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A SENIOR'S GOODBYE

No one not in my position can appreciate my mixed feelings of sadness and gratitude at the parting just across the way. Saying farewell to friends and associates is always a task of sadness—sadness at the thought of parting with those with whom one has shared various experiences of work, of study, of interest in numerous college activities, and of the struggle to achieve a definite academic goal. On the other hand, there is the feeling of gratitude. I owe much to Fayetteville State Teachers College and to the kindness of those teachers who allowed me to drink from their fountain of knowledge.

It seems only yesterday that I crossed the great Atlantic Ocean and came to America to embark upon my educational career. Upon my arrival in the United States, or rightly at Fayetteville State Teachers College, I did not think it possible for me to remain away from home for two and a half years, but through prayer, perseverance, courage, and determination, I shall shortly reach my "goal". I feel fully justified for the sacrifices I have made in leaving my family. Again, I have met prominent people who have influenced my life.

Never will I forget the role that our dear President, Dr. J. Ward Seabrook, has played in my education; to him I owe endless gratitude. I must say thanks to my advisors who inspired me to continue when all around me seemed dark, and when it seemed inevitable that I give up and go home.

I appreciate also the kind co-operation of my fellow students and class-mates who have made me feel at home. To them I say, "Keep the torch of knowledge burning; pass it on to the coming generations of eager students." I hope to prove so worthy a product of "State" that other Liberian students may be inspired to come to Fayetteville State Teachers College.

—Beatrice G. Williams

MISS NEWTON DOING WELL

November 3, 1951

TO THE EDITOR:

I was certainly pleasantly surprised when I found a letter on my desk from you upon returning from a recent vacation. Due to my having spent such a delightful year with the college family there, I am always interested in the total progress of the institution.

I was happy to hear that even with some failures, the work of the teachers of English is moving along nicely.

Despite our having had our attention directed to a mass activity during the past week-end, my mind wandered, at intervals, to your college program. I had been informed by Miss Murphy and Miss Lavolyre Farmer, President of the Young Women's Christian Association, that their yearly Recognition Ceremony had been scheduled for Sunday, October 28th.

Up to this point our program to the military has been most gratifying. Community cooperation accounts, in a large measure, for the success of our new USO services to the Armed Forces.

Kindly remember me to everybody at "State."

Sincerely,

MILDRED W. NEWTON

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ON BEING REMEMBERED

Nothing appears quite so encouraging, so stimulating, and even so touching as the simple matter of being remembered. It can take many forms, but apparently it applies with about the same force to all of us. An example of "remembering" a veteran teacher of yesterday, Miss Mattie Chavis, is shown by the fine response the student body gave a suggestion made at an assembly program a short while ago, by senior Eugene Polk of Marshville. The group decided to remember her by sending a beautiful bouquet of flowers, and a large scroll on which appeared the names of a large segment of the student body.

That was precisely as it should have been, for no former member of the faculty is more deserving of being remembered than is Miss Chavis, for many years dietician and instructor in household arts. She will always be part and parcel of the college tradition. It is well, too, that a senior led the way.

ALUMNI'S BIG PLANS FOR "STATE"

September 18, 1951

Fellow Alumni:

We are glad to greet you at the beginning of the 1951-52 school year. We hope you had an enjoyable summer and if you are a teacher, that your schedule has been worked out, your program completed.

There never has been a time in the history of our school when there was more need for alumni support, alumni co-operation, and alumni guidance than now. The 1950-51 year's record of the Alumni Association is now history, but we are proud of it because it is the greatest record we ever made. The record shows that over \$2,100 were contributed by the alumni of the school. We are told by President J. W. Seabrook that the College was able to keep quite a few worthy athletes in school because of this contribution. Whether you contributed or not is known only by you and God; our interest now is what will you do this year; Fayetteville State Teachers College is at the crossroads! Will you send it forward, or draw it back?

We must have \$5,000 to continue in the right direction. The Alumni Association has accepted an obligation to assist Coach "Gus" Gaines in putting the college out in front. We are quite sure we can count on you to help us. Kindly send your check or money order to Mrs. A. O. Williams, Fayetteville State Teachers College, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

There will be a call meeting of the Association on October 6, 1951 at 11:00 a. m. Please be present. We need you badly.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander Barnes, President

Annie D. Drane, Secretary