



# The Columns



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## Aderhold named Editor-in-Chief

by Lana Whited,  
Advisor to *The Columns*

Melissa Leigh Aderhold, a second-year student from Richmond, Virginia, has been appointed 1989-90 Editor-in-Chief of *The Columns*.

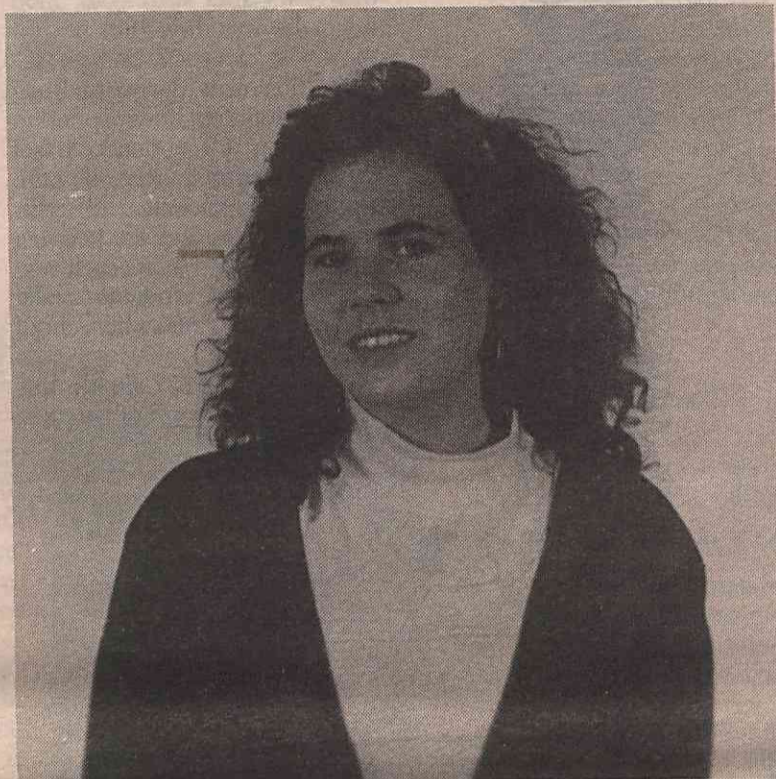
Aderhold's desire to head the newspaper staff stems from her belief that a student's educational experience at Louisburg should not be confined to the classroom or to "textbook" issues.

She believes that there are social, political, and cultural matters that students should be aware of; the student newspaper is, in her view, a conduit for that information, as well as "a voice and an avenue [for students] to be heard" by the college community.

Not surprisingly, Aderhold's major plans for the paper include more coverage of national issues and a stronger news focus. This doesn't necessarily mean the "freshest" news, Aderhold explains, especially given the monthly publication schedule. But she would like to do extensive coverage of stories that affect students.

Despite her admitted aggressiveness where issues that she feels strongly about are concerned, Aderhold does not see her position as essentially political. She says, "it is totally unethical for me to try to mold thought on campus by using the newspaper...; it's important to present balanced views."

Aderhold cites the hypothetical example of a student who might write a letter to *The Columns* to complain about a particular issue or policy. It would be important, she points out, to give someone who was responsible for that situation an opportunity to explain the reasoning behind it.



Melissa Aderhold

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A responsible newspaper, the editor adds, doesn't rush rumors into print.

Melissa Aderhold is a 1987 graduate of Monacan High School in Richmond; she believes that her experience in creative writing, competitive debate and forensics, and student government has helped to

prepare her for her current position.

A general science major, Aderhold plans to go to law school eventually and specialize in legal issues of genetic engineering. She expects that her undergraduate degree will be in history, political science, or English.

The following additional staff appointments have been made:

Associate Editor  
Features Co-Editor  
Features Co-Editor  
Sports Editor  
Assistant Sports Editor  
Assistant Sports Editor  
Photography Editor

Kaki Stratford  
Traci Latta  
Ron Hasson  
Craig Lloyd  
Matt T. Clark  
Greg Davis  
David Porter

## CONVOCATION CONTROVERSY

By Ron Hasson, Features Co-Editor

The first ever campus-wide convocation in the new auditorium was held on August 22, at 11:00 a.m. The program featured several speakers from administration and one faculty representative, Dr. Paula Pendergrass. Her speech, which concluded the program, warned students against the dangers of treating college work like high

school - it's not that easy; no one is going to give you a grade you did not earn. Though many faculty share that sentiment, there was a great division as to whether the Professor's tactics were appropriate. Coupled with a questionable statistic regarding SAT scores and reading levels, her speech has continued to be a highly controversial topic.

"I haven't seen any published correlation," Dr. Pendergrass said in an interview regarding her comments which estimated our reading level. On the whole she assessed our level to be about that of an eighth grader based on

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## CLASS OFFICERS

### Freshman Class

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Ahmed Selim

Shannon Horne

Jill Bradshaw

Michelle Monette

### Sophomore Class

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

William Beaty

Lisa Minton

Janine Dodds

Jennifer Dodds

## SGA Officers Installed

Dr. Allen Norris presided at the installation of 1989-90 Louisburg College SGA officers Chad Dansby and Amy Tackett in the Blue Room on Monday, September 11.

President Dansby and Vice-President Tackett join Secretary Mimi Duncan and Treasurer Amanda Sturmer, who were elected last spring. Also present were Dean C. Edward Brown, Jr., Dean Craig Eller, Dean Annette Partin, Mrs. Beth Norris, and representatives of campus media.

Dean Partin, SGA advisor, introduced President Norris, who made a brief extemporaneous speech stressing the importance of student government. He commented that he was glad that the SGA is ready to begin work, with all committee chairs appointed and officers elected.

Dr. Norris said, "I pledge that the administration... is going to be ready to talk with you..." and

suggested to newly elected President Dansby that he set up regular meetings with administrative staff. President Norris also asked the other members of the SGA to come to him when they needed to.

Dr. Norris commended those present, saying, "It pleases me that students are willing to be involved." He also suggested that the SGA include class officers in its activities.

Before swearing in the new SGA president and vice-president, Dr. Norris told all the SGA members, "I'm proud of you and look forward to working with you."

After Chad Dansby and Amy Tackett repeated the oath of office, [which can be found on page 43 of the Student Handbook], Dr. Norris added that the faculty also supports student government tremendously and probably should be included in the oath.

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President Norris swears in S.G.A. President Chad Dansby and Vice President Amy Tackett.

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NCSU Controversy: "The Ballad of Jimmy V"--See SPORTS