

DEDICATION
OF THE
HAZAEL EDWARD WELTON
PLAZA



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1982
12:00 O'CLOCK NOON

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(Hazael Edward Welton Plaza)

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LEADER:

Let us Pray: Dearly Beloved, this Plaza which by the favor of God and the labor of man has been completed embodies the obligation of administrators, faculty and students at this University to treat it with respect and admiration. For the fulfillment of this task we need not only the cooperation of the university family but the blessings of the Almighty Lord. As we honor one of the sons of this University in naming this Plaza, let us pledge to him and to God that we will unite our efforts to make this a place for further intellectual and social development of students as he has done in the establishment of an endowment scholarship fund. May we never become so preoccupied as we use this Plaza that we do not pause and give thanks to God and to our honoree. Amen.

PRESIDENT OF THE
NATIONAL ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION

President Humphries, across this nation alumni and former students of Tennessee State University are expressing the desire to assist the University in encouraging outstanding students to continue their education, realizing that massive financial support is required to provide quality education, and that resources must be obtained to assist aspiring students and their parents in meeting the cost of studying in the kind of educational climate Tennessee State University provides. We, the alumni as proud sons and daughters, are anxious that others who are now students, upon graduation will join us in our efforts.

PRESIDENT HUMPHRIES:

President Rucker, we are proud of the sons and daughters who have entered to learn and gone forth to serve. We laud you in your efforts and pledge our wholehearted support.

LEADER:

Let us prepare for the dedication.

We present this Plaza to the students of Tennessee State University to be dedicated in honor of Dr. Hazael Edward Welton, a member of the class of 1932, and one who saw fit in the year of 1977 to establish the first endowment scholarship fund. May this Plaza be used for the comfort and convenience of our students.

To the dedicated administrators who recognize the philanthropic spirit of Dr. Welton, and have the desire to insure this recognition in perpetuity:

AUDIENCE:

We dedicate this Plaza.

LEADER:

To the loyal alumni throughout the country whose service and support will sustain this University and whose names will ever be inscribed in every landmark and in every building on this campus.

AUDIENCE:

We dedicate this plaza.

LEADER:

To the students who will cherish this spot and walk with dignity and pride in memory of the alumnus we honor today, may this place be used as a place for meditation, entertainment and intellectual growth,

AUDIENCE:

We dedicate this Plaza.

LEADER:

To Dr. Hazael Edward Welton, whose dedication to service and concern for youth who find it difficult to develop to their fullest potential because of a lack of financial resources, and who from this spirit established the first endowment scholarship fund.

AUDIENCE:

We dedicate this Plaza.

PRESIDENT HUMPHRIES:

Now by the authority of the State Board of Regents invested in me I dedicate this Plaza to be called hereafter : "The Hazael Edward Welton Plaza."

At this point the standing marker will be unveiled.

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