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COLLEGE WELCOMES CLASS OF '55

President Challenges Freshmen

Greetings —

To the 1951 Freshmen entering the ever progressing Elizabeth City State Teachers College, we extend sincere greetings. You are now beginning one of the most exciting and challenging adventures you will have.

The most frequent mistake that most young people entering college make is in thinking that a college is a great machine grinding out diplomas, changing personalities and offering white collar jobs. This is not true. College is only a tool which you may use to do something for yourself.

It is the beginning of a school year, and a full year lies ahead. You hope to complete it successfully and gain the most education for the time and effort expended. Now is the time to start doing some things for yourself.

Seriously, I suggest that you try to set up a clear purpose for seeking a college education. This purpose may not be easily discovered. It may be, however, the beginning point of creative educational experience; your purpose may never be fixed and static; it will grow with new experiences and insight.

In seeking this college education, you should develop a plan for the year. Digging in and passing your courses is not enough. Securing an education is not that simple. You must be the dynamic element in your educational process and, therefore, the important one.

To help you in this direction, you should learn all that you can about your own interests, abilities, aptitudes, and capacities. In further car-

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The Candlelighting Service

"Youth as Bearers of the Light" was the theme of the Candlelighting Service held for Freshmen in Moore Hall on Sunday evening, September 16th.

The Freshmen, who were introduced by President S. D. Williams, entered the auditorium carrying white candles and assembled in front of the audience. The Counselor, Velma Wall, who had taken her place on the stage was joined by six freshmen who kindled from her large candle the flames of Awareness, Truth, Knowledge, Love, Faith and Beauty.

During the program, Margie Burden sang "I Would Be True"; Mattie McMillan, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"; and Robert Hailes "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go".

As the service closed the Freshmen left the auditorium bearing lighted candles, the symbols of education enlightening the world.

Mr. Morrison Gives Concert

On Friday evening, October 12, Mr. Scott Morrison presented a concert in Moore Auditorium. He fascinated the audience with selections on the Harpsicord, which is a forerunner of the piano. His impersonations of Handel, Chopin, Listz, Debussy and Gershwin, whose music he played, were well accepted. In the course of his concert, he told the stories of the different composers and how the selections he played came to be composed. Each piece had a very interesting background.

This is the first program of the Lyceum series to be given at State Teachers College.

Intra-Mural Program

In a recent assembly program Coach Williams advanced the following proposals to stimulate interest in intra-mural athletics:

1. Form an intra-mural council.
2. Organize competition among social clubs and organizations.
3. Give individual and group awards on a point basis.
4. Present an intra-mural award at the end of the year to the organization having the highest number of points.
5. Interest students that do not belong to any club.

This program as outlined should meet many student needs.

Elizabeth City State Teachers College 1951-52 Calendar

September 18	—Last Day for Registration and Change of Courses
September 6	—Faculty-Students Pre-Opening Conference
September 8	—Registration of Freshmen and New Students
September 11	—Registration Students in Attendance 1950-51
November 22	—Thanksgiving Holidays
November 30	—Fall Quarter Ends
December 1	—Winter Quarter Registration
December 3	—Classes Begin
December 8	—Last Day for Registration and Change of Courses
December 21	—Christmas Holidays Begin 4:00 P. M.

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January 3	—Christmas Holidays End 8:00 A. M.
February 14	—Annual Dramatic Contest
March 1	—Winter Quarter Ends
March 3	—Spring Quarter Registration
March 8	—Last Day for Registration and Change of Courses
March 9	—Founder's Day
March 28	—College Day
April 10	—Easter Holidays Begin 4:00 P. M.
April 15	—Easter Holidays End 8:00 P. M.
April 17	—Annual High School Day
May 1	—May Day Festival Honoring Trustees
May 8	—Musical Festival Honoring Trustees
May 24	—Annual Alumni Day
May 25	—Baccalaureate Sermon
May 26	—Awards Day
May 26	—Senior Class Day
May 27	—Commencement

Future Teachers Hear Local Minister

"The Great Essential," was the subject of an assembly speech given by Reverend J. E. Trotman of the Saint Stephen Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, on Wednesday, September 17.

The speaker began by relating a story of the Israelites and Egyptians, out of whose experiences grew faith, the Great Essential. We are living in days of great bewilderment, he said, and we need faith in ourselves and in God. Faith is not a mere elective in the school of life; it is a requirement.

Reverend Trotman also pointed out that we may obtain this great essential by avoiding the old beaten paths, and living up to the best that is in us.

Dean Jones Welcomes Freshmen

The Class of 1955 I happily and hopefully welcome to the College. I am happy that so many young people have elected to secure a college education and have chosen this seat of learning. I am hoping that the next four years will see them taking full advantage of every opportunity that may contribute to their maximum possible development while here.

Wendell P. Jones
Dean of the College

Support Your
COMMUNITY CHEST

Following the tradition that all Freshmen be conducted through a series of Orientation activities, State Teachers College initiated its Freshman program on September 8. Orientation began with a warm welcome by Dean W. P. Jones and a tour of the campus with seniors as guides.

On Saturday evening at 7:30 in Moore Hall, Deans Odessa H. Frazier and Ernest W. Chery were introduced. They spoke briefly on their duties.

On Sunday morning at ten a devotional period held in the auditorium emphasized, through discussions by Miss Elliott, Mr. Lester and Mr. Martin, the religious life of the College.

Promptly at eight o'clock Monday morning the entire class of Freshmen were assembled in the auditorium and divided into three groups, namely, A, B, and C. One group was given an English test, another group was shown through the library and still another group was taken to the infirmary.

This rotation of activities extended eventually over a period of three days and took in Health and Athletic activities with Coach Housen; Choir tryouts with Miss Johnson and Miss Lambert; and talent tryouts with Miss Gamble, Mr. Postell and Mr. Womack. Out of these activities new members were discovered for the choir, band, basketball, football and baseball team, dramatic and dance group.

Orientation week of the Freshmen class of 1951 was concluded by a solemn and picturesque candle light service at six-thirty Sunday evening. This program was under the able leadership of Mrs. Odessa Frazier and Mrs. Edna Mitchell.

Students Advised To Submit SSCQT Applications Now

Applications for the December 13, 1951 and the April 24, 1952 administrations of the College Qualification Test are now available at Selective Service System boards throughout the country.

Eligible students who intend to take this test on either date should apply at once to the nearest Selective Service local board for an application and a bulletin of information.

Following instructions in the bulletin, the student should fill out his application and mail it immediately in the envelope provided. Applications for the December 13 test must be postmarked no later than midnight, November 5, 1951.

According to Educational Testing Service, which prepares and administers the College Qualification Test for the Selective Service System, it will be greatly to the student's ad-

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