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Closing Remarks

AND SO WE COME to the end of today's program commemorating the first century of Iowa State College.

On behalf of our faculty and students, I wish to express to you, our guests, who have made this day such a delightful occasion for us, our sincere thanks.

This College has been fortunate to be in a state where higher education receives serious attention as evidenced by the excellent group of sister Iowa colleges and universities, all of whom are represented here today. We are proud to be a part of such a distinguished family, and to share with its members the duties and responsibilities which citizens of Iowa and elsewhere have placed upon them. It is our sincere wish that we may continue to work together, as we have in the past, in the education of our young people, the discovery of new knowledge, and in service to all citizens.

To you, President Morrill, and to President Hancher our very *special* thanks for making our Centennial birthday

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so meaningful. We shall forever be grateful to both of you. The many kind things you have said about our institution will strengthen, for all of us, the faith in our mission as a land-grant college.

Ideas and ideals determine to a large degree the stature of a college or a university. None has been more important to Iowa State than the principle laid down by the Governor's Committee appointed to select the first faculty nearly a century ago.

On the character and ability of its faculty will the character and success of the institution depend more than upon all other circumstances taken together. Buildings, cabinets, libraries, and rich endowments will be in vain if the living agents, the professors, be not men of ripe attainments, fine culture, and eminent teaching powers.

On this great truth, generations of Iowa State College administrators have based their programs.

Now the College begins its second century of service. We of the faculty, alumni groups, and student body pledge continued adherence to the moral and spiritual character, the integrity, and the high standards of scholarship which have gained world-wide respect for Iowa State. To live up to the promise of the future there can be no retreating from these basic principles. Indeed, they must be strengthened at every opportunity.

From time to time institutions, like individuals, must pass through critical periods as they grow and mature and move from one situation to another. As we enter the second century we are determined to be realistic in our approach to the needs of our times. We will strive unceasingly for that combination of technical training, broad education, and humanitarian philosophy which will best equip men and women to build tomorrow's world. Our graduates and

our faculty can give meaning and continuity to changes which might otherwise seem unrelated and without purpose.

Iowa State College was born of change, and it will continue to alter its thinking and its methods to meet those problems which are still ahead of us. It seems entirely possible that the transformation of the next 100 years may dwarf those of the past century. But Iowa State's purpose will remain unchanged. The motto "Science With Practice for Service of Mankind" will be just as worthy for the College 100 years from now as it was 100 years ago and as it is today.

It is our hope and prayer that the service and contributions of Iowa State College during the next century may be greater and more far-reaching to an ever-increasing number of people, not only in Iowa but throughout the world, than during the first century of its existence.

