

I was pleased to dedicate this garden to the campus and community in April of 1981. Let me read you the poem I was inspired to write for the opening ceremony. I have a dream for this garden. When a person is tired or anxious or in quest of beauty may they enter and come forth refresh to meet the problems of the day there will be music of the wind through the pines music from the waterfalls and the birds there will be serenity as you walk around the lake and joy in the beauty of the reflection of the lake there will be iris and azaleas in spring, flowering magnolias in summer, in the fall, chrysanthemums and the golds of liquid amber trees. There will be strength and solidity and rocks and wooden bridges and of course there will be bamboo, a favorite wood of the Japanese because it is so useful and beautiful. There is an old proverb that says "Bamboo bends but never breaks." It is my hope that as you leave your tour of the garden you will find in your heart that proverb and the day will be full of joy.