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Fellow Alumnus of Columbia College:

As I write to you to announce the opening of the 7th Annual Columbia College Fund, another era draws to a close in the long and distinguished history of the College. As you probably know, Dean Chamberlain has announced his decision to return to teaching at the end of this academic year. The eight years in which he has served have seen great advances for the College; achieved, according to President Kirk, "not alone through inspirational leadership, but by tireless effort expended in a characteristically selfless manner". Because his efforts were constantly directed to even greater quality in education, we, and his students, are fortunate that his return to the classroom will be at Columbia.

Nothing shows more clearly the present quality of the College than the accompanying report, describing the young men whom she now admits. This report, prepared for principals and headmasters by Bernard Ireland - known to all alumni and in a very special way to well over half of all living alumni whom he admitted to the College - appears to me to be a report of such importance that it should be read by every alumnus. In these days when the world situation has caused all of us to look more closely at our educational systems, it is with pride and yet with a feeling of responsibility that we recall that we have been fortunate enough to attend an institution whose standards continue to be such that they are held up as a model to others.

These are the young men in whom we are asked to invest through the Columbia College Fund. They are, I am sure you will agree, a very distinguished group. It is our opportunity as loyal alumni and, it might be said, as conscientious citizens, to see to it that Columbia continues to offer them, and their successors, the finest kind of education.

Shortly your classmates will be calling on you for your gift to the 7th Fund. When they do, I hope you will have already concluded that your giving to the Fund - for the College - is not merely a 'token' expression of loyalty to your College, but your means of declaring that all colleges must be supported in a measure, greater than ever before, which will permit them to meet their challenges, greater than ever before, now and in the years ahead.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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