

Student Leaders Challenged By Predecessors



PATTY PROVINS

Athletic Association

Patty,

To have the opportunity to serve the students of Flora Macdonald College as Athletic Association President is a great honor. You deserve it, and I'm sure you will put all you have in it. That is what it takes. Everything you can put into it.

There will be times when the responsibility in this office and in your academic work will make your load heavier, but be joyous in it. Through prayer, strength is obtained to fulfill these tasks, and courage is gained to continue.

You were elected to this position because you were capable of taking on this responsibility and will do well academically. Remember you are first a student. Take on no more than you have time for and use common-sense and self discipline in using time and energy. Do not use your extra work as an excuse for your work undone or for lowered grades.

Always keep your "best foot forward." You are a leader, and as you lead, you will be setting an example. Do each task well - regardless of size or routine - so that you might prove worthy of large ones. Do not become depressed or beaten by failure.

As for your Board, remain as enthusiastic as you can and in doing so, the members, too, will have enthusiasm. If they cease to function as they should, remind them of their responsibility. You need their backing; without it you will become discouraged. Your success comes through the efforts of many. The work of a leader can never be done without the labor of each individual behind him.

In closing, I would like to say that as a council member and as Athletic Association President you may be criticized, but good leaders are always criticized. Do not be afraid or concerned by it, especially if you are doing what is right; and remember, too, that you never stand alone.

May you have a good year and with you as their leader, I am sure it will be.

Theresa Nisbet

The honor of serving you, the students of Flora Macdonald College as your Athletic Association President is one of which I am most proud and grateful. I shall try to serve you with enthusiasm, interest, and imagination.

The Athletic Association is one of the most important organizations on campus as it gives you an opportunity to have fun and recreation through its direction. Sports and recreation help you become more closely associated with others as well as helping you to relax and forget a hard day of classes.

The newly appointed board represents you; it is your organization. Any complaints, criticisms, or ideas will be welcomed. You, the students are the ones who will be responsible for its success or its failure by your cooperation and participation. The school year is almost over, but we do have some sports left for you to participate in; softball, tennis, and swimming. The following poem by J. Mason Knox expresses our need for your cooperation and participation.

Cooperation

It ain't the guns nor armament
Nor funds that they can pay,
But the close cooperation
That makes them win the day.
It ain't the individual
Nor the army as a whole,
But the everfastin, teamwork
Of every bloomin' soul.

I challenge you, the students of Flora Macdonald College, to get out in the warm sunshine and enjoy these sports we have to offer, whether you are a spectator, or a participator. We need you in our athletics.

Patty Provins



BETTY RUTH BARKER

Christian Association

Betty Ruth,

Before you lies one of the most significant experiences of your life - that of serving as President of the Flora Macdonald Christian Association. It is not an experience to be entered into lightly or casually, for you were not chosen for honor, but rather appointed to work hard.

There is often a great danger that the idea will prevail that

there is something "special" about the duties of this position because the word "Christian" is attached; and there is, for you have an unparalleled opportunity to make plain the meaning of a Christian life. Yours will be the opportunity of transplanting the faith we profess into the "vernacular" of our daily lives on the campus; and always remember that our faith will become more relevant when it begins to touch our lives at more points.

But never for one minute forget that your foremost duties will be along practical lines of real honest-to-goodness work. Just as important as leading an excellent worship service will be planning a good docket. The impact of your influence must be natural; it must grow out of your personal life, not out of any efforts as C. A. President. But the many activities of the Christian Association - the quality of which will in large measure depend upon you - are the products only of much thought and careful planning. You must seek to make it a worthwhile organization in which to participate, as well as an upbuilding spiritual influence. Never let the work side of your job become lost in the idealism with which you view your opportunities for doing good.

Your responsibilities as President of the C. A. will be four-fold. First comes your supreme responsibility to lead the C. A. to be the channel through which His power is felt on this campus. Don't try to make it be so - just surrender it to Him to be used in His service.

Second, you have a responsibility to your heritage. You remember the words spoken at the Orientation chapel: "The ideal is your heritage; the actuality is your day to day responsibility." This could never be applied more appropriately than to your work. The Christian Association has through the years been the preserver and guardian of the finest ideals and traditions of this college. The responsibility to keep these ideals held high and these traditions revered now falls upon you. Be true to your charge.

Third, you have a responsibility to your Cabinet. They will look to you and depend upon your experience for inspiration and guidance. One of your most important tasks is to co-ordinate the work of each member of the Cabinet and to unite their efforts into one goal: that of making Christ known and loved on this campus. Upon you falls the great responsibility of creating unity within the Cabinet, of making it for each member a true experience of Christian community. Always be to them a source of strength and encouragement; let them know that you are behind them. Make their year an experience of growth and joy as well as work.

Last, you have a responsibility to each member of the Christian Association - a responsibility to your office worthily, but with genuine humility; to bear the

heavy burdens seriously, but with cheerful willingness; to work long and hard to make each activity meaningful, yet to be willing to remain in the background and let others receive the credit; to serve wisely as a Council member, yet to seek no special privileges because of your position.

To these four-fold responsibilities I challenge you to be true. Thus you will be a blessing as you serve this campus.

Linda,

Thank you for a challenge that encircles so much of that which lies beyond the unopened portal of a new office. Never can the depths of needs, the recognition of that which one must strive to do, nor the realization that within one short day God has given me a new opportunity of service be fully understood. Within, there is the realization that God is calling me to a deeper commitment, a greater responsibility, and a more manifold task.

Realizing that the Christian Association can never seek to lead students to a deeper faith in God or promote growth in Christian faith and character without the dedication of each cabinet member, I shall seek through a closer championship with Christ to walk more worthily in this great calling. Through His loving guidance, His infinite wisdom, and His sacrificial love flowing freely into each life, there cannot help being translation of the faith into everyday living. It is through the invitation of each Christian Association member for Christ to dwell in his heart and to make our campus Christian that the work can ever travel along the paths to reach its goals.

It is difficult to express one's aspirations of the establishment of a more Christ-like kingdom on campus; and it is even more difficult to realize that with these aspirations there must also be the practical aspects: that of planning, of deciding, of choosing of calling to order, and of regular meetings. Knowing that these too, are a part of this position, I shall seek to cultivate the practice of careful planning so that the Cabinet may grasp an awareness that every decision made, every topic discussed, and every project undertaken must be carefully and prayerfully weighed. Realizing that the task of making Cabinet meetings a joy rather than a chore, is also a challenge for me. I shall strive to help each member realize that God is the One who chose him for each particular office, and it is for Him that he must work and give of time and talents. This must be done by seeking no reward, no recognition or praise, but by seeking only to serve and to fulfill to the utmost each specific task.

Linda, as I step into your place I do so remembering your own willing service and undying devotion to this office, as well as the faithfulness of those who served before. It is with a prayer in my heart that I, too, may walk in

steadfastness, ever aware of all that has been entrusted to me. Upon the foundation already so carefully laid with the Christian ideals and heritage that will ever symbolize the Christian Association, I, too, shall strive with God and with others to build a deeper faith in God and a greater example of His way of life on this foundation. The spirit, the love, the joy, and the companionship that flows so freely from the deeprooted foundations must be planted with new seed and begin a striving for its existence upon a new campus. It is the Christian Association in whose keeping the realization of the Presence of Christ must lie, both today at Flora Macdonald and tomorrow at St. Andrews



ANNIE DUKE

Student Association

Dear Annie,

Before you lies vast areas of unexplored territory, a place where no man's eye has touched. You are standing on the groundwork upon which many presidents before you have built. Your task is that of carrying on purposeful work for F.M.C. for the remainder of the year; and, yet, you are forced to move on, at the same time, to a new plateau over which you cannot see, and from which you must not turn. A spirit of adventure is essential, for before you lies probably the most challenging year that any president at F.M.C. has had. Plan your route with creativity, vision, consideration, and wisdom; clear your path with co-operation, enthusiasm, conviction, and courage.

As you set foot on this virgin field, you will find certain principles of student government helpful, I would like to share these with you now.

Keep constantly in mind the purpose and goals of student government. As an educational organ within an educational community, student government has a commitment to help provide an environment which will be most conducive to the intellectual growth of the student

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