

ALMA MATER

All hail to thee, O Youngstown,
Our Alma Mater fair;
In sunlight and starshine
We see thee in all thy glory.
The Red and the White, thy glorious colors,
Ever we praise and hold them
High to the breeze as the symbol of our
Most loyal allegiance.
This anthem, O Youngstown,
Our pledge of trust shall be
That thy sons and daughters
Shall keep faith with thee forever.

PROGRAM

PRELUDE

Organ Selections
Daniel W. Laginya, A.A.G.O.

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

Voluntary in D Major, Op. 6, No. 5 John Stanley

INVOCATION

The Rev. Charles E. Ferrell Pastor, Trinity Methodist Church

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GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

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Edgar Giddens, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, George E. Sutton, Dean of the William Rayen School of Engineering, and Denise L. Moyer, Bachelor of Engineering degree candidate will help invest Mr. Wigton with the hood.

The audience is requested to be seated after the singing of the Alma Mater and to remain seated during the recessional.

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The Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Candidate

PAUL N. WIGTON

Paul N. Wigton, is vice president-steel operations at Republic Steel Corporation. He was promoted to this position May 15, 1980.

He joined Republic, in 1959, as a metallurgical engineer, at the Mahoning Valley District's Youngstown, Ohio steel plant. The district also has plants in Warren and Niles, Ohio. He was named general superintendent of Metallurgical services, in 1971, assistant to the district manager, in 1973 and district manager, in 1975. In 1978, he was transferred to the company's headquarters in Cleveland and was named assistant vicepresident-operations.

Mr. Wigton is a 1957 graduate of Youngstown State University. For seven years he combined full and part-time course work. Additionally, during this period, he held a full-time job at Republic Steel. And, during his senior year, he was a member of the Chemistry Department faculty.

In 1959-61, he returned to Youngstown State University and completed all avail-

able metallurgical engineering courses in three years of night school. Wigton also completed a senior executive course at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Wigton is a member of the American Institute of Metallurgical Engineers, the American Society for Metals, the Society for Non-Destructive Testing, the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers and the American Iron and Steel Institute. And, in 1979, he received the Mahoning Valley Technical Council Society's "Outstanding Persons Award."

He has also served on Boards of Trustees for a number of civic and cultural organizations. Currently he is on the Board of Directors of the Youngstown State University Alumni Association, and has been chairman of the alumni phase of the All-Sports Complex campaign.

A native of Linesville, Pennsylvania, he and his wife, Janet, reside in Solon, Ohio. She is also a graduate of Youngstown State University. They have two sons.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Because this list of candidates had to be prepared ahead of time, it is tentative; the diploma is the proof of graduation.

Candidates whose names are followed by an asterisk (*) will be commissioned as second lieutenants in the United States Army.

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ACADEMIC REGALIA AND CEREMONY

The gowns, hoods, and caps worn in academic ceremonies today are relics of clothing worn in medieval times by students and professors. In the early universities—Bologna, Paris, Oxford—the undergraduate students had no prescribed academic dress but wore their usual clerical or ecclesiastical habits. The professors wore more colorful academic regalia than their modern day descendants. Probably the gowns and hoods were worn for warmth in the unheated halls where the lectures were delivered. From the sixteenth century on, there is a change to somber black and it is only in the hoods worn in academic processions today that the warmth and color of medieval academic pageantry is retained.

The hoods representing degrees granted by various colleges and universities have linings (turned to exhibit their hues to the fullest advantage) in the colors of the granting institutions. In addition, the facing of the hood represents by its color the discipline in which the degree has been granted: white for arts, letters, or humanities; golden yellow for science; purple for law; green for medicine; lemon yellow for library science; orange for engineering; drab for commerce or business; light blue for education; pink for music; brown for fine arts; apricot for nursing; dark blue for philosophy; scarlet for theology; citron for social work; sage green for physical education. It is possible, also, to determine from the length of the hoods the type of degree held by the wearer—quite long for the doctor's degree, medium for the master's, short for the bachelor's.

Since 1895, in the United States, the colors and types of caps and gowns have been largely standardized; in 1932 the code was revised to some extent, and in 1960 it was revised once more. A few American universities have adopted gowns other than black in color, and in European universities there is more diversity in cut and in the cap than prevails in the United States. Trustees and administrators of American colleges and universities, too, may wear regalla-

which is different from that commonly worn. The trustees of Youngstown State University wear a specially designed cardinal gown.

The bachelor's gown is worn closed; the master's gown is worn open or closed, depending partly on its tailoring; and the wearer of the doctor's gown has the privilege of wearing it open or closed. The sleeves of the three types of gowns are of different lengths and cuts, and in addition the sleeves of the doctor's gown have three horizontal velvet stripes. The doctor's gown also has vertical facing of velvet in front. The stripes and facing may be either black or in the color representing the field in which the wearer has received the doctorate.

There are different opinions about the origin of the caps worn in academic ceremonies. One view is that the "mortar board" is in actually adapted from the wooden square used by masons. Another is that it stems from the ecclesiastical or clerical head covering of the medieval period. The tassels worn on the caps may or may not be of the same types, in some institutions all masters' and bachelors' tassels are black; in others the tassels, which are the same as the colors of the facings of the hoods, reflect the degree received. The tassels worn by doctors may be black or gold thread.

There is something of the same adherence to tradition in commencement processions that exists in academic garb, although each institution has the right to adapt the ceremony to its own requirements. The chief marshals lead the line of march, followed by the president, the speaker, trustees, and other members of the party to be seated on the platform. Then follow the faculty and the candidates for degrees. The procession at the end of the ceremony follows the same order.

Recipients of University Honors will receive special insignia, consisting of golden honor cords placed around the shoulders.