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CORNERSTONE REDEDICATION, 9/13/62.

Bill Cashen said the cornerstone will be placed back where it belongs. It was originally laid July 4, 1915, The date also marks the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the college. They are the 68th and last of the land-grant colleges. The alumni association will also commemorate a plaque to James Wickersham because of his efforts for founding the university.

William Ransom Wood introduces Mr. Bloom, Ted Loftus and Dr. Ernest Patty.

Dr. Ernest Patty said 47 years ago a group of pioneers drove up to the college hill to find a place to establish a cornerstone for the university. Mrs. Luther Hess tied her handkerchief to a bush to mark the spot. They had a dream. It would become the center of the cultural, economic, and scientific pulse of Alaska. The cornerstone was formed and paid for out of pocket. On July 4, 1915 John J. Buckley was master of ceremonies and Wickersham dedicated the cornerstone. By 1962 1200 students were enrolled at the college. In 1917 the Territorial legislature appropriated \$60,000 for the first building. They didn't appropriate any money to run the college. In 1921 the legislature appropriated 41,000 to equip and operate the college. September 13, 1922 was the day the college was dedicated. W.F. Thompson wrote about how a flag pole was acquired. The first class had six students. The faculty was young and inexperienced. He described their first furniture and the size of the library. At one time the existence of the university was threatened. Dr. Patty said this campus was one of the most important assets of Alaska. He talked about the advancements of man. He said most of these advances are the result of trained people.

Dr. Wood said there were only six students in the first class. Five of the students were graduates from Alaska. He introduced one of them Ted Loftus.

Ted Loftus said it was good to see the cornerstone back in its original position. The students used it to eat their lunch on a warm day. It was the center of the college social life for a number of years.