

Remarks by
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Let me tell you how much I appreciate the opportunity to be here with you tonight at Dunn and to officially open the NAIA National Soccer Tournament. As most of you know, this sport is relatively new to most of us here in North Carolina but it has caught on fast, and we are pleased that Campbell College, located only a few miles from here, has received national honors and helped make soccer an important part of the athletic program on many college campuses throughout the country.

Likewise, we are proud that so many of you, representing colleges throughout the country, would come to North Carolina to participate in this tournament. We have a great State which many of you, I am sure, have heard described as "Variety Vacationland." On the east, we have the Atlantic Ocean beautiful beaches, and abundant opportunities for water sports and fishing. In the Piedmont, we have the Nation's finest golf courses, horseracing, and undoubtedly some of the best collegiate sports events in the entire United States. For as long as I can remember, Wake Forest, N. C. State University, the University of North Carolina, and Duke University have stood out among the ranks of college teams and made our State a Mecca for sports fans.

To the west, we have the Blue Ridge and Smokey Mountains; cool summer nights and autumn colors which rival any in the country and the highest ski slopes east of the Mississippi.

So you can see, we here in North Carolina think we have a lot to be proud of, and we are glad that you have come to see us. We hope you will have an opportunity while you are here to see some of the surrounding countryside and experience a little of the flavor of North Carolina and the hospitality of its people. We want you to have a good time.

I have, today, talked with the Governor of North Carolina, the Honorable Robert W. Scott, who has asked me to extend to you a very special welcome on his behalf. I add to his special greetings my personal welcome as an official of this State and as a resident of this area.

I congratulate each team and each team member who is participating here. No matter how you are in this tournament, you have already distinguished yourselves in your own states and regions. Good luck to you here in North Carolina.

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