

# 1934



## First Goat Mascot

Although our mascot, Rammy, is now iconic, our first was a goat named “Elmer.” Everyone chips in: the girls raise \$10, and the boys take a trip to a local farm to purchase him.



# 1935



## Award-Winning Yearbook

The 1935 *Serpentine* yearbook wins an award from the National Scholastic Press Association for its campus building artwork.

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*Yearbook on loan from Special Collections.*

# 1943



## WWII & the Importance of Teachers

In this picture, a World War II poster stresses the importance of teachers on the home-front.



# 1945



## Women's Dorms Integrated

Female residence halls are fully integrated. African American students had previously been denied housing and dining services. However, males will continue to be barred for over twenty more years as the university struggles with racism.



# 1946



## WWII Honor Roll Unveiled

As part of the 75th anniversary of the college, an Honor Roll of World War II veterans is created. It showcases the war records of the students and faculty who served.

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## c. 1946 GI Bill Expands Enrollment

A resurgence in student enrollment, thanks in part to the GI Bill, compels the school to purchase military surplus barracks as temporary housing.

# 1957



## First Rammy Costume

A complete Ram costume is stitched for the first time. The mascot, Wayne Hussey, remembers several occasions where fellow students attempted to “abduct” him in his costume.

# 1958



## Frances Atkinson on the Board of Trustees

Frances Atkinson becomes the first black member of the Board of Trustees, serving from 1958-1966. She is a founder of The Links, Inc., which provides opportunities for people of African ancestry. Atkinson also would serve as a trustee of St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

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# 1959



## First Graduate Program is Created

The 1959-60 academic year is the first in which the State Teachers College begins enrolling graduate students. The first course would be Principles of Education.