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Second part of Wood Night celebration starts with Elmer E. Rasmuson talking about 1967 flood relief efforts. He was the mayor of Anchorage at the time and helped securing temporary homes for evacuees. They took care of 4-5,000 people.

Bill was Elmer's best contact. He wonders if Bill Wood's military background as a retired captain of U.S. Naval Reserve helps him in doing everything, and says that he has a desire to have everything "ship shape." Elmer jokes about Bill's desire to keep campus litter free.

Elmer talks about Bill having done his master's and doctorate theses on John Keats, and mentions that Woods' friends receive message with poetry in it every Christmas. He also composes poetry in commencement time. [Reads a poem "Long Day's Journey."]

2:55 Elmer wants to honor Dorothy Jane equally to Dr. Wood. Elmer tells how Dorothy Jane has been a gracious host to many people and an efficient member of a complex household and a public figure. Elmer reads a description of Dorothy Jane that was written by her daughter. The letter praises Dorothy Jane's skill in many roles as a wife, mother, cook, hostess, baby-sitter and counselor. It also tells about her activities in women's organizations, gardening club, symphony where she plays the violin, and participation at St. Matthew's church. [Applause.]

6:12 Bill and Dorothy Jane have proven to be a great team and people in Alaska are blessed to have them. Elmer continues that a worth of a man isn't measured only in his achievements but eminence passes onto greatness in a way how man sees and influences the future. Elmer will read a statement about the future that was written by William R. Wood:

Wood writes that it is going to be an interesting decade in Alaska. North Pacific will have historical significance to the world and the University will play a prominent role in the unfolding of destiny. It's the destiny of relationship between

peoples of the east and west. 60% of the wealth of the world is centered around the Pacific, and Wood thinks that they have an opportunity to bring people of the East and West together for their mutual advantage. It will take universities of the area to help reduce tensions of the east and west and bring them into cooperative effort.

7:41 Elmer quotes Sam Foss in illustrating Wood's greatness, and asks people to stand up in tribute to Dorothy Jane and Bill. [Applause.]

8:54 Toastmaster [Leslie Nerland] reads one last telegram from William Egan, the governor of Alaska, who salutes William R. Wood for his efforts in promoting higher learning in Alaska and in Asia. [Mike feedback noise in the recording.] [Applause.]

10:15 Nerland calls forth Al Parrish who is going to step off from the presidency of Fairbanks Chamber of commerce but will speak as the president. He has been in hotel management for many years. He came to Alaska in 1965, moving to Fairbanks in 1967, and has been the manager "of this beautiful installation" ever since. He and his wife have two children and they reside in Fairbanks. [Applause.]

11:03 Al thanks Leslie and greets the audience. He says that his role is brief, and congratulates Dr. Wood for his accomplishments, presenting him and Dorothy Jane golden plaques. He asks Dr. and Mrs. Wood to come up. He presents the plaque to Dorothy Jane, and then to Bill. [Applauds.]

13:02 Nerland asks Bill Wood to speak. He tells that when he came to the event, he had three impressions. One is that salesmanship of [unclear] Al Sieling [sp?] and Mrs. Nolman [sp?] is one of the world's best, secondly, that Fairbanksians will do anything for a party [laughter], and thirdly, he got a flashback of his childhood when they moved and an extraordinary amount of people came to help them. His father told him that one never knows how many neighbors one has before one start to move.

William thanks Dorothy Jane for being a wonderful mother to Karen, whose tribute was read earlier, and to Mark. He was touched.

He continues to say that he wants to pay tribute to the whole university's people. There are many people who have helped the University in the Far North come into being. He'd like to take the time to name those people, but says that the audience already knows them. A few of the extraordinary ones among the faculty and staff are Earl Beistline who met Bill when Woods first arrived to Alaska and has shepherded him around, introducing Bill "to everyone in the state." Dr. Kenneth

Ray is very accomplished in northern research, for which UAF is known outside of Alaska, and should receive at least a part of the applauses that come to the university. Third person who has been responsible for virtually whole operation was Wood's predecessor, executive secretary Mrs. Key Perry. [Applause.]

17:37 Wood says that there have been others who have been magnificent, and he takes great pride for the university. It's a true university and it's going to be a great one. William continues that he takes pride in having been a part of it. They have had magnificent support from elected representatives of the state since statehood.

William Wood continues that the growth of their programs over 11-12 years has been remarkable and he gives people in Alaska credit for having such a strong belief in higher education. The belief has transcended party lines as have the appointments into the board of regents by the governor. Wood thanks the executives of the state government who have seen fit to nominate a selfless group of policy makers. It has been a privilege to work with the board of regents and Wood hopes that they will continue to appoint only the best people.

Wood says that the regents have brought great honor to Alaska through their strength and foresight and general devotion to higher education.

21:05 William says that it's been a pleasure to be associated with such fine people as the men and women in the board of regents. He says that when he came to Alaska, he found unity on the board and during the 11 years he has been in his office, only one time board's vote wasn't unanimous. They have their differences but they discuss issues thoroughly. He asks people to applaud the board of regents. [Applause.]

William thanks the students for their fine presentation from Jim Lentine who is an enthusiastic member of the board of regents. They have a wonderful group of students who are a credit to State of Alaska.

23:36 They have built up faculty in numbers and in strength that is envied by William's friends in higher education business across the state. William is looking forward to the time when he can look back and reminisce, and he has been in education for 44 years. More than half of that he has spent in higher education. He can recognize quality faculty when he sees one and the University of Alaska's faculty is highly qualified and gets better every year, which is because of the foresight of the board of regents who have brought into being a situation that is attractive to top quality people.

Wood thanks Mr. Rasmuson and Karen. [Applause.]

26:25 Nerland says that people should remain standing, and thinks that its been a wonderful night in telling Dorothy Jane and William Wood their true feelings. He tells that what impressed him the most was that people in the audience took the time to come to the event and express their appreciation for Woods. Reverend Father Warren will close with benediction.

Rev. Warren prays for Bill and Dorothy Jane.

[Unclear socializing.]

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