

RECOGNITION BANQUET

March 4, 1978

THE ETERNAL CANDLE HAS SYMBOLIZED OUR EDUCATIONAL PERSUITS FOR THREE DECADES. ALTHOUGH IT IS AN ETERNAL CANDLE, SOME OF YOU HAVE THOUGHT AS YOU LISTENED TO ME THAT IT WASN'T THE CANDLE THAT WAS ETERNAL! BECAUSE I HAVE USED IT SO OFTEN, IT HAS ALMOST BECOME A SYMBOL OF MY PRESIDENCY HERE AT THE COLLEGE.

THERE'S A FAMOUS PIANIST THAT ALSO SYMBOLIZES HIS PERFORMANCE WITH A CANDLE. THE ONLY TROUBLE IS LIBERACE HAS FIVE AND I ONLY HAVE ONE. I'M NOT SURE HIS CANDLES ARE ETERNAL, HOWEVER. ENTER WITH CANDELABRA.

OUR SUCCESS HAS BEEN NOTABLE WITH ONE GUIDING LIGHT--IMAGINE WHAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH WITH FIVE IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

AT ANY RATE, SOME OF US HAVE WATCHED THE OLD FLAME FOR A GOOD MANY YEARS, AND THAT, OF COURSE, IS THE REASON WE ARE HERE TONIGHT TO HONOR 68 FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED COLLEAGUES.

WE'LL REALLY BE IN THE SPOTLIGHT WITH ALL THESE CANDLES. . . .

ABOUT THE ONLY TIME MOST PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO BE IN THE SPOTLIGHT IS WHEN IT'S ON THE TOP OF A POLICE CAR. SINCE THE POLICE CARS ARE ALL SECURE FOR THE NIGHT, WE TRUST YOU'LL RELAX AND HAVE AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.

FOLLOWING THE INVOCATION BY DR. R. H. HANSEN, OUR VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSTRUCTION, WE'LL ENJOY OUR DINNER WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.