

# EDITOR COMMENTS

## Speak Out

Now that colleges have reopened after a peaceful summer without protestors and the riots, one begins to wonder if the 1969-70 college year will be better or worse. Colleges have taken additive measures to safeguard the principles for which the college stands. More than anything the college wants to discourage impending riots and protestors that prove to be disastorous to our nation, our colleges, and humanity.

Everyone shares the freedom to express his views whether they be pro or con. This freedom of speech allows all those that are concerned to get out and do something with the situation at hand. As students we are concerned with college rules and regulations that govern us.

At Louisburg College, recent student body meetings held on front campus have started a new trend in giving the students the opportunity to make known to the Student Government Association their personal views on the administration and the college rules and regulations. During these meetings many questions have been raised as to why certain rules that were passed last year were not in affect this year. Many various reasons have been given; but, does anyone know the real reason?

As in any mass student meeting there are those who claim to know all the facts or real reasons for the action of the administration. There are continual talkers who talk for the sake of getting attention and others who complain because it seems logical but can only base his complaint on here-say.

One responsibility that all students must accept and that is to support the Student Government Association. The S.G.A. is striving each day to promote better ties between the administration, the faculty and the students. Don't ruin their chances by going out on your own. Stick with the rest of the student body and the outcome should prove to be successful for all those CONCERNED.

## Tighten Up

In the last year Louisburg College has undergone many changes. Most of these changes have been for the student body. I have heard a lot of talk recently about some more changes that need to be made. The talk came from students not in the Student Government Association. Everyone of the people I spoke with had gripes and complaints about why rules were not the way they wanted them. When I spoke to the Editor of Columns yesterday, I asked him if I could write an article telling everyone why.

The S.G.A. here at Louisburg has been fighting for every obtainable benefit for the student. How many students have fought? When, if ever, did the whole student body support an S.G.A. movement? How many people find the time to do more than talk?

I realize that everyone has to study, but I have never seen the Dope Shop empty. There seems to be an awful lot of concern over who dates who, who did what wrong, and how to ruin someone by gossip and misinformation. Still, there is not enough time for the students to show that they care. Most people cannot tear themselves away long enough to support their own government of the school.

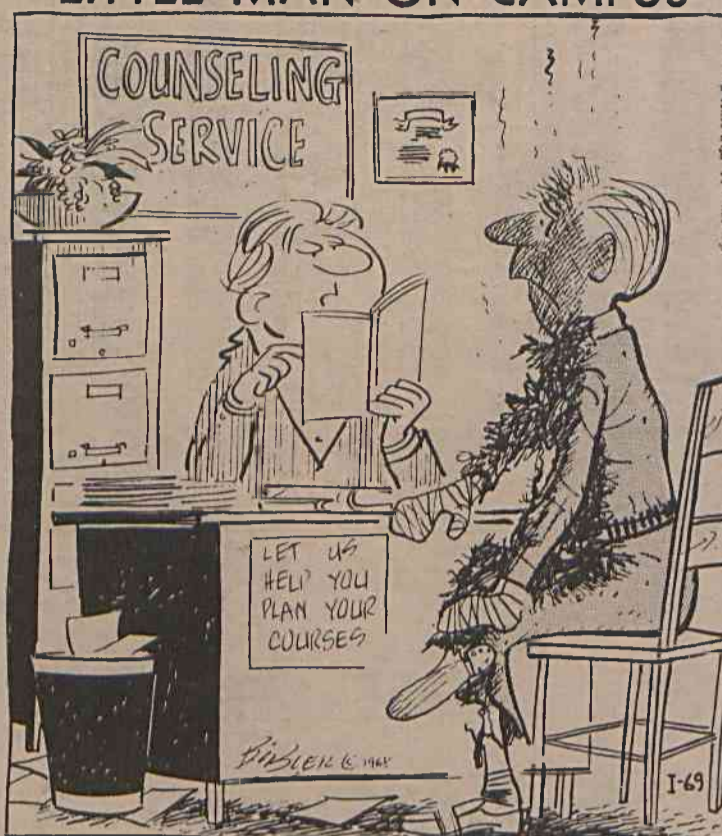
Everyone asks for what they want and then leaves the matter to someone else. It does not seem to affect them to know that "someone else" has their hands full. They leave the problem of how to change things to other people and in the same breath complain because things are not changed fast enough.

Now, do not get the idea that I am speaking of the person next to you, or around the corner from you. I am talking about you, about every student that neglects their responsibility to support their school leaders. I am talking about you, your people who do not even care enough to say thank you.

So, take a minute and look at yourself, in your relationship to this school. Stop complaining and start doing. Stop forgetting and start remembering to support those people who remember and support you. Apathy can hurt any society. Here in Louisburg society it can even kill the things we all want most.

Thank you for your valuable time.  
Nancy Filer

# LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"- WELL, THEN, IF YOU'RE NOT HAPPY IN CHEMISTRY MAYBE YOU WOULD LIKE TO TRY SOMETHING IN MUSIC OR ART?"

## Why Not YOU?

Complaints! Complaints! Complaints! If there is one thing that everyone can do: that is to complain. But to quote an old adage, "Anything worth doing is worth doing well." It is not enough merely to complain about things which need to be changed at Louisburg College, but one must complain intelligently. Such complaining should follow four steps.

First, there must be justification for one's complaint--"change for the sake of change" is of no value to anyone. The best test for the validity of a complaint or idea is time and careful thought, and rigid evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages which change possibly resulting from that complaint would bring to everyone who would be affected by it, either directly or indirectly. Desirable results for such a test can often best be derived out of intelligent discussion of the matter with people who freely express diverse opinions.

Second, it is imperative that one go to the proper place to make his complaints or offer his suggestions. At Louisburg College, the Men and Women's Councils hold regular meetings (the first and third Tuesday nights of each month unless announced otherwise) for this very purpose--for you to say what's "buggin" you with the assurance that you will be

heard and that attempts toward improvement will be made. However, if students do not care, and if they reveal this indifferent attitude by failing to attend Council meetings, even the attempts of the few who do care are of little value. It takes a united effort, not forty out of 350 (which is the ratio of attendance to enrollment of women students present at the first Women's Council meeting), to make a significant step forward.

Third, a person must be able to express his complaints logically and substantially. This goes back to the first step; if the complaint is justifiable, there should be little problem completing the third step.

Finally, and perhaps most difficult, is the display of patience. One must be willing to wait for results, and while one is waiting, he must also be mature enough to abide by existing standards until alterations have been made and officially announced.

There is always room for improvement, but improvement comes only when mature, responsible, concerned individuals do something other than complain about what has not been done. The best way to get something done is to do it yourself!

Tony Gupton,  
President of Women's Council

# The Happy One

Instant happiness! The "trick" to attain it is so simple it's commonly overlooked as we search for a complex solution to an apparently unattainable goal.

We say we would be happy "if"--if we had more money, if we lived elsewhere, if we were in a different class, if we were the teacher, and countless other "ifs."

The truth is that when any of these "ifs" is realized it makes very little difference in our quest for happiness.

Stop making excuses. Within the next minute your entire outlook on life can be changed if you take advantage of a simple fact.

Happiness is making someone else happy.

Here! (Wherever you happen to be at the moment).

Now!

Happiness also depends on patience. Do the best you can to solve a problem. Then remember that time does pass. What seems like an insurmountable mountain today is a molehill in tomorrow's memory.

"And this too shall pass."

That's a good thing to remember when some problem appears to be without solution. As with all things, it will pass... Why worry yourself sick?

Most important, a happy frame of mind will contribute greatly to your health, mentally, and physically.

Think... plan... discuss... judge... decide... and then-act!

## MSM Organizes

Tommy Jennings

Louisburg College as a United Methodist College strives to promote Christian development in all of its students. As a result, there are five denominational groups functioning on campus. These groups allow interested students to maintain contact with their respective churches and to continue their religious growth along with their intellectual development while enrolled at the college.

Of these groups, the Methodist Student Movement has recently organized for the coming year. Events that are planned for this year include two-weekend retreats for the fall and spring semester, short trips to outstanding places such as Duke Chapel and the Morehead Planetarium, and remembering the unfortunate people in the rest homes of the surrounding area.

Officers for the coming year are:

President: Phil Spears of Jacksonville, N. C.

Vice President: Carol Umphlette of Wilson, N. C.

Secretary: Debbie Webb of Pinetops, N. C.

Treasurer: Tommy Jennings of Elizabeth City, N. C.

Devotional Chairman: Dianne Smith of Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Mr. James Williams, Mr. Wade Goldston, and Miss Ruth Merritt are serving as faculty advisors for the group. Membership is still open to all students who wish to belong to the group.

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