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Halloween Festivity Affords Fun

A Halloween party was sponsored by the Phys. Ed. Club, October 21.

The Hall of Horrors led to Franklin basement. Rubber gloves filled with ice hung over the steps and represented dead hands. Spider webs, spring cushions, witches, skeletons, and ghosts were all around. Everybody met Creech, shook her hand and pulled back with white goo smeared. Next came the dead man, Charles Skinner. Girls' heads stuck through sheets with blood drooling. Now nervous wrecks. People were led out by Talmadge Lancaster.

Mrs. Stanton told girls about their boy friends, husbands, and length of life.

All had to see the "World's Greatest Show," the glamour girl, a line from home, glamour puss, and other sights.

Everybody guessed how many beans were in a jar filled with over 1,800. Jeane Fodrie won the prize.

A floor show was staged by two clowns, Mary Goodwin and Ruth Strickland; four tumblers—Dorothy Casey, Mary Lee Hodges, Ida Mae Lassiter, and Allison Modlin; and girls representing ghosts of famous people—Helen Thigpen, as Miss Stipe; Jacquelin Stallings as Dr. Amick; Edith Rose Kinlow as Minnie Pearl; Rose Graham, as Lincoln; and Marion Smith as Roosevelt.

"Butch" Goodwin, with about five pounds of padding, and Miss McCall, more miniature looking than usual (imagine!) jitterbugged. No need to say that show was a scream!

Couples went cake-walking. Jimmy Underdown and Allene Smith won the cake. Those who did not win the cake just the same had their walk.

Hot dogs, peanuts, lemonade, and coffee were served.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES PROVE FESTIVE

Students and faculty members having birthdays in September and October were delightfully entertained at Tuesday monthly birthday dinner, September 26 and October 17. Forty-seven were seated at the table of whom twenty-nine were birthday-guests. Four faculty members—Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Kilby, Mr. Moon, and Dr. Patten—had birthdays on the same day, September 13.

The table was exquisitely decorated with pink and white candles, napkins, nut cups, and flowers. A three-course dinner consisting of grapefruit juice, tomato salad, chicken, potatoes, lima beans, ice cream and cake was served. The two large birthday cakes served were baked by the Home Economics Department.

Thirty-one students and faculty members were seated at the October birthday with twenty-two having birthdays in October, Mrs. Carmichael being the only faculty birthday guest.

The dinner consisted of grapefruit juice, pineapple salad, ham, lima beans, sweet potatoes, rolls, ice cream and cake.

The table was charmingly arranged with lavender and yellow candles, and flowers with napkins Halloween design.

The student body was dismissed on both occasions after singing "Happy Birthday" to the honor guests.

ONCE YOURS

You stood here once. You helped to build a shrine where you could find ideals for life, learn there the story of men's dreams and deeds — those of Copernicus, Shakespeare, and Lincoln — a shrine that could inspire love for mankind, appreciation of their gifts.

"Alma Mater, sheltering college, Thou hast been our guiding friend."

Orientation Begins College Year



Standing: Vivian Creech, president, Glee Club; Langill Watson, president, I.R.C.; Dorothy Kennedy, editor, THE OAK; Talmadge Lancaster, president, Dramatic Club; Woodson Fearing, president, Y.M.C.A.; Elva Young, president, Alpha Pi Epsilon; Hobart Wilson, president, Boy's Monogram Club; Fred Davis, president, Men's Student Council; Allison Modlin, president, B.S.U. Sitting: Frances Merritt, president, Y.W.C.A.; Charlotte Usher, editor, COLUMNS; Dorothy Casey, president, Physical Education Club; Anne Whitehead, president, Women's Student Council; Barbara Thorson, president, Phi Theta Kappa; Mary Goodwin, president, Girls' Athletic Association; Mattie Sneed, president, Commercial Club.

The orientation program at Louisburg College extended from Sept. 19 to 21. Students arrived on the eighteenth and nineteenth and were directed to their rooms under the supervision of the student councils and the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. with assistants. Also Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. members met incoming buses. A general assembly was held in the auditorium, Tuesday evening, Sept. 19. Songs were sung by the group, and prayer was offered by Mr. Hedden. Dr. Patton welcomed the students. He then introduced the faculty. Two talks followed: "The Good of College Education," by Mr. Carmichael, new member of the Department of English, and "Opportunities for Development Offered a Student in College Life," by Anne Whitehead, president of the Woman's Student Government Association. A general get-together in the social hall was directed by the Social Committee.

A general assembly in the auditorium for all new students was called Wednesday morning. Mrs. Kilby explained the nature and purpose of the intelligence test, after which Miss Merritt made announcement concerning the English placement test for all first year students. The intelligence tests and the English placement test followed. During the course of the morning a meeting of second-year students was held in the auditorium to plan the giving of the "College Life" skit and group socials for the first-year students. Students planning to work off part of their tuition met in the auditorium at 11:00 a.m. A general assembly at 12:00 o'clock followed when Dr. Amick explained the nature and purpose of the Liberal Arts Course, and Mrs. Kilby, the Commercial Science Course.

At a general assembly in the auditorium at 2:00 p.m., a varied program was given. Dr. Patton talked on "Living as the Louisburg College Family."

The following phases of student life were presented by different students: Student Government, by Fred Davies; the Y's, by Frances Merritt; Dramatic Club, by Talmadge Lancaster; Choir, by Vivian Creech; Girls' Athletic Association, by Mary Goodwin, I.R.C., by Mary Lee Hodges; Phi Theta Kappa, by Barbara Thorson; Alpha Pi Epsilon, by Margaret Gooch; Beta Phi Gamma, by Mary Strowd Ward; COLUMNS and the Oak, by Mildred Parks; Cell Group and Central Religious Council, by Charlotte Usher.

Ten-minute talks in group meetings were then given by six members of the faculty; namely, "Your Religious Life in College," by Miss Merritt; "College Loyalty," by Miss Finister; "The Value of Time and the Necessity of a Schedule in College," by Mr. Kilby; "What a College Student Owes His Physical Body," by Miss Crisp; "Nicties in Living," by Mrs. Moon; "The Place of the Library in College and in Individual Life," by Mrs. Yarborough.

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NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO COLLEGE FACULTY

Mr. James Walter Carmichael comes to the department of English. He was born in Sydney, Nova Scotia. He did his undergraduate work at Bethel Bible Institute, Spencer, Massachusetts, and Hilldale College at the University of Michigan, where he received his A.B. and M.A. degrees, respectively. He spent one year of study in the University of New York. He has traveled in Europe, on the continent and in England. Also in the latter place he made an extensive study of Shakespeare at Stratford-on-Avon. He has worked in the Veteran's Bureau in Washington, D. C., and has since taught English and speech at Bowling Green, and the University of Ohio, and last year was teaching servicemen at Texas A. and M.

Mrs. Mae MacKinnon Carmichael is the college nurse and teacher of Nursing Arts. She also is a native of Sydney, Nova Scotia. She received her R.N. at St. Joseph Hospital in Sydney. For nine years she was superintendent of the staff at New Netherford in Nova Scotia. She has also done private nursing, to considerable extent in Chicago, Boston, and Sydney.

Miss Bessie Harding, of Washington, N. C., comes to the Commercial Science Department. She did her undergraduate work at the Woman's

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Y's Hold Campfire Service

The Y's held the annual Indian Campfire on the evening of October 19, Mr. Hedden playing the role of the big chief.

Students met on the front steps of Main and in single file to the west campus circling around a big pile of wood laid for the fire. Abner Askew, Bob Bikle, Jim Flythe, Stanley Lewis, four of the Indian braves, approached the fire-wood to preside over the lighting, which occurred magically, spontaneously. Y.W.C.A. officers, including Frances Merritt, Mary Lee Hodges, Carol Bessent, Barbara Howard, Pat Perry, and Charlotte Usher, gave the symbolism of the fire. Officers of the Y.M.C.A. Woodson Fearing, president; Langill Watson, vice president; Robert Mercer, secretary; also Fred Davis, member, gave the meaning of the winds. Some of the Indian maidens Lynn Ballentine, Kay Champion, Jacqueline Collie, Barbara Eatman, Helen Hasty, Cornell Honeycutt, Elsie Jenkins, and Taylor Stephenson, members of the Glee Club, were led by Squaw Stanton in a song about the fire. Mollie Fearing, in colorful Indian costume, told the story, "The Latch String." An In-

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MANY ALUMNI EXPECTED FOR HOMECOMING

The annual Homecoming of Louisburg College will be held October 28 and 29.

Invitations have been issued to former students by Miss Lula Mae Stipe, alumni secretary and dean of women. Miss Stipe has planned the following program for the returning alumni.

The opening event will be the banquet held in the dining hall at 6:30 p.m. Following this a dance will be held in the social hall at 9:00 p.m. to which alumni, students, and guests are invited.

Letters and other messages from alumni indicate that a representative number will be present for Homecoming week-end at Alma Mater.

To the college worship service at the Methodist Sunday school at the church at 9:45 p.m. alumni are invited. Mary Lee Hodges will lead, and Taylor Stephenson will sing. Mr. Kilby will teach the class.

Alumni are invited to the memorial service at the church at 1:00 a.m. for Seaman 1/c J. H. Joyner, who lost his life in the invasion in France. His brother A/c Douglas Joyner, of the Louisburg College class of 1942 and now in the Air Corps, will be present from Pensa-

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NO LETTER TODAY

"No letter today. I've waited so long."

You should go by the post office sometime at mail time and watch the long faces some of the students put on. You would think Hercules had taken them by the hair with one hand and the chin with the other and pulled with all his might. But, there are the lighter moments of life also.

One girl will give you her version of Saint Vitus's dance, and you know immediately that she has a letter from Ma, the first in two whole days.

If you watch the boy when he gets his letter from Mom, you'll see that at first he is grinning from ear

to ear. Mom has written she is sending him something to eat. Suddenly, the grin disappears. Mom has added that Dad is on the war-path because of that last twenty-dollar check.

The boys are not always in a hurry to get to their boxes. They take it for granted that they have two or three letters in blue stationery with a faint scent of perfume on them. Oh, how do they sigh when they begin these letters! When a boy starts reading in a hurry and does not take a good breath until he has finished, you know right away that she started off with "My Dearest Darling," and that the letter gets from better to still better. Now,

when a boy reads the salutation and a small frown appears on his face—well, she started off with simply, "Dear John," no *Darling's or Dearest's*. The boy who stops and takes a deep sigh with a far away look in his eyes—well, started off his letter with, "My One and Only."

Mail comes to Louisburg campus thirteen times a week, and you may get thirteen letters a week, but then you may not. In either case, do not let your face get too long if these letters do not come twice each week day and once on Sunday.

In conclusion, take this observation from a fellow student: we all get mail sometimes, but we cannot all get mail all the time.

NOW OURS

We stand here now. From that shrine you helped build we learn the things you learned; we dream the dreams you dreamed — and other dreams, because you once were here. We're grateful to you for the shrine you helped to build; so our hearts sing:
"Stand, Old College, Alma Mater; Through the changing years abide."