

CHAPEL, May 2, 1931

-- President Wright

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Scripture lesson: Verses 15-18 St. John, First Chapter

On next Saturday we will have a very short devotional service, and then I want to see all those students who graduate in June or August, and any other students who know they are going to teach next year. I wish you would tell those who are practice teaching and not here that I want them to meet here next Saturday at this time.

I was looking over a list this morning and find that approximately eighty students in this college have not paid their student government fee. I know some of those folks personally, and know there is no reason why they should not pay the fee. Your student government officials in making their budget made it on the assumption that they would collect a certain amount from the students. They cannot meet the obligations they have made unless the fee is paid. This fee is just as much a part of your expense and just as binding upon you as any other obligation in college, and it must be paid. If you are not going to pay it I want you to get out of college,, and I want you to do one or the other next week; and I mean that all the way through. There isn't any reason why a number of you folks haven't paid this fee except that you just didn't do it. This fee is made by the students and approved by the Board of Trustees, and it must be paid or I am going to send for you and ask you to get out of school. A person who won't pay an obligation of this kind doesn't belong in this institution.

I also find that a number of students have not paid their bills in the office. What I have said about fees also applies there. I hate to have to tell you this again. I have explained it before. North Carolina makes a very definite appropriation for state schools, but leaves it to the Budget Bureau to reduce that if state funds are insufficient to meet it. The Budget Bureau



found it necessary to cut our appropriation twenty per cent, something over forty thousand dollars, that we expected to have to spend and that we will not have to spend; they sent us a communication, and I read an extract from it to you, telling us that we must collect all money due. Yet some of these people seem to think they can get by anyway. Some of these I know and know they can pay. Others are making an honest effort, and so far as our loan funds will go we are helping those girls who are trying. But we can't furnish food, light, heat, room, and laundry without pay. It is not the part of a right-minded citizen to expect it of the state, but whether or not the state can is not the question this morning, for we can't do it. If you can't pay there is but one other thing for you to do and that is get permission from home to withdraw. This institution is responsible to the Budget Bureau and I can't afford to spend that much of my money to get you through college.

It is just as embarrassing for me to say these things to you as it is for you to hear them, but I must insist that during the coming week you get your account straight.