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## Old Main's Major Past

by Amy Marie Hicks

The Main Building here at Louisburg College stands as a towering reminder of a long history. The school has had a very checkered past, filled with many discouragements and triumphs. Louisburg had a lot of problems even getting started. There were financial losses and during part of the mid-1800s the school was shut down because it was used as a hospital and a camp during the Civil War.

The majority of the information for this article was derived from a book called Louisburg College Echoes, by Dr. George-Anne Willard, a Louisburg history professor. In 1865, Louisburg's classes were suspended due to the 500 soldiers encamped in the school's surrounding yard.

Pauline Hill, a graduate from Louisburg College and a resident during this time, stated in her journal: "Our noble army under our gallant Lee has disbanded, and every day crowds of wary, hungry soldiers are thronging our streets, on foot and on horseback. Some are from as far off as Texas. They are so worn out they fall down on the sidewalks and sleep..."

Pauline Hill further described the scene as Sherman's

troops marched through the town: "They were all clothed and had plenty to eat, while our poor soldiers were nearly famished and lived for days on parched corn..."

One can only imagine the scene that haunted Louisburg College's own yard. The defeated Confederates seeking solace in the groves of Louisburg, and the triumphant Union soldiers marching through the town. Anne Fuller, another resident of Louisburg, described the scene of the encampment: "...encamped in our beautiful college groves, which have always been the pride of the Village and consecrated to learning, now polluted by the tread of our vindictive foe..."

Reverend J.R. Keyes, a former Union soldier, wrote with gratitude about Louisburg. Keyes had suffered an illness during the war and said, "I found a place of rest and retirement during part of a long and serious illness...I have never ceased to be thankful that such a place was open to men in a time of need..."

This is just a small snip of the pages and lifetimes that Louisburg College has and will effect. The student body should be proud and remember the struggle that Lou-U has been through.

## Talkin' Trash

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It's something that everyone is guilty of...gossip. At a small campus like Louisburg College, it is definitely not a rare occurrence. For example, a group of people are just chillin' in the caf and in walks Miss X, a person who is this evenings hot topic on the gossip lines. The whispering starts, because so-and-so said that little Miss X was sleeping with so-and-so's boyfriend. Everyone begins to share their own opinions on the entire subject. One person says, "Well, you know what I heard..." and then the next person says, "Yeah, that's what I heard, too, but I also heard that..." and the vicious cycle continues. Before you know it, everyone in the entire cafeteria has added to what the original statement was and half of the gossipers never even noticed Miss X before.

What is the point? There is no point in spreading vicious rumors about people you know nothing about. My advice, "KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT!" Steer clear of people

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