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COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 9, 1984

Next Meeting: Noon, Wednesday,
November 14, 1984
Cardinal Room, Squires

Those Present: Tozier, Mason, Pusey, S.D. Ford, David Ford, Axelson,
Lane, O'Neil, Johnston, Mills, Padis, Savage, Powell,
Wink, Shachelford

Chairwoman Tozier welcomed new and returning members to the opening session of the 1985 Commencement Committee. Copies of the Committee's meeting schedule were distributed; additional copies are available from the secretary for those who were not in attendance.

1. Speaker's Subcommittee:

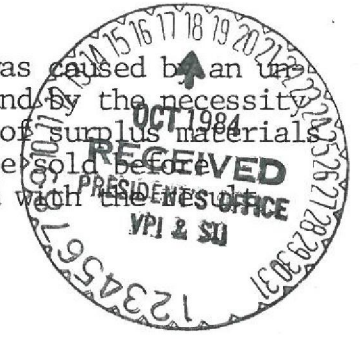
- a. The President's office has determined that neither Justice O'Conner nor John Glenn will be available for the 1985 Commencement exercises. Accordingly, the subcommittee reconvened last week in order to make additional recommendations. After deliberation, the subcommittee recommended the names of Issac Asimov, Lee Iacocca and Rector Alexander Giacco. These three names will be forwarded to the President's office with the Committee's approval and recommendation.
- b. Chairwoman Tozier commented that the subcommittee should identify a back-up speaker for this year's Commencement no later than January, 1985. Similarly, recommendation(s) for a 1986 speaker should be identified no later than February, 1985.

2. Evaluation of 1984 Commencement:

In general, everyone seemed very pleased with this year's Commencement. Special note was made of the fine job Ray Powell did again this year, the improved sound system in the stadium and the arrangements that were made for the press corps. Despite an otherwise favorable review, a number of areas for improvement were nevertheless identified.

- a. Inadequate number of toilets and water fountains, especially in the east stands:

Ray Powell explained that this situation was caused by an unusually, cold winter (which broke pipes) and by the necessity to use some of the facilities for storage of surplus materials. The surplus materials were originally to be sold before the Commencement; however the sale was delayed with



that many of the restrooms were not available. Mr. Powell recommended that the Committee act to assure that the sale next year occurs in a way that will not create a storage problem and, secondly, if restrooms are closed, adequate signs be posted to direct people to the closest operative restroom or water fountain.

b. Seating for the Handicapped:

A problem occurred this year with seating for the handicapped. There was an unexpectedly large number of handicapped persons to be accommodated, a gate was inadvertently left open, and there was simply not enough room in the stands to meet the demand. Bob Pusey and Phil Mason felt these problems could be anticipated and corrected by the ushers before next year's exercises.

c. The President's box:

Several persons mentioned that the President's box was uncomfortably warm but the Committee did not see any action it could take to alleviate the problem.

d. Information to Graduating Seniors:

The Committee briefly discussed ways in which information could be conveyed earlier to graduating seniors. Unlike last year, the senior class will probably not generate a senior class newsletter. It was suggested that the Committee run ads in the C.T. or, alternatively, seek to be included in the on-going ad sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs.

Additional items relative to the evaluation remained but as the hour was late the Committee adjourned until its November 14th meeting. Chairwoman Tozier expressed disappointment that more members of Committee had not been present.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Ford, Secretary