

Capping Ceremony

The green cap which will be received by the freshmen this evening is, more than anything else, a symbol. Universally, it is a symbol of your entrance into a new phase of your student life, a four year career in college, and, especially here at Webster, of your desire to become an integrated part of that life as quickly as possible by fostering in yourselves the attributes of a Webster College girl which the cap signifies--friendliness, cooperation, dependability, and loyalty.

Being set apart as an individual to be aided whenever the occasion arises has its part in your assimilation into Webster's life, but perhaps even more important, is the fact that you are set apart as a class. As such, the Class of 1963, you will carry on activities all your own, will make special friendships, and will leave some things distinctly yours to be forever a part of what Webster is.

Further, the green cap, having been worn by Freshman classes for almost as many years as Webster has existed, has become one of our most cherished and time-honored traditions, one of the special memories which will always recall to us the years, said by some to be the most memorable of all.

Finally, the cap being green, it is symbolic of freshness and fertility, of the new ideas, outlooks, and vitality which your class is bringing to us. So, the cap becomes the symbol of the give and take which characterizes successful group living anywhere. No sooner have you begun to gain friends, education, and new experiences, than you are giving something which is as great a part of Webster as any one of the elements which compose it--yourselves.

This is the thought behind the green cap. Remember it as you receive it, as you wear it, and as you place it among your college souvenirs.

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BIG SISTER:

I give this cap that you may show your cooperation and loyalty to your class, hoping that it will signify your friendliness and dependability, and help you carry out the Webster tradition.

LITTLE SISTER:

In order to show you, my big sister(s), that I am willing to cooperate and continue the tradition of the Freshman cap, I accept this cap, acknowledging its significance and the loyalty to my class and to Webster that it implies.