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Taking a Stand: Abortion Forum Presented by Peace Group

by Lisa Malpasso, Staff Writer

An abortion forum organized and sponsored by the Louisburg College Peace Group was held Tuesday, November 14, at 7:30 in Benson Chapel. About a hundred students, faculty, and invited guests attended. Ron Hasson introduced the speakers and moderated the discussion.

The forum was intended to offer information and important viewpoints from the wide spectrum of ideas about the topic of abortion. The speakers included Betty Rogers, Margaret Odum, Stewart Rogers, Paul Byron, and Anne Bachmann.

The pro-life side was presented by Paul Byron, a Catholic priest from Raleigh, and Betty Rogers, a volunteer coordinator of nurses and a graduate student in English from Greensboro.

Father Byron expressed views through the eyes of the Catholic Church and from his own individual standpoint. He stated, "The Church believes in the business of the lesser evils" and described what he called its "consistent pro-life" position: its opposition to euthanasia, the death penalty, and abortion.

Betty Rogers was a bit more moderate. She made the point

that somewhere one or more of our own ancestors might have been conceived under unfavorable conditions. Ms. Rogers says, "We owe a debt to the past we can only play to the future."

The pro-choice side was represented by Margaret Odum, Public Affairs Coordinator of Greater Raleigh, and Anne Bachmann, a Methodist minister, former neonatal nurse, and mother of Peace Group member Rebecca Wirth.

Ms. Bachmann considers herself a moralist but feels that every woman should be allowed to make her own decision. She believes that "men cannot really understand how a woman feels while pregnant. It should ultimately be up to the woman."

Ms. Odum presented facts and figures on unwanted pregnancies and abortions taking place. She believes that if abortions are made illegal, women will resort to illegal and self-induced abortions.

Stewart Rogers, a physician from Greensboro and teacher at the medical school at UNC, is a self-proclaimed moderate on the issue of abortion. He believes that the fetus is a living human being and that life should be preserved whenever feasible but that abortion is sometimes the lesser of evils. He said, "I have a slight preference for people I can see."

The Peace Group, by presenting dialogue on such an important controversy as abortion, hopes to make information available on topics that have an effect on us all. The Peace Group encourages students to become informed about these issues, take a stand, and write their governmental representatives to express their opinions.



Moderator Ron Hasson



(L-R) Panelists Betty Rogers, Margaret Odum, Stewart Rogers, Paul Byron, Anne Bachmann.

Brooks, Brooks to Leave College

Steven E. Brooks, Dean of Academic Services and Financial Aid and Professor of Social Studies, has recently been appointed Associate Director of Financial Aid at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

An employee of the college since 1976, Dr. Brooks was Director of Admissions and Financial Aid before becoming Dean of Academic Services. He has held his present position for about five years and is particularly credited by other members of the administration for computerizing student records.

Dr. Brooks earned his B.A., M.A., and Ed.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel

Hill.

In addition, Dr. Brooks was recently elected to a 3-year term of service on the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Council of the College Boards.

His appointment at Wake Forest will begin December 1.

Virginia H. Brooks, Assistant Professor of English, will also move to Winston-Salem. She plans to teach in that area.

Ms. Brooks, who has taught at Louisburg since 1981, is an alumna of the college (A.A.). She earned her A.B. and M.A.T. from UNC-CH.

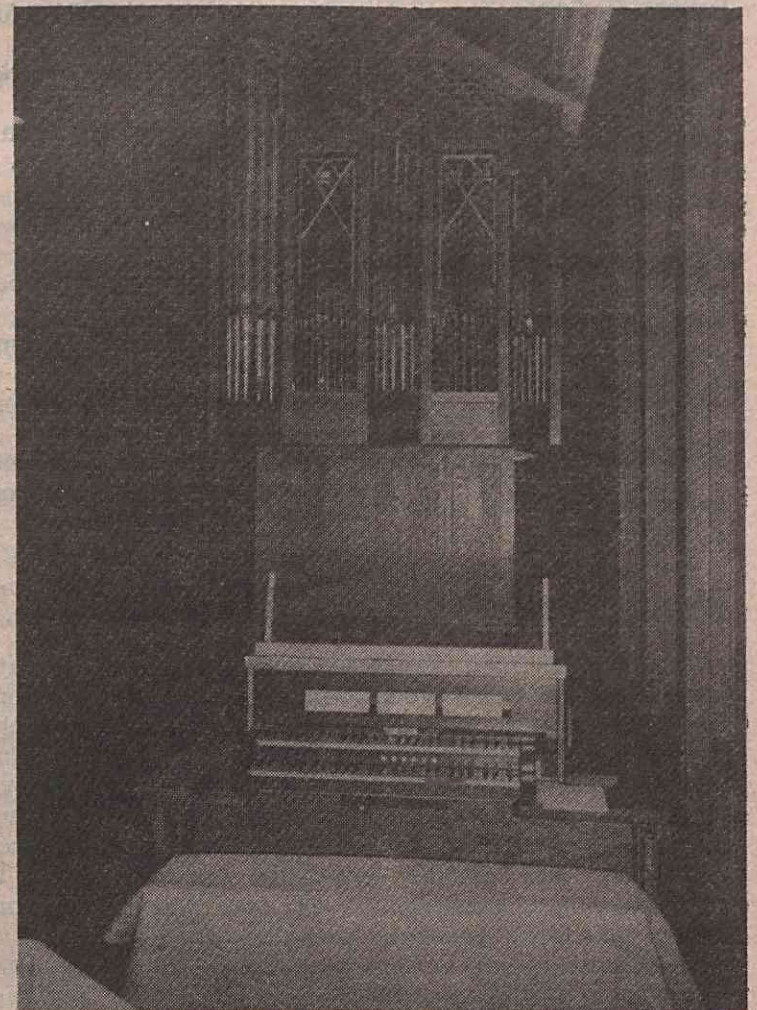


Organ Installed

by Craig Lloyd, Sports Editor

Louisburg College has been given a pipe organ by the alumni. The organ, located in Benson Chapel, will be dedicated to Sarah Foster, Professor Emeritus of Music, at a ceremony later in the year.

The organ was purchased from Randall Dyer and Associates of Jefferson City, Tennessee, and cost approximately \$60,000. I interviewed Bradley Jones and Jeff Weiler, both tonal directors for Randall Dyer, who have been putting the finishing touches on the organ. Jones and Weiler said that the organ is totally custom designed for the room it is placed in, from the wooden architecture to the size of the pipes.



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The College's new organ, recently installed in Benson Chapel.