

Correspondence between Farley and Stark on
Annual Scholarships, 1959 February - April

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DEAR HAROLD:

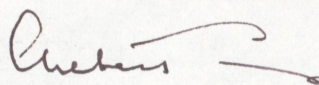
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THE EARLY LETTERS FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON THAT STARTED ME COLLECTING WERE LETTERS HE HAD SENT HERE TO ZEBULON BUTLER DURING THE REVOLUTION, AND I AM FORTUNATE IN HAVING MANY LETTER CONCERNING THIS PART OF PENNSYLVANIA.

I TRUST YOU WILL FORGIVE ME FOR BOTHERING YOU BUT I KNOW OF NO ONE ELSE WHO MIGHT HAPPEN TO HAVE A LETTER AND WOULD BE WILLING TO PART WITH IT.

WITH BEST WISHES,

CORDIALLY YOURS,



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ADMIRAL HAROLD R. STARK
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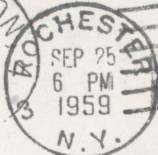
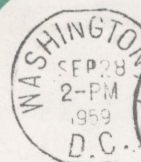
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*Ans'd
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April 8, 1959

Admiral Harold R. Stark
4900 Glenbrook Road, N. W.
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Harold:

Although the Annual Scholarship appeal was interrupted by our Twenty-fifth Anniversary Campaign, I assume that you may wish to know what has happened to our students during this interval.

Originally, we had hoped that it might be possible to reduce scholarships during the years 1957 and 1960, but this has not been practicable. Consultations with many students showed that any reduction of their scholarships would interrupt or terminate their education. In consequence, we decided that we would continue to give help where help was needed, even if by so doing, it was necessary to starve some other phase of our work. We made this decision only because we concluded that a temporary setback would be less disastrous to the College than to the students whose lives cannot be slowed down to await more favorable conditions. We believe that the College can better withstand a delay of two or three years than can the student, but we recognize that even the College cannot continue its growth if its resources are diverted for a prolonged period.

Fortunately, some funds for scholarships have been received from annual gifts. The amount, however, has dropped to about a fourth of the sum that was given in the last annual appeal and during this same period the need for assistance has increased as more students have required help. We have somehow met the minimum needs of these students by shifting funds from every possible source, but in so doing, we have "robbed Peter to pay Paul".

These facts may give you some understanding of the situation that confronts us, but the real meaning of your scholarship aid shows itself in the lives of those who are helped. So that you may share with us the great satisfaction that comes from this personal experience, I am selecting the histories of two students who are obtaining an education because of your help.

Very sincerely yours,

Gene

President

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I hope you are both well! Best wishes from both of us!

FROM THE DEAN OF MEN'S RECORDS

In August, 1957 Daniel came to the College and expressed a keen desire to study engineering. Following graduation from high school in 1956, he had been working with an engineering firm to support his widowed mother who had no other means of support.

It was evident from the first that Daniel was a person with a burning desire to realize a high goal which he had set for himself. He was convincing in the presentation of his plans to achieve an education, and despite our knowledge that Dan, with virtually no financial support, would have odds too great to face in his attempt to study engineering, we were inclined to give him encouragement.

Dan applied for admission, took the entrance examinations, and was accepted for study. On the basis of his financial need, his sound secondary school record, and his personal motivation, he was awarded a scholarship. It was felt that college still might not be within his reach, but the aid was made available in the hope that at least two years of study might be available to one with so much drive.

During the time he has been here, Dan has carried a part-time job and has worked full time during the summer and on week ends. He is a dean's list student and will enter Bucknell University next September.

Dan is struggling and will still have to struggle, but he maintains that the financial support extended to him made it possible for him to begin college and is helping him now so that he might continue later to finish his degree in engineering. It is also notable that Dan is president of the Engineering Club, was invited to run for the presidency of the sophomore class, and has been active in other campus activities.

FROM THE DEAN OF WOMEN'S RECORDS

In the spring of 1956 we interviewed a young woman, an orphan, whose education was opposed by her guardian and who was, therefore, compelled to earn every cent of her college expense.

Recognizing her seriousness of purpose, we tested Marian and sent for her high school marks. The reports showed that she was decidedly college material. Aware of Marian's financial problem, we willingly gave her a half-tuition scholarship.

It was very rewarding to observe the joy of anticipation which Marian experienced after she knew that because of this scholarship, she could enter Wilkes College. Of course, Marian realized that she must have employment and consequently has carried many hours of work throughout her college years. In spite of this, she has found time to do the most outstanding amount of extra-curricular work, both for Wilkes and the community, of any girl enrolled in our college at the present time. Throughout her career here, it has been a constant source of satisfaction to us to realize that due to the generosity of friends, such an outstanding young woman as Marian will be able to complete the education which she so much desired.

