

GREETINGS

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Pres. Strom  
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Just ~~seventeen~~ <sup>sixteen</sup> years ago to-day it was my honor and privilege to be inaugurated as President of this Institution. At that time a new World War had just begun and the American people were endeavoring feverishly to get ready to win it. During the intervening years new challenges have been met with vigor and equanimity by our institutions of higher learning. In the process the <sup>Florida</sup> State College for Women became the Florida State University which, for more than a decade, has moved consistently forward.

To-day, as we inaugurate a new President, our people are feverishly, and I fear at times a bit hysterically, trying to prepare for possible conflicts that threaten to shake the foundations of our civilization. In the face of such conditions the colleges and universities are called upon to make far greater contributions to human welfare than they have ever done before. And we must again declare our faith in their ability to meet with success the challenges that confront them. We must recognize that through the centuries, whether there have been wars or rumors of wars, universities have maintained their identity and have been a stabilizing influence amidst the currents and cross currents of human affairs.

This Inaugural Ceremony to-day is an expression of confidence in a new leader. It is an expression of the hopes and aspirations of countless individuals: citizens of a great State who put their faith in education as a means of protecting and promulgating a free people; parents who rely upon our educational institutions to consummate the formal education of their children; graduates who found on this campus the opportunity for personal growth and development; teachers and officers whose lives have been dedicated to the cause

*On behalf of*  
of learning, -- all of these, both present and far away, together with this, multitude of official representatives of academic institutions, *I bring this* ~~we salute~~ *expression of good wishes and our pledge of confidence and faith in* you, Mr. President!