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Using Knowledge Is Power

The clear and concise purpose of an education is to perceive or learn facts, ideas, and information to the point that it is secure in memory and can be grasped by the mind to be used when necessary. The power of knowledge is learning, and is associated with the mind.

Knowledge, like the body, is a thing where the powers are developed by long and strenuous effort. The principal use of the mind as I see it, is hard work in studies which produce learning, learning in return will produce an accumulation of knowledge; and knowledge will give to one a possession of an education.

Unless one trains his body, he cannot be much of a scholar. Daily physical exercise by an athlete is in itself nothing to the good, but the good is shown in the physical capacity to hold out when time comes to compete or use the things learned by the daily exercise. Thus by hard study one may retain permanently some of the information acquired, but will be of little good, unless the intellectual power to use the things learned in daily life is thought to be of some worth.

The mind is a better and more powerful instrument when one has trained

it by doing serious study. The fact was "knowledge is power," but still better "the faculty of acquiring and using knowledge is power." If one has a trained and powerful mind, he is bound to have stored in it lots of learning, but its value lies in what that learning can do, and what it can grasp and use. Alexander Pope said, "A little learning is a dangerous thing." But I say if one has only a little learning, that too can be used to acquire better and more powerful knowledge.

One has acquired the power of knowledge when he has learned and mastered his science, English, economics, history, etc., but the best result comes when he uses his learned knowledge to promote growth.

As you complete this year of college and education, be not so weak as to stop there. Continue to use, and use, and use all of the knowledge that you have acquired in order that you may continue to grow more powerful through the utilization of knowledge.

By John Jordan

Don't Stop Now

If one sets a goal and works diligently and faithfully, he will eventually accomplish it. But the question is: WILL HE STOP THEN? A similar question may be asked of the Class of '61.

Though it seems, after a person has gone what he might call the last mile of the way in many instances, it is just time for him to begin. And if a senior, after having graduated, views the modern educational demands and his position as a first class citizen, he can very easily see that now is no time to stop. With this in mind, it is hoped that the Senior Class of '61 will continue to raise their educational level.

Summer Education

About this time every year, we students have a tendency to spend quite a bit of time thinking about the summer months just ahead. Some of us think of summer school, but most of us think of summer employment or a long vacation.

Whatever our thoughts concerning our summer activities, we should not forget that our education does not stop just because we are no longer attending classes. Education is not just a classroom process. Rather it is or should be a continuous part of our lives. Also, education includes more than the academic subjects. It includes the social, cultural, and religious aspects too.

Therefore, even though many of us will be working or vacationing, we will have ample opportunities to learn in some area of education. Summer is a wonderful time to socialize but let us keep in mind educational activities also. We can do this by attending concerts and theaters, going on tours, and contemplating on religious growth. Then when we come back in the fall, we will not be on the same educational level, for we will have advanced because of our summer educational activities.

The Great Game of Life

I would like to pass on to you the advice a chaplain gave his son upon graduation. "I am giving you the ball, son, and naming you quarterback for your team in the game of life. I am your coach, so I'll give it to you straight. There is only one schedule to play. It lasts all your life, but consists of only one game. It is a long game with no time out and no substitutions. You play the whole game—all your life. You will have a great backfield. You're calling the signals, but the other three fellows in the background with your three great reputations. They are named FAITH, HOPE, and CHARITY.

You'll work behind a truly powerful line. End to end, it consists of Honesty, Loyalty, Devotion to Duty, Self-Respect, Study, Cleanliness, and Good Behavior.

The goal posts are the Pearly Gates of Heaven. God is the referee and sole official. He makes all the rules and there is no appeal from them.

There are ten rules. You know them as the Ten Commandments and you play them strictly in accordance with your own religion.

There is also an important ground rule. It is "As you would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."

The man who says it can't be done is liable to be interrupted by somebody doing it.

—Author Unknown

Why Was I Born?

Why was I born?
 Why am I living?
 What do I get?
 What am I giving?
 Why do I want a thing I don't hope for?
 What can I hope for? I wish I knew.

Why do I try to draw you near me?
 Why do I cry? You never hear me.
 I'm a poor fool, but what can I do?
 Why was I born to love you?

Consider

When our civic and governmental officials run for an office, they state their platforms through campaign speeches, posters, and informal discussions. Since our main purpose is an educative one, why should not every activity be educational? We have not been using every activity to a maximum.

Are you going to let S.T.C. move forward physically, and not intellectually? It is hoped that every student at State will help in making our college grow. We can not help her grow by hanging on to the past. We must visualize the future and what it holds for S.T.C. Our dreams and aspirations can become a reality only by our vigorous actions stimulated by our love for S.T.C.

Students and Prospective Teachers

Students, let us be teachers and cling to our profession of teaching.

A teacher is one who teaches not only in the classroom, but every where he goes. Jesus, when on earth was a master teacher. He taught everywhere He went—on the roads, in stables, churches, courts, on mountains, etc.

A teacher of today should try to be somewhat like the Master Teacher, for, he, too, is supposed to be a leader.

When a student sits in the classroom and looks at his teacher he wants to be looking at a real teacher. If he is looking at a real teacher, there is joy because deep down the student feels as if he is going to accomplish something.

May it be said to the prospective teachers of ECSTC, now is the time to start preparing for the career of teaching. While here, launch with initiative and a desire to learn, not only for your benefit, but for the benefit of your fellow students as well.

The students of today will not take "NO" for an answer. They will want to know at the moment the question is asked. So let us be prepared.

—Jasper Evans

Student Council Proposes

The President and the Student Council wish to thank the students for placing them in the various positions.

In the past, it appeared that the Student Council was not organized; therefore, it had no plans by which to carry out its duties effectively. It is our aim to organize the Student Council and the students at large so that they will function as a unit.

Students must understand that the Student Council is a strong body, but it has certain limitations and must operate within these limitations. However, there is much that can be done and still keep within the limitations if the Student Council is organized. In our organization we propose the following plans:

1. We are aware of the fact that our primary purpose for being in college is to get an education and raise our standards. If we do not maintain scholarship we will not be able to remain in school. In raising our scholarship, we should make better use

of the library facilities, acquire more and better study habits and attend conferences.

2. Secondly, we plan to place responsible students on the various committees so that students will have an active part in the planning of activities. However, they must be students who are willing to assume responsibility.
3. As our third objective, we plan to have Student Council meetings open to all students so that they can bring in suggestions that will make for better living on campus. This will give the students a chance to see what their government is trying to do to make the atmosphere conducive to learning.
4. We plan to request that all student organizations—fraternities, sororities and clubs be responsible for a social activity during the school year.

The Student Council plans to weigh all issues that may arise and deal with them as best it can.

Do You Care Enough?

We cannot have an "I don't care" attitude and accomplish much in life.

You may say, "I have no special gift." You have the greatest of gifts—the gift of life, the gift of intelligence. You have the gift of love. Some persons think over the surface of life never caring about anything. We are only half-alive, and are missing the meaning of things.

Everyday, every hour each one of us is using gifts of God, expressing spiritual qualities. The very fact that we live is our unspoken acknowledgment of the first great gift, the gift of life.

The next great gift that each of us has is the power to think. We neglect this gift when we thinklessly, when we let our thinking get in negative directions, when we scatter our thoughts forces in gossip, in resentment and in ill will. Care about what you think and how you think.

Another gift that each of us has is the gift of love. We neglect this gift as in us when we do not care enough to help others that are less fortunate than we. We need to care enough to stir up this gift, to become radiating, loving, expressions.

"Neglect not the gift that is in you" and you will surely be on the road to a happier and more prosperous life.

—Joyce Brown

How Did You Vote?

The last student government election held in Moore Hall is one that I shall long remember. This is so because of a certain significance of the result of the election.

It is quite possible for an organization to be popular on a college campus, but it is not probable that members of an organization would be so popular as to get elected to the top three positions in the Student Council. Is Popularity a good criterion for placing a person into a high office?

The answer to that question would be an emphatic No. When college students get to the place where they are directed to do something just because of friendship or affiliation, they have wasted their time learning about Socrates, Plato, Aristotle; or What good is four years of college if you do not learn to think for yourself?

Can you grow mentally by acting according to the dictate of others? It is pathetic when college students forget character traits for the sake of friendship. Do honesty, dependability, cooperation, temperance mean anything to students on S.T.S.'s campus? This is a question that each student at Elizabeth City State Teachers College should ask.

In the past, students have forgotten the facts that society still thinks that it is vitally necessary to possess good ethical traits. Student leaders at S.T.C., as well as at other places, should be sound morally as well as intellectually.

Renovation of Moore And Lane Halls

Renovation of Moore and Lane Halls is expected to begin on or about June 5. Bids were opened on Tuesday, May 24 for contracts on this work. These contracts are part of \$175,000 being spent on the Administration Building and Dining Hall. When completed, the Administration Building will have had a face lifting and will provide new offices for many faculty members as well as improved offices for administrative officers and classrooms.

Of special note are the increased size of the business office, the provision of a separate Post Office, and provision of a Reading Clinic, and a Publication Office. There will be approximately ten offices to house faculty members.

Stay Well

Stay well, O Keeper of my love. Go well throughout all your days. Your star, the luckiest star above. Your ways, the luckiest ways. Since unto you my one love is given,

And since with you it will remain. Though you bring fear at dawn, despair at evening! Stay well, come well to my door again.



DR. WONG SPEAKS TO SYMERA HALL RESIDENTS