Shaw’s New President Dr. Irma McClaurin Addresses Football Team After Tough Loss

(Elon, NC) – Barely two days into her administration, Shaw President Dr. Irma McClaurin travelled to Elon to root on the Bears, and then addressed the team after a tough loss to the nationally ranked Elon.

She quoted a passage from a poem from Harlem Renaissance Poet Sterling Brown to inspire and uplift the Bears after the loss.

"The strong men . . . coming on
The strong men gittin’ stronger.
Strong men. . . .
Stronger. . . ."

She encouraged them to read the entire poem, hoping it might become their “Invictus” for the rest of a challenging season. The loss dropped the Bears to 1-1 on the year, with another battle ahead of them in regional powerhouse Catawba.

McClaurin was named Shaw’s 15th President on Thursday, replacing Interim President Dr. Dorothy Cowser Yancy.