

Much of the success, the tangible facilities which we see about us, has resulted from a succession of unusually energetic Trustees and unusually vigorous College Presidents. The name of the College itself exemplifies this tradition. For it was Littleton Morgan, this institution's first Chairman of the Board of Trustees, who provided the funds for the Centenary Biblical Institute to broaden its curriculum and to accept women as students. The Board members today are just as vigorous and dedicated advocates for the school as were their predecessors.

I regard it as a singular tribute to the devotion of this Board, as well as to the man and his commitment to the college, that only two days before Dr. Carl Murphy's death, I received a letter urging immediate appropriations for the Commerce Building, a letter dictated from his hospital bed.

Surely the Trustees and the faculty have contributed greatly to the school, as they have to the community. So have the alumni — the graduates past — such as this year's honored alumna, Senator Welcome.

But this is a commencement, a celebration of past efforts achieved and new efforts to come. While it is fitting that we honor past benefactors, it is more a time to honor present graduates.

My remarks to the 1967 graduating class of Morgan will be brief, but I do have one message I would like to leave with you.

It may come as a *shock* to you, but through your forbearance, your determination and your aptitude, *you have just joined another minority!* You have become a member of the educated elite. You have been parted inseparably from the majority who are without this experience and this diploma.

Welcome to this minority, and do not conclude that it is so very different from all others. It, too, has its allies and its enemies. It, too, has its opportunities and its pitfalls. It, too, is a two-edged sword that expects greater achievement because it assumes greater advantage; demands better performance because you are fewer in numbers; and will not let you rest, lest you be overwhelmed.

There is one special difference. By joining the minority of educated men and women, you will now be welcome to join other minorities, even more selective and more esteemed. Consider them carefully. For these are exclusive clubs of a special order and require from their members a special commitment which no degree can confer. Each