

Remarks of Dr. K. - R. W. - at the
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on the retirement of Dr. G. B. S. -

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Noon
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Today marks a milestone in the life of one of the most cherished members of the education profession. Dr. G. Ballard Simmons steps down today from his post as dean of our College of Education to become Dean Emeritus and devote his time to counselling and advising in the whole broad field of education and teacher preparation.

There has not been, to date, any one in the history of Florida education who has made a greater impact on education at all levels than has Dean Simmons. He has taught at every level of our Public School System--elementary and secondary and higher education. He has served as principal of elementary and secondary schools, as supervising principal of some of our major school systems and has served as Acting Dean of the College of Education at the University of Florida.

He has been a leader in the development of professional education programs for the training of teachers and school administrators since 1929. His life has touched the life of more public school personnel than that of any other man. He has recruited into educational work in

Florida many of its leaders who would otherwise not have entered or remained in education. Among these are former State Superintendent, Tom Bailey; Dr. J. Broward Culpepper, Chancellor, State University System; Dr. James L. Wattenbarger, educational architect of our Junior College System in Florida; Dr. Roy Bergengren, President of Daytona Beach Junior College; Mr. Thomas Strickland, Director of Industrial Education, State Department of Education--there are many others.

He has given more than his professional competence to his career. He has dedicated his entire life to inspiring his students, encouraging them to develop the best that was within them. He has had faith where others have been ready to give up and thus he has salvaged many men and women for productive useful lives who might otherwise have relegated themselves to mediocrity.

Dr. Simmons joined us here at Florida Atlantic University in 1962 and began planning for our College of Education. Under his leadership the master's program was initiated and with the members of this class, 757 men and women have been conferred bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degrees in the College of Education and 956 have

been awarded the master of education degree.

I have known Dr. Simmons personally since my own undergraduate student days. No friendship has been more steadfast and sincere than his. I know I speak for each of you when I say from the bottom of my heart, Dean Simmons, we wish you many many years of health and happiness and time to pursue your special projects and pleasures and more time than you have taken in the past to enjoy your fine family.

*Introduction by Dr E - L. K -
by Dr. K - R. W -*

at FAU Commencement Aug 12, 1967

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Graduates, Guests, Faculty Members:

Our speaker for this eighth commencement ceremony of Florida Atlantic University is Dr. Edward L. Katzenbach, vice president and general manager of the educational division of the Raytheon Corporation of Lexington, Massachusetts.

Dr. Katzenbach is a graduate of Lawrenceville School and received two degrees from Princeton University -- an A.B. in art and archeology and a doctorate in history. In 1963 he received an honorary degree of doctor of laws from Long Island University.

In securing for this occasion the service of this outstanding industrial leader we have ^a ~~man~~ ^{man} who, himself, represents a bridge between the world of technology and the world of education. Formerly on the faculties of Brandeis, Columbia, and Princeton Universities, he was also associated with Harvard University as associate director and later director of its defense studies program.

Dr. Katzenbach's qualifications as an educator were such that, in 1960, his country called on him for

the second time. In World War II and in the Korean War he had seen combat duty as a Marine Corps officer, eventually serving with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Now, as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Education, he was to head one of the largest and most varied educational systems in the world. The elementary and secondary school system he directed embraced 163,000 students -- children of military personnel stationed in 28 countries overseas and attending 291 schools. At the higher levels he managed programs for 300,000 men and women of the nation's armed forces in some 100 universities, as well as directing a network of 207 radio stations and 40 TV stations around the world.

Dr. Katzenbach's academic honors include the Golden Plate Award of the American Academy of Achievement. He has served as consultant to the National Academy of Science, the Brookings Institution, and many other prestigious organizations in government, education, and industry.

In 1964 he was named director of the commission on administrative affairs of the American Council on Education. In this post he directed studies on program

budgeting for colleges and universities, the administrative challenge of the computer on the campus, and the educational needs of business and industry.

In August of last year Dr. Katzenbach was called into the ranks of industry by the Raytheon Corporation. In the service of a complex that manufactures both electronic equipment and textbooks, Dr. Katzenbach has as his primary concern the development of an understanding and communication that will enable industry and education to best serve one another's needs. Here at Florida Atlantic University where technology and education are partners, we believe achievement of that goal to be among the major aims of our society in the decades ahead. We are honored to welcome Dr. Katzenbach to our campus today.

FLORIDA PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION

Remarks of Dr. Kenneth R. Williams

November 3, 1967

It is a pleasure for me to have the opportunity to greet you and to tell you how pleased we are that you have chosen our campus as the site of your conference.

We are very proud of the magnificent physical plant that we have here and equally proud of the work that is being accomplished. This is our fourth year of operation - We have learned a great deal about the problems inherent in establishing a new university - particularly one which is charged with the task of charting new patterns of education.

But more than the problems we have faced - (some of which have been resolved, some of which still loom large before us) - is the conviction, now confirmed by our experience, that the upper division university has a very meaningful role to play in the future of higher education in the 21st century.

I do not need to belabor for you the common purposes we share or the common need that exists for all types of colleges and universities, public and private, small and large, church-related and secular.

Now, with the greath growth of the junior colleges, there is a new need for upper division universities to serve especially that significant segment of our young people who complete their first two years at one of the many junior colleges across our state. This is the role that FAU is filling.

There are so many ways to approach the presentation of a brief review of a university - Statistically - our enrollment has steadily increased - we now have over 4100 students and 2500 graduates - Financially - our plant is worth 22 million dollars and our annual payroll is in the neighborhood of 4 million.

But I think a far more purposeful presentation for you men and women is - philosophically. Here at FAU we are committed to equal support for all branches of learning. Our academic program is developed in the

Colleges of Business and Public Administration, Education, Humanities, Science, Social Science and Ocean Engineering.

Already each college offers some programs leading to the master's degree - 12 departments in all now have three-year programs which we anticipate will be available in all departments within a very few years. And we know, too, that very shortly doctoral programs will be underway.

Your field of endeavor is a most important one. We have in the past decade been immersed in the cult of the scientific, and I in no way imply that it was an unneeded or over emphasized immersion. But I do most strongly feel that the time is over-due for a similar type of emphasis to be paid to the humanistic disciplines - none more so than philosophy.

Much is wrong with our world today. In an environment of plenty, in spite of marvelous inventions and miraculous cures, men and women appear less well-adjusted. Grief and strife on the personal level and across whole societies are rampant.

Morality, ethics, logic, the raw materials of your profession, are the areas in which man must come to grips with his world and himself if the science and technology of this century are to make any lasting difference. If, in fact, we are not going to extinguish the light of civilization.

Now I do not for a moment think that the world is going to come to an end. But I do believe that our period of travail can be shortened and a better world built if we place again in the scheme of the academic world the discipline of the philosopher on the highest echelon of endeavor.

You are meeting here today to exchange ideas. I would urge you to develop plans also to bring the results of your learning to students in all fields, to instill in them an appreciation for the worth of man, the moral values by which he lives, the logical results that follow his actions. Give him the tools by which he can become a better person. Assist every man to say with meaning, "I am a philosopher."

We welcome you again to our campus and hope
that you enjoy your stay - we are proud to have you here.

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Dr. Wood's

Introduction For Dr. Robert C. Wood

Our speaker today began life in St. Louis and ^{has} spent most of his adult life in the Northeast. But he grew up in Jacksonville, and his first ^{position} ~~job~~ was in Florida. As associate director of the Legislative Reference Bureau of the State of Florida, he made studies of public school education and county finances for the Legislature from 1949 to 1951. So we welcome you back to Florida, Dr. Wood, and express the hope that this occasion may ^{be the first of many} ~~serve~~ to draw you oftener to your home state.

Robert C. Wood is an academician whose talents have many times been used by his government. One of the country's most knowledgeable men on urban affairs, he laid the educational groundwork for this attainment at Princeton University where he was graduated summa cum laude and also earned the M.A. and M.P.A. He went on to Harvard for the Ph.D. ^{and} ~~where he~~ later served on the faculty ^{there}. In 1957 he joined the faculty of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and ~~became~~ became head of the Department of Political Science in 1965.

As his interests concentrated on problems posed by the emerging metropolitan areas, Dr. Wood became increasingly active as a consultant. He was a member of President Kennedy's, and later President Johnson's, Task Force on Urban Problems, the Surgeon General's Advisory Committee on Urban and Metropolitan Health Problems, and similar groups for the cities of Boston and New York.

In 1966 Dr. Wood was called to Washington to become Undersecretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and was appointed Secretary in Jan., 1969. At the termination of this service he was recalled to M.I.T. to resume his former post in the Political

Science Department. In addition, he assumed the position of Director of the Joint Center for Urban Studies established in 1959 by MIT and Harvard. This new responsibility is one for which he is uniquely qualified by his extensive background in urban affairs and his intensive experience in Washington during a period when urban problems became a primary national concern.

Dr. Wood is the author of three books and numerous chapters of other books which demonstrate his concern for better planning for the urban spread.

It is a privilege to introduce to our graduating class, faculty members and friends this scholar, teacher, author and public servant - Dr. Robert C. Wood.

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KENNETH R. WILLIAMS
DADE CENTER CONVOCATION

February 26, 1969

Thank you Mr. Cain.

I am privileged to be here in Dade County again - even on temporary assignemnt. It was in 1960 that I came ^{to Miami} ~~here from Ocala~~ to develop what was then Dade County Junior College and is now Miami=Dade. If there are some students who began their work in ^{1960 or} 1961 or 62 ~~and~~ are ^{this} now completing their studies at ~~the~~ Center operated by Florida Atlantic University, that is an extra measure of staisfaction for me.

Dade County provides a most hospitable environment for educational growth and its future is bright because it recognizes that ~~fine~~ excellence in education is an investment in the future.

We are indeed proud that Mayor Jay Dermer is with us this morning. He has been most ~~af~~-aggressive in his assistance to our people here ~~on~~ his lovely city. Mayor Dermer may we call on you ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxx~~ now...

My friendship with Mrs. Annna Brenner Meyer goes back many years and it ~~is~~ a pleasure for me to see her here today. Her service on the Board of Public Instruction in Dade County is well known to all of you. Indeed, in any list of women in our county, state and nation who have made significant contributions to the public welfare, Mrs. Meyer's name would be near the top. Mrs. Meyer, we would be pleased to hear from you now....

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[Florida Atlantic University's involvement with the Dade Center dates from early 1968 when we were instructed by the Board of Regents to develop a program of degree courses to be offered here. The essential purpose was to ~~serve as a temporary~~ ^{provide an} opportunity for graduates of Miami Dade to continue their education without delay.

[As many of you know, our original ~~planning~~ ^{work} was accomplished over great odds - which included late decisions on the location of the center, ~~loggin~~ limited funding and very little advance planning time. Without a firm commitment for funds and without the power to employ full time faculty early in the year, our program had to be limited in nature, and as a result our initial enrollment was ~~disappointingly~~ low - our start was slow. But the race was not over.

[With the opening of the second quarter our enrollment doubled and the outlook is extremely promising. We can conservatively predict 400 full time equivalent students for the Fall Quarter, 1969, when we will offer the senior year to our current students and admit a new class of juniors.

However, ^{the} fulfillment of ^{our} the commitment depends in great measure on ^{securing the commitment to} the authority which we must have from the ^{Chancellor} Board of Regents at this time. ^{We must} ~~to~~ proceed to employ faculty, to order ~~the~~ necessary books and to make ~~the~~ vital improvements in our facilities. If we are forced to wait until budget releases in July, we will not be able to operate as planned.

^{immediate after} Florida Atlantic University believes that as soon as ^{an} an administrative head is named for the new Dade University, he should assume responsibility for operating the Dade Center, for assuredly, this will become part of the new institution to be opened here. Meanwhile,

we are determined to maintain a program of excellence and hope to turn it over to ~~be~~ the Dade university as an expanding, quality undertaking of which we can all be proud. To avoid the difficulties of our initial year, we must be able to contract for faculty services now when faculty members are making their arrangements for next year's employment. ~~We~~ ^{we} must order our ~~books~~ ^{books} now if we hope to have delivery ^{on time} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~we~~ ^{we} must ~~prepare~~ ^{prepare} additional space for our expanded enrollment now if it is to be ready for occupancy in September. These are our goals and we anticipate success with the support of interested students and community leaders like yourselves.

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And now it is my pleasure and privilege to present our principal speaker for this first ~~academic~~ convocation at the Dade Center. He is the Chancellor of the State UNiversity System, Dr. Robert B. Mautz. Dr. Mautz was serving as vice presdient for academic affairs at the UNiversity of FLorida when he was appointed to the chancellorship in March, 1968. He had joied the University of Florida faculty in 1950, ^{and} was named assistant dean of Law in 1952, ^{he was elevated} and six years later ~~moved~~ to the head of academic affairs for the entire University.

Dr. Mautz is an honor graduate of Ohio's Miami University and of Yale LAw School. He practiced law in New York City for a number of years, served as an attorney for Pan American Airways ~~Africa~~ in Africa and the Middle East and was executive officer of the legal division of the Office of Military Governmmnt in Berlin.

In his full career, he aslo served in the U.S. Air Force and is a brigadier general in the Air Force Reserve. The academic community of FLorida is fortunate that a man of so braod a background and range of interests and experience ^{has} chosen to devote himself to teaching and University administration.

Dr. Mautz.....

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It is pleasure for me to have the opportunity to introduce to you the man who has made the phrase "May the good news be yours" a household word in South Florida. We must also acknowledge that a newscaster who is willing to risk being introduced by a university president in this day and age is a man of real courage. Actually, however, Ralph Renick is not the man we would select if we wished to "talk back" to the media - since his reputation for accuracy and fairness is above question.

Ralph Renick's career spans the entire history of television braodaasting in Florida. A 1949 graduate of the University of Miami and holder of the first national H.V. Kaltenborn Eoundation Research Fellowship, he joined WTVJ - Channel 4 in Miami that same year and in 1950 was named news director. He ^{has} continued his upward climb ^{steadily} as a TV personality, an award winning newsman, and as part of the ~~corporate~~ management team. In 1959 he was named corporate vice president of Wometco Enterprises.

He originated the first editorial on American television in 1957 and his daily Ralph Renick Report consistently ranks in the top 10 programs in surveys in the Miami market. His average audience on a weekday is 400,000 persons. The list of awards won by WTVJ news under his leadership is far too long ^{to} review and too impressive to select from. WTVJ has received more awards than any other television broadcast operation.

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Mr. Rencik - Ralph as we all think of him - is an active civic leader, broadly travelled, knows and is known ~~to~~ to countless prominent national and international figures. But perhas even more important for those of us who live in South Florida, he has made his news team a spark for full and complete coverage of those events which shape the total environment in which we live. I give you - Ralph Renick....

A WOMETCO Biography

RALPH A. RENICK
VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF
WTVJ TELEVISION NEWS
WOMETCO ENTERPRISES, INC.



Ralph A. Renick, 43, is Vice President in Charge of WTVJ Television News, Wometco Enterprises, Inc.

Renick joined Wometco's WTVJ, the first television station in Florida, in 1949. The following year he was appointed News Director.

He is a 1949 graduate of the University of Miami and holder of the First National H. V. Kaltenborn Foundation Research Fellowship (1949-50).

He originated the first editorial on American television over WTVJ in 1957. In 1958, Renick was named Vice President in Charge of WTVJ Television News, and in 1959 he was elected a corporate Vice President.

His daily WTVJ news program, "The Ralph Renick Report," consistently ranks in the top ten programs in both the American Research Bureau and Nielsen Station Surveys conducted in the Miami market. The program is seen by an average audience of 400,000 each weekday.

Under Renick's leadership, WTVJ News has received more national and local awards than any other television broadcast news operation. Among those awards is the Radio-Television News Directors Association "Best TV News Operation in the Nation" selection in 1952 and 1953; the same association in 1958 and again in 1962 awarded Renick its top honor in the editorial area.

The National Headliners Club presented WTVJ with four awards--more than have gone to any other station--in 1956 for local news coverage of a bookie payoff to police, in 1961 for reporting Hurricane Donna, in 1962 for an editorial campaign which led to the reinstatement of Miami's City Manager and in 1967 for outstanding public service programs.

In 1961, WTVJ News received the Sigma Delta Chi (journalism society) National Award for Television Reporting and was recognized by the National Press Photographers as "Newsfilm Station of the Year."

In 1967, "The Ralph Renick Report" received the TV-Radio Mirror Award for "outstanding programming in its broadcast area." He received personal recognition from the Jaycees in 1956 as "One of the Five Outstanding Young Men in Florida." In 1969, Renick was selected "Florida's Outstanding News Disseminator."



Renick is very active in community and professional affairs, and serves on the Board of Directors of:

Dade County Community Mental Health Board
Associated Press Broadcasters Association
200 Club of Miami (President-Elect)
South Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America
Historical Association of South Florida
Boystown of Florida
Community Mental Health Services Foundation, Inc.
Dade County Mental Health Consortium
St. Luke's Center (for treatment of drug addiction)
Men's Opera Club of Miami
United Health Foundation

In addition, Mr. Renick is a member of the Board of Trustees of:

Barry College
United Fund of Dade County
Third Century U.S.A. (1976 Bicentennial Observance)

Serves as Chairman of:

Dade County Library Development Council
Public Affairs Committee, South Florida Council,
Boy Scouts of America
1971 Boy Scouts Capital Development Campaign

And is a member of:

Board of Governors, Florida Region,
National Conference of Christians and Jews
City of Miami Library Board
Florida Library Study Commission
Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce,
Community Affairs Committee
Radio Television News Directors Society
Radio Television Correspondents Association
National Press Club
Sigma Delta Chi (Journalism Society)
Archdiocese of Miami, Radio-Television Commission
Kiwanis Club of Miami
Iron Arrow (University of Miami Honor Society)

He is also past National President, Radio Television News Directors Association, and past President, Miami Chapter, Sigma Delta Chi.

Renick, a widower, is the father of six children: Patricia, Kathryn, Ralph, Jr., Susan, Pamela and Michele.

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Dean Luing, Mr. Low, members of the faculty,
students and friends --

This is indeed a most auspicious time for all of us here. We are marking a milestone in a cooperative venture between education and industry which demonstrates the vital role each plays in the complicated world of today. It was three years ago that Professor Unwalla brought to us a plan for a master's degree program particularly designed to serve association executives. Key to the plan was making it possible for this distinguished group of executives to continue with university studies without disrupting their careers. As is so often the case, there were traditionalists who threw up their hands in horror. For such a long time, academicians had said -- "To earn a master's degree you have to spend a specific amount of time on campus." Well, we asked why did you have to do that? And we could not discover any good reason for it. So we gave the go ahead to the College of Business & Public Administration to offer their program.

During this three year period we have seen a great world-wide surge of interest in what is being called the external degree -- a degree which men and women can earn by the work they do in their own off-campus locations. So we have become, with this program, not just innovators but trail blazers and that has been -- from its inception -- one of the missions of Florida Atlantic University.

This week we are marking the completion of the master's degree program by several of your membership who have spent three summer periods here in Boca Raton on our campus, and who have carried out demanding projects and course work during the interim periods. Among this group are young men from 25 to 60 -- for youth and age are not to be measured any longer by the number of 12-month periods we have spent on this earth -- but rather by the spirit of learning we maintain. Only those who are willing to keep on learning can adjust to the rapid changes which are characteristic of our modern society. There is a line from a

popular comedian's repertoire which goes --
"May you live as long as you want to,
and want to as long as you live."

I'm thinking of learning ... but I agree with
the line, no matter what you are thinking of!

And so my congratulations go to the
academic officers and the faculty who have
fostered this program with so much enthusiasm.
And to the American Society of Association Executives
which has moved vigorously to encourage lifelong
learning on the part of its membership.
And to those members who have committed themselves
to this rigorous program of study. To those of you
who are graduating, we want you to know
that we now will look to you as loyal alumni.
As the University continues to grow in strength
and in prestige, so too does the distinction of
your degree increase. The strength of an
alumni association rests on those graduates
who carry word of their alma mater to far away
places and among influential groups.
You gentlemen are in an enviable position to do
just this. You already number among you
business colleagues and the memberships of the

groups you head, influential, powerful and wealthy people. The message you bring to them will tell more about Florida Atlantic University than anything we might say about ourselves. As you perform your services in ways that bring each of you promotion and distinction, your alma mater will benefit.

And we hope that you will watch for opportunities where we may benefit in very tangible ways. No state university can exist^s solely on the tax assistance it receives from the state -- unless it will content itself with the most rudimentary program and facilities. The Margin of Excellence is provided by contributions from private sources. Persons of established means who, at considerable tax saving to themselves, can provide funds for programs on the university campus in which they have a strong interest. Each of you can be an emissary for Florida Atlantic University in bringing our program and our services to the attention of those with whom you are in contact. You may be sure that this University will always stand ready to continue its support of your endeavors and will always want to hear

of your achievements as you continue in your chosen field -- now with the master of business administration degree.

Perhaps most of you know that I am soon to be graduating myself -- out of the presidency of Florida Atlantic University. It has been reported that I am taking early retirement -- and of course I am, on December 31 of this year. But I view it as a commencement -- a commencement of a new phase of my career, for there are many undertakings and many activities which I have had to postpone or set aside -- because "presidenting" is a full time job today.

I am truly delighted that this first graduating class milestone has been reached within my tenure. There have been many high points during the first ten years of this University's history which more than offset the occasional frustrations which are also a part of life, and which sometimes seem to consume us. We have seen Florida Atlantic University come of age. We are seeing the upper division-graduate school pattern for higher education become the course many states are taking as they expand the higher education

opportunities for their citizens. You are a part of this proud story. You are alumni of Florida Atlantic University. My congratulations and best wishes go with each of you and I hope that our paths will cross many times in the coming years.

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DR. WILLIAMS
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
June 13, 1972

INTRODUCTION OF DR. HEARD

You have just heard a reading of some of the significant accomplishments of our speaker today. Let me just add that Dr. Heard is a native son of the South who has been a student and chronicler of her politics, and now heads one of her most prestigious private universities. It is a personal pleasure for me to welcome to this platform a fellow Southerner in whom our region can take great pride. His attainments in his own field and in education in general have prompted three of our country's presidents to call on him for guidance in matters of concern to the nation. We are indeed honored to have him as our commencement speaker for Florida Atlantic University's 1972 graduation exercises.

Dr. Heard is a native of Savannah and holds degrees from the University of North Carolina and Columbia University. His first four years of employment were in government service with the Departments of Interior, War and State. He entered upon an academic career in 1946 when he joined the University of Alabama in the Bureau of Public Administration

Next he served the University of North Carolina where, during a span of 13 years, he rose to the position of dean of the Graduate School.

In 1963 he went as professor of political science to Vanderbilt University where he now serves as Chancellor.

Dr. Heard is the author and co-author of a number of books on politics and one by the provocative title of "The Lost Years in Graduate Education."

In 1961 Dr. Heard began service in advisory and related capacities to presidential and other top-level governmental bodies. President John F. Kennedy named him chairman of his special bi-partisan Commission on Campaign Costs. Another Florida Atlantic University honorary degree holder, President Lyndon B. Johnson, appointed Dr. Heard to the National Citizens' Committee for Community Relations in 1964, and in 1967 President Johnson named him to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

President Nixon appointed him, in 1969,
to serve on the Commission on White House Fellows.

Ladies and gentlemen, Dr. Heard.

Kenneth R. Williams
Introduction of Jon M. Lindbergh
Commencement Exercises, June 14, 1970

In introducing our speaker for this Commencement, the temptation could be to dwell on, as many of you will remember it, that day in May, 1927, when the "Lone Eagle" completed the first transatlantic solo flight. No matter how many times we go to the moon and back, still the drama, the romance, the singular effort of that one courageous man, remains with us.

The son of that pioneer, our speaker today, carrying on the tradition of the enquiring and scientific mind, is exploring our oceans, as his father explored the skies. Jon M. Lindbergh has extensive experience in ocean engineering, particularly underwater operations, construction, diving and demolition. He has participated in the "Man in the Sea" program inspired

by Edwin A. Link. He occupied Link's sea floor habitat for 49 hours at a depth of 432 feet during tests off Great Stirrup Key, Bahamas. He has been, while on active duty, officer in charge of hydrographic survey teams on the Canadian-Arctic DEW line, and he has participated in demolition and salvage operations in Japan, the southwest Pacific and the U. S. west coast. He also participated in the dramatic search for that lost H-bomb off the coast of Spain. He has conducted studies of the effectiveness and potential of remotely operated systems for deep water activities.

A graduate of Stanford University with additional study at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, he has been president of his own diving and marine activities concern and is presently consultant to the president

of Ocean Systems Inc. in the state of Washington.

It is most fitting that Florida Atlantic University with its own well established department of Ocean Engineering, should be privileged to welcome this man to our campus, and it is with great pleasure that I introduce Jon M. Lindbergh today.

Presentation of Meritorious Service plaque
to Mr. Frederic T. DeHon

In my experience as college and university president, I have had the privilege of presenting awards of different kinds to a number of distinguished individuals. But rarely have I done so for a person who has given of his time and talent in such a wide range of efforts to benefit his fellow man as has today's recipient of the Florida Atlantic University

Meritorious Service Award.

Frederic T. DeHon has literally run the gamut of public service since he became a citizen of Florida on that not so distant day *when* he was born in St. Petersburg. Educational, humanitarian, professional and civic groups have all had the good fortune to engage his interest. All this despite a busy professional life as a member of the accounting firm of Himes and Himes in West Palm Beach in which he is now a partner.

Though a loyal Floridian, his spirit of service has not been parochial. While interested in many of his home state's agencies, such as the Florida Children's Home Society and the West Palm Beach Jaycees, many international humanitarian organizations have listed him as officer: The American Red Cross,

Rotary Club of West Palm Beach and Rotary International, which he served as governor of District 699.

In the professional category Mr. DeHon has been president of the East Coast Chapter of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a member of the Institute's executive committee; and president of the East Coast Planning Council.

Civic responsibilities he has shouldered include the offices of chairman of the Palm Beach County Water and Sewer Study Commission and chairman of the sub-committee on pollution control of the Governmental Study Commission for Palm Beach County. For seven years he was a member of the West Palm Beach Civil Service Commission.

In addition to the foregoing, Fred DeHon served his country with distinction in the U. S. Naval Air Corps in World War II and in the Korean War.

On this campus we know him best for his devotion to the advancement of Florida Atlantic University. Indeed he was one of that small group of pioneers who were active in the movement to create a university in Boca Raton. After "Boca U. in '62" became FAU, it was inevitable that a man of his spirit and ability would be drawn into the service of the Florida Atlantic University Foundation of which he is now president.

Fred, it is with the keenest pleasure that I present to you this Meritorious Service Award as a token of Florida Atlantic's appreciation of your past service

and an expression of our hope that we may
continue to merit your interest
and to have the benefit of your competence
in the challenging years ahead.