

SENATOR BOB DOLE
REMARKS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY
WINGATE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES
MAY 6, 1995

THANK YOU, PRESIDENT MCGEE, AND THE CLASS OF 1995 FOR INVITING ME HERE TODAY.

WHILE THIS IS MY FIRST VISIT TO YOUR BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS, I HAVE HEARD A GREAT DEAL ABOUT IT FROM TWO PEOPLE. THE FIRST IS MY WIFE, WHO WAS BORN AND RAISED DOWN THE ROAD IN SALISBURY.

ELIZABETH WANTED TO BE HERE TODAY, AND SUGGESTED THAT WHILE I WAS GIVING THIS SPEECH, SHE COULD BE OUT IN THE AUDIENCE COLLECTING BLOOD. I TOLD HER THAT GIVEN YOU'RE ALL WEARING GOWNS, THAT MIGHT BE A BIT MESSY, SO SHE DECIDED TO STAY HOME.

I HAVE ALSO HEARD OF WINGATE'S EXCELLENCE FROM YOUR SENIOR SENATOR AND MY GOOD FRIEND, JESSE HELMS.

MANY OF YOU KNOW THAT WINGATE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE LIFE AND CAREER OF SENATOR HELMS. UPON HIS GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL, JESSE'S FAMILY COULD NOT AFFORD TO SEND HIM TO COLLEGE. THE THEN-PRESIDENT OF THIS COLLEGE WENT TO JESSE'S HOME AND SAID THEY WANTED HIM AT WINGATE, AND THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MONEY.

AND WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR SENATOR HELMS TO DESIGNATE A HOME FOR THE PAPERS THAT HAVE ACCUMULATED DURING HIS REMARKABLE PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER, HE REMEMBERED THE COLLEGE THAT GAVE HIM A START, AND THE PAPERS CAME TO THE JESSE HELMS CENTER HERE IN THE CITY OF WINGATE.

I DID TELL JESSE THAT A FEW KANSAS INSTITUTIONS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MY PAPERS FOR A SENATORIAL LIBRARY, BUT I'VE TOLD THEM TO WAIT AWHILE, SINCE I'M STILL HOPING THERE MIGHT BE A NEED FOR A PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY.

WHEN PRESIDENT MCGEE ASKED ME TO SPEAK TODAY, HE SUGGESTED THAT I SHARE A FEW WORDS OF ADVICE ABOUT THE "REAL WORLD." THAT LED ME TO WONDER WHAT MANY OF YOU ARE PROBABLY WONDERING. SINCE I LIVE AND WORK IN WASHINGTON, D.C., WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT THE "REAL WORLD?"

HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT WINGATE WAS BEGINNING THE CELEBRATION OF ITS CENTENNIAL, AND I SUGGESTED THAT HE MAY WANT TO INVITE SOMEONE WHO WAS IN THE SENATE WHEN WINGATE WAS FOUNDED A CENTURY AGO--OUR COLLEAGUE, SENATOR STROM THURMOND.

SERIOUSLY, I DO HAVE A FEW THOUGHTS ABOUT AMERICA AND YOUR ROLE IN ITS FUTURE, AND I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT MY REMARKS WILL

BE BRIEF. I KNOW THAT A FEW OF YOU WANT TO HAVE TIME TO MAKE ONE LAST TRIP TO "THE SCOREBOARD."

AND I'VE ALWAYS KEPT IN MIND A STORY THAT PRESIDENT BUSH ONCE TOLD ABOUT A COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AT YALE UNIVERSITY. THE SPEAKER WENT ON FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF, DETAILING HOW "Y" STANDS FOR YOUTH, "A" STANDS FOR ACTION, "L" STANDS FOR LOYALTY, AND "E" STANDS FOR EXCELLENCE.

ABOUT THE TIME HE GOT TO "E," ONE OF THE GRADUATES BOWED HIS HEAD IN PRAYER. AND THE GRADUATE NEXT TO HIM ASKED WHAT HE WAS PRAYING ABOUT. AND HE SAID, "I'M GIVING THANKS TO THE LORD THAT I DIDN'T GO TO THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY."

I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT THIS IS A DOUBLY IMPORTANT DAY FOR THE PARENTS OF THE CLASS OF 1995. FOR NOT ONLY DOES TODAY MARK THE END OF WINGATE TUITION BILLS, BUT, ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL TAX FOUNDATION, IT IS ALSO "TAX FREEDOM DAY."

IN OTHER WORDS, EVERYTHING THE AVERAGE AMERICAN HAS MADE FROM JANUARY 1 UNTIL MAY 6 PAYS LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL TAX BILLS. FINALLY, BEGINNING TODAY, YOU CAN WORK FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY.

I'M NOT HERE TODAY TO TALK POLITICS, BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT IF SENATOR HELMS, MYSELF, AND THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESS HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT, "TAX FREEDOM DAY" WILL BE MOVING A LOT CLOSER TO THE BEGINNING OF THE CALENDAR.

NO MATTER WHAT THE DAY, IT HAS BEEN THE PEOPLE WHO WORK HARD AND WHO QUIETLY PAY THEIR TAXES THAT HAVE MADE AMERICA WHAT IT IS TODAY: THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD, AND THE GREATEST NATION IN THE WORLD.

WE HEAR ALL TOO OFTEN THESE DAYS FROM THOSE WHO SAY THAT AMERICA HAS NO MORE HEROES. THEY LOOK BACK TO THE HEROES OF MY YOUTH, AND WONDER WHERE ALL THE FRANKLIN ROOSEVELTS, THE LOU GEHRIGS, AND THE DWIGHT EISENHOWERS HAVE GONE TODAY.

AND MY RESPONSE TO THEM IS THAT THEY ARE NOT LOOKING HARD ENOUGH. BECAUSE, IN MY BOOK, YOU DON'T NEED TO LOOK TO HEARING ROOMS, THE BATTLEFIELD, OR THE BASEBALL DIAMOND TO FIND HEROES. THE FACT IS YOU CAN FIND THEM LIVING QUIETLY IN EVERY COMMUNITY IN AMERICA.

IN FACT, THE TWO GREATEST HEROES I EVER KNEW WERE MY PARENTS. MY FATHER RAN A CREAM AND EGG STATION IN RUSSELL, KANSAS. HE NEVER MISSED A DAY OF WORK IN FORTY YEARS, AND HIS WORKDAYS BEGAN AT SIX IN THE MORNING, AND RARELY ENDED BEFORE SUNDOWN. MY MOTHER WATCHED OVER FOUR CHILDREN, AND FOUND TIME TO SELL SEWING MACHINES DOOR TO DOOR.

THEY TOOK AN INTEREST IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, NATIONAL EVENTS, AND THEY VOTED IN EVERY ELECTION. THEY TAUGHT US TO TAKE PRIDE IN A JOB WELL DONE, AND THEY TAUGHT US THAT THERE WAS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG. AND THEY PASSED ON TO THEIR CHILDREN THE VALUES THAT BUILT THIS COUNTRY. VALUES OF HARD WORK, HONESTY, DECENCY, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND COMPASSION FOR THOSE IN NEED.

SOME WOULD SAY THIS WAS AN ORDINARY STORY, AND, YES, IT WAS AND IS A STORY THAT IS REPEATED AGAIN AND AGAIN BY FAMILIES ACROSS AMERICA, INCLUDING YOURS.

BUT SO-CALLED ORDINARY LIVES MAKE HEROIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COUNTRY. AND MY PARENTS, LIKE OTHERS BEFORE AND SINCE, AND LIKE MANY PARENTS HERE TODAY, SET AN EXAMPLE THAT WE DESPERATELY NEED TODAY.

BECAUSE IN TOO MANY CORNERS OF OUR COUNTRY, THE VALUES THAT BUILT AMERICA ARE HARD TO FIND.

WE HAVE VIOLENCE IN OUR STREETS AND PEOPLE WHO ARE AFRAID TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES AT NIGHT.

WE HAVE A WELFARE SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES DISINCENTIVES FOR WORK, AND INCENTIVES FOR CHILDREN HAVING CHILDREN.

WE HAVE CRIME IN OUR SCHOOLS, BUT NO ROOM FOR VOLUNTARY PRAYER.

ADDITIONALLY, WHERE OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ONCE TAUGHT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG, AND THE NEED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ACTIONS. TODAY, HOWEVER, THAT IS NO LONGER "POLITICALLY CORRECT."

INSTEAD, IT IS FASHIONABLE TO SAY THAT NO ACTIONS ARE "WRONG," AS LONG AS YOU BELIEVE IN THEM SINCERELY, OR AS LONG AS YOU CAN BLAME SOMEONE OTHER THAN YOURSELF. EVERY PARENT ALSO KNOWS THAT AN EVEN GREATER THREAT TO OUR VALUES IS THE WAY OUR POPULAR CULTURE RIDICULES THEM. OUR MUSIC, MOVIES AND ADVERTISING REGULARLY PUSH THE LIMITS OF DECENCY, BOMBARDING OUR CHILDREN WITH DESTRUCTIVE MESSAGES OF CASUAL VIOLENCE AND EVEN MORE CASUAL SEX.

GIVEN ALL THIS, PERHAPS IT SHOULDN'T COME AS A SURPRISE THAT LESS THAN HALF OF AMERICA'S PARENTS THINK THEIR CHILDREN'S STANDARD OF LIFE WILL BE BETTER THAN THEIRS. AND MORE THAN THREE-QUARTERS THINK THAT OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS THE AMERICAN DREAM WILL BE HARDER TO ACHIEVE.

I BELIEVE THE MOST IMPORTANT CHALLENGE FACING YOUR GENERATION IS ONE YOU SHOULD ENJOY--PROVING THAT YOUR PARENTS ARE WRONG.

YOU MUST SEE TO IT THAT OUR STANDARD OF LIFE INCREASES. AND YOU MUST PUT THE AMERICAN DREAM IN REACH FOR MORE AMERICANS. IN DOING SO, YOU WILL NOT ONLY PROVE YOUR PARENTS WRONG, YOU WILL ALSO ENSURE THAT AMERICA REMAINS THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD. GOVERNMENT CAN HELP IN THIS MISSION. WE CAN HELP BY TACKLING THE DEFICIT, LOWERING TAXES, REDUCING REGULATIONS AND RED TAPE, RETURNING POWER TO THE STATES AND TO THE PEOPLE, AND JUST GENERALLY GETTING UNCLE SAM'S NOSE OUT OF PLACES WHERE IT DOESN'T BELONG.

BUT MUCH OF THE WORK WILL REMAIN WHERE IT ALWAYS HAS--ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

IT IS ONLY YOU WHO CAN VOTE THE RIGHT PEOPLE INTO OFFICE, OR RUN FOR OFFICE, YOURSELF.

IT IS ONLY YOU WHO CAN RUN THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES SING--THE PTA'S, THE SCHOOL BOARDS, THE LIONS CLUB, THE LOCAL RED CROSS CHAPTER.

IT IS ONLY YOU WHO INSTILL YOUR CHILDREN WITH TIMELESS AMERICAN VALUES.

IT IS ONLY YOU WHO CAN INSIST THAT OUR SCHOOLS TEACH THOSE VALUES, AS WELL.

IT IS ONLY YOU WHO, THROUGH YOUR ACTIONS, CAN CONVINCE HOLLYWOOD THAT ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

IT IS ONLY YOU, WHO, THROUGH SEEMINGLY ORDINARY ACTIONS, CAN CONTINUE TO WRITE THE HEROIC HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL MEET THAT CHALLENGE. AND I AM ESPECIALLY CONFIDENT THAT WINGATE GRADUATES WILL HELP TO LEAD THE WAY.

YOU ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN EDUCATED AT A COLLEGE THAT LIVES BY ITS MOTTO--"FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, SERVICE." EVERY STUDENT HERE IS REQUIRED TO TAKE A COURSE IN ETHICS, AND HUNDREDS OF YOU HAVE REACHED OUT TO OTHERS THROUGH WINGATE'S UNITED COLLEGIATE ACTION NETWORK, WHICH WAS NAMED A "POINT OF LIGHT" BY PRESIDENT BUSH.

I LEAVE YOU TODAY BY NOTING THAT ON MONDAY, WE WILL MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF "VE" DAY. A LITTLE OVER HALF A CENTURY AGO, STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WERE TRADING IN THEIR CAPS AND GOWNS FOR MILITARY UNIFORMS. MANY WERE SENT OVERSEAS, AND MANY WOULD NEVER COME HOME AGAIN.

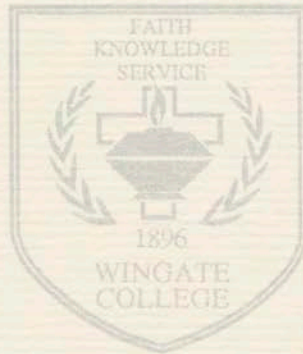
AND AS YOUR GENERATION TAKES UP THE BURDENS OF LEADERSHIP--WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL NEVER INVOLVE GOING TO WAR--PERHAPS YOU WILL REMEMBER THE WORDS ON A MEMORIAL IN A JUNGLE TOWN IN INDIA, WHICH HONORS THE ALLIED SOLDIERS WHO DIED CHECKING THE JAPANESE ADVANCE

INTO INDIA DURING WORLD WAR II.

HERE ARE THE WORDS ON THAT MEMORIAL:
WHEN YOU GO HOME
TELL THEM OF US, AND SAY:
FOR YOUR TOMORROW,
WE GAVE OUR TODAY.

MY WISH FOR YOU IS THAT FIFTY YEARS FROM NOW, THE COUNTLESS
ORDINARY TODAYS OF YOUR LIVES, WILL HAVE RESULTED IN A HEROIC
TOMORROW FOR AMERICA. THANK YOU, CONGRATULATIONS, AND BEST OF
LUCK.

A N N U A L



COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, the Sixth of May,
Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five

WINGATE COLLEGE
Wingate, North Carolina

Wingate College students, faculty, administration and trustees acknowledge with grateful thanks the contributions of alumni, friends, foundations, corporations and churches, without which the college would not exist.

COMMENCEMENT

Academic Quadrangle
Ten Thirty O'Clock

Prelude

The Stars and Stripes Forever John Philip Sousa

Blessed are They (From a *German Requiem*) Johannes Brahms
arranged by Barbara Buehlman

America the Beautiful Samuel Ward
arranged by John Cacavas

Old Scottish Melody *arranged by Charles Wiley*
"Auld Lang Syne"

* Processional

Pomp and Circumstance Edward Elgar
arranged by Clare Grundman

Wingate College and Community Band
Stephen C. Etters, conductor
Assistant Professor of Instrumental Music

* Invocation J. Dixon Free, Jr.
Trustee
Pastor, Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church

Greetings and Remarks Jack C. Lail
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Anthem

Praise We Sing To Thee Franz Joseph Haydn

Chamber Singers
Ronald D. Bostic, conductor
Professor of Church Music
Polly T. Bostic, accompanist
Lecturer in Piano

Presentation of Student Awards Jerry E. McGee
President

Presentation of Excellence in Teaching Award Jerry E. McGee

The Class of 1995 Marci Mina-Marie Timm
President, Class of 1995

Introduction of Speaker Jerry E. McGee

Address The Honorable Robert J. Dole
United States Senator, Kansas
Senate Majority Leader

Presentation of Honorary Degree Jerry E. McGee

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees William M. Christie
Provost

Charge to Class of 1995 Jerry E. McGee

Presentation of the Gift of the Class of 1995 Rebecca Ann Adams
Senior Class Gift Chairperson

* Alma Mater Traditional
Kenneth C. Murray, leader
Professor of Music Education

In the land of Carolina
'Neath the skies so blue
Stands our noble Alma Mater
Glorious to view.

CHORUS:
Lift the chorus, speed it onward
Loud the praise relate,
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater
Hail! All Hail! Wingate.

Far and wide her sons and daughters
Bear the gold and blue,
Proudly rally 'round her banner,
Hail! Wingate! to you.

* Benediction Joe M. Easterling
Class of 1995

* The audience will please rise.

COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION

Immediately following commencement, 1995 graduates, family members, and friends are cordially invited to attend a reception on the Alumni Plaza in front of the Stegall Administration Building.

STUDENT AWARDS

THE FRED H. ALLEN AWARD is presented annually to the graduating senior judged to have exhibited outstanding Christian leadership and to have been involved in significant Christian service projects.

Thomas Henry Kiker

THE C. C. BURRIS AWARD is presented annually to the graduating senior woman who represents the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service.

Amee Melaine Huneycutt
Sherry Lynn Winn

THE H. K. HELMS AWARD is presented annually to the graduating senior achieving the highest scholastic average.

Vanessa Dianne Braswell
Shara Nerissa Brewer

THE A. F. HENDRICKS AWARD is presented annually to the graduating senior man who represents the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service.

Kerry Dan Besecker

THE BUDD E. AND ETHEL K. SMITH CUP is awarded annually to the graduating senior judged to have made an outstanding contribution through leadership of fellow students.

Shara Nerissa Brewer

FACULTY AWARD

THE CHARLES AND HAZEL CORTS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COLLEGE TEACHING is presented to a Wingate College faculty member who is selected by students, faculty, administration, and alumni as deserving of special recognition for meritorious teaching. The 1994 Award was given posthumously to C. Douglas Helms. The recipient of this award is announced during the commencement program.

GRADUATES

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

LaDonna Monisa Brooks
Cristy Marie Clontz
cum laude
Ginger Michelle Helms

Heather Elaine Hohing
Lenore Jennifer Kickey
Jennifer Beatrice Price
Susan Rebecca Shoemake

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Nathaniel Wilson Andrews
Karina Sue Atwood
Philip Hill Barks
cum laude
Shara Nerissa Brewer
summa cum laude
with college honors
Kathleen Perry Brown
Roy Bennett Campbell
cum laude
Allison Brady Colvin
cum laude
Lisa Ling Corey
Nicole Travis Davis
William Ray DeJesus
Brenda Lee Delbridge
magna cum laude
with college honors
Kathryn Craig Dunn
Joe Mack Easterling
Maria Irene Fetner
college honors
John D. Gore
Allyson Elaine Hamm
Traci Denise Harben
Michael Teague Hayes*
Marilyn Ruth Hillard
Ronald Eric Hinson
Jonathan Mark Hoesman*
Amee Melaine Huneycutt
college honors
Marcus Dale Huntley
LaShawn Travis Keith
college honors

Kimberly Jermaine Knox
Lori Susan Laney
Lillian Lee
Melinda Lee Littleton
Dana Adrian Maness
Jennifer Ann Martin
Traci Elizabeth McKinney
Jennifer Jo Medrick
Jennifer Cary Monroe
David Scott Morrison*
Rebecca Sue Newman
magna cum laude
Carol Lee Outhous*
Cynthia Marie Ozmore
magna cum laude
with college honors
Corinthian Lee Parker
Tammy Lynn Pool
Rome Heith Prince
Bruner Michel Remy
Jennifer Ann Rinehart
John Charles Snyder, III
college honors
Elizabeth Jean Stow
magna cum laude
Stacey Jean Sullivan
Jennifer Carol Sutton
Nancy Anne Truluck
James Robert Walker, Jr.*
Henry Monroe Walter, III
magna cum laude
with college honors
J. Kevin Winchester

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Kevin Ben Beyer
David Allen Gresham
cum laude
William Paul Stapf*

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Keith Evan Eagle
Jeffrey Michael Reynolds

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Rebecca Ann Adams
magna cum laude
Stephanye Lynne Adams
cum laude
Mary Alice Adkins
Todd Howard Adrian
Susan Paige Allen
Trent Christopher Allen
Karen Elizabeth Alsup
Kim Lori Banks
cum laude
Jackie Elaine Lowder Barrett
magna cum laude
Jonathan Andrew Beddingfield
Jennifer Leigh Bell*
Kerry Dan Besecker
cum laude
Heather Bowen Bethea
David Harold Bevis
Carla S. Bissett
college honors
Amy Jane Blickensderfer
summa cum laude
Holly Ann Bowers*
Vanessa Dianne Braswell
summa cum laude
with college honors
Patrick C. Brown
Vernon Jerome Buck
Jill Marlene Burnett
Crystal Sherial Chambers*
Michael Kent Childers

Kelly Ann Cogar
Wendy Marie Cornwell
cum laude
Jamie Lee Dagenhart
Donna Paulette Dill
Donna L. Dodson
Cheryl Regina Donato
Julie Ann Durham
Samuel Scott Edson
Monica Belk Evans
Stephanie Carol Felts
Frank Anthony Ferrentino
Stacie Karmel Furlough
Lillian Wamuyu Githae
Carol Renee Godfrey
Garland Cline Gosnell*
Lisa Page Griffin
summa cum laude
Jennifer Gay Gullion
Dana Gutierrez
Sharon Emma Irene Hall
Gary Wayne Hammond
cum laude
Margaret Nicole Hardin
Darren Ray Hayes
Kimberly Anne Hicks
Angela Keels Hill*
Stephanie Renee Hill
Jacqueline Regina Holden
cum laude
Crystal E. Holmberg
Paula Lynnette Hughes

Bachelor of Science *continued*

Kevin Michael Hurd
Eric W. Hutt
Cynthia Renee Irvin
cum laude
Susan Marie Ivey
Katherine Jean Johnson
summa cum laude
Susan Elizabeth Canupp Johnson
June Preston Jordan
Julie Gray Kenerley
Thomas H. Kiker
cum laude
Anthony Lee Killough
Frank E. Landefeld
magna cum laude
Lakena Nicole Lewis*
Robert Allen Little
Gregory Michael Marone
Mark Jackson McCarter
Michelle Lynn McCormick
Swede Robinson McGee
Michael Todd McGuire
Angela Starnes Medlin
summa cum laude
George Nicolas Mentavlos
Joseph Michael Mills
Mark Patrick Mohl*
Jeffrey Scott Moody
college honors
Carla Louise Nicholson
Levi Aaron Nygaard
Rufus Brevard Overcash, Jr.
Paul Lee Owens
Patrice H. Parker
Stefanie Anne Pauley
Kanagaraj Paulraj
Leah Michelle Pittman
Sherry Lynn Prince
cum laude

Joseph Edward Query
Kathryn Covington Ramseur
Betty Lee Redfearn
magna cum laude
William Garnett Rice*
Avis Joyce Rives
Nicole Marie Rohr*
Scott William Rountree
Kelly Ann Rowell
Amy Christine Rowland
Torrance Lee Rule
Amy Shadrick Schott
Christopher Kent Shaw
Pamela Dawn Shaw
cum laude
William Terry Sheffield
Mitzi Simmons
Mary Ruth Smith
cum laude
Matthew Henry Stein
Danny Brian Stephenson*
Joy Michelle Swanson
Michael Anthony Tanis
Robert Moore Tarlton
Hellen Elizabeth Taylor
Cynthia Thomas
James David Thomas
Cheryl Lynn Tilton
Marcia Mina-Marie Timm
magna cum laude
Jeffrey Ulric Todd
John Christopher Vargosko
Anthony Todd Wallace
James H. Waters
Sherry Lynn Winn
summa cum laude
Theresa Morrison Wood
Tandralla Marnette Wright
Michael David Zimbardo

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ALLIED HEALTH

Starra Kay Robinson*
Cynthia DeAnne Starnes

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Darlene Hyduke Bailey
cum laude
Anne Rinehart Bost
Vickie Mullis Burrage
Donna Anderson Craft
Sherry Lowder Dunevant
Marledo H. Eury
Donna Jones Ezzell
Valerie Lowe Funderburk
Janice Wilson Goodman
Shelley Spainhour Hales
Rebecca Mahaffey Harris
Jodi Weddington Kiser
magna cum laude

Ada Jones Mills
Glenda Powell Parker
Jill Moser Rary
cum laude
Linda Carol Ray
Margaret Bauknight Reed
Carole Ann Richards
Kimberly Grissom Rogers
Jane M. Rowland
Vanessa Ward Tomberlin
Lynda Elizabeth Wise
Rhonda Benson Wright
Janice Staton Yow

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Charles Darryl Griffin
Kenneth David Harris
Wendy L. Johnston
summa cum laude
Donald Jason Myers

Larry Joe Schott, Jr.
Jeffrey L. Smith
MarySusan Snyder
Amanda Lynn Wilson*

MASTER OF ARTS

Mary Catherine Davis
Deanne Petit Cochran
Susan Nance Helms

Jessie Lee Hurley
Suzette Marques Maguire*
Lisa Long Taylor

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Robert Bennett Baker
Janet R. Broome
Lewis Alvin Floyd

William Jackson Hammond, Jr.
Elsa Guadalupe Rivera

MARSHALS

Leta Roberts Bivens
Gayle Marie Boeckstiegel
Tracy S. Cox
Terri Ransom Crocker
Julie Kay Davis
Heather Alane Dorsett
Tanya Michelle Kennington
Jennifer Jane Knox
Stewart Kenneth Murray

Randall Scott Orr
Stephen Craig Renfroe
Martha E. Shaw
Francisco Coelho Silva
Heather L. Stacy
Melissa Lynn Tucker
Heather Leigh Wilhelm
Tammi Candace Wynn
Jennifer Clare Yearick

All are honor students with 3.5 GPA or above.

* Expected to graduate August 4, 1995

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The formal academic dress worn today originated more than 600 years ago when a warm gown and hood were useful for the scholar and cleric in unheated buildings. The gown set the student apart from fellow citizens. After the Civil War, most American students wore caps and gowns daily while in residence. Today, the lining of the hood carries the colors of the institution which granted the degree. The border of the hood indicates the academic discipline in which the degree was earned: white, arts and letters; scarlet, theology; purple, law; dark blue, philosophy; yellow, science; pink, music; light brown, business; light blue, education; citron yellow, social work; et cetera. The mortarboard of the bachelors and masters carries the black tassel, and the gold tassel is reserved for holders of doctoral degrees.

THE MACE

This symbol of authority has been adopted by institutions to mark the importance of their most traditional ceremonies, including commencement. Ceremonial maces trace their history to antiquity where the mace was a unique weapon because it was not meant to slay an opponent, only to remove him from battle.

The Wingate College Mace was designed and handcrafted by North Carolina artisans and used for the first time at the inauguration of the College's thirteenth president. The mace shows the cross, the lamp of learning and the wreath of olive branches. Together they represent the motto of the college, the cross of faith, the lamp of knowledge and the olive branches of service. Wingate College was established and built on an uncompromising belief in the importance and interdependence of these three essentials of education.

Irwin Belk

The values of hard work, education, community responsibility and faith are exemplified in the life of Irwin Belk. The son of William Henry and Mary Irwin Belk, one of six children, Irwin Belk has spent a lifetime building on the legacy of his parents by devoting his energies to family, to commerce and to church and community, even to public service with terms as both state representative and state senator.

As officer and director of the Belk Group of Stores and President of the Belk Asheville Group of Stores, Mr. Belk has been a leader in the growth of retailing in this region. As Chairman of the Board of Monroe Hardware Company he has been an integral part of that company's expansion into a leading wholesaler of hardware products. His business skills and wisdom have been much sought after over the years as Mr. Belk has served on the boards of a number of corporations engaged in insurance, financial operations and manufacturing.

But it is his philanthropy which most distinguishes Irwin Belk, including his current post as State Chairman of the US Olympic Committee. A former president of the North Carolina Cancer Society, today Mr. Belk is a director of the House of Delegates of the American Cancer Society. He is a former district governor of the Lions Clubs and former president of the Charlotte Central Lions Club. He is a member of the board of the Charlotte Symphony and of the North Carolina Merchants Association, and he is an active member of Myers Park Presbyterian Church where he has served as elder. All of these groups have greatly benefited from the involvement of Irwin Belk.

As a friend of students Irwin Belk has given years of leadership to higher education in the Carolinas. He has served with distinction as a trustee or advisor to numerous colleges, universities and medical centers including Wingate College.

Beyond time, Irwin Belk has given generous resources to assist these institutions and many others as they in turn serve young people. Notable among these gifts is the Carol Grotnes Belk Residence Hall at Wingate. This hall has been a comfortable home away from home for women students since it was dedicated in honor of Mrs. Belk in September of 1966. Since the beginning of the 1980's, Irwin Belk Scholarships have been awarded to Wingate's very finest scholars, recognizing both their academic excellence and the personal qualities of high moral standards, cooperative spirit and enthusiasm which fit them for leadership as students and for the future. Belk Scholars continually provide dividends on Irwin Belk's wise investment in their potential as students and as people. They have been able to take their place of service and leadership in careers and in their own community because of the opportunity for quality education opened to them by Irwin Belk.

For his devotion to good, for his concern for others, particularly the young, for his life example, Wingate College awards Irwin Belk the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Our Centennial Year

From its establishment in 1895 and its opening in 1896 Wingate has been characterized by its dedication to an educational experience which encompasses academic excellence, the highest standards of morality and service to others.

The earliest voices of our past, concerned parents and church leaders sacrificed to open the Wingate School. They set the standard for faculty, staff and supporters who, generation by generation, have raised Wingate to the place it now holds. We honor the work and memory of our founders and predecessors.

Today, we are poised for the start of a second century. As ever, Wingate is blessed with the presence of visionaries. Building on our past, we look forward to new challenges. We remain committed to the same goals as our founders. Our responsibility has never been greater as we prepare Wingate graduates for their places of leadership in a world which is both complex and changing.

It is to those graduates, our alumni and those who will come after them, that Wingate pledges itself. We are determined to continue our pursuit of excellence in all things. Just as we expect our alumni to make us proud with their accomplishments, we want them to take pride in Wingate as it turns vision into reality for students in the next century.

"Voices of the Past: Visions of the Future"

WINGATE COLLEGE
Wingate, North Carolina

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SENATOR DOLE SCHEDULE -- MAY 6, 1995 - NORTH CAROLINA

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1995

8:05 am DEPART Watergate for National Airport
Driver: Wilbert

8:30 am ARRIVE National Airport and proceed to departing aircraft
FBO: Signature
703/419-8440

8:35 am DEPART Washington for Monroe, NC
FBO: Piedmont Aviation
Aircraft: Citation 6
Tail number: N500FR
Flight time: 1 hour 10 minutes
Pilots:
Seats: 8
Meal: Breakfast
Manifest: Senator Dole
Senator Helms
Mrs. Helms (Dot)
Mike Glassner
Nelson Warfield
Contact: Bobbi Kirk
804/527-4000 ex 6851
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9:45 am ARRIVE Monroe, NC
FBO: Piedmont Aviation
704/289-5546
Met by: Dr. Jerry E. McGee, President of Wingate College

9:50 am DEPART airport for Wingate College
Driver: Eddie Cathey
Drive time: 20 minutes

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10:10 am ARRIVE Wingate College

10:10 am- ATTEND Dais gathering

10:30 am Location: Library of Quad

10:30 am- ATTEND/SPEAK Wingate College Commencement

12:00 N Location: Quad - in case of inclement weather, the ceremony
will be moved to Cuddy Athletic Area

Attendance: 225 graduates
3,000 guests

Event runs: 10:30 am - 12:00 N

Press: Open

Facility: Stage, podium and mic, speakers are seated on stage

Format: 10:30 am Processional begins
Invocation by Dr. J. Dixon Free
Greeting given by Jack C Lail, Chairman,
Board of Trustees
Anthem
Presentation of Student
Presentation of Excellence in Teaching
Award by President McGee
Remarks by President of 1995 Class,
Marcie Mina-Marie Timm
President McGee introduces Senator Dole
Senator Dole gives remarks
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees by
Dr. William Christie, Provost, and
Dr. Jerry E. McGee. Senator Dole
congratulates each graduate as they
accept diploma.
Charge to Class of 1995 by President
McGee
Presentation of the Gift of the Class of 1995
by Rebecca Adams, fundraising chair
for senior class
Alma Mater
Benediction by Joe Easterling, class of 1995

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12:00 N DEPART Wingate for Helms Center
 Driver:
 Drive time: 5 minutes (across the street)
 Location: 111 Highway 74 West

12:05 pm ARRIVE Helms Center
 704/233-1776

 Met by: John Dodd, President of Helms Center

12:05 pm- TOUR Helms Center
12:20 pm

12:20 pm DEPART Helms Center for airport
 Driver: Eddie Cathey
 Drive time: 20 minutes

12:40 pm ARRIVE airport and proceed to departing aircraft
 FBO: Piedmont Aviation
 704/289-5546

12:45 pm DEPART Monroe for Washington, DC
 FBO: Signature
 Aircraft: Citation 6
 Tail number: N500FR
 Flight time: 1 hour 5 minutes
 Pilots:
 Seats: 8
 Meal: Lunch
 Manifest: Senator Dole
 Senator Helms
 Mrs. Helms (Dot)
 Mike Glassner
 Nelson Warfield
 Contact: Bobbi Kirk
 804/527-4000 ex 6851

1:50 pm ARRIVE Washington, DC
 FBO: Signature
 703/419-8440

1:55 pm DEPART airport for Watergate
 Driver: Wilbert

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2:10 pm ARRIVE Watergate

**THANK YOU, PRESIDENT MCGEE,
AND THE CLASS OF 1995 FOR
INVITING ME HERE TODAY.**

**WHILE THIS IS MY FIRST VISIT TO
YOUR BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS, I HAVE
HEARD A GREAT DEAL ABOUT IT
FROM TWO PEOPLE. THE FIRST IS
MY WIFE, WHO WAS BORN AND
RAISED DOWN THE ROAD IN
SALISBURY.**

**ELIZABETH WANTED TO BE HERE
TODAY, AND SUGGESTED THAT
WHILE I WAS GIVING THIS SPEECH,
SHE COULD BE OUT IN THE
AUDIENCE COLLECTING BLOOD. I
TOLD HER THAT GIVEN YOU'RE ALL
WEARING GOWNS, THAT MIGHT BE
A BIT MESSY, SO SHE DECIDED TO
STAY HOME.**

**I HAVE ALSO HEARD OF
WINGATE'S EXCELLENCE FROM**

**YOUR SENIOR SENATOR AND MY
GOOD FRIEND, JESSE HELMS.**

**MANY OF YOU KNOW THAT
WINGATE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT
ROLE IN THE LIFE AND CAREER OF
SENATOR HELMS. UPON HIS
GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL,
JESSE'S FAMILY COULD NOT
AFFORD TO SEND HIM TO COLLEGE.**

**THE THEN-PRESIDENT OF THIS
COLLEGE WENT TO JESSE'S HOME**

**AND SAID THEY WANTED HIM AT
WINGATE, AND THAT HE DIDN'T
HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MONEY.**

**AND WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR
SENATOR HELMS TO DESIGNATE A
HOME FOR THE PAPERS THAT HAVE
ACCUMULATED DURING HIS
REMARKABLE PUBLIC SERVICE
CAREER, HE REMEMBERED THE
COLLEGE THAT GAVE HIM A START,
AND THE PAPERS CAME TO THE**

**JESSE HELMS CENTER HERE IN THE
CITY OF WINGATE.**

**I DID TELL JESSE THAT A FEW
KANSAS INSTITUTIONS HAVE
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MY
PAPERS FOR A SENATORIAL
LIBRARY, BUT I'VE TOLD THEM TO
WAIT AWHILE, SINCE I'M STILL
HOPING THERE MIGHT BE A NEED
FOR A PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY.**

**WHEN PRESIDENT MCGEE ASKED
ME TO SPEAK TODAY, HE
SUGGESTED THAT I SHARE A FEW
WORDS OF ADVICE ABOUT THE
"REAL WORLD." THAT LED ME TO
WONDER WHAT MANY OF YOU ARE
PROBABLY WONDERING. SINCE I
LIVE AND WORK IN WASHINGTON,
D.C., WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT THE
"REAL WORLD?"**

**HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT
WINGATE WAS BEGINNING THE
CELEBRATION OF ITS CENTENNIAL,
AND I SUGGESTED THAT HE MAY
WANT TO INVITE SOMEONE WHO
WAS IN THE SENATE WHEN
WINGATE WAS FOUNDED A
CENTURY AGO--OUR COLLEAGUE,
SENATOR STROM THURMOND.**

**SERIOUSLY, I DO HAVE A FEW
THOUGHTS ABOUT AMERICA AND
YOUR ROLE IN ITS FUTURE, AND I
WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT MY
REMARKS WILL BE BRIEF. I KNOW
THAT A FEW OF YOU WANT TO
HAVE TIME TO MAKE ONE LAST
TRIP TO "THE SCOREBOARD."**

**AND I'VE ALWAYS KEPT IN MIND
A STORY THAT PRESIDENT BUSH
ONCE TOLD ABOUT A**

**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AT YALE
UNIVERSITY. THE SPEAKER WENT
ON FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF,
DETAILING HOW "Y" STANDS FOR
YOUTH, "A" STANDS FOR ACTION,
"L" STANDS FOR LOYALTY, AND "E"
STANDS FOR EXCELLENCE.**

**ABOUT THE TIME HE GOT TO "E,"
ONE OF THE GRADUATES BOWED
HIS HEAD IN PRAYER. AND THE
GRADUATE NEXT TO HIM ASKED**

**WHAT HE WAS PRAYING ABOUT.
AND HE SAID, "I'M GIVING THANKS
TO THE LORD THAT I DIDN'T GO TO
THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY."**

**I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT THIS
IS A DOUBLY IMPORTANT DAY FOR
THE PARENTS OF THE CLASS OF
1995. FOR NOT ONLY DOES TODAY
MARK THE END OF WINGATE
TUITION BILLS, BUT, ACCORDING TO**

**THE NATIONAL TAX FOUNDATION,
IT IS ALSO "TAX FREEDOM DAY."**

**IN OTHER WORDS, EVERYTHING
THE AVERAGE AMERICAN HAS
MADE FROM JANUARY 1 UNTIL
MAY 6 PAYS LOCAL, STATE, AND
FEDERAL TAX BILLS. FINALLY,
BEGINNING TODAY, YOU CAN WORK
FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY.**

**I'M NOT HERE TODAY TO TALK
POLITICS, BUT I DO WANT TO SAY**

THAT IF SENATOR HELMS, MYSELF,
AND THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESS
HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT,
"TAX FREEDOM DAY" WILL BE
MOVING A LOT CLOSER TO THE
BEGINNING OF THE CALENDAR.

NO MATTER WHAT THE DAY, IT
HAS BEEN THE PEOPLE WHO WORK
HARD AND WHO QUIETLY PAY
THEIR TAXES THAT HAVE MADE

**AMERICA WHAT IT IS TODAY: THE
LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD, AND
THE GREATEST NATION IN THE
WORLD.**

**WE HEAR ALL TOO OFTEN THESE
DAYS FROM THOSE WHO SAY THAT
AMERICA HAS NO MORE HEROES.
THEY LOOK BACK TO THE HEROES
OF MY YOUTH, AND WONDER
WHERE ALL THE FRANKLIN
ROOSEVELTS, THE LOU GEHRIGS,**

**AND THE DWIGHT EISENHOWERS
HAVE GONE TODAY.**

**AND MY RESPONSE TO THEM IS
THAT THEY ARE NOT LOOKING
HARD ENOUGH. BECAUSE, IN MY
BOOK, YOU DON'T NEED TO LOOK
TO HEARING ROOMS, THE
BATTLEFIELD, OR THE BASEBALL
DIAMOND TO FIND HEROES. THE
FACT IS YOU CAN FIND THEM**

**LIVING QUIETLY IN EVERY
COMMUNITY IN AMERICA.**

**IN FACT, THE TWO GREATEST
HEROES I EVER KNEW WERE MY
PARENTS.**

**MY FATHER RAN A CREAM AND
EGG STATION IN RUSSELL, KANSAS.
HE NEVER MISSED A DAY OF WORK
IN FORTY YEARS, AND HIS
WORKDAYS BEGAN AT SIX IN THE
MORNING, AND RARELY ENDED**

**BEFORE SUNDOWN. MY MOTHER
WATCHED OVER FOUR CHILDREN,
AND FOUND TIME TO SELL SEWING
MACHINES DOOR TO DOOR.**

**THEY TOOK AN INTEREST IN
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, NATIONAL
EVENTS, AND THEY VOTED IN
EVERY ELECTION. THEY TAUGHT
US TO TAKE PRIDE IN A JOB WELL
DONE, AND THEY TAUGHT US THAT
THERE WAS A BIG DIFFERENCE**

**BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG. AND
THEY PASSED ON TO THEIR
CHILDREN THE VALUES THAT BUILT
THIS COUNTRY. VALUES OF HARD
WORK, HONESTY, DECENCY,
PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND
COMPASSION FOR THOSE IN NEED.**

**SOME WOULD SAY THIS WAS AN
ORDINARY STORY, AND, YES, IT
WAS AND IS A STORY THAT IS
REPEATED AGAIN AND AGAIN BY**

**FAMILIES ACROSS AMERICA,
INCLUDING YOURS.**

**BUT SO-CALLED ORDINARY LIVES
MAKE HEROIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO
OUR COUNTRY. AND MY PARENTS,
LIKE OTHERS BEFORE AND SINCE,
AND LIKE MANY PARENTS HERE
TODAY, SET AN EXAMPLE THAT WE
DESPERATELY NEED TODAY.**

**BECAUSE IN TOO MANY
CORNERS OF OUR COUNTRY, THE**

**VALUES THAT BUILT AMERICA ARE
HARD TO FIND.**

**WE HAVE VIOLENCE IN OUR
STREETS AND PEOPLE WHO ARE
AFRAID TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES AT
NIGHT.**

**WE HAVE A WELFARE SYSTEM
THAT PROVIDES DISINCENTIVES
FOR WORK, AND INCENTIVES FOR
CHILDREN HAVING CHILDREN.**

**WE HAVE CRIME IN OUR
SCHOOLS, BUT NO ROOM FOR
VOLUNTARY PRAYER.**

**ADDITIONALLY, WHERE OUR
PUBLIC SCHOOLS ONCE TAUGHT
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT
AND WRONG, AND THE NEED TO BE
RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN
ACTIONS. TODAY, HOWEVER,
THAT IS NO LONGER "POLITICALLY
CORRECT."**

**INSTEAD, IT IS FASHIONABLE TO
SAY THAT NO ACTIONS ARE
"WRONG," AS LONG AS YOU
BELIEVE IN THEM SINCERELY, OR AS
LONG AS YOU CAN BLAME
SOMEONE OTHER THAN YOURSELF.**

**EVERY PARENT ALSO KNOWS
THAT AN EVEN GREATER THREAT
TO OUR VALUES IS THE WAY OUR
POPULAR CULTURE RIDICULES
THEM.**

**OUR MUSIC, MOVIES AND
ADVERTISING REGULARLY PUSH
THE LIMITS OF DECENCY,
BOMBARDING OUR CHILDREN WITH
DESTRUCTIVE MESSAGES OF
CASUAL VIOLENCE AND EVEN MORE
CASUAL SEX.**

**GIVEN ALL THIS, PERHAPS IT
SHOULDN'T COME AS A SURPRISE
THAT LESS THAN HALF OF
AMERICA'S PARENTS THINK THEIR**

**CHILDREN'S STANDARD OF LIFE
WILL BE BETTER THAN THEIRS. AND
MORE THAN THREE-QUARTERS
THINK THAT OVER THE NEXT TEN
YEARS THE AMERICAN DREAM WILL
BE HARDER TO ACHIEVE.**

**I BELIEVE THE MOST IMPORTANT
CHALLENGE FACING YOUR
GENERATION IS ONE YOU SHOULD
ENJOY--PROVING THAT YOUR
PARENTS ARE WRONG.**

**YOU MUST SEE TO IT THAT OUR
STANDARD OF LIFE INCREASES.**

**AND YOU MUST PUT THE
AMERICAN DREAM IN REACH FOR
MORE AMERICANS. IN DOING SO,
YOU WILL NOT ONLY PROVE YOUR
PARENTS WRONG, YOU WILL ALSO
ENSURE THAT AMERICA REMAINS
THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD.**

**GOVERNMENT CAN HELP IN THIS
MISSION. WE CAN HELP BY**

**TACKLING THE DEFICIT, LOWERING
TAXES, REDUCING REGULATIONS
AND RED TAPE, RETURNING POWER
TO THE STATES AND TO THE
PEOPLE, AND JUST GENERALLY
GETTING UNCLE SAM'S NOSE OUT
OF PLACES WHERE IT DOESN'T
BELONG.**

**BUT MUCH OF THE WORK WILL
REMAIN WHERE IT ALWAYS HAS--
ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE**

AMERICAN PEOPLE.

**IT IS ONLY YOU WHO CAN VOTE
THE RIGHT PEOPLE INTO OFFICE, OR
RUN FOR OFFICE, YOURSELF.**

**IT IS ONLY YOU WHO CAN RUN
THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAKE
OUR COMMUNITIES SING--THE
PTA'S, THE SCHOOL BOARDS, THE
LIONS CLUB, THE LOCAL RED
CROSS CHAPTER.**

**IT IS ONLY YOU WHO INSTILL
YOUR CHILDREN WITH TIMELESS
AMERICAN VALUES.**

**IT IS ONLY YOU WHO CAN INSIST
THAT OUR SCHOOLS TEACH THOSE
VALUES, AS WELL.**

**IT IS ONLY YOU WHO, THROUGH
YOUR ACTIONS, CAN CONVINCE
HOLLYWOOD THAT ENOUGH IS
ENOUGH.**

**IT IS ONLY YOU, WHO, THROUGH
SEEMINGLY ORDINARY ACTIONS,
CAN CONTINUE TO WRITE THE
HEROIC HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY.**

**I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL
MEET THAT CHALLENGE. AND I AM
ESPECIALLY CONFIDENT THAT
WINGATE GRADUATES WILL HELP
TO LEAD THE WAY.**

**YOU ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE
BEEN EDUCATED AT A COLLEGE**

**THAT LIVES BY ITS MOTTO--"FAITH,
KNOWLEDGE, SERVICE." EVERY
STUDENT HERE IS REQUIRED TO
TAKE A COURSE IN ETHICS, AND
HUNDREDS OF YOU HAVE REACHED
OUT TO OTHERS THROUGH
WINGATE'S UNITED COLLEGIATE
ACTION NETWORK, WHICH WAS
NAMED A "POINT OF LIGHT" BY
PRESIDENT BUSH.**

**I LEAVE YOU TODAY BY NOTING
THAT ON MONDAY, WE WILL MARK
THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF "V.E.
DAY."**

**A LITTLE OVER HALF A CENTURY
AGO, STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL
AND COLLEGE GRADUATIONS
ACROSS THE COUNTRY WERE
TRADING IN THEIR CAPS AND**

**GOWNS FOR MILITARY UNIFORMS.
MANY WERE SENT OVERSEAS, AND
MANY WOULD NEVER COME HOME
AGAIN.**

**AND AS YOUR GENERATION
TAKES UP THE BURDENS OF
LEADERSHIP-- WHICH HOPEFULLY
WILL NEVER INVOLVE GOING TO
WAR--PERHAPS YOU WILL
REMEMBER THE WORDS ON A**

**MEMORIAL IN A JUNGLE TOWN IN
INDIA, WHICH HONORS THE ALLIED
SOLDIERS WHO DIED CHECKING THE
JAPANESE ADVANCE INTO INDIA
DURING WORLD WAR II.**

**HERE ARE THE WORDS ON THAT
MEMORIAL:**

**WHEN YOU GO HOME
TELL THEM OF US, AND SAY:
FOR YOUR TOMORROW,
WE GAVE OUR TODAY.**

**MY WISH FOR YOU IS THAT
FIFTY YEARS FROM NOW, THE
COUNTLESS ORDINARY TODAYS OF
YOUR LIVES, WILL HAVE RESULTED
IN A HEROIC TOMORROW FOR
AMERICA. THANK YOU,
CONGRATULATIONS, AND BEST OF
LUCK.**