

CHAPEL, January 3, 1934

-- President Wright

Scripture Lesson: Second Chapter Matthew, verses 1-12

I hope 1934 will bring to you young folks every good thing you are looking forward to, for your best interests.

Your request for a change in the amount of the Student Activity Fee was granted by the Board of Trustees, and the Student Fee will be \$5.00 instead of \$3.00, beginning with this quarter.

Today is a most important day in a good many respects. The first day in college this year is going to mean a great deal to a great many people. You are beginning your college career for this calendar year with a clean record. I am wondering what you are going to write on that record. I believe it is today that the president of the United States goes before Congress to make recommendations to our Congress--and that is a new thing in the history of our nation, the meeting of Congress in January. Heretofore, Congress has started after the election in November. This year, by a change in the constitution, the Congress convenes in January, and it is reported in the newspapers that the president is going before Congress to deliver his message. What that message is going to be the entire world is literally on its ears to hear, because the United States is carrying on a great experiment in government. This experiment in government is attracting the attention of every nation on the face of the earth. This is an important day in the history of the world.

It is an important day to you as you stand here on the threshold of a new year making your plans, endeavoring to fulfill your ambitions and aspirations, with a new year lying out before us. Just what that future is going to contain we do not know. As a matter of fact, it is a god-send that we do not know. But with hope in one's breast, with faith in one's ability, in one's fellowman, and faith in Jehovah, with love for one's work and environment, for one's fellowman, 1934

should bring to every student who has this trinity of love, faith and hope, many, many good things.

Young folks, I want to say to you this morning, your college cannot do anything for you, except give you an opportunity to do something for yourselves, and keep a record of what you do. With all this period of centralization, of concentration, of collectivism, if you wish to call it that, in the midst of all this we are still individualistic and we cannot get away from individualism and you and I are going to write on the records for ourselves the things that we do in 1934, if your record is good it will help you; it remains in the future to bless or damn you.

May you write a record you will always be proud of, is my wish for you.