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# Colored Tassels Are In At FHS

5-19-76

A rainbow of color will be on display this year at the Fort Hays State commencement exercises.

Tassels worn on the caps of the degree candidates will be of 28 different shades, each indicating the student's field of study.

Graduates will be permitted to keep the tassels as a souvenir of the exercises, which are slated for Friday at 8 p.m. in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

The idea for the multi-hued tassels was submitted by the school's Mortar Board society and approved by the Council of Deans.

For the record, the colors of the tassels are:

Agriculture, maize; arts, letters, humanities, white; commerce, accounting,

business, drab; dentistry, lilac; economics, copper.

Education, light blue; engineering, orange; fine arts including architecture, brown; forestry russet; journalism, crimson; law, purple.

Library science, lemon; medicine, green; music, pink; nursing, apricot; optometry, sea foam green; oratory, silver gray; pharmacy, olive green; philosophy, dark blue.

Physical education, sage green; podiatry-chiroprody, Nile green; public administration, peacock blue; public health, salmon pink; science, golden yellow; social science, cream; social work, citron; theology, scarlet; veterinary science, gray.

## CHARGE TO THE 1976 GRADUATES

TODAY YOU BECOME A MEMBER OF A SELECT GROUP OF MEN AND WOMEN NUMBERING IN THE THOUSANDS--GRADUATES OF FORT HAYS STATE. REMEMBER HER KINDLY, FOR SHE GAVE YOU SEVERAL YEARS OF HER VERY BEST.

THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE DOES NOT MEAN A SEVERANCE OF YOUR TIE TO HER OR HER TIE TO YOU. LIKE A GOOD MOTHER HER LOVE AND CONCERN WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU READY TO HELP YOU IN ANY WAY THAT SHE CAN. COMMENCEMENT DOES MEAN THE BEGINNING OF A LIFETIME ASSOCIATION WITH YOUR COLLEGE AND NOT ONLY WILL SHE STAND WITH YOU BUT SHE ALSO LOOKS TO YOU AS HER TORCHBEARER AND THE PROMOTER OF HER SPIRIT.

ALTHOUGH WE ARE PROUD OF THE BEAUTY OF OUR PHYSICAL CAMPUS, ITS BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND FACILITIES, WE TAKE EVEN MORE PRIDE IN OUR FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS. FORT HAYS STATE IS MUCH MORE THAN IS DISCERNABLE AT ANY ONE TIME. YOUR COLLEGE CONSISTS OF ALL THOSE WHO COME INTO HER ENVIRONMENT, ARE TOUCHED BY HER CONCERN, HER INFLUENCE AND THOSE WHO CARRY FORWARD HER SPIRIT. WHEREVER YOU GO AND WHATEVER YOU ACHIEVE THERE IS FORT HAYS STATE AT WORK. IF THE LIGHT OF OUR COLLEGE CONTINUES TO SHINE, IT MUST SHINE THROUGH YOU AND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE WALKED OUR HALLS, SAT IN OUR CLASSROOMS AND WERE A PART OF OUR TOTAL COLLEGE COMMUNITY.

WITH A GREAT DEAL OF CONFIDENCE, WE WELCOME YOU INTO THIS FELLOWSHIP. WE ARE NOT HERE TO SAY "GOODBYE" BUT RATHER WE SAY "TILL WE MEET AGAIN." WE DO NOT INTEND TO SEVER THE CORD, MAYBE STRETCH IT A LITTLE, BUT STILL MAINTAIN THE CONNECTION. YOU GO FORTH, BUT NOT FROM US. WE WILL ALWAYS CLAIM YOU AND WE HOPE YOU FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT US THAT REMAIN. GOD GO WITH YOU AND BE WITH YOU AND WITH ALL OF US.

May 24, 1976

To: Deans and Department Chairmen

From: John D. Garwood, Acting V.P. for Academic Affairs

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