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To Be Or Not To Be Prepared

Now that we are well nigh into the winter season, our campus has taken on a different coloration. In preparation for this season, the trees have shedded their leaves, the grass has lost its greenish brilliance, and the air has become quite brisk and stiff.

College life is in full swing, but have we prepared ourselves for the change in environment? Have we divorced from ourselves the frivolous spirit we had before we began our college life? Have we like nature, during its transitional period, prepared our ideas and ideals, and cultivated our aims so as to reap a beautiful harvest when the quest for knowledge has been satiated?

As the school year progresses, there will be days when the academic climate will need more educational endeavor so as to keep our aims and ideals in the academic storehouse. So often do we entertain our whimsi-

cal notions and rest precariously upon the brink of despair, the minute it seems that an academic "hurricane" is going to rip our pursuits apart. Nevertheless, let our aims and ideas be deeprooted, and imbedded in a sound philosophy so as to endure the inevitable academic hurricanes. Even though we might tend to sway with the mass of people, let not our aims lose their meaning, but reveal tenacity and flexibility.

The time to prepare for the storm is not while the hurricane is on, but preparation should be made beforehand. Let our ideas be flexible, but yet firm, so as to adjust to the change in environment.

Now is the time for all good students to come to the aid of their academic invocation, wrap the educational drapery about them, and walk slowly and steadfastly up the academic ladder.

Life Within Our Lighthouse

- L — Learning to live respectable social lives.
- I — Intelligently engaging in the social aspects of college life.
- G — Greeting others with cheerful smiles.
- H — Honoring the lady with you and respecting her.
- T — Taking time to say "Excuse me"; "Thank You".
- H — Having modesty, poise and dignity at all times.
- O — Opening the mind to better human relationships.
- U — Using the facilities with care, yet with comfort and enjoyment.
- S — Sharing the responsibility of cleanliness and maintenance.
- E — Enjoying, Cherishing and Protecting Our Lighthouse.

Let's Talk About S. T. C.

What is S. T. C.? Is S. T. C. just the plant . . . the site, the buildings, and the equipment? Is S. T. C. the faculty and staff? Do you think of S. T. C. as being the concern of "others"?

During my stay here I have heard severe criticism from students relative to the school and its programs. What have we been criticizing? Whom have we been criticizing? We have, in part, been criticizing ourselves, because as students here we help make what we call S. T. C. Our school is not just the plant, nor is it the faculty and staff. The welfare of our school, its progress, and the various activities carried on within are not just the concern of the administration and a few other students who will accept leadership roles. S. T. C. is a unit, which includes the entire college family. Good constructive criticism is healthy. But let us keep in mind that often times when one criticizes he has merely found the "leak"; next he must stop it.

Let us think of S. T. C. as a football team. Everyone of us has a special assignment or responsibility. Whether or not we will have an even greater institution depends largely upon whether each one of us carries out our individual assignment.

We, as students must develop more school spirit. We must develop greater interest in our school activities. For instance, some of us must change our attitudes toward some of the programs of the College, especially that of the Student Council. In the second place, action makes a college

what it is. In student government we can contribute a great deal toward this end, if we realize our responsibilities and cooperate in our efforts. Are we doing our part? Are we energetic, taking leading roles for the benefit of the school and for our fellow students? Then and only then will we have the "stuff" of progress.

What Did You Do With Your Day?

- What did you do with your beautiful day?
- God gave it to you to do just as you would.
- Did you do what was wicked, or do what was good?
- Did you lift someone up, or push someone down?
- Did you hand him a smile, or just give 'em a frown?
- Did you faithfully try, or just disheartily lose?
- Did you inspiration give, or instead some harsh word choose?
- Did you lift some load or some progress impede?
- Did you look for a rose or just gather a weed?
- What did you do with your beautiful day?
- Did you throw it away? God gave it to you.

—Janie Manley

Don't be a carbon copy of someone else. Make your own impressions. —Grit.

A Tribute To Mrs. N. H. Smith

Mrs. Nannie H. Smith, a member of our college staff for eighteen years, died recently. She has left a profound influence upon the lives of the students and graduates, whom she advised.

During her stay here at this college, she made outstanding contributions to education. Her warm advice to the young women was, "Always to strive for the better things of life."

Mrs. Smith felt that the dormitory, in which she played a major role, had some contribution to make to the total growth of each student. Her emphasis was placed on group living, development of positive attitudes toward others, habits of cleanliness, respect for all, and the democratic way of life.

Mrs. Smith's influence to the lives of others will be a mark that will continue to promote better and finer womanhood. She would not say to students, "We must do a particular thing" but rather, "We would want to do this particular thing, as well-educated and well-rounded young ladies would do it." She gave students a chance to make their decisions on what they considered valuable and worthwhile in life, yet inserting what she considered.

Mrs. Smith's contributions were in deeds of love, sympathy, companionship and instructions to others. Her influence is manifested in the lives of many students. This is one of the greatest contributions one can make to mankind.

"To live in mankind is far more than to live in a name."

Dependability

How dependable are you? Stop for just one moment and analyze yourself. Are you one of those persons who says, "I will", but never do? Do you keep people waiting for you after having made an appointment with them? Are you late returning items you have borrowed? Do you leave the responsibility to your classmate to do the project alone, then expect half the credit? Do you neglect attending meetings and paying dues?

All of these questions may seem trifling to you, but it is the trifles that count. Once O. S. Marden said, "One of the hardest things to learn is that the greatest lives are made up of trifles. Emergencies, great things, occur rarely in our lives. It is the steady stream of little things, trifles, unimportant events, experiences so small as scarcely to leave a trace behind, which make up the sum total of life."

With this thought in mind why not resolve to be more dependable? After all it takes only a little more effort.

Your Record

How seriously do you think about your record? How seriously do you think about your future and the effect your record will have on it? Now is the time to make plans for the future remembering that whether you want to be a doctor, a lawyer, a teacher, or a laborer, sometimes in life you will have to rely on your record. The question is "Will it support you?" Will it aid you in getting that particular position you want? Or will you have to give up the position in which you have always wished to participate as a result of an insufficient record? Will it show that you are not punctual? Not reliable? Not trustworthy? What will you do about it? Your record counts to such a great extent that it can help or hinder you forever. It is the only good and true reference you can secure about yourself. It is forever active and a part of your life.

—E. Biggs

Alumni News

A. P. Lester Chapter

The Homecoming activities October 17, were largely attended by members of the A. P. Lester Chapter of the Elizabeth City State Teachers College, and they served as an inspiration to the chapter whose organization is as follows:

Mrs. A. C. Honeyblue, president; Mrs. O. M. Collins, vice president; Mrs. A. C. Roberson, recording secretary; Mrs. A. M. Cabarrus, financial secretary; C. L. Godard, treasurer.

Among the many alumni working in Martin County are the following graduates of last year:

Mr. Curtis Levon Godard, E. J. Hayes School; Miss Georgianna Barnes, North Everetts School.

Other graduates joining the chapter for the first time are: Mrs. Miriam Hoggard, East End School; Mrs. Shirley Smith, Jamesville Township School; and Mrs. Annie Simmons, North Everetts School.

The chapter now boasts a membership of thirty-five financial members, a gain of sixteen over last year. A drive is now underway to recruit as many more who now work or reside in Martin County.

There are graduates of S. T. C. now working in all of the schools of Martin County, and we are very pleased that Martin County has been chosen as a student teacher training center. The chapter extends greetings and sincere good wishes to Misses Rose Cherry and Mary Lewis who will begin student teaching at the E. J. Hayes School, November 18th.

The chapter meets regularly, once per month. The November meeting will be held in Robersonville, Nov. 18th. Mrs. Marie Price will be hostess at that time.

The chapter sponsored a Halloween Dance October 30th, at the North Everetts School, Everetts, N. C. A pleasant evening was spent and well attended. Those present danced to the music of Walter Plummer and his Melody Masters. Mr. E. L. Owens, an alumnus of S. T. C., is principal of the school.

Financial Report for Membership Cards, 1959-1960

Chapter	Amt. Reported
Hertford County	\$ 360.00
Elizabeth City	307.00
Hitt County	300.00
Martin County	205.00
Halifax County	151.00
Brooklyn, N. Y.	140.00
Gates County	125.00
Perquimans County	120.00
New York City	100.00
Northhampton County	95.00
Hyde County	85.00
Green County	75.00
Southampton Co., Va.	75.00
Chowan County	70.00
Portsmouth, Va.	65.00
Norfolk, Va.	60.00
Raleigh	60.00
Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.	15.00
Duplin County	5.00
Total	\$2,413.00

November 15th—

Soon after the Continental Congress adopted the declaration of Independence in 1776, a committee reported to it the draft of the articles of Confederation, or Constitution of the new nation. It was not until November 15, 1777, that the articles were finally adopted and submitted to the states for ratification.

A Day At A Time—

We build our character by the bricks of habit that we pile up day by day. Each seems a little thing, but before we are aware of it, we have shaped the house we live in.

Megiddo Message

Brawley High School
Scotland Neck, N. C.
October 28, 1959

Dear Fellow-Alumni,
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your response, financial and otherwise, to our Annual Homecoming and to our "Miss Alumni" contest. This is only one of the many ways in which we can show our loyalty to and our appreciation for the many fine principles on which Elizabeth City State Teachers College was founded.

Perhaps there are those in your chapter who have not yet responded to our membership drive. Even though it is too late to include it in our first report, it is not too late to send it to our secretary, Miss Ferebee. Don't let us down. The association needs financial support in order to carry out the worthwhile projects it has undertaken.

May I urge you to send alumni news to Mrs. Edna H. Mitchell. As you know, the Newsletter is published jointly with the college newspaper. In order to make this a publication of which we can be proud, we need your support. This news should be in Mrs. Mitchell's hands by the fifth of each month.

You will find enclosed a copy of the Financial Report for Membership Cards. I would like to thank you again for the splendid response given to this drive.

Please don't forget our Scholarship Drive. We need your support in all chapters. Through our drive, several outstanding students, who would not have had a chance to go to college at all, are enrolled at our alma mater. We believe that in the near future they will be a credit to themselves and to the institution as well. If you have not already contributed to this drive, do so at your earliest convenience. Let us work with our President, Dr. Ridley, who is striving to make Elizabeth City State Teachers College an institution which helps a student to develop to his highest potential. Just a small amount from each alumnus would go far in helping to realize this goal.

We mourn the passing of Mrs. Nannie H. Smith who served for 17 years as dormitory directress. During this period of service, she endeared herself to the many students who came under her influence. We are sure this influence will be felt for a long time.

The next meeting of the General Alumni Association is scheduled for Saturday, January 6, 1960 at 11 o'clock. This meeting will be held at the college. Plan now to attend or to send a representative from your chapter. One important item on the agenda will be the presenting of the incorporated charter of the association. We will also hear reports from the homecoming committees.

E.C.S.T.C. Alumni Association
J. C. Bias, President

The Editor Speaks

What does the Newsletter mean to you as a student of S. T. C.? That is a question that has developed, because only 223 students out of a total of 548 students had enough initiative to walk over to the G. R. Little Library to receive papers.

The Newsletter is a student publication paid for by students and alumni. It should be received by each student of S. T. C. Can the lack of enthusiasm be because only a few students make contributions to the paper? The Newsletter welcomes news from students, and in each issue space will be allotted for letters to the editor.