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College Opens With Increased Enrollment

VARIED ORIENTATION PROGRAM ENLISTS INTEREST OF ALL

Girls Outnumber Boys By Two-thirds Majority

For the one hundred and sixty-second consecutive year, Louisburg College has opened its doors on a new session, the formal opening date this year having been September 11.

At the formal opening of the college, prominent men of the town spoke briefly to the students, assembled for the occasion in the college chapel. Dr. Walter Patten, president of the college, spoke on the possibilities of youth that might be developed by the medium of a college education. At the chapel hour on Friday, Dr. Patten spoke again, appealing this time to the student body to invest their every power in a great effort to correct the mistakes of the past generations and to make the world a better place for the next generation.

This year's enrollment is notable for the increased number of students in the commercial department and the increased number of young women who are in the college. The dormitory facilities for the women are crowded, and work is hastening to complete the repairs to the fourth floor of the administration building, which was badly damaged by a fire some years ago.

During the course of the orientation program, the new students were introduced into the routine of college life, being given a glimpse of (Continued on page four)

Women's Student Government

The Women's Student Government Association held its weekly meeting on October 14, 1941, in the faculty parlor.

The following new members were installed: house president for second floor Franklin, Ruth Braswell; house president for third floor Franklin, Myrtle Harris; house president for Main, Ella Lewis; senior representative, Myrtle Colley; freshman representatives, Annie Lee Dorsett and Mary Ramsey.

OUR THANKS

The success of this paper is dependent in part upon the securing of advertisements from business men and merchants of Louisburg. The advertising manager has been active and ably handled his work for our first issue. By way of showing appreciation to our advertisers the staff suggests to the students that, whenever they are in a store that carries an advertisement in COLUMNS, they mention, when opportunity comes, the advertisement and the help it has been in publishing the paper.

We hope, too, that our patrons will find their co-operation of value to themselves as well as to us.



Our rendezvous around the columns where history is made for COLUMNS.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Five new members have been added to the Louisburg faculty for the coming year.

Miss Julia Brown Hudgins, an alumna of Louisburg and a graduate of Woman's College with two years' teaching experience, teaches typing, replacing Mrs. Oliver, who with Mr. Oliver of the science department has gone to Wilmington, Illinois, where he has accepted a job with the DuPont Company in chemistry.

Mr. George E. Badalas, holder of an A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina, assumes charge of science activities. He is working towards a graduate degree in chemistry.

Miss Marjorie Crisp, who has received a B.S. degree in physical education from Appalachian State Teachers College and done graduate work at George Peabody College, looks after the athletic activities of the girls, a position formerly held by Miss Kramer. For several years she taught at Boiling Springs College and intends to inaugurate a vigorous intra-mural program at Louisburg.

Mr. Harold Hancock, who holds an A.B. degree from Wesleyan and an M.A. from Harvard, heads the social science department. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the author of a recent book, *The Delaware Loyalists*, in addition to having had two years of teaching experience in high school. Mr. V. R. Kilby, formerly in this position, is on leave of absence for a year with the N.Y.A.

Miss Ruth Merritt, with experience in teaching at the Ellerbe School and at a Methodist Mission in Brazil, assists in the English department. She has an A.B. degree from Duke University and an M.A. degree from Scarritt College. Her special duties are in connection with publicity and journalism.

BRAZIL SUBJECT AT I. R. C.

Speaking on "Brazil Yesterday and Today," Miss Ruth Merritt, of the English department, addressed the members of the International Relations club at the meeting on October 10. She spoke in the light of an experience of five years of teaching in the coffee state of São Paulo.

"The people of America have some erroneous impressions about the people of Brazil," affirmed Miss Merritt. "Very different from some popular beliefs, Brazilians cannot be called, historically, a warlike people. The nation has settled its questions of independence, slavery, and border disputes without warfare."

Miss Merritt stated that the Brazilians were eager to raise their literacy ratio, in their belief that an educated people makes for a powerful nation.

"Some Brazilians," Miss Merritt commented, "are eager to learn English and to have the opportunity of the liberalizing influence of the American system of education."

Mention was made of the vast and invaluable resources of Brazil, furnishing potentially the means of existence for half the population of the earth.

"What, however, the Brazil of tomorrow will be," concluded Miss Merritt, "is in terms, not of the material, but of the moral and spiritual—those forces that will inevitably determine the real value of all else."

COLUMNS, as the title appears at the head of this page, was designed by Ella Lewis and unanimously chosen by the staff. We appreciate this contribution of futuristic drawing to our newspaper.

STUDENTS TAKE OFFENSIVE IN LIQUOR FIGHT

In the recent campaign against liquor in Franklin County the students and administration of Louisburg College took the offensive in an effort to rid the community of our Alma Mater, of the offense and harm of licensed alcoholic beverages.

President Walter Patten conferred with the presidents of the clubs of the school about plans for the anti-liquor campaign. This committee of four, Edward Smith, of the Christian Service Club, Pauline Litchfield of the Y.W.C.A., Edwin Robinson of the Y.M.C.A., and Dan McFarland of the International Relations Club backed by members of their clubs formed the executive committee.

On Monday night, September 29, Dr. Patten called a meeting of the entire student body in the chapel. Here he made a plea to the students to take action in every way possible for non-voters in such a crisis. Our main channel for this move, President Patten stated, lay in influencing the people of Franklin County to vote the "dry ticket." His major plea was thus: Save for the defense program the money now being spent for this poison and save for national defense the young men who are being spent by alcohol.

Edward Smith next discussed the plans for campaigning as decided upon by the committee. He was followed by the presidents of the various clubs who sought to enlist their groups in the campaign.

On Monday evening, October 6, the college bus, conveying the orchestra and a representative group of the students, started a tour of the county to influence the voters.

Throughout the two weeks an offensive was made against the A.B.C. store business, culminating in a procession along Main Street and around the courthouse on election day. In the early afternoon students, led by the band and followed up by the college bus with a large sign appealing to friends of youth, marched through the street bearing banners stating their slogans.

Hours later the returns from the polls revealed that the prohibitionists had won and that youth had likely played a part in victory.

Men's Student Government

The Men's Student Council got off to a successful start the second week of school. It nominated several boys, of whom two were chosen to fill the senior vacancies. These two were Jimmy Wooters and John Maides. Besides Wooters and Maides the council consists of Bill Spence, president; Willis Gupton, secretary-treasurer; and James Featherston. Two freshmen will be elected at the first meeting of their class. The position of faculty adviser is ably filled by Dean L. R. Taff.

The purpose of the student council is to enforce laws that will discourage mischievous idleness and encourage harmony and respect throughout the student body.

Meetings are held each Tuesday—as one member commented, "from 9:45 to dawn."

ALUMNI RETURN TO ALMA MATER AT HOMECOMING

Numerous Activities Planned For Week End

Banquet Highlights Celebration in Alumni Interest

This is alumni week end, and a complete program of specials is planned for the entertainment of the ex-students who will be on the campus for the event, October 25-26.

Saturday afternoon, October 25, there will be a basketball game between the college girls' team and a team chosen from the alumni. Following this game the boys' team will play a crack alumni group.

At 6:30 in the evening, the alumni banquet will be held in the college dining hall, with Dr. Patten as principal speaker.

At 9:00 in the evening, the college will be host to the alumni at a dance in the social hall of the college. Mr. Byerly's orchestra will play for the occasion.

On Sunday morning there will be a special church service for the visiting alumni at the Louisburg Methodist Church, of which Rev. Forrest D. Hedden is pastor. Following this service, a general alumni dinner will be held in the college dining hall.

A Cappella Choir Begins Fourth Year

Again this year the call for try-outs for the A Cappella Choir was followed with a large number of selectees appearing. Of the approximate ninety students who reported for enrollment in the choir only 40 were chosen for immediate work.

The choir is an official representative organization of the school and serves as a medium between the school and the churches of the North Carolina Conference. Every year the choristers travel about 3,000 miles visiting the various churches in the conference, in addition to featuring two annual radio broadcasts.

COLUMNS

From the number of names submitted by the students at the request of the journalism class, COLUMNS was selected as the name of the new Louisburg College newspaper.

The name COLUMNS bears a double significance in that it suggests the columnar form of a newspaper together with a most outstanding feature of Louisburg College buildings—their stately columns.

The double significance of the name promptly recommended itself with favor to members of the journalism class when Wesley Gentry in a journalism class session suddenly got the inspiration for the name.

We are proud of our possession in the new name and grateful to Wesley for having given us this brain child.