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Dr. Ridley Announces His Resignation

.... WORK REQUIRED TAXES GREATLY..."

Dr. Walter N. Ridley, President of Elizabeth City State College since 1958, has resigned his position effective after the end of the current school year. in a letter of resignation to Mr, McDonald Dixon, Chairman for the Board of Trustees, Dr. Ridley said, 'In this 10th year of my work, I have reflected on it. It has been challenging in a fertile field of great need. We have worked toward goals, many of which have been realized. However. the "massive load of work required taxes greatly the physical and emotional stamina." He said, "I have reached the decision that it will be in my best interest to change employment to a post with less demanding requirements.

In his letter of resignation Dr. Ridley reviewed the fact that in the last decade the enrollment at the College had tripled; approximately \$4,000,000 in buildings are completed, under construction, or ready to begin; campus acreage has been increased 80%; employees increased from 69 to 175; doctorates on the faculty increased from 3 to 22; the single curriculum in Elementary Education has been expanded to 13 majors in ten departments; rank, tenure, and salary

scales have been established; the quality of students more nearly approaches current national expectations; functioning Men's and Women's Government associations have been realized and students have been integrated into the administration of the College through membership on committees; full membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools was obtained in 1961, and graduates of the current year is 388% of that for 1958, increasing from \$495,000 to \$1, 925,000.

A long-range plan, including a model, has been developed in stages to bring the institution to serve 4,000 students in 1985.

In answer to a question, the president stated that although there had been discussion about several, he would not wish to accept another college presidency, but would seek a position in higher education with far less administrative demands. He said that the joys and rewards of his work had been very satisfying, but that a position with less demands and stress is necessary to keep the good health which he has enjoyed, and to enjoy and spend time with his family as he and they would (Continue on Page 4)



Dr. Ridley resigns his ESCS post.

ALPHA PRESIDENT SPEAKS FOR PAN-HELLENIC

Dr. Lionel H. Newsome, President of Al-pha Phi Alpha Fraternity will be guest speaker for our annual Pan-Hellenic Day. This occasion is sponsored by the United Christian Religious Fellowship, whose advisor is Dr. R. Irving Boone.

Introducing the speaker will be Mr. Mack Thompson, president of Beta Zeta Chapter. included in his introduction of Dr. Newsome will be some of these highlights. The guest speaker is a native of Wichita Falls, Texas and was reared in St. Louis, Missouri. After receiving the B.A. degree from Lin-coln University in History with Cum Laude, Dr.

Newsome completed work for the M.A. degree at the University of Michigan in Sociology. Wash-ington University awarded him thePh. D. degree in Sociology and Anthropology. During the course of the last few years, dr. Newsome has endeavored to utilize his training in the following: Associate Professor, Social Sciences, Southern univer-sity, 1947-49; Head of the Department of Sociology and Pre-Social Work, University, Southern 1956-60; Professor of Sociology and Director of Woodrow Wilson General Honors at Morehouse College 1960-64. At present he is employed as (Continue on Page 4)

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