Associate in Electronics Technology  
Clarence D. Smith, III, Associate in Electronics Technology  
Joe H. Strauss, Associate in Electronics Technology  
Hubert Denzel Wulgamuth, Associate in Electronics Technology  
C. Keith Andry, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Electrical Engineering, cum laude  
Robert P. Britch, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Civil Engineering  
Shai Yung Chang, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Electrical Engineering  
William Jeffery Conures, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Civil Engineering  
William Paul Demming, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Mechanical Engineering  
John Edward Dick, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Civil Engineering  
Katherine Louise Covesini Indycot, Bachelor of Science, Chemistry, cum laude  
Donald Linkletter Franklin, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Civil Engineering  
Warren William Hansen, Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, cum laude  
Frederick Carl Hefflinger, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Civil Engineering  
Eric Gordon Johnson, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Civil Engineering  
Gerald Alan Kabel, Bachelor of Science, Mathematics  
John Deverik Martin, Bachelor of Science, Mathematics  
Richard Louis Odsather, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Civil Engineering  
John Leland Ore, Bachelor of Science, Mathematics  
Michael Anthony Ching Yun Pao, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Electrical Engineering  
David Roland Reggor, Bachelor of Science, Mathematics  
John Franklin Rezik, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Civil Engineering  
Stanley M. Rogers, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Electrical Engineering  
Wolf Theodore Rossman, Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics, summa cum laude  
James Steven Strandberg, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Mechanical Engineering  
William Frederick Straube, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Electrical Engineering  
Phillip John Therman, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Electrical Engineering  
Robert Wellburn Thomson, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Electrical Engineering  
Michael Robert Tooley, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Mechanical Engineering

Charles Colburn McGunton, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Mechanical Engineering  
Jimmy D. Walker, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Mechanical Engineering  
Mary Alice Gatskiwitz Woods, Bachelor of Science, Mathematics, cum laude

Candidates from the South-Central Regional Center will be called forward by Dr. Louis E. Haines,  
Provost of the South-Central Regional Center.

Richard Lee Applegate, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management  
Eugene Stuart Ashley, Bachelor of Education, Secondary  
Nancy Hunt Grant Ericson, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
James J. Carney, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management  
Sylvia Marie Cavalier Collin, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
Claire J. Fox, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
John Lee Jensen, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management  
Carl E. Lucksinger, Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing  
Kenneth Allan McGee, Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing  
Leslie B. Neville, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management  
Donna Lea Nicolson, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
Joseph Steven O'Connell, Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance  
May Jane Duncan Seger, Bachelor of Education, Elementary, magna cum laude  
Guadeloupe Segora, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
Roy E. Smith, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
Gladys Hill Somerville, Bachelor of Education, Secondary  
Phyllis Audrey Stickney, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
James Edward Sutherland, Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics  
John James Troutner, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management  
Larry Dean Turbush, Bachelor of Arts, History  
Muriel E. Wattem, Bachelor of Education, Elementary  
Ernest Willard Williams, Bachelor of Education, Secondary  
Howard Franklin Willis, Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing  
Stanley J. Zaberack, Jr., Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Sociology