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MR. TAFF JOINS ARMED FORCES

Mr. L. R. Taff, head of the Department of English and dean of men at Louisburg College, left Louisburg Monday, January 26, to go to Fort Bragg, N. C., where he began service in the United States Army. He remained at Fort Bragg for about two weeks. From there he was transferred to Kessler Field, Mississippi.

Mr. Taff's plans became known to the college in general on January 19, which was registration day, although it was not until the following day, Tuesday, that he informed his classes of his intention to "visit Uncle Sam for a while."

On Thursday evening, January 22, the administration and faculty of the college gave a banquet in honor of Mr. Taff. The banquet was given in the home economics room, decorated according to a color scheme of red, white, and blue.

Dr. Walter Patten was toastmaster, and following the blessing the guests partook of a most enjoyable meal. Songs, "America," and "Yankee Doodle Dandy" followed; and toasts were spoken by Mr. Byerly, Miss Merritt, and Mrs. Kilby.

In the course of the program, numerous limericks were written by each guest, beginning with the line, "Here's to the man from Alabam," which referred, of course, to Mr. Taff. Many of the limericks were most amusing.

As a farewell token, the faculty presented Mr. Taff with a watch. The program ended with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the guests' bidding personal farewells to Mr. Taff.

Present at the banquet were the entire faculty of the college.

Mr. Taff left a few hours later for Alexandria, Virginia, to visit his sister there. Returning to Louisburg Sunday night, he set out for Fort Bragg after a breakfast given by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cameron on Monday morning to a group of intimate friends.

Mr. Taff leaves the college in his fourth year of highly successful teaching there, having been head of the Department of English for two years and dean of men during the current year.

Mr. Taff leaves Louisburg College campus with an indelible impress made in the minds and hearts of countless students. He has been known as a teacher of notably high standards and as a friend of sympathetic understand. In faculty circles he has been recognized as a person of unsparing devotion to his task and as a dominant influence in campus life.

AN ATHLETE SHOULD—

Keep his head and heart in the game.

Remember that Alma Mater may be judged by the way he plays the game.

Recognize that the opposing team may make good plays, too.

Remember that a lost temper never gains a worthy victory (if a victory at all).

Remember that a good loser is perhaps rarer than winner.

Remember that athletics is more worthy when it does not obscure other worthy phases of life.

Play clean, win clean, live clean.

Varsity Tops Student Interest at Louisburg



Photos by W. F. Shelton.

Basketball Features Winter Sports

The Varsity baseball and basketball teams are the main athletic attraction of the students at Louisburg. Of course, there are varied branches in the athletic program, such as in intramural football, tennis, softball for the boys, and archery, volleyball, basketball, horseshoes, and gymnastics for the girls.

Oh, yes, the girls must be especially mentioned, for they really take interest in their physical education. Miss Majorie Crisp, director of the girl's physical education, is responsible for this interest, since she consistently and patiently shows one how to hold a bow, another how to maneuver a basketball, another how to handle a racquet, always smiling and encouraging. One would have a hard task to figure out the most outstanding sport in the girls' program.

Now getting back to the varsities, we find Louisburg formerly furnished varsities in four fields of sports: football, basketball, baseball, and tennis. But football has lately been dropped.

Louisburg boasts one of its finest cage teams, although it has won but four out of ten at this writing; the games have been a sight closer than the scorebook might indicate. For instance, in the matches with Rocky Mount "Y" and E.C.T.C., the Trojans had almost won, 'till Lady Luck skipped in and did her stuff for the enemy.

This unbalanced margin of wins and losses doesn't daunt the courage and morale of the Cameronites, for they maintain that winning pace once they get it. A good example is the score they piled up against Pfeiffer during the first half of the home game—no doubt this upsurge won the game.

Some of the schools in the conference might outshine L. C. in many departments; but, when it comes to individual stars, the Trojans can trot out Tommy Wheeler, lanky forward from Bragtown. Tommy has been the leading offensive player this year and has played a bang up game defensively. His high score of 114 points brands him as the number one find and forward in this circuit in our estimation.

Tommy gets able support from other ball hawks and sharp-shooters, also; namely, "Bus" Williams, Rod Lancaster, and "Shorty" Averette, that "stringbean" who is the most improved player on the squad. Wooters, Hardwick, Robinson are also vital to the strength of the first five, along with reserves Bell, Perry, Brittain and others.

Typical of the keen competitive spirit featured by the Louisburg cagers is the four-way fight for one of the guard positions. At the beginning of the season four boys reported for that position, each equally determined to make the starting team. Joe Hicks received the starting nod at the beginning. Dayton Hardwick was his successor. A few games later Jimmy Wooters was on the floor as the starting gun sounded. As the season ends, the superior play of "Gus" Robinson has won for him the starting berth. This is the spirit of the Trojans.



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COACH CRISP

L-O-U-I-S-B-U-R-G
Fight! Fight! Fight!

CADETS SNATCH LAST-MINUTE VICTORY

The Louisburg Trojans and the Oak Ridge Cadets squared off Saturday evening, January 31, in one of the most thrilling battles that has ever taken place on the Trojans hardwood.

It was a nip and tuck affair throughout a brief and breathless first period. The Trojans harvested the first basket on the tip-off by Robinson's breaking through for a quick lay-up. From this initial basket Louisburg managed to ease just out of reach of the deadly grasp of this military detachment until the half when they led 20-19.

After the "pause" that refreshed them, both of the teams resumed play, running helter-skelter as if they had been so many animals in a given space; but, as the second period began to gray in minutes, the mighty Cadet machine began to show the power of a team that has height, and weight, and stamina. Yes, this powerful "give and take" attitude the Cadets displayed just managed to eke out the margin of victory over the tricky little Trojans, who, inferior in height and weight, yet won a kind of victory that is worthwhile—the victory of forging ahead against odds.

As that feared whistle gave its final eerie shriek, we were all mad, not mad at our worthy opponents, the Cadets, not mad at all with our beloved Trojans, but — but just simply mad at Fate, that cruel monster that does things to you when you know that she should not.

The whistle also marked the end of one of the best battles that has ever been waged on the Louisburg court, and it boosted heroes in Trojan "Shorty" Averette with 13 points and Cadet Pergerson with 15.

And what mattered then, and still matters, was the short end of the 39-42 score the Trojans drew.

Only 31 More
Cramming Days
Before
Mid-Semester
Examinations



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COACH CAMERON

FRATERNITIES ISSUE BIDS

The three fraternities of the college—Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Pi Epsilon, and Beta Phi Gamma—issued bids recently to students becoming eligible during the first semester of 1941-1942.

Phi Theta Kappa, honorary scholastic fraternity for Liberal Arts students, met Tuesday afternoon, January 27, to elect new members. Willis Gupton, president, presided; and members were chosen, according to the constitution of the fraternity, on a basis of scholarship, character, and congeniality. Miss Virginia Peyatt was elected an honorary member, and the following were issued bids: Martha Anne Strowd, Sue Margaret Harris, Ira Helms, McNeil Ipock, Sara Hux, Horton Corwin, Eleanor Phillips, Grace Whitehurst, Dan McFarland, Troy Barrett, Haywood Stroud, and Douglas Pace.

Alpha Pi Epsilon, honorary scholastic fraternity for students of the Commercial Department, met January 22, to elect new members. Bids were issued through the secretary, Beatrice Lewis, to the following: Juanita Cannon, Audrey Caudle, Sallie Frances Weaver, Inez Gaines, Janie Ray Manning, Kate Davis, Bettie Vandiford, Kathryn Jones, Esther Roberson, Reginald Styron, Christine Shearin, Lily Hancock, Ruby Grey Massenburg, Sarah Ingram, and Carl Tucker. The addition of new members brings the membership of Alpha Pi Epsilon to eighteen.

Roy Bailey, president of Beta Phi Gamma, sent invitations to a number of students eligible to become members of the journalistic fra-

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