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June 1, 1967

Dr. Samuel Hamilton
Campus

Dear Sam:

Just a brief note to thank you for your part in the Commencement services.

I want to apologize to you for having to come inside but some of the members of the platform party felt that because of the weather it would be better to be in the Coliseum where it was hot and damp than to be outside where it was cold and wet. It is simply a question of alternatives and it occurred to me afterwards that we would have been better off outside.

As usual I suspect we will be having a Commencement program this summer at Lewis Field and I would like to look forward to having you assume a role similar to the one you occupied this last time in our Commencement Program. I think it gives the President a feeling of confidence to know that you are on the platform as I think that he is afraid that someone new to the game would not realize what was to be done. This is no time as you know, to do the wrong thing. I recall several years ago where the leader lead the line of several hundred people into the confines of the Stadium when they were to be seated outside. It is with this thought in mind that the President prefers to have seasoned people marching in the platform processional and you certainly are that. Again, many thanks and we'll see you in August.

Sincerely,

John D. Garwood
Dean of the Faculty

JDG:cl

June 5, 1967

Mr. Jack Heather
Campus

Dear Jack:

I want to thank you for your part in the Commencement program. I don't know whether you looked in the Coliseum Monday evening or not but as far as I am concerned, this is the largest crowd I have ever seen in the Coliseum. As the boys in the trade say - "The joint was jumping."

I have not had an opportunity to find out how many people were in the Union but I heard in general terms there was a sizable group there.

I appreciate very much the fact that you took care of this for us and we did not have to worry about whether we were all set up in the Union. Again many thanks and best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

John D. Garwood
Dean of the Faculty

JDG/ld

June 1, 1967

Mr. Ben Caskey and Maynard Herman
Custodian's Office

Dear Ben and Maynard:

Just a brief note to thank you men and your crew for the great job you did at the Baccalaureate and Commencement Exercises. I thought everything went off as smoothly as possible in both of these occasions. There may have been larger crowds in the Coliseum but I have never seen a larger crowd in there than the one we had Monday night. I don't see where anyone else could have been placed. There were many, many people standing in the doorway and several hundred people standing around the top of the Coliseum.

I think things were done as well as we could have possibly hoped for given the situation we had. This summer the stage for the Baccalaureate and Commencement Exercises will be placed in its old position facing the one stand as we will not have enough people there to warrant putting it in the center of the field. Again, let me say many thanks for the great job you and your people did last weekend.

Sincerely yours,

John D. Garwood
Dean of the Faculty

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July 31, 1967

Dr. Leland Bartholomew
Campus

Dear Leland:

We are most appreciative of the people in Music for providing the musical numbers for our Commencement and Baccalaureate Programs. I have noticed that the band and the choir rehearse about 7:00 o'clock the evening of the program. In other words, they are rehearsing while the spectators are coming in. Would you ask them to conclude the rehearsing not later than 6:30 the evening of the Baccalaureate and Commencement?

Each time this happens, the President brings this to my attention and I am very conscious of this. I am also aware that the people in the choir and the band find this most convenient to make one trip to the field to rehearse shortly before the program. On the other hand, I think it takes something away from the solemnity of the occasion to have the musicians rehearsing just before the program.

Would you bring this to the attention of the people involved and make a note to bring it to their attention again next Spring and on future occasions? Thank you.

Sincerely,

John D. Garwood
Dean of the Faculty

JDG/ld