

# State Teachers College News Letter

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## !! WELCOME !!

### GREETINGS TO THE CLASS OF 1959

We here at the college have been waiting a long time to greet this year's entering freshman class. There is always something stimulating about a group of young people who are entering college for the first time — youth who are eager to embark upon a new life, youth who are fulfilling cherished ambitions, youth who are seeking opportunities to be outstanding leaders of tomorrow. Would that we could project ourselves into the future and really see what life holds for you in the years to come.

Since that is not possible, it behooves us to seriously attack the task of training ourselves that we may develop the best that is in us in order that we may put to use the talents which God has given us. Our civilization is so organized that there are many ways to do this. College training is only one way to accomplish this. It is the quickest, the most economical and the surest way.

Our institution as it is now constituted is primarily concerned in helping you to become a good citizen with the techniques of a good teacher. Yet, our teacher-training program not only helps you to accomplish this, but provides you with a basic training which will enable you to become successful in many other vocations.

What you accomplish in college will depend almost wholly upon what you yourself are willing to do. Your growth and development here will require hard study, a substantial sum of money, much sacrifice, and never-ending determination to succeed. Such a program will mean that you will necessarily have to put aside many of your old habits and acquire new ones in their place. You must seek out and enjoy many new experiences designed to help you to move up the ladder of success.

Think carefully over these things. College life can be a glorious experience for you. It can also be dull, but only if you make it so. At the present moment four years of training seems a long period. But in 1959 you will probably feel that it has been all too short. The entire college family is willing to help you. Again we welcome you in the hope that all of your ideals may be realized.

S. D. WILLIAMS  
President

### Civic Leaders Extend Welcome

The Student Body of State Teachers College were greatly inspired on September 26 to have distinguished civic leaders of Elizabeth City express their greetings of welcome.

Honorable L. S. Blades, Mayor of Elizabeth City, extended to the Students and Staff a hearty welcome. Expressing his desire to be of assistance to the institution any time his aid is requested in order to make our stay here a pleasant one. Mr. Roland Garrett, Postmaster, in a very discreet manner expressed his delight in having students to consider State Teachers College their school in order to obtain a broader knowledge of education. Representing the Alumni Association of State Teachers College was one of our staff members, Mrs. Edna Mitchell, who emphasized Alumni interest in general welfare of the student. On behalf of the ministry of Elizabeth City the Rev. Marvin Williams, pastor of Olive Branch Baptist Church graciously extended welcome to the students and staff to visit the various churches of the community.

President Williams, presiding over the exercises, sincerely expressed his gratitude in having the city officials extend their welcome.

—Carlise Hardy

### FRESHMEN PRESENT TALENT SHOW

The Annual Freshman Talent Show of State Teachers College was held in Moore Auditorium on October 7.

The program consisted of musical selections, both vocal and instrumental, and dramatic readings. Among those participating in the event were the following freshmen: Ann Cabiness. Sonnie Chamblee, Jean Cooper, Ruth Cuffie, Harris Davis, Katherine Davis, Sudie Gadson, James Johnson, Vivian Markham, Alice Pope, Mary Parker, and Beverly Thornton.

### Butler Hall A "Showplace"

Under the direction of Mr. Arthur Bagley assisted by ten students, Butler Hall, men's dormitory, has been renovated and turned into a real showplace.

Working unceasingly during the summer, these men repainted the rooms and halls in various colors. The floors were sanded and waxed, and new doors and locks installed. Venetian blinds were installed for the windows, and the rooms were equipped with the latest modern furniture—new tables, desks, lamps, and dressers.

In addition, to add to the comfort of homelife, there is a twenty-inch Motorola Television Set installed in the reception room AND that's not all, for within a few days an intercom system will be installed, making Butler Hall surely the Showplace of the campus.

Total cost of the renovation is — \$42,500.

### I'VE LEARNED TO SING

I've learned to sing a song of hope;  
I've said good-bye to despair;  
I caught the note in a thrush's throat;  
I sang and the world was fair.

I've learned to sing a song of joy—  
It bends the skies to me;  
The song of joy is the song of hope  
Grown to maturity.

I've learned to laugh away my tears  
As through the dark I go,  
That love and laughter conquer fears  
My heart has come to know.

I've learned a song of happiness—  
It is the song of love,  
For love alone is happiness  
And happiness is love!

—Georgia Douglas Johnson

### College Represented At E. C. C. Education Conference

On September 22, President S. D. Williams and Mr. T. S. Jackson invited two students, Helen Hargraves and Shadrack Brown, to attend the White House Educational Conference held at East Carolina College in Greenville, N. C.

The conference was attended by senators, educators, parents and teachers from all parts of North Carolina to discuss the problems of education in this state.

One of the topics of importance to prospective teachers was "How can we get good teachers and keep them?" It was found in the discussion that in the next five years there will be a need for approximately 3,200 new teachers.

It was suggested that in order to improve the attractiveness of this profession, scholarships should be awarded to pupils in high school who want to become teachers but cannot afford the cost of an education. These scholarships would be awarded by the state, country, and local governments. (See CONFERENCE Page Four)

### FASHION SHOW HONORS FRESHMEN

The Senior Class entertained the Freshman Class with a fashion show in the lounge of Symera Hall on September, 23.

Annie Slade, a senior, introduced the freshman young ladies to the directress of Symera Hall, Mrs. N. H. Smith, who, in return, welcomed the Freshman Class to the college family and all its surroundings. She also introduced the fashion show narrator, Mrs. N. A. Roper, head of the Home Economics Department of the college.

Mrs. Roper explained fashions as a whole—the styles, harmony, accessories, color, etc. Then she discussed the college woman, and the business woman. She also explained how our materials are designed and later become finished products; and how it is necessary to make wise selections for our clothing.

The seniors then came forth modeling for fine specific occasions: Casual wear, classroom, religious activities, traveling, dating and social affairs. The models were: Casuals—Lois King and Vivian Burke; Classroom—Katherine Torrence and Ernestine Hill; Traveling—Connie Page; Religious activity—Otelia Higgs and Doris Wynn; Dating and social—Anna White, Florence Jeanette and Dorothy Lawrence.

At the end of the fashion show there was a short question and answer period. Refreshments were then served by the senior hostesses.

The faculty members present were: M. T. Carter, Edna Davis, Helen Marshall, C. R. Payton, Dorothy Taylor, and E. B. Winston.



Freshman Co-eds Doris McRay, Jean Cooper, Beverly Thornton, and Sara Vick enjoy the break between classes.