True, the challenge is now greater than ever before in the face of the military and spiritual menace of Communism and all it stands for. But you are better equipped to accept it than those who have gone before.

So I know that you face the future with eagerness rather than anxiety, with defiance rather than despair. And if you encounter some difficult problems and have some trying experiences, as you will, you have, I know, learned at this college something deeper and more enduring than book learning, which will support and assist you in those times; that will help you to remember that "after the sunset and above the city lights, there shine the stars".