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Sixty-first Freshman Class Orientated

A new era in the life of 131 young men and women began on September 11, 1953, as they began registration at Elizabeth City State Teachers College.

This educational and recreational program included placement tests, dormitory adjustments periods, introduction to curriculum, a recreation hour, supper in the college grove, and the annual Candlelighting Services.

William Bowser, president of the Student Council, welcomed the freshmen and new students at the first freshman assembly. A message of inspiration was given by President S. D. Williams. The program was designed to inspire and introduce the new students to the many activities available on the college campus, and to give them the feeling that they are welcomed to all of the opportunities offered them, with hopes that they will not regret their choice to advance their education.

The wearing of green caps which distinguished all freshmen was an interesting phase of the program.

Community Leaders at First Formal Assembly

The first formal assembly at Elizabeth City State Teachers College for the school year 1953-54 was held September 28. The entire program was centered around welcoming remarks from citizens of Elizabeth City, N. C.

Rev. J. A. Babbington-Johnson, representing the Ministerial Alliance, brought greetings to us from the ministers of the city.

Words of greeting from the Negro Public Schools and the Elizabeth City State Teachers College Alumni Association were given by Mr. J. E. Norman, principal of Bank Street Elementary School.

Mrs. E. M. Spellman, a representative of the citizens of Elizabeth City, extended greetings to us by comparing conscience with a traffic signal.

From the Junior Chamber of Commerce, represented by Mr. Ray Jones, came timely words acknowledging the institution as an asset to the business men of Elizabeth City.

Greetings from the Student Council were given by Mr. William Charles Bowser, president. He challenged the students to accept their responsibilities.

Dr. E. L. Hoffler, a former college physician and a member of the Board of Trustees, gave very timely greetings. As always, he left for thought a very challenging statement. "It is either success or failure."

STUDENT COUNCIL



Left to Right; Front Row: Ada Martin, William Bowser, Elaine Welch. Second Row: Earl Thomas, Repsie Warren, Dollie Best, Mary Gatling, Adele Dickerson, Darius Brown. Third Row: Alfred Marbley, Lois King, Minnie Sheppard, Melvin White.

GREETINGS

It is with a sincere feeling of pleasure that I extend to all members of the college family words of greetings as we begin this new academic year. For many of you, you are entering the final phase of your stay here and are eagerly looking forward to the time when you will have completed the requirements for graduation and the degree will be conferred upon you. Others see a few more years of struggling to reach the goal toward which you are striving. For freshmen, you are beginning a series of new experiences which will eventually mark you as educated persons. We, therefore, welcome you to the institution and sincerely hope that you will make good use of all opportunities for growth which you find here in the environment of the Elizabeth City State Teachers College.

Since the close of the last academic year, we have striven to provide new facilities, a better trained staff and a more workable program which will enable you to secure a better education. The college staff to a man is dedicated to the task of helping you to make use of all the facilities to be found here in search for growth and development.

However, you cannot depend upon others entirely for your success. What you can accomplish, must in a large measure be through your own

efforts. There must be an inner urge to succeed in spite of all the obstacles which you will encounter from day to day. There must be a burning desire on your part to cooperate with all the forces here which tend to make you a successful student.

It is my hope that you will early in this school year establish many goals which you desire to attain during the next nine months. The degree to which this may be accomplished, however, depends upon your willingness to work unceasingly, putting in long hours, making the necessary sacrifice to be the kind of person you desire to be. The best and most important part of every man's education is that which he gives himself.

Your real reason for being here is to become educated; to make worthwhile changes in growth, development and thinking. It was Sidney Smith who said that the real object of education is to secure resources that will endure as long as life endures; habits that time will ameliorate, not destroy; occupations that will render sickness tolerable, solitude pleasant, age venerable, life more dignified and useful, and death less terrible.

May we all join hand in hand to make this the best year in the history of the college.

President S. D. Williams

CAMPUS MEDITATION HOUR

Each day for ten minutes, students and others who so desire, assemble in the Auditorium to meditate. An organ prelude is played by Miss Ramona Ausby, and the scripture reading is by a selected person.

This is a new religious program conducted by Rev. Banks of the college faculty.

It is hoped that this meditation hour will be beneficial to the students, who are confronted with daily problems and those who want to give humble thanks for the many wonderful blessings and opportunities that have been bestowed upon them.

—Johnnie Holloway

Plans for Two New Dormitories Proposed

College architects after having submitted preliminary sketches to the Board of Trustees have been authorized to complete plans for two new dormitories to be erected on the college campus—one for young women student and one for faculty women.

These dormitories will be located directly south of the physical education building in the area that is now known as the grove. According to preliminary plans, these buildings will be unique in architectural designs. Each building will contain approximately thirty-six bedrooms, each two being connected by semi-private baths, a laundry and hair dressing parlor will be on each floor. Disassociated from the living quarters will be the service area which will include a reception room, game room, kitchenette and storage space for trunks and other materials.

The dorm for the young women will have a wide patio leading from the reception room. There will also be a lounge on each floor. It is expected that these buildings will form one of the most attractive groups on the campus. They are expected to be completed late in 1954.

Freshman Talent Displayed

One of the most spectacular events of our school year was the talent show on the night of September 23, when the Freshman Class unveiled their many and varied talents.

As the curtain opened, the audience was given a warm welcome by the Emcee, Shirley Uzzell who kept the audience in a gay and rather delightful mood all evening.

The program was well balanced by a variety of activities from baton twirling to music and interpretative dance. In dancing and music-vocal and piano, Dee Dabney exhibited remarkable talents.

Ruth Overton did a marvelous job singing "Stormy Weather", while Janice Scott gave her interpretation of the song.

Some others outstanding in music were Albert Horne who sang, "Danny Boy"; Willie Jenkins, "I Love You Truly" and Ephriam Green who gave an impersonation of Al Jolson and the Ink Spots.

Carlese Hardy, Connie Powell, and Doretha Hall Gave the Dramatic Club a grand performance.

The climax of the program came with a lovely scene from Louise Melton and William Copeland singing, "I Believe."

—Ruth Privott

MRS. HOFFLER CONSULTANT AT DRAMATIC CLINIC

On Wednesday, October 14, Mrs. J. M. Hoffler, instructor of English, was consultant at the Dramatic Clinic sponsored by the Northeastern Dramatic Association at P. W. Moore High School.

Topics discussed were play selection, casting, training the actors, rehearsals, stage settings, lighting, make-up and sound effects.

Participating schools were Edenton, Perquimans County, T. S. Cooper, Buckland, Sawyers Creek, Currituck Union and P. W. Moore.