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A personalized inscription is a fitting way to pay tribute to your memories of this campus icon or to honor a loved one. In recognition of your gift*, the university will engrave your message on a brick or granite paver, which will become part of the exterior landscape surrounding Mirror Lake. Bricks will be located on the south side of the Lake Terrace and pavers near the amphitheater.

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