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The president of the Board of Regents speaks about Dr. Moore's achievements in increasing university enrollment and facilities, expansion of university services in all areas of the state, and formation of the community college program. Since leaving the presidency, Dr. Moore had continued to support the university by serving on the advisory committee of the geophysical institute, obtaining grants and giving his personal time and money.

The president of the Board of Regents appoints Terris Moore President of the University emeritus. And reaffirms and continues Dr. Moore's appointment as professor of the university. The audience applauds.

On behalf of the Board of Regents, the speaker thanks the great Alaskan who have come to receive honorary degrees. He asks U.S. Senator Warren G. Magnuson to stand. He speaks of some of Magnuson's achievements as a politician and confers upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. The audience applauds. The speaker asks James A. Michener to stand. He speaks of some of Michener's achievements as an author and confers upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. The audience applauds. The speaker asks Paul H. Maurer to stand. He speaks of some of Maurer's achievements as "chaplain of the arctic" and confers upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. The audience applauds. The speaker asks Frank Peratrovich to stand. He speaks of some of Peratrovich's achievements as legislator and as a framer of Alaska's constitution and confers upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service. The audience applauds.

Another speaker congratulates the class of 1973 on their scholastic achievements and wishes each a successful and happy career. He expresses gratitude to the faculty on a job well done. On behalf of the faculty, he expresses thanks for the contributions given to the University of Alaska by two former members of the Board of Regents: James Nolan of Petersburg who is not present today and William O'Neill of Anchorage who is present today. O'Neill stands and the audience claps for him. Two new members of the Board of Regents are congratulated, Roy Madsen of Kodiak and Frank Doogan of Juneau. The audience applauds.

The speaker conveys four messages which were given to him by the director of student affairs. The first is from the Senator Gravel to Dr. Wood, asking Dr. Wood to convey their congratulations to the class of 1973. The next is from Senator Stevens congratulating the class of 1973, and expressing regret at Dr.

Wood's retirement and satisfaction with the decision to award Roy Magnuson and honorary degree. The third letter, from Governor William Egan, commends Dr. Wood for his service to the university. The fourth letter is from President Richard Nixon and praises Dr. Wood for his career and achievements. The audience applauds.

The speaker expresses gratitude and appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Wood for their services. The audience applauds.

The 51st commencement exercises of the University of Alaska conclude with the singing of Alaska's "Flag Song" by Dennis Goff and benediction by Rev. Robert Hubeirt(?) but the tape ends during the musical introduction to the "Flag Song."

UA's list of Honorary Degree Recipients:

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