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TWO WEEKS AGO, I SPOKE TO THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING AND I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE TO YOU TODAY SOME OF THE POINTS I MADE AT THAT TIME.

I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO EXPRESS MY PLEASURE AT HAVING HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON EAST CAROLINA'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR FIFTEEN YEARS. DURING THOSE YEARS, I HAVE DONE MY BEST TO PROMOTE AND FURTHER THE INSTITUTION'S CAUSES AND ALTHOUGH EVENTS PROVED SOMETIMES DISCOURAGING, THE CHALLENGE OF IMPROVEMENT REMAINED ULTIMATELY ENCOURAGING.

ALTHOUGH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CANNOT TAKE CREDIT FOR ALL THE CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE OVER THESE FIFTEEN YEARS, WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HELP BRING THEM INTO BEING. AMONG THE LIST OF PROGRESSIVE CHANGES MADE ARE THE MOVE TO UNIVERSITY STATUS IN 1967 AND THE ADDITION OF NEW, EXCITING PROGRAMS OF STUDY. THE UNIVERSITY, THROUGH ITS GROWTH AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, HAS TAKEN ON A NEW CHARACTER. IT IS HARDLY THE INSTITUTION IT WAS WHEN I JOINED THE TRUSTEES IN 1958.

SO, MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED HERE AT EAST CAROLINA

DURING THE LAST DECADE AND A HALF. BUT AS I LEAVE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I LEAVE IT KNOWING THAT MUCH STILL REMAINS TO BE DONE. AND I WANT TO RE-EMPHASIZE MY HOPE THAT OUR NEW TRUSTEES AND THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS WILL WORK TO CONTINUE THE PROGRESS THAT THIS INSTITUTION HAS ALREADY MADE. I ESPECIALLY HOPE THAT THEY WILL WORK FOR EQUITY WITHIN THE SYSTEM.

AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, I RETIRE WITH SOME SADNESS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AFTER HAVING SERVED THESE MANY YEARS. SINCE COMING TO EAST CAROLINA AS A STUDENT IN THE 1940'S, I HAVE CARED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS HERE AND NO MATTER WHAT POSITIONS I HOLD IN LATER LIFE, I WILL CONTINUE TO CARE AND DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP.

I AM GRATEFUL TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE HELPED CONTRIBUTE TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF THIS FINE INSTITUTION AND I AM PLEASED TO HAVE HAD THIS TIME TO WORK WITH YOU. YOU CAN BE PROUD OF THOSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS ALREADY PERFORMED BY YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE CHALLENGE OF CONTINUED PROGRESS AND EXCELLENCE.