

DEDICATION OF BUILDING, ECU (RUTH WHITE) 11-9-69
& ACCEPTANCE OF PORTRAIT

President Jenkins, Dean White, her friends and relatives:

I'm privileged to accept on behalf of the Trustees and Administration of East Carolina, this portrait of one of the loveliest, most charming and gracious ladies that I have ever known.

In the years to come, as this portrait hangs in this magnificent building, I know that those who live here and those who will visit here will be reminded of the many fine traits and virtues of Ruth White.

This residence hall for women is and shall be a monument to the contributions that she has made to the lives of thousands of young women as they spent some of their most impressionable years here on the campus.

Her kind and pleasant disposition and her friendliness removed the barriers between many young women, and young men, as they spent their first weeks and months away from home here on the campus--away from their families and loved ones for the first time.

Her understanding of the problems of young people has made her a source of comfort to those who, through the years, have sought her advice and counsel.

And one of the reasons that all of us who have known her have loved and revered her is that she has never grown old--

either in her ways or her outlook and there has never been a gap between Ruth White and any generation.

I think that I should add, also, that her advice, wisdom and counsel were not only given to the young women who lived in the residence halls, but it was sought and received by the young men who came to know and to love her.

And finally, I should say that the high ideals and principles by which she governed her own life have been as a polar star to guide the lives of all who have known her.

And as her ideals and principles will continue to be an inspiration, this lovely portrait and this beautiful building will stand as a monument to this wonderful lady who has lived an exemplary and dedicated life.

I'm glad that I can say these things for all who know her, and love her, while she is still young and she is still in our midst.