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CLEMSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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of the meeting of

THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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CLEMSON UNIVERSITY, CLEMSON, SC
Wednesday, May 4, 1988

Chairman Batson convened the meeting at 5:12 p.m. Those present were: Louis P. Batson, Jr., Presiding; Bill L. Amick, Fletcher C. Derrick, Jr., Buck Mickel, B. Marion Smith, Jr., Trustee Elect-Allen P. Wood, and Hugh J. Clausen, Secretary.

The Chairman stated that one hundred years and two days ago, Richard Wright Simpson, executor of the Will of Thomas Green Clemson, summoned D. K. Norris, M. L. Donaldson, R. E. Bowen, B. R. Tillman, J. E. Wannamaker and J. E. Bradley to Fort Hill House, the home of the Clemson Calhoun family. Those seven men were designated in the will to serve as the life trustees of Clemson Agricultural College. The will directed that, should the State of South Carolina not accept Thomas Green Clemson's bequest of 814 acres, \$80,000, and the House with its dependencies to found the college, the trustees would press on for its establishment as an independent school. Further, the will stated that if the State accepted the gift of Thomas Green Clemson, then the Legislature might appoint six trustees to join the seven. Fortunately, the State accepted the gift and Clemson Agricultural College came into existence. The Legislature designated six additional trustees, and since, the thirteen have devoted themselves to the foundation, strengthening, and increase of Clemson. This ceremonial meeting commemorates that first meeting. We are glad to have Clemson's eleventh president, Max Lennon, with us today. It is with pleasure that I recognize Cathy Sams of University News Services to introduce the members of the media who are with us today. Present were: Paul Brown (WSPA), Jenny Munro (Greenville News), and Cindy Landrum (Anderson Independent Mail).

The Chairman recognized Provost David Maxwell to introduce members of the faculty present: Vice Provost

Jerry Reel, Deans Opal Hipps, Bob Waller, Bobby Wixson, Charles Jennett, and Faculty Senate President Ron Nowaczyk.

Members of the Administration Present: President Max Lennon, President Emeritus Walter Cox, President Emeritus Robert C. Edwards, Nick Lomax, David Maxwell, Gary Ransdell and Milt Wise.

The Secretary read the minutes of the first meeting of the Board dated May 2, 1888.

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"Fort Hill". Oconee County, South Carolina.

May 2nd, 1888

In response to the call of Col. R. W. Simpson, Executor of the Will of the late Thos. G. Clemson the Seven Trustees appointed by the will met this day at Fort Hill. A temporary organization was formed by electing Col. R. E. Bowen Chairman and Capt. D. K. Norris Sect. All of trustees signified their willingness to serve. The Board then organized permanently by electing Col. R. W. Simpson Chairman and J. E. Wannamaker Sect. and adjourned Subject to the Call of the Chairman.

Whereas Thos. G. Clemson by his will dated Nove. 6th 1886 provided for the establishment of an Agricultural College upon the Fort Hill place, and therein appointed as Trustees of Said College the following named gentlemen to wit. R. W. Simpson, D. K. Norris, M. L. Donaldson, R. E. Bowen, B. R. Tillman, J. E. Wannamaker and J. E. Bradley, and requested the Said trustees to meet as soon after his death as practicable, and organize, and fill all vacancies, and aid in effectuating the purposes set forth in Said will. Now therefore we the undersigned trustees appointed aforesaid, hereby accept the position of trustees conferred upon us by Thos. G. Clemson in Said will May 2nd 1888.

R. W. Simpson
D. K. Norris
M. L. Donaldson
J. E. Bradley
R. E. Bowen
J. E. Wannamaker
B. R. Tillman

Provost Maxwell introduced Dr. Richard W. Peebles, Director of Systems Software Development of Concurrent Computer Corporation; Mr. Gerald Delaney, Area Director for Concurrent Computer Corporation; and Dr. A. J. "Joe" Turner, Head of the Computer Science Department at Clemson University.

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Dr. Turner briefed the group on a computer system donated to the University some time ago and elaborated on the growth of the department since its installation. Dr. Turner then recognized Dr. Peebles who announced a gift to Clemson University of a parallel computer system valued at \$850,000. Dr. Peebles commended The Computer Science Department for their excellent areas of teaching and research.

President Lennon acknowledged the gift as a major contribution to the growth of science and technology at Clemson University during the next 100 years. The President thanked Dr. Turner for his excellent leadership, and Dr. Peebles and the Concurrent Computer Corporation for their most appreciated "birthday" gift.

On behalf of the Clemson University Board of Trustees, Chairman Batson thanked the Concurrent Computer Corporation for their gift.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Bill Amick.

Mr. Amick: Mr. Chairman, President Lennon, and members of Clemson's Board of Trustees, it is my pleasure to move acceptance of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on May 2, 1888, R. W. Simpson, D. K. Norris, M. L. Donaldson, R. E. Bowen, B. R. Tillman, J. E. Wannamaker and J. E. Bradley, the seven Trustees of Clemson Agricultural College designated in the will of Thomas Green Clemson, met for the first time on the grounds of Fort Hill, and

WHEREAS, those seven pledged themselves to the carrying out of the provisions of Mr. Clemson's will, and

WHEREAS, through their influence and support, both in time and substance, the Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina came into existence, now therefore

ON this one hundredth anniversary commemoration of their meeting, we thirteen Trustees, as their successors, salute their memory, commend their determination, and pledge to continue the noble work they undertook, and we separately and collectively set our hands to this resolution.

GIVEN this the fourth day of May, 1988, at Fort Hill House, Clemson University, South Carolina.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Fletcher Derrick and passed unanimously.

The Chairman recognized Dr. Derrick.

Dr. Derrick: Mr. Chairman, President Lennon and Members of the Clemson University Board of Trustees, I move the following Resolution for the Board's approval:

WHEREAS, Clemson University has three equal missions, and

WHEREAS, the first of these is teaching, through which knowledge of truth is imparted to each succeeding generation, and

WHEREAS, the second of these is research, through which the edges of ignorance are rolled back and the light of truth revealed, and

WHEREAS, the third of these is service, through which the lives of all people can be made richer and happier, now therefore

WE THE TRUSTEES OF CLEMSON UNIVERSITY dedicate ourselves anew to this tripartite mission, and we challenge the students, the faculty and the staff of Clemson University to rededicate themselves to these missions, so that Clemson University will continue to fulfill the will of the Founder.

GIVEN this the fourth day of May, 1988, at Fort Hill House, Clemson University, South Carolina.

Mr. Buck Mickel seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Marion Smith.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, President Lennon and members of the Clemson University Board of Trustees, I move the following Resolution for the Board's approval:

WHEREAS, since April 6, 1888, 86 persons have served as Trustees, first of Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina and now of Clemson University, and

WHEREAS, each Trustee has given generously to the support and care of this institution, and,

WHEREAS, many of our predecessor Trustees have departed this life, now therefore

WE REMEMBER OUR PREDECESSOR TRUSTEES, rejoicing with those who are still with us and honoring those who have died. We thank them for the foundation of Clemson University that has been firmly set. And we commemorate them all with these flowers placed at the Trustee memorial.

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Mr. Bill Amick seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

All Trustees, Secretary Clausen and President Lennon were asked to join Chairman Batson at Fort Hill House immediately following the meeting, where a wreath will be placed to commemorate all predecessor Trustees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Hugh S. Clausen
Secretary of the
Board of Trustees