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The College Family

We, the students of Elizabeth City State Teachers College, are exceedingly happy to unite as one immense family. It is with tranquility of spirit that we assemble in this institution for the diffusion of knowledge.

Truly, we cherish the opportunity which is ours to engage in the struggle that embodes the nature of man. Circumstances have permitted us to begin the course which has marked the destiny of great men and women everywhere. We trust that as we face the challenge that is offered by this unit of society, that our thoughts will be employed in a fruitful manner.

As we wade through the channel of duty, we shall strive fervently to live by the exalted principles of religion and morality.

We are well aware of our mental weakness; therefore, we beseech Almighty God to exalt our thinking so that we may properly estimate the value of knowledge.

We shall continue to seek knowledge for we firmly believe that it will be converted into wisdom when it is applied in a positive manner. We also agree with the precepts of the wise man, Solomon. He has informed us in the Book of Proverbs that wisdom is a valuable thing. According to his philosophy, it brings honour, peace, happiness and security to all who lay hold upon it.

Surely, we feel confident that knowledge is a necessary tool in the effective operation of the various branches of society in America. Therefore, we shall zealously strive for the permanency of our independence and liberty, and for the prosperity of our nation.

Free Yourself

Do you have something important to accomplish? Perhaps it is engaging in some school play or passing an examination. Let me suggest a little secret that will help you accomplish that important thing.

Sit down for a few minutes and forgive others who have inflicted some hurt upon you. The only requirement you need is your sincerity about it.

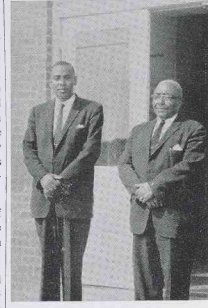
Webster defines "forgive" as "to give up resentment or claim to re-quit." All resentments must be forgiven by you and all further thought toward "getting even." When a person forgives another he sets himself free. He will sense a great freedom that will allow him to apply his best self to the task before him.

Many times you will feel that everything goes wrong in your life. You are disappointed in a certain person whom you have trusted or you may feel very hurt. This is normal, but always remember that this hurt you feel will work itself out for the best. This is what we call "faith."

Try this as a solution to your problems, and I know you will be on a road that will lead to greater success and happiness.

Alumni News

Ministers



Shown above is the Reverend George L. Brown (left), pastor of The First Baptist Church, Burlington, North Carolina. Recently he conducted a series of services at the Corner Stone Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, of which the Reverend J. R. McKey (right) is pastor.

The Executive Committee of the General Alumni Association met in Lester Hall, September 16 at 11 a.m. with Mr. John C. Bias presiding. Reports were given, and plans were made for activities of the first semester.

The Scholarship Committee gave information concerning aid to seventy-three students, the majority of whom were in the top ten per cent of their classes.

Resolutions of interest were presented by the S. D. Williams Chapter of Goldsboro. Also recommendations were received from the Board of Directors. These will be studied carefully and referred to the General Alumni at the May meeting.

Dr. W. N. Ridley in addressing Alumni emphasized increased enrollment, staff additions, renovations and anticipated construction. He urged the support of the State Bond Issue, referring to the advantages that might come to the College.

The following regulations governing Homecoming Activities were made:

1. Each contestant for "Miss Alumni" should mail to the College not later than October 23 a glossy print "2x3" for the Souvenir Bulletin. Mats will also be accepted.
2. "Miss Alumni" contest money, postmarked not later than midnight, October 29, 1961, should be sent to the Executive Secretary, Miss S. E. Ferbee.
3. All funds coming into the General alumni office must be cash, certified check or money order.
4. Booths for alumni purchasing game tickets will be in front of Moore Auditorium. Tickets will be sold from 9 a.m. till noon.
5. A.I. persons who desire meals in the dining hall should send advance notice to the college.
6. These persons will serve on the housing committee: Rev. J. R. McRay, Mrs. E. H. Mitchell and Mrs. Howard.
7. Alumni with membership cards may purchase game tickets at half price.
8. Prices for dance ticket are: Alumni \$1.50, students \$1.00.
9. The committee to secure three convivertiles for "Miss Alumni" and her attendants are: Mr. I. A. Battle, Mr. J. Jordan, Mr. White, Mr. Eskine Morgan and Dr. J. E. Jones.
10. All Chapters are invited to participate in the parade. The Art Department will placards for chapters upon request.
11. Coffee hour will be held in the Lighthouse from 10 a.m. till noon.

Alumni attending the meeting were: Isaac Battle, Charles Boone, Stephen Ewens, William Butler, Napoleon Byrd, Alpha Omega, Ella Jones Harding, Marie Harding, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Honey blue, Erma Boone Hudgins, James E. Jones, Joseph Jordan, J. R. McRay, Edna H. Mitchell, Calvin Paschall, Elizabeth Ransome, Idonia Rogerson and J. T. White.

ate of Elizabeth City State Teachers College, became affiliated with the chapter.

Members present were: Mr. John Welch, Mrs. Arline Hardy, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Alston, Mrs. Florence D. Barnes, Mrs. Teddie D. Boone, and Mrs. Jean W. Boone.

It was decided that the Weldon Chapter would meet on the third Saturday in each month. Mr. John Welch, President, Mrs. Jean W. Boone, Asst. Sec'y

Register And Vote!!

Editor Speaks

Faculty and students, it is with pleasure that I extend greetings to all of you in this our first issue of "The Compass."

Almost four months have passed since we took our restful, and, I hope inspiring, summer vacation. But now the time has come for us to begin our college work, so may we revivify ourselves and seriously view the path which lies ahead of us. Let us start with impressions that will be lasting ones.

As has been said, "A tree is known by the fruit it bears." In a similar manner, let us be known by the things we do, say, and achieve. One of the best times to start is now. Develop a spirit of love and faithfulness, not only for S.T.C. as an institution of higher learning; but for your classmates, associates, friends, and other persons with whom you are closely related.

Get to know one another better through friendly associations, informal chats, and even through the sharing of problems. With these things in mind, may we join hand in hand to work together as a unified body, and enjoy to the utmost, the remaining months in this school year.

Whatever your intentions are, no matter what you set out to do, there are ways to do it—a right way, and a wrong way. As students of an educated society, and educators of tomorrow, feel obligated to seek the right way.

Let us strive, individually, and as a group, to make this, the year of 1961-62, one of the most prosperous and progressive Elizabeth City State Teachers College has ever known.

Freshmen Impressions

Yvonne Joyner—I think that S.T.C. is a fine institution for higher learning. I am truly glad that I have chosen this college.

Wilma Perry—I feel that S.T.C. is a very fine school indeed. My first time seeing the school was in May, and I was greatly impressed with the extremely friendly atmosphere. Upon my entrance here, the atmosphere has not changed. I feel that it is an even better place than I imagined.

Betty Lou Wilkins—This is truly the college where we can realize our education and our ability to plan for the future.

Delores Durante—I think I made a wise choice by selecting S.T.C.

Ray Cooper—I think that E.C. S.T.C. is steadily striving to bring up the morale of young people for the coming human affairs.

Jimmy Jenkins—Never before have I seen a place with such an intellectual atmosphere; yet, so many beautiful girls.

Alfred Cobbs—I don't think I could have made a wiser choice. I

Changes Since 1957

I had not been a student at Elizabeth City State Teachers College since 1957, so upon my return in September I observed vast improvements in many areas.

Bias Hall, the dormitory in which I lived, was about the same except for the Lounge and Laundry; they have been renovated.

As I strolled the campus, I found added beauty there. "The Pirate's Den" (as it was known in 1957), with its drab and dull interior, had become the beautiful "Lighthouse." There students have room for group meetings, games and snacks.

Smyera Hall, a dormitory for women, not being used in 1957, was occupied.

The Dining Hall, which was improved during the summer, not only has additional space for cafeteria service, but a private dining room for the Faculty.

Moore Hall had been completely renovated with provisions for administrative and faculty offices.

Beyond Butler Hall I noticed Quonset huts making the attractive West Lodge, a dormitory for men.

The college, on a whole, had expanded; not only to provide space, but to increase the cultural development of the students.

These renovations plus the increased enrollment of Elizabeth City State Teachers College have provided an overall pattern of a "growing institution." It, indeed, is a place where "youth and the future meet."

Reading Workshop

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Mrs. Madeline Blount presented the first topic—"How to Improve the Slow Reader." She stated that the teacher must be patient in trying to help the student master certain reading techniques. Mr. L. R. Miales presented "Improving Comprehension." It was pointed out that the teacher should provide illustrations in reading that will enable the reader to pick out main points. The topic—"How to Make Children Interested in Reading," was discussed by Mrs. Naomi Hicks. She said that in order to make reading interesting, the student should be given a chance to read aloud and then identify certain parts of his reading. "Word Recognition"—the fourth topic, was presented by Mrs. Bernice Bostic. In her discussion, Mrs. Bostic said one of the most important things to consider is the student's handicap that might possibly hinder his normal and expected performance. "Oral Reading and Reading from Memory," was presented by Mrs. Ester Eason who stated that the teacher should help the child develop good pronunciation skills through oral interpretation.

From all indications, the workshop proved a success.

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