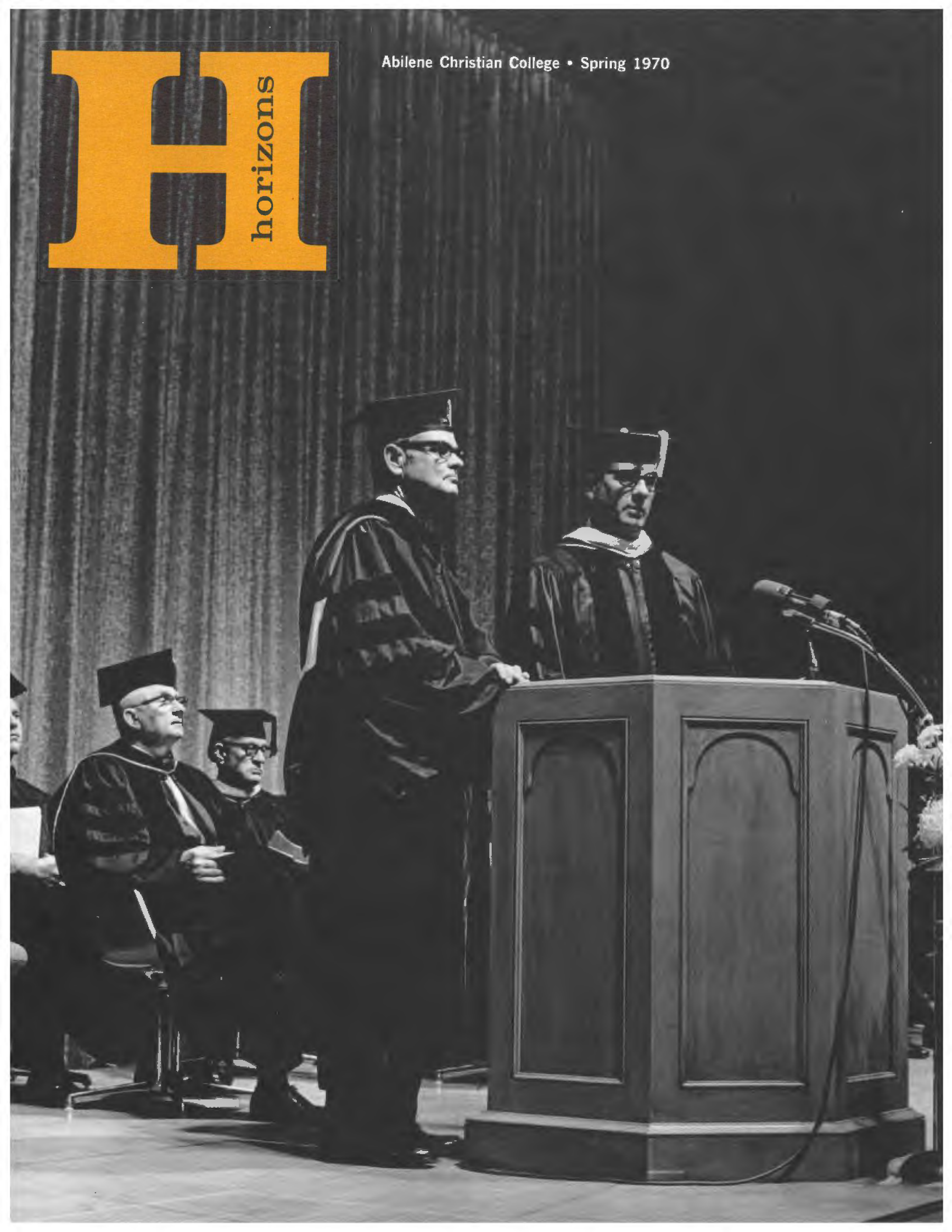


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ON THE COVER: Dr. John Christopher Stevens (left) receives the official charge of the Presidential office of Abilene Christian College from Chairman of the Board Willard Paine. Inaugural ceremonies were held February 21 in the Moody Coliseum. Dr. Stevens succeeds Chancellor Don H. Morris and becomes the eighth president in the history of the College. He had assumed the duties of the Presidency September 1, 1969 when Dr. Morris was named Chancellor. On the back cover is Senator John Tower of Texas who delivered personal greetings from President Richard Nixon and congratulations from Congress. Also delivering greetings from the Nation was Senator Ralph Yarborough of Texas, who is shown on the inside front cover.



THE
INAUGURATION
OF
JOHN
CHRISTOPHER
STEVENS

**DR. WALTER H. ADAMS, Presiding
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Moody Coliseum, February 21, 1970**

Mr. Walt Cabe, president of the Students Association of Abilene Christian College, will lead us in the Ceremony of Allegiance. We will be accompanied by the Concert Band, under the direction of Mr. Charles Trayler. The audience and delegates will please join in the singing of our National Anthem.

We, the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America. [Preamble to the Constitution]

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these, are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. . . .

. . . And, for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor. [Declaration of Independence]

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Our invocation for this occasion will be led by Dr. Batsell Barrett Baxter, head of the Department of Bible at David Lipscomb College in Nashville, Tennessee. You will be interested to know that Dr. Baxter is the son of the sixth President of Abilene Christian College. He himself is a 1937 graduate. He was named as Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in 1961. . . .

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. We thank thee for this great hour that has brought us together for this high purpose from so many places and so many different walks of life.

Our Father, we would turn our eyes backward and think of the history of this great school — as time goes, so young and yet so influential — and we express to you our gratitude for Abilene Christian College and for all of those whose dreams and whose toil have brought it to this auspicious hour. We thank thee for A. B. Barret, for H. C. Darden, for R. L. Whiteside, for Jesse P. Sewell, for my own father, for James F. Cox, and especially for Don Morris — these men who have led the way and who mean so much to so many in every high and noble concern. Our Father, we thank thee for all of them, especially for Brother Morris, for this quarter of a century and more that he has given

his heart — almost his life — to lead this great work. We pray that he may have many years in which to enjoy the fruits of his labors and to receive the love and affection that all of us feel for him. And we thank thee for the many, many others, teachers, members of the Board, wives, and all the host of students who have been blessed by this institution and have been blessed by giving of their best to it.

Our Father, we would turn our eyes forward, and we thank thee for what lies ahead as this school is led by John Stevens. We thank thee for his parents, for his wife, for his children, and we pray that this family may find his heavy responsibilities and opportunities a blessing rather than a burden. We thank thee for his talents, his wonderful experience and training, and his dedication to thee. We thank thee that he comes to be President of this great school in so challenging a time, better prepared than any of his predecessors through experience and training and observation and work. Bless him and may the future of this school be even brighter than its past.

And now we would ask that thou be with us in this great hour. May it be one that sets new goals and aims at even greater heights. We would wish that all that is said and done might be blessed of thee — each speaker, each listener — and that, most of all, all of the events of this day might be to thy honor and glory and praise, world without end, life evermore. And in Jesus' name we pray this prayer. Amen.

At this time Jack Pope, Texas Supreme Court Justice and a Distinguished Alumnus of the College who was graduated in 1934, will read from the Bible. He will read a special text selected for this occasion.

Twelve verses taken from the third chapter of I Kings reveal some of the meditations of Solomon as he faced and assumed what appeared to be overwhelming responsibilities.

And Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places. And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou has kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore thy servant an under-

standing heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

It is indeed a thrill to those of us at Abilene Christian College to welcome each of you to this great event which honors Dr. John Christopher Stevens, the eighth President of Abilene Christian College.

You have gathered from throughout the world as students, faculty, alumni, parents, friends, and official delegates. We certainly do appreciate your attendance.

At this time I would like for you to recognize (you will have an opportunity to meet them individually this afternoon) the family of Dr. Stevens. They are seated on the first center row in Section A. Would you stand please, the family of Dr. Stevens.

Also seated in Section A are the Emeriti of the College, who have given many, many years to the work and progress of this institution; members of the Advisory Board and National Development Council; and distinguished members of our local citizenry, the state, and national government.

Among our distinguished guests is the Honorable Gus Mutscher, speaker of the House of Representatives of our State. . . . Also on the platform are several people that I would like for you to recognize at this time: Dr. Fred Barton, dean of the Graduate School, serving as Chief Marshal of the Procession . . . ; Mr. Lawrence L. Smith, vice president for finance; Mr. Robert D. Hunter, vice president for public relations and development; Mr. L. D. (Bill) Hilton, business manager; and Mr. Garvin Beauchamp, vice president for student personnel services.

We are pleased and honored today to have some 214 official delegates from colleges and universities throughout the United States and three foreign countries. We are especially pleased that some fifty-three college and university presidents, vice presidents, and deans could be here personally to represent their institutions.

Also we would note that some thirty-six delegates from learned societies, educational associations, and other organizations have honored us with their presence.

I know you would want me to express our appreciation to

members of the Students Association of the College, Interpreters Council, Student Senate, Parents Association, and the Alumni Association for their part in these ceremonies. Were it not, of course, for all of these people who have worked so diligently it would be impossible for us to have it.

I call your attention to the fact that the Processional, entitled "Cortege," was composed by Dr. M. L. Daniels, head of the Department of Music of the College, especially for the Inauguration of President Stevens. The Recessional, "Onward Excellence," has been composed for the Inauguration by Mr. Charles Traylor, assistant professor of music and director of bands.

And now I am pleased and honored to present, for special words of greetings to the President, representatives of our College family and distinguished guests.

First, may I present the president of the Abilene Christian College Students Association, Mr. Walt Cabe, a graduate student in Bible from Chase, Alabama. . . .

To the delegates, distinguished guests, large gathering of honored parents and friends, may I extend the greetings of our entire student body to you personally and welcome you to our campus for this historic occasion, the Inauguration of the eighth President of Abilene Christian College, Dr. John Christopher Stevens: A historic occasion since in our age the academic revolution has made some highly specialized and demanding requirements of those men who undertake the administration of a college.

It is our firm conviction, as students, that Dr. Stevens is this kind of highly skilled administrator who can offer stability in the midst of doubt and confusion, honesty in the midst of intense questioning and examination, both from within and without the community itself, and can give the kind of guidance and fulfillment of a vision that is far greater than any one man.

If indeed the greatest need in the world is for truly Christian education, and, if we are committed to offering that kind of deepening, broadening experience, then we as students, who have placed our confidence in the mutual experience of this community, give heartiest endorsement to this appointment of Dr. Stevens. We pledge support in the search to more completely know the source of all truth and look forward with greatest expectation to the most significant days of Abilene Christian College yet in the future.

And now it is indeed a personal pleasure to me to present Dr. B. J. Humble, who for six years has served as a member of the Abilene Christian College Bible Department and was named dean of the College last September. A distinguished teacher and scholar, Dr. Humble will speak for the faculty. . . .

. . . I am honored to salute Dr. Stevens today and to pray that God may sustain him for the great task ahead. The oppor-



Chief Marshal Fred J. Barton, dean of the Graduate School, pilots Procession, followed closely by Marshal Ken Rasco and delegates.

tunities of the 1970's demand a man of unusual talents for our Presidency. He must be a disciple of Christ, a servant of others, and a national spokesman for Christian education. He must have the confidence of our brotherhood and the respect of the entire academic community. He must be willing to listen to the counsel of our faculty and to the questions of our students. But he must have the wisdom and courage to make his own decisions asking only, "What is right?" Our faculty believes that Dr. Stevens is a man who is endowed with this unique combination of talents. When the Board of Trustees invited our faculty to have a part in the selection of our new President, the faculty very quickly made it clear that Dr. Stevens was their first and only choice. Through years of working together we have come to respect Dr. Stevens and to love him as our friend — John. Now we are honored to follow him as our President.

Chosen to bring greetings from the alumni of the College is a 1940 graduate who was named Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in 1965. He and his wife, Iola Faye, also a graduate of the College, are parents of twin boys — Guy and Gary, both of whom are graduates — and Gil, who is in his third year as a

student here at the present time. Many of you know that Mr. Welch accomplished the unique feat of being elected Mayor of the largest city of the South for four consecutive terms. The Honorable Louie Welch, Mayor of Houston.

Thank you, Dr. Adams. When I was first approached to make this word of greeting from the Alumni Association I wondered how could one . . . speak for some more than 25,000 alumni of our school who are scattered throughout the entire world? I felt a personal tinge of pride and a little bit of regret because Dr. Stevens has been a city councilman in Abilene and has added distinction to that profession for the entire State. But perhaps his being elevated to the presidency of a college will serve as some incentive to some of the other councilmen of the State. But in bringing greetings to the administration from 25,000 alumni, we bring the confident expectation in those greetings that this administration will continue those traditions, that heritage, that quest which are so important to the College and to those of us who love her: The traditions of greatness and excellence, the heritage of seeking for the holy grail of truth. And we will send our children to you, Dr. Stevens, and to your

administration in full confidence that that for which Abilene Christian College has stood since 1906 will continue to be its goals, its aims, and its achievements.

From our Nation's capital three elected officials of our State honor us by being here for this occasion today.

Our own Congressman Omar Burleson, who has served the people of this district for more than twenty-three years and who some time ago was named to the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, has made a special effort to be here this morning, not only as a Trustee of the College (which he has been since 1938), but particularly to bring his own personal greetings to Dr. Stevens. He attended Abilene Christian College and Hardin-Simmons University and received his law degree from Cumberland University. An honorary Doctor of Laws degree was conferred upon him by Hardin-Simmons University only recently. . . .

Thank you, Dr. Adams. Dr. Adams, Dr. Morris, and Dr. Stevens, my colleagues in the Congress, Senator Yarborough and Senator Tower, Speaker Mutscher: Oh — I would like to call the names of all of you and those who do us honor by their presence here this morning, and if I did that my three minutes would be gone.

I just want to tell you that a little thing happened a couple of weeks ago . . . in the Congress. A man sitting next to me, and a man of another race that would not particularly respond to the Protestant or the Catholic religion, said to me, "You are from Abilene, Texas; I have had a son at Dyess Air Force Base. There are three wonderful institutions that are in that city." And he had been on the campus of Abilene Christian College, and he had gotten some of the spirit. This man is from deep in Brooklyn. And he was telling me what a wonderful institution this is, hearing it from his son.

Now that suggests to me that this great institution is known throughout the width and breadth of our Land, not only in the brotherhood, but by people who are interested and who have seen what is on the letterhead, "Educating for Christian Living." And now as men who have preceeded Dr. Stevens — who helped to build this great institution, such as Dr. Morris and other illustrious and dedicated men — Dr. Stevens will carry on in a way that will make Abilene Christian College familiar to people, by reason of its purpose, its dedication, its mission to boys and girls who come here for an education.

And Senator Yarborough and Senator Tower, we have a lot of colleagues in the Congress and a lot of people that we know . . . in Washington that I would like to see . . . on this occasion . . . have the catching of a spirit, if but from osmosis, on the campus of Abilene Christian College. And I think you know well what I mean.

In referring to this great man who is to head this institution, I know of nothing greater which can be said of any man than, "He is a good man." And, Dr. Stevens, you are a good man.

The Honorable John Tower was reelected to his second term as United States Senator in 1966. He is a member of three major committees — Armed Services, Banking and Currency, and the Joint Committee on Defense Production. Senator Tower is a native of Houston but was graduated from Beaumont High School. He received two political science degrees, his Bachelor of Arts from Southwestern University and his Master of Arts from Southern Methodist. He presently serves both of these institutions as a trustee. Having been a college professor for nine years prior to his election to the Senate, he is well aware of the significance of such an occasion as this in the life of an institution. We are honored additionally in that Senator Tower is the personal representative of President Nixon, who has asked Senator Tower to extend his greetings to President Stevens. . . .

Thank you, sir. Learned Chancellor, Mr. President, my distinguished colleagues, Senator Yarborough, Congressman Burleson, Speaker Mutscher, Justice Pope, Mayor Welch, distinguished faculty, students, and friends of Abilene Christian College. You do me a very great honor indeed by allowing me to be here today, to extend greetings to your new President. Beyond that you give me the opportunity to be stimulated and inspired, to see that church-supported higher education in the state of Texas is very much alive indeed. Heaven help us if the day should ever come that the state will have a monopoly on higher education. I can assure you that in Washington we are very conscious of the vital role that church-supported education institutions play in American life. Certainly members of your government are conscious of this.

The two letters that I will read to you are written by men who themselves are products of privately-supported institutions of higher education. The first:

Dear Dr. Stevens:

It is indeed a pleasure to have this opportunity to offer my hearty congratulations and compliments to you on this special occasion of your Inauguration as President of Abilene Christian College.

Throughout your more than twenty years of service at Abilene, you have made many valuable contributions to the betterment of education. As you now assume the tremendous responsibilities and face the new challenges of leading one of our nation's outstanding colleges, please accept my warmest good wishes for a successful and productive term of office, and my deep appreciation for your dedication and willingness to serve.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ROBERT FINCH

*Secretary of the Department
of Health, Education, and Welfare*

Dear Dr. Stevens:

On your Inauguration as the eighth President of Abilene Christian College, I am pleased to send you my personal greetings and congratulations.

You assume this position at a time when our hopes for America are linked more closely than ever to our goals of making quality education available to growing numbers of students. The future of our society rests heavily on our success in giving these young men and women the best possible preparation for productive and rewarding roles in the complex society into which they will graduate.

Abilene Christian College has for nearly six and a half decades been a prestigious center for religious guidance and academic excellence. It is good to know that a man of your caliber and credentials will lead it in the challenging years ahead. You have my best wishes in your new duties.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

President of the United States

And now may I add, Mr. President, my personal congratulations to you on the confidence that has been reposed on you and my commendation to you for being willing to accept a challenge that can only befall a man that must follow in the magnificent and towering wake of Don Morris. And to say best wishes for a successful and fruitful tenure, and may you always in your efforts walk in the shadow of the Savior.

The Honorable Ralph Yarborough has served our State as United States Senator since his election in 1957. He is currently chairman of the important Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee and a member of Committees on Post Office and Civil Service, Appropriations, Special Committee of the Aging, and Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs. Senator Yarborough has sponsored or cosponsored every major piece of education legislation passed during the past decade. He is a native of Chandler, where he attended school as well as in Tyler. He also attended Sam Houston State College and the United States Military Academy. He graduated with highest honors from the University of Texas Law School. We are doubly honored to have both of our United States Senators as members of the Presidential party today, and I am happy to present our senior Senator for his greetings at this time. . . .

Chairman Adams, Senator Tower, colleague in Congress Omar Bursleson, President Stevens, President Morris, Mayor Welch, Speaker Mutscher, all of you distinguished presidents, deans, and representatives of such a great segment of academic life in America, and the friends, alumni, and students of this great Abilene Christian College. It is a great privilege and honor to be here with my colleagues from the Congress to bring greetings from the Nation and from the United States Senate to this new

President who has already been tested in so many capacities . . . that we know his worth and competency. . . . I have particular pleasure in bringing greetings, because I bring them in the spirit of George Washington's first message where he recommended to the Congress that the Federal Government support education in these United States whether (George Washington said) we extend that support to institutions now in existence or create new ones; and in the spirit of Abraham Lincoln's signature on the Morrill Land Grant College Act of 1862, the first real federal act that extended aid to higher education; and in the



Marshal Paul C. Witt, emeritus, leads learned society envoys.

spirit of the numerous great acts aiding higher education beginning with the National Defense Education Act of 1958 and the whole group of acts under Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson.

And special greetings to this great institution founded as an outpost of Christian civilization in the West; it has grown to a bulwark . . . of that type of education. Now the Nation's interest and commitment, not only to education but to this College too, is shown by the fact that in fiscal 1968 and 1969 the United States government committed to this College through grants and through moneys extended to student loans a total of more than \$1.9 million. . . .

. . . I bring . . . greetings because of the success of your alumni, not only in supporting this school and in supporting this state, but in the broader field of representation of the entire Nation where, aside from the conventional successes in

the arts and sciences, in business, and in law, on the Olympic field your athletes have won gold medals. And among the galaxy of mayors in the United States in this sixth biggest city in America, and one of the most difficult to govern, we have one of the most successful mayors in America in Mayor Louie Welch. . . .

. . . The government is proud of this school because it stands for disciplined minds and bodies in an ordered society, the self-discipline of high ideals and worthy ambition. And we are reminded of the admonition of Mirabeau B. Lamar, second

exploration we know there is no other place for man to colonize. There will be no other Eden; our Eden is here; it must be shaped upon this earth. We believe that institutions like this under the guidance of dedicated men like Dr. Stevens, and all of you academicians, . . . build for a better tomorrow. . . . He [Dr. Stevens] is in keeping with the great spirit of learning that seeks to search out truth, that seeks a disciplined and ordered society, and seeks intellectual and ethical advancement for all. . . .

Dr. Stevens has received a number of telegrams and letters of



Holding honored college-university delegate ranks were Dr. Earle McMillan, St. Andrews, 1411; Dr. Everett Ferguson, Harvard, 1636.

President of the Republic of Texas, that an educated mind is the guardian spirit of democracy.

So in bringing to you these greetings from the Nation we recognize that the college president of today has one of the most difficult positions in all of our society, and that the burdens and duties entrusted upon him are heavier than those upon most any other official in our society in this time of great national difficulties -- but . . . also a time of great national opportunities. And in Dr. John Christopher Stevens this institution has a President who will make the most of these opportunities for himself, the students, this great institution, for the Nation, and for the society he aids in shaping the direction. . . .

Man has long thought of that mystic lost Atlantis where people were supposed to have higher ideals and a higher sense of ethics than man ever since attained. And now since our space

greeting and congratulations. I am going to read only one of them at this time.

DR. JOHN CHRISTOPHER STEVENS, PRESIDENT
 ABILENE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
 SINCERELY REGRET PREVIOUS COMMITMENT PRECLUDES MY BEING WITH YOU ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR INAUGURATION AS THE EIGHTH PRESIDENT OF ABILENE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE. THIS INSTITUTION HAS A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED HISTORY IN THE EDUCATIONAL RANKS IN TEXAS, AND I KNOW THAT UNDER YOUR ABLE LEADERSHIP ABILENE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE OUR YOUTH THE FINEST IN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY. I EXTEND TO YOU MY WARMEST PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS AND MY GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL IN ATTENDANCE.

PRESTON SMITH, GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

Mr. Jack Boyd, associate professor of music and director of choral activities here at the College, has composed [the music for] a special selection — "God, Give Us Men!" — for the Inauguration and will direct the Grand Chorus in singing this choral tribute.

GOD, GIVE US MEN!

*God, give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking!
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking;
For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,
Their large professions and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land and waiting sleeps.*

JOSIAH GILBERT HOLLAND

Because of the importance of this event today in the academic life of Abilene Christian College, the Inaugural Committee decided many months ago that our guest speaker should be the topmost official in higher education that was available to us. We were pleased when Dr. Bevington Reed, our Texas Commissioner of Higher Education, accepted our invitation to give the Inaugural Address.

Bevington Reed is a native of West Texas (born and reared in Eastland County); a graduate of Cisco High School, Randolph Junior College, Daniel Baker College, and Texas Technological College, where he received the doctorate in 1952.

He served as teacher and principal in Texas public schools from 1934 to 1941, at which time he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served with distinction until 1946. He was a Marine infantry company commander in the Pacific area from 1943 to 1945.

Dr. Reed was high school principal at Vaughn, New Mexico, 1947-50; a teaching fellow at Texas Tech; a member of the faculty at San Angelo College and at Sul Ross, where he served as academic dean of the college from 1956 to 1961. He was also academic dean at Mankato State College in Minnesota from 1961 to 1964, when he was made chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges, a group of five colleges in the state of Minnesota. In 1966 he became assistant commissioner of higher education in Texas. He was made commissioner . . . in 1968.

With Dr. Reed's rich background of preparation and experience at all levels — in public schools, colleges, and universities — you can readily see why we are fortunate in having him to give the Inaugural Address today.



Faculty Senate chairman Tommy McCord was Faculty Marshal.



Board Chairman Paine, Chancellor Morris precede Dr. Stevens.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I introduce to you Dr. Bevington Reed. . . .

I am honored and greatly pleased to be a part of these ceremonies inaugurating my good friend John Stevens as President of Abilene Christian College. During the course of these celebrations, Dr. Stevens will be honored by many groups symbolically representing the various elements of the academic community, the government, the institutional faculty, alumni, students, and Board of Abilene Christian College, and religious and lay leaders of the community. There will be a great outpouring of good will, good wishes for continued success, and assurances of support.

It is well that this should happen — both to focus attention upon the man and the College he will lead and to reaffirm the great American reliance upon education as a tool to achieve a personal good life for individuals and a means to insure the perpetuation of the ideals upon which our society was founded and has endured.

I suppose that a part of my message should be condolences to Dr. Stevens for the physical, emotional, and creative drain



Delegates of institutions and learned societies reach their sections as ACC boards, councils, and associations enter the coliseum.

which UCLA's Franklin Murphy declared to be the lot of a college president. And Duke's Douglas Knight has written that college presidents are isolated by their very overload of information; by constant distractions; and by those who tell presidents what they think the presidents want to know.

If this were the entire story, sympathy would indeed be due. But I, for one, do not believe this is even a significant part of the story which should be told on Inaugural Day.

At the beginning of the decade of the 1970's, higher education stands on a true watershed. Behind us lies the traditions of a quiet university campus dominated by a scholar president where students were seeking knowledge and not asking embarrassing questions about the relevance of our preachings to our actions, where faculty grew old in quiet abstract discussions far removed and truly isolated from social and political activism, where boards of regents quietly raised money for buildings and learned chairs and knew little or thought little of the policy decisions which would redirect the course of higher education.

But as President Lincoln said in another context:
The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the present. As

our case is new, we must think anew. We must disenthrall ourselves.

Today in higher education we stand on the very cutting edge between the new and the old. Old solutions, old ways of administration, and, indeed, old ways of teaching must yield to new concepts. The quiet halcyon days of yore are gone because the colleges and universities have become instruments of state and national policy, have emerged from ivory tower isolation into the thick of social action and social change.

This has happened at a time of special urgency to this Nation and to all humanity because there are major problems demanding immediate solution upon which all our fates depend.

In our drive to exploit our natural resources and to utilize the fruits of the knowledge explosion, our physical environment has become and is becoming so polluted with our wastes that our grandchildren will surely know only the *Silent Spring* of a Rachel Carson unless alternatives can be discovered, explored, and implemented.

With all our technological advances, our explorations of space, our dramatic cures for disease, and our ability to transplant hearts and other human organs, our record in human





relations is deplorable and gives promise of becoming worse unless positive solutions are found soon to racism, hunger of body, and poverty of soul. If urban blight, crime and delinquency, drug abuse, and a myriad of other social problems are to be met, our colleges and universities have many varied and important roles to play — roles we should not, indeed, cannot evade.

There are other world and national issues with which we might deal today — issues in which the colleges and universities are now and will become even more involved. But let these few illustrations be suggestive of others. I am not saying that educational institutions have all the responsibility for solving these problems; but, I am suggesting that on the basis of previous performance on matters of national concern, colleges and universities have two vital roles. First, they must discover new knowledges to solve the problems; and, second, they must provide truly educated citizens who will be committed to a life concern about these issues and capable of participating in the solutions which must be found.

As overpowering as these issues are, John Stevens and his fellow presidents will be more immediately involved with day-to-day operations which could demand all one's time.

There is the matter of the new expectations of increasing college bound groups who have no concept of what a college is but believe that the campus is a promised land where skills and knowledges can be acquired to make individual aspirations come true. There is the matter of faculty concern and unrest over the changing nature of the educational enterprise and the personal implications for them over those changes which are inevitable and which rush along at a rate faster than higher education is accustomed to move. There are the alumni, ambitious for their mother institution, who must press and demand things the President cannot deliver. There are the parents of students who will expect this College to do things for their sons and daughters which they themselves frequently have been unable to do. There are community interests which will demand. There are — but why list more of the demands which fall upon the President?

What I am saying is that this job, this position, demands a man of broad vision who can see, understand, and meet the urgent major challenges of humanity faced by the bitter realities of this decade; a man who, in spite of vision of those greater issues, is kind, concerned, understanding, and intelligently active in meeting the day-to-day problems of the students, of the faculty, and of the many publics a college must serve; a man with a strong physical constitution to withstand the rigors of the office; but, above all, a man who is truly dedicated to the aims and purposes of his college.

Abilene Christian College is fortunate in having such a man in John Stevens, who knows the value of a college which has as its purpose the provision of a Christian environment in which learning can take place, in which the basic issues of a student's

life work can be decided, and in which the pressing problems of humanity can be considered and acted upon. This College is to be congratulated upon its new leader.

And John, I bring you the affectionate congratulations of all of us in the educational administrative fraternity. Our best wishes to you for many years of rewarding service to God and mankind as you assume the awesome responsibilities of leadership of this truly distinguished institution. Under your direction may its already fine reputation gain new luster and new glory. And may God give you the strength, courage, and wisdom your many tasks will demand.

Thank you, Dr. Reed.

Our installation ceremony will consist of the presentation of the President and his official induction by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

It is my privilege and indeed it is a personal pleasure to present to you the Chancellor of the College, Dr. Don H. Morris, who is in his forty-second year of service to Abilene Christian College — the last twenty-nine years as its President. Dr. Morris is a 1924 graduate of the College. He has served as teacher of speech, department head, debate coach, and vice president — all with devotion and dedication. Chancellor Morris.

Thank you very much. Today is a milestone for Abilene Christian College. I speak from my heart when I say this is one of her finest hours. For this morning we look forward with hope and with confidence that the future will bring new measures of service by the College to students and to the nation.

No finer choice could have been made than when last May the third the Board of Trustees unanimously selected John C. Stevens as President. As a student he was a leader on this campus. In 1936, his senior year, he was president of the A Club, the men's honor organization, and president of the Students Association. We were fortunate in 1948 when John Stevens accepted an appointment as assistant professor of history and returned to Abilene Christian College. In 1950 he agreed to serve as dean of men, and in 1952 he became dean of students. In 1956, the fiftieth anniversary of the College and just after he had received his doctorate from the University of Arkansas, Dr. Stevens was made assistant president. Since that time he has carried an ever-increasing responsibility in the day-to-day operation of the College.

During Phase I of the Design for Development when \$10.9 million in gifts was received for seven buildings, for endowment, and for instructional and research funds, Dr. Stevens, as assistant president, played a vital role in the raising of funds and in the planning of the campus and buildings. He spent countless hours working with individuals, with faculty committees, with architects, contractors, and government offices.

No one has had better preparation for his demanding task.



Vice President Adams presides (below). Front row, left-right, are Mayor Welch, Speaker Mutscher, Senator Tower, Chancellor Morris, President Stevens, Chairman Paine, Commissioner Reed, Senator Yarborough, Representative Burleson, Justice Pope; in back are Dean Barton, Vice Presidents Hunter and Beauchamp, Dr. Baxter, Mr. Cabe, Commissioner Coleman, Dean Humble, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Smith.

Most important he has deep roots in the Church. He is an elder in the Central Church in Abilene. He has preached throughout the United States for more than thirty-five years. He has been a featured speaker on many lectureships. As a historian he has lectured widely, and he has spoken to local and national groups. He has directed our American Studies Program from its beginning in 1957 and for this has been cited by Freedoms Foundation.

I must emphasize, too, John Stevens' loyalty to Abilene Christian College. He is dedicated to higher education. He is dedicated to Christian education. But he has a second-mile dedication and love for Abilene Christian College. I have a personal pride in John Stevens, and so I am pleased and honored, Mr. Paine, to present to the Board of Trustees, and to you as its Chairman, Dr. John Christopher Stevens, my friend and my leader, that you may formally install him as the eighth President of Abilene Christian College.

The President will be officially installed by another Distinguished Alumnus of the College — so named last year by the Alumni Association, upon his being named Chairman of the Board of Trustees. A 1948 graduate, Mr. Paine is president of the Citizens National Bank of Lubbock. He and his wife, Billie,



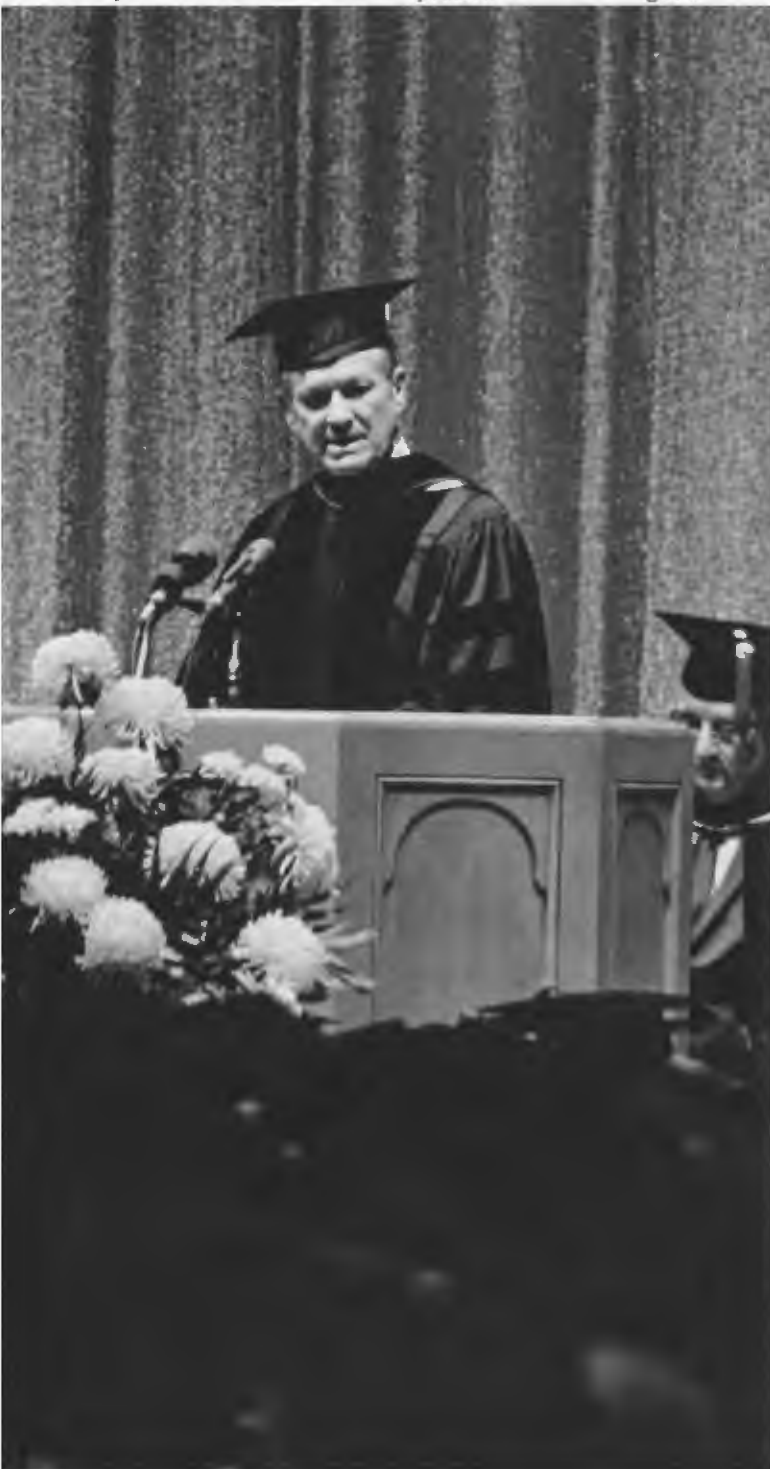
also an ex-student, are parents of a sophomore student, Rod. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1956. . . .

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Abilene Christian College, it is my great privilege, as Chairman, to perform this important responsibility.

Your induction as the eighth President of the College reminds us of the devoted service rendered by our past Presidents beginning with A. B. Barret, 1906-08; H. C. Darden, 1908-09; R. L. Whiteside, 1909-11; James F. Cox, 1911-12;



Texas Supreme Court Justice Jack Pope read I Kings 3:3-14; Representative Omar Burlison praised Stevens as "a good man."



Jesse P. Sewell, 1921-24; Batsell Baxter, 1924-32; James F. Cox, 1932-40; and Don H. Morris, our Chancellor, who has served with unequalled distinction as President from 1940 until his new appointment September 1, 1969.

Each of these men, with their associates, built upon the solid and visionary foundation established by those who pioneered in this place to benefit young people for all time to come. You have the unusual opportunity to build upon this uniquely successful work.

We entrust to you – with your demonstrated ability, your superior academic training, sound judgment, and above all, your abiding faith in the Word of God – the leadership of this great institution of Christian higher learning. We have full confidence that you – with the determined help of thousands of alumni, parents, and other friends – will succeed powerfully for the good of generations yet to be.

I entrust to you the official Charter of Abilene Christian College which establishes our founding purposes, and by handing it to you at this time, I demonstrate the faith which we have in you to guide the course of the College.

I therefore declare that you, John Christopher Stevens, are officially installed as President of Abilene Christian College and wish for you, both personally and for the Board, the strength and the prayerful wisdom which will lead this institution to even greater years of service to our society.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT STEVENS

Chairman Paine, Chancellor Morris, Dr. Reed, distinguished platform guests and delegates, ladies and gentlemen: I cannot imagine a greater responsibility or opportunity for me than this one which you are formalizing today. I know it is indeed a source of great encouragement to all of us who are involved in the work here to have these colleagues and friends from many parts of our Nation present today. You do us honor; your presence is a tribute to Abilene Christian College.

I am grateful for the remarks which have been made by Mr. Willard Paine, who is Chairman of the Board (who is, incidentally, the kind of Board chairman to rejoice the heart of a college President) and by my long-time teacher, friend, mentor, guide, counselor, and leader, Don Morris. I appreciate the fact that I have been associated with Don Morris in Christian education since I enrolled as a student in his public speaking class in the fall of 1934, with the exception of a few years between graduation and my return to the faculty during the years of World War II. I am glad that Dean Adams is master of ceremonies for this occasion because I have likewise had an association of thirty-five years with him in Christian education. And that same sentiment goes for the dean of business managers, Lawrence L. Smith, who was our Marshal and led us to the platform, with whom I have worked so many years. I am glad that the graduate dean, and the dean of the College, and my other colleagues here can have a part on this occasion. I am



Walt Cabe, Students Association president, led Ceremony of Allegiance; Houston Mayor Louie Welch had alumni greetings.



most appreciative of the remarks made by Dr. Bevington Reed. I knew they would be appropriate. I cannot think of a better statement of our challenges and opportunities that could have been given on this occasion. We are fortunate in Texas to have Bevington Reed in the position of commissioner. He has the all-important task of coordinating the work of private colleges and universities with the work of our distinguished public institutions. And I believe I am speaking the truth when I say he has the confidence of all of us. I am so glad that my long-time friends and colleagues Batsell Barrett Baxter of David Lipscomb College and Judge Jack Pope, who is a member of the Board of Trustees, could lead the prayer and read the Bible selection. I am glad that Tonto Coleman could be with us from Birmingham. He will be leading the benediction.

We are truly honored today to have such distinguished leaders of our Nation as United States Senator Ralph Yarborough, United States Senator John Tower, and Congressman Omar Bureson, who is also a member of our Board of Trustees, to bring greetings. And I appreciate their remarks more than I can say. And, of course, it is such a personal pleasure that my esteemed schoolmate and another member of the Board of Trustees, the Mayor of the great city of Houston, Louie Welch, could bring greetings along with Dean B. J. Humble of the College and our truly outstanding Student Body President Walt Cabe. I cannot see how, on an occasion of this kind, a man in my position could be anything but optimistic.

The Charter of Abilene Christian College as it was written in 1906, which I hold, states:

This corporation is created for the following purposes, to-wit: The establishment and maintenance of a college for the advancement of education in which the arts, sciences, languages and Holy Scriptures shall always be taught, together with such other courses of instruction as shall be deemed advisable by the Board of Trustees. . . .

As I have the privilege of making formal acceptance on this Inaugural occasion of the serious responsibilities of the Presidency of Abilene Christian College, I pledge my best efforts to keep the College true to the purposes as outlined in that Charter.

One of my deepest convictions is that we have here an institution desperately needed in today's world. If I did not believe that, I think I would not be willing to accept this responsibility. In his inaugural address of November 9, 1940, Don H. Morris said:

. . . Abilene Christian College is not the result of the planning or the prayers or the work or the leadership of any one man. It is, rather, one of the best examples that you can find anywhere of the combined efforts and devotion of many hundreds and hundreds of men and women. . . .

I am just as convinced of that truth today as Don Morris was when he said it thirty years ago.

At the same time, I hope that in being a Christian college we will always be a bulwark in support of Biblical teaching and Christian living in this world. I hope also that we can always be a liberal arts institution in the finest traditions of higher education. We shall expect to continue to explore, as fully as our talents, time, and resources will permit, issues facing modern man. There are no subjects on this earth, or in outer space, or in the metaphysical realm, which we cannot study on the campus of a Christian institution of higher learning. Everybody can know our basic commitment, but I hope that people will also realize that there are no closed minds and no off-limits subjects on this campus so long as in our teaching and practice we operate within the framework of our historic commitment. We can study — and I hope with a fair and reasonable approach — even those viewpoints which might not be in agreement with our basic presuppositions. In this way we can see to it that students and faculty are aware of the currents and crosscurrents of our age and that the education to be pursued at a Christian college is highly relevant.

A college such as this one is, I am sure, to have some difficult problems in the years ahead. Always, for example, there are problems of a financial nature. But even more profound will be questions of a moral and spiritual nature. Let us determine always to be thankful for our heritage. We appreciate and honor the dedicated men and women who have gone before us and have built such an enduring institution and such honored traditions. We realize, however, that the problems of the seventies require that we push on in a vigorous search for understanding that will lead to intelligent solutions. One of the objectives of a Christian education ought to be to develop people who are efficient, capable, and ambitious while at the same time being tolerant, courteous, and respectful of the rights and the opinions and convictions of others. The Christian should hold deep convictions regarding eternal principles while being of an open mind and heart concerning the desperate problems of today's world.

We have a great work to do here. We need great people in order to accomplish a task of quality. With all groups of the Abilene Christian College family working together, we can continue to build an institution which will be true to the high and noble purposes set for it.

It is with deep humility and gratitude that I accept this responsibility.

Thank you, Dr. Stevens, for this challenging address.

I know that you will agree that this has indeed been a great occasion. On behalf of Abilene Christian College may I again thank our distinguished participants, and all of you for being with us. We hope you will enjoy the other activities of the day, including especially the reception at three o'clock this after-



State Commissioner Bevington Reed delivers Inaugural address.



Inaugural audience gave Chancellor Morris a standing ovation.

Dean Humble called Stevens faculty's "first and only choice."



noon in McGlothlin Campus Center, when you will have an opportunity to extend your personal greetings to President and Mrs. Stevens and members of their family.

And now I ask that you join with the Band and the Grand Chorus in the singing of our alma mater, after which you will please again be seated.

O DEAR CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

*O dear Christian College, we love you,
Our dear Alma Mater today;
Like the stars shining brightly above you
Your fame shall shine brightly for aye.
To you we'll prove faithful and loyal
While ever upholding the right.
And gladly we'll give forth the royal
Three cheers for the purple and white.
Then we'll pledge our love to Christian,
To her is honor due:
While we gaily sing, let praises ring
For our Alma Mater true.*

. . . We will now be led in the benediction by a great friend to thousands over the nation — A. M. (Tonto) Coleman, who was named Distinguished Alumnus of the Year 1966. He was graduated in 1928 and went on to become a coaching success, not only at Abilene Christian College as head football coach, but in other distinguished posts including Georgia Tech. He has been commissioner of the Southeastern Conference since 1966, and we are pleased that he could be here with us today. . . . He will now lead us in the benediction. . . .

Our Holy Father, we close this inaugural program with a prayer, not because of custom, but because we realize without thee, thy goodness, thy grace, and thy benevolence that Abilene Christian College would be only a page in history. We pray for thy continued blessings upon this great school.

Bless these, our Heavenly Father, who by their presence and their participation have given us this great day of inspiration. We pray our Heavenly Father that everything that we have done has been pleasing unto thee and profitable unto us.

We pray that President Stevens will receive the courage from our encouragement and faith in thee to accept the great responsibilities that are his. May he be true to the trust placed in him by the Trustees, but more importantly, may he be true to the trust given him by thee. May his wisdom be thy wisdom; may thy will be his will. We pray, our Heavenly Father, that thou will bless him with health and happiness, and may he find happiness, joy, and a sense of accomplishment for thee through the lives of those who enter these halls of learning.

We pray, our Heavenly Father, that those of us who are here and around the world who are a part of this College will recognize our responsibilities and our obligations. We pray that

we may realize that the load is too great for one man. We pray that we may all know, both President Stevens and all the sons and daughters and friends of our Alma Mater, that this job is too big for human hearts and hands, and that we will lean heavily on thee and thus in leaning find the strength to stand.

Dismiss us now in thy love and keeping. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

LUNCHEON ADDRESS OF DR. M. NORVEL YOUNG PRESIDENT, PEPPERDINE COLLEGE

. . . I appreciate so much being asked to come back to my Alma Mater and to participate in honoring President John, "President Paul," and "Head Beagle." I have got some new titles; you will have to put those in the catalogue. I have known him since he was a freshman and I was about the same age, but I was a little advanced in the grading at that time — I believe a senior. Really, the first time I saw John Stevens, I didn't feel like Dr. [Boyd] Shafer. I really thought he was an unlikely candidate to be President. He had just come in from the country, and he hadn't met Ruth yet. You have no idea how much she has improved him. We pay her tribute today.

You know, we brought greetings from everybody, and I thought surely it would be appropriate if I brought greetings from all the dropouts through all the years — that wish you well — ever since you were dean of students. I want to remind President John that there is something very significant about this occasion, and I hope he is having everything taped, because never again in his administration will all the students, and all of the faculty, and all of the alumni, and all of the competing colleges here in Abilene, and the sister Christian colleges around the world, and all of the Trustees, and all of the faculty wives be in enthusiastic agreement with him. This is a high point; from today on you will be making decisions that will affect some of these people. But I know you will have the confidence of most of them.

And I appreciated what you said about tenure in the office and the fact that it is expensive to have these things. They tell me, however, that the average tenure today is only six years or two unbalanced budgets, whichever comes the first.

I salute John Stevens as a man of good will, big spirit, a man who is interested in the big picture — following in the steps of a big man. Don Morris has been a great leader in our Christian college movement and we are so glad he could be here today. Dr. George Benson, who is here today, has been one of the pioneer leaders, and they have contributed so much to the unity and cooperative spirit that exists today among the Christian colleges related to the Churches of Christ around the world — more than twenty of them. He believes that the rising tide lifts all the ships, and I believe it does in Christian education. We want to keep building a climate that will lift Abilene Christian and all colleges of similar purposes and outlook. There is no competition between lighthouses. There is enough darkness and

enough danger to the ships that we need all the lighthouses we can get in this day.

I like the words of Chancellor Kirkland of Vanderbilt who wrote in 1909 what he thought about a college president, and I pass these on to you with good wishes:

To labor constantly for the world with no thought of self, to find indifference and opposition where you ought to have active assistance, to meet criticism with patience and the open attacks of ignorance without resentment, to plead with others for their own good, to follow sleepless nights with days of incessant toil, to strive continuously without ever attaining – this is to be a college president. But this is only half the truth. To be associated with ambitious youth and high minded men and women, to live in an atmosphere charged with thoughts of the world's great thinkers, to dream of a golden age not in the past but in the future and to have the exalted privilege of striving to make that dream a reality, to build up great kingdoms and to make daily life richer and fuller, to spiritualize wealth, to enrich

and you take a tremendous risk when you take on the leadership of an institution like Abilene Christian College. There is a crying need for leadership in the educational world, and I believe that John Stevens and Abilene Christian College can serve significantly in meeting this need far beyond the borders of Abilene, or of Texas, or even of the United States of America.

There are just two points I would like to leave with you. The first is that the biggest challenge that the faculty and the Board and President Stevens and the alumni and all the support groups have, in the years ahead, is to keep Abilene Christian College putting first things first. This is an "age of Aquarius"; this is an "age of the post-Christian era"; this is an age that Dr. Elton Trueblood says is an age of increasing secularism in which Christianity will be more on the defensive and yet more distinctive than it has been in the past few centuries. Organized religions are on the retreat in most areas, and I believe the biggest challenge that President Stevens has is the challenge to keep Christian education Christ-centered in his administration.



personal character and elevate all human relationships, to impress one's life on a great immortal institution – this, too, is to be a college president!

And we welcome John Stevens into the Presidency of the largest of our Christian colleges related to the Church of Christ. I want to say just a few words of a serious nature about the challenges we face. There is no use kidding ourselves; we are in a time of crisis and turmoil. I think we should meet it with optimism, but with reality. One thing I like about President Stevens is that he is soft-hearted, but he is a tough thinker and deals with facts. This is a period of revolutionary change similar to the period when Jesus came into the world and similar to the period of the Renaissance and the Reformation. It is a time of exploding revolutions in so many different areas. And it is a time of crisis in terms of Christian higher education. The crisis means, as the Chinese put it in their words, "danger and opportunity." And really it is a great day to be a college president, because no real gains in life are made without risk,

The second task is related to it – and that is the task of improving the quality of education as it relates to the central Christian purposes of the College, and this isn't easy. It is easy enough just to say first things first, or just to say we are going to keep Christ in the center, but how do you do it? And how do you do it with increasing quality and increasing needs? Too many people, I believe, confuse eternal principles with passing human traditions. Many who claim to want to conserve the past are only traditionalists, such as the Pharisees in Jesus' time or the Judaizing teachers of Paul's time. But Christian education today needs some clear thinking as it applies the Christ principle to the young people of our time. The pioneers, such as Alexander Campbell, Tolbert Fanning, David Lipscomb, James A. Harding, A. B. Barret, Batsell Baxter, and others, were men who had to adapt to the needs of their time and apply Christian principles in setting up Christian schools. I would like to make it clear that the college is not the Church, nor is it the Christian home. And also we need to make it clear, as we apply Christian principles to the coming generations in the last third of this

century, that God has given us the ability to apply these principles, but he hasn't set out the pattern. And I think we'll make a great mistake if we take it that the details, the immediate pattern, is something given in the book of Acts, or the curriculum in Romans.

We are facing a different world, I am not one of those, for example, who thinks the present unrest on campus and the other disturbances in our population is something lightly to be taken. It is true that only two or three percent of the students and a larger percent of the faculty are usually involved as activists, but I believe that this unrest represents the tip of an iceberg that has tremendous challenges for educators today. Neither can I dismiss all the questions that bright young people are asking about our values and about the difference between what we say in class or preach on Sunday and what we do in the market place or what we do at the polls or what we do in recreation on Saturday night. I believe the communist, the facist, the atheist, the racist, the secularist are all working to take advantage of the troubled conditions that exist. But I

To a crisis of the spirit, we need an answer of the spirit.

And I believe that Christian colleges, as they apply the Christian principles to the needs of our young people, can give that answer in a distinctive way. One of the things that I have in mind in terms of traditionalism in an academic sense is the fact, for example, that we have spent so much time in academia, on the inconsequential. In this day of these terrific crises that we are facing with people starving in Biafra, with people in tremendous threat of war in the Middle East, and with all the problems we face in the world and the problems in our own cities, it seems to me that it is time that we reevaluate the amount of time we are spending in the academic world (even in our Christian academic world) on those things that have less priority. For example, if you want to get an idea of what I mean in specifics, just read a list of some of the doctoral dissertations in the catalogs of our libraries and see the amount of human energy that has been applied to so many things that may be interesting but do not have high priority. We learn more and more about less and less. And we have so many huge human problems that need the attention of the trained mind. The other day I ran across this topic of research that someone had spent five years on, "The Incidence of the Sub-Cognate Noun in the 14th Century Spanish Literature." Now that no doubt is very interesting, but my question is: "Is it relevant and does it have a high priority?" I think this needs to be applied also in terms of our teaching of the Bible. I think sometimes we have not looked at our students and said, "What do these young people need to meet their value-vacuum?"

Let's start out with Christ. We at our college make this mistake (I can talk about us a little easier than about you, but if any of it rubs off, it is all right). We have been talking to the Religion Department for some time about how difficult it is, and maybe how much we are missing, to have students come in — often without very much background at all, some of them not even from a general Christian background. . . . We may only have them for one year, and we spend all the time on a survey of the Old Testament. We never get around to talk much about Christ or the gospels. Now of course you can teach Christ in the Old Testament. But I believe that we need to take our minds and look at these students and see where they come from and give them proper tests and start with them where they are and take them to where we believe that God wants them to be. We can do it, I think, in an academic discipline that has some promise.

There is one other thing I would like to say in this connection. I think we must use modern means of teaching machines and data processing, information storage, and transmission of knowledge as better helps to the faculty in the last third of this century. We are touching the hem of the garment, but this is something that must be done because we need these well-trained faculty to be inspiring . . . young people and having



Stevens Inaugural memorabilia was exhibited in Campus Center.

believe that the conditions exist and must be dealt with also so as not to give the grounds for them to fish in troubled waters. One of the reasons that they get such a hearing today is because of the value vacuum in our American society and the value vacuum in our educational system in which we have set too few priorities. We have felt we could make unlimited progress if we spent unlimited funds upon unlimited numbers of teachers and students. Nowhere in the world has the population, the citizenry, supported education so much and so ardently. And yet as President Nixon said in his Inaugural Address:

Our crisis today is in reverse.

We have found ourselves rich in goods, but ragged in spirit; reaching with magnificent precision for the moon, but falling into raucous discord on earth.

We are caught in war, wanting peace. We are torn by division, wanting unity. We see around us empty lives, wanting fulfillment. We see tasks that need doing, waiting for hands to do them.

person-to-person contacts with them, and not simply getting up and reading the same notes. . . . As Christians we believe in one God, and we believe that he made all the people in the earth in his own image. Therefore, we cannot be content with state or national provinciality or racial or class prejudice. We must use the resources God has given us in this great Land to advance knowledge and understanding, and to show loving concern to human beings of all nationalities, of both sexes, and of all races. We can do this because we love, because he first loved us. And our young people are already around the world, and they are going to be more around the world in every nation and nationality and we need to emphasize this I think more than we did fifty years ago.

work with the home and the church and to take additional responsibility for the student outside the classroom in guiding him and working with him as a person. Young people in these turbulent teens, and this turbulent age, are coming up from the deep, so to speak, like a deep sea diver who comes up to the surface. When he comes up too fast he has the bends. If he doesn't come at all he never sees the big picture. Some don't ever come up, and too many get the bends. It is our job to help them during these turbulent teen periods and beyond, and I think we have never before been needed as much as we are needed right now. I don't think that we are in any way out of the picture. I think we are needed more than we have ever been in the past.

I would like to say something in conclusion about the changing world as far as leisure time. We are coming to the period when people are going to have three and four and five-week vacations, and sabbaticals are going to be common in the professions, and maybe in business, as they now are in teaching. We need, I think, to give some thought to what our young people are going to do as they learn to appreciate this leisure time and learn to use it, to appreciate music and art, and the things they can do to help other people — people who are deprived culturally, people who are deprived religiously, people who are deprived educationally. There are a hundred million people right now — adults who are eager to learn to read and write — with nobody to teach them. Yet we find a lot of people who as Christians don't feel any more responsibility when they are given twenty years maybe after retirement, or they are given long vacations or shorter workweeks, to fulfill themselves in a creative, voluntary way. I think this is something that Christian education can take the lead in — in helping give our young people a concept that will carry them on through their active life and on beyond. Particularly the women (who outlive the men on the average of eight years) have a great opportunity, and Christian education should help them. You know, one of my theories is that one of the great things a Christian education does is not what it does for you at the beginning but rather at the end of life. It keeps you younger and active and more interested and more productive longer. And I think you see some of the best benefits after fifty, at least I am hopeful that is true. But I think I have seen it.

So I salute you, President Stevens, and I congratulate Abilene Christian College on your selection. I salute you as a builder, and we will build together. In the words of John Ruskin:

Whenever we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it be such a work as our descendents will thank us for. And let us think, as we lay stone on stone, a time is to come when these stones are held sacred, because our hands have touched them — and they will say as they look upon the labor and the substance of them: See — this our fathers did for us.

Next I would like to make this point, that we need to examine what we are doing in terms of the unique affirmations that we make as individual Christians. I think that a Christian teacher, . . . whether he is teaching history or biology or chemistry should bring Christ into the classroom and into his attitude. . . . He should not take the adversary position in teaching that some have taken in the past in which he is just the drill sergeant and in which he has the task of passing judgment at the end of the drill. I think he should teach values. I like G. K. Chesterton's point: It is all right to examine many things and raise many problems, but he says that "the object of opening of the mind, as of opening the mouth, is to close it again on something solid." And we have too many people in the world today that are simply opening and never closing and never reaching any conclusions. I think the Christian teacher has an obligation and the Christian school has an obligation to the student as a whole person, his moral and spiritual life, not just his academic life. We are primarily an academic institution, but I don't think we can take the approach that we just deal with the mind and we don't care what happens to the body or the soul. Many colleges are resigning the concept of *in loco parentis*. I think Christian colleges have a unique responsibility there to

Young: ". . . He is soft-hearted, but he is a tough thinker. . . ."

GREETINGS FROM THE STATE

INAUGURAL LUNCHEON

BEN BARNES, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

. . . On this very fine occasion at this wonderful luncheon, I couldn't keep from wanting the ears and eyes of . . . all the people in the nations of the world to be able to listen and to gaze upon the activities that have taken place on the campus of this institution.

We have entered the seventies, a decade of uncertainty, change, chance, and challenge. Many people are pessimistic about our future, the future of private and public education, the future of our State, and the future of our Nation. There is a lot of concern about our young, the direction in which they are going.

Other speakers today have pointed out the importance of private education (the role that it not only has to play here in Texas, but in our nation) in higher education for our young. I think all . . . of you . . . who have supported this institution recognize that perhaps the most important ingredient, in the past and in the future, to the success of this government and this country has been the moral fiber of its people. The spiritual development and training the students have received in the past, and that they are going to receive in the future, is really going to determine the fate, not only of ACC, but . . . of our land.

Dr. Morris has done a very outstanding job as President of this institution. The Board of Trustees has chosen very wisely in a man now to provide the guiding hand.

And Doctor, as I bring greetings from the state of Texas, . . . I know of no better occasion on which to make this prediction. . . . Our State Government recognizes the importance of not only private education but the importance of religious training. . . . We feel a very deep responsibility to the young people of our State, those wanting to attend private as well as public institutions. I think this is a good occasion for me to say and to predict that the state of Texas is going to find a role in . . . the continued growth of private education.

We have reached this point in our development because of dedicated people like . . . you . . . who believed in this institution of higher learning, who supported Dr. Morris in the past, and whose presence here indicates the very wonderful support that Dr. Stevens has as he begins his journey.

My congratulations, my best wishes, but most of all, Dr. Stevens, my prayers and my hope that, as you carry the torch lighting the way for those who are going to follow, we will always be able to look upon our young and recognize that how we go about educating them is going to determine, not only the fate of generations to follow, . . . but how many tomorrows that all of us will have. **H**

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