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affairs, professors, college presidents, commencements, alumni affairs, fund-raising and the curriculum-English, music, art, history, philosophy, science. The anthology includes some of America's most distinguished writers and artists, including: Woody Allen, Richard Armour, Russel Baker, Jeremy Bernstein, Roy Blount, Jr., Robert Benchley, Peter DeVries, Max Eastman, Jules Feiffer, John Kenneth Galbraith, Randall Jarrell, Fran Lebowitz, Henry Martin, Don Marquis, Mary McCarthy, Ogden Nash, Vladimir Nobokov, Samuel F. Pickering, Jr. John Crowe Ransom, Leo Rosten, Frank Sullivan, Delmore Schwartz, James Thurber, Calvin Trillin, Garry Trudeau, Mark Twain, Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., and E.B. White. Though higher education is universally renowned for fostering prodigious learning and wondrous knowledge, Hail to Thee, Okoboji U! is a reminder that eminent intellectual institutions are often caught in the meshes of the nonsensical and the ludicrous- the querulousness of faculty meetings, the posturing of college presidents, the banality of commencement speeches, the inanity of arcane scholarship- and therefore, an institution's important personages had best not take themselves too seriously. Hail to Thee, Okoboji U! offers a light-hearted look at the groves of academe and appeals to administrators and faculty members, graduates and students, and all who would like to have an insiders look at what goes on in the ivory towers.

A charming, witty/erudite collection of articles, poems, stories, drawings by such observers as J.K. Galbraith, Ogden Nash, James Thurber, Mark Twain. (?Book News Inc.)From the Back CoverHAIL TO THEE, OKOBOJI U! is a collection of articles, stories, poems, and drawings that pokes fun at the revered institution of higher education. Nothing is sacrosanct; everything is fair game: admissions procedures, intercollegiate sports, student affairs, professors, the curriculum - English, music, art, history, philosophy, science - college and university presidents, commencements, alumni affairs, and fund raising. The anthology includes some of America's most distinguished writers and artists: Woody Allen, Russell Baker, Roy Blount, Jr., Robert Benchley, Jules Feiffer, Fran Lebowitz, Henry Martin, Don Marquis, Mary McCarthy, Ogden Nash, Frank Sullivan, James Thurber, Garry Trudeau, Mark Twain, Peter DeVries, and E. B. White. Contributors also include Richard Armour, Jeremy Bernstein, Max Eastman, John Kenneth Galbraith, Randall Jarrell, Vladimir Nabokov, Samuel F. Pickering, Jr., John Crowe Ransom, Leo Rosten, Delmore Schwartz, Calvin Trillin, and Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. Though higher education is universally renowned for fostering prodigious learning and wondrous knowledge, HAIL TO THEE, OKOBOJI U! reminds us that this eminent intellectual institution is caught in the meshes of the nonsensical and the ludicrous - the querulousness of faculty meetings, the posturing of college presidents, the banality of commencement speeches, the inanity of arcane scholarship, etc., etc., - and that, therefore, the institution's important personages best not take themselves too seriously. HAIL TO THEE, OKOBOJI U! takes a light-hearted look at the groves of academe and will appeal to administrators and faculty members, graduates and students, and all of us who wonder what really goes on in the ivorytowers.About the AuthorMark C. Ebersole taught at Bucknell University, rising through the academic ranks to be Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Provost. Subsequently, he served as Program Adviser for the Ford Foundation, Dean of the Graduate School of TempleUniversity, and President (now President Emeritus) of Elizabethtown College. As is evident, his entire career has been a deliberate preparation for compiling this anthology.