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## Relocation of College To Rocky Mt. Debated

by Daniel Toth

The problem facing Louisburg College concerning the possible relocation of our school reached a high water mark on April 12 when six of our students engaged in serious debate on this very controversial issue. The debate, resolved, that Louisburg College shall be expanded into a four-year co-educational institution and that this expanded institution shall be located in the city of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, received school wide recognition. Arguing for the affirmative were Paul Jones, Tom Wallace, and Dan Toth. This trio was opposed by Anne Clarke, Pat Garrell, and Clifton Hollowell.

Despite the emotion aroused in the process of debating, both sides developed many serious resolutions as a result of the facts they reported. The debate did reach such proportions that it was necessary to give an additional program that afternoon.

The negative side argued the fact that Louisburg College has been located in this community for 168 years of continual operation, with the exception of a short period during the Reconstruction Era following the Civil War. It was argued that the people of Louisburg and Franklin County had made great and generous contributions to the college down through the years and, supporting this, the negative side argued the fact that virtually every building on campus was built, in whole or in part, from funds given by citizens of Franklin County. Tradition was a key factor that the negative team chose to emphasize. They re-

quested that before any direct statement or decision be made, careful consideration and deliberation be given to the College's age, as well as the sincere love the college has given the community. They also cited the fact that Louisburg College was donated to the Methodist Conference in 1907 by Washington Duke and that, though the school is controlled by the conference, the Franklin County citizens raised funds during the depression years to pay the salaries of faculty members. Further contentions were that it would be less expensive to the conference were the school retained in Louisburg, and it would therefore be cheaper if the college were left to remain and expand in this community. One member of the negative team brought out the true importance of keeping a school in a small town such as Louisburg, and that this great character-building factor would be lost were the school moved to Rocky Mount. As one of its final notes, the negative asked why Rocky Mount couldn't build one of its own schools, rather than rob Louisburg of a treasure it has cherished for the past 168 years.

The affirmative used, among other things, a public opinion poll that two of its members had taken in the city of Louisburg the previous day. The poll revealed that, although the citizens of this community are quite seriously interested in retaining the college in this community, this interest has only come into being since this personal state of emergency has arisen. The primary purpose in conducting this poll was to point out that the alleged love felt by the community for the college has been stronger in words than it has been in action.

The affirmative argued that Rocky Mount is more ideally and

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## Commencement Plans

Commencement speakers for the session ending May 28, 1956 will be Dr. Herbert J. Herring of Duke University, Dr. D. P. Holt, of Greensboro, and Dr. B. G. Childs, of Duke.

Dr. Herring, who will give the commencement address on Monday, May 28, at 10:45 a.m., is Dean of Trinity College and vice-president of Duke University. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Louisburg College.

Dr. Holt, Executive Director of the Methodist College Foundation of North Carolina, Inc. and a member of the North Carolina Conference, will preach the commencement sermon on Sunday, May 27, at 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Childs, well-known speaker and Professor of Education at Duke University, will speak at the Alumni Banquet on Saturday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m.

Other plans for the Commencement weekend include the annual Recital of the Department of Music, directed by Miss Sarah Foster.

President and Mrs. Cecil Robbins will entertain at a reception honoring the graduates and their parents on Sunday afternoon at 4:00.

## National Congress Of Sigma Pi Alpha

The National Congress of Sigma Pi Alpha, foreign-language honor fraternity, was held at Catawba College Saturday, April 14. The following Louisburg College students were initiated at this meeting: Kathryn Alphin of Mount Olive; Gerald Bunch of Poplar Branch; James Henry Coile of La Grange; Jean Jackson of Poplar Branch; James Turner of Roanoke Rapids. Other Louisburg College fraternity members attending the congress were Earl Merritt of Franklinton, president of the Louisburg College chapter; William S. Pope, Jr. of Little Rock, South Carolina; and Katherine Rose of Rocky Mount. Dr. Ann Blumfeld, faculty advisor of the Louisburg College chapter, was elected Grand President; and Katherine Rose, Louisburg College student, was elected Grand Scribe.

The 1957 National Congress is to be held at Louisburg College.

## MAY DAY PROGRAM IS BIG SUCCESS; ANNUAL DANCE ENDS BIG WEEKEND

### FBLA Holds Convention In Winston-Salem Louisburg Enters Prize-Winning Scrapbook

by Don Toth

May Day, 1956, served notice this year to all those planning future weekends that they would be hard-pressed if they hoped to match this year's edition for beauty, splendor, enjoyment, and overall perfection. This year's program must definitely go on record as being one of Louisburg College's most outstanding festivals. Though the dance was supposed to mark



Louisburg College blest by Nature's springtime beauty! In the foreground, flanked by dogwood trees, can be seen the newly-added birdbath. Photo by Swayn Hamlet

the official opening of festivities, gay spirits prevailed throughout the campus as soon as the final class bell was sounded. Countless guests and alumni converged on the campus just in time to enjoy the boisterous antics of many of the students.

Those persons who chose to lounge the afternoon away on the front steps of Main Building were offered some rather rare treats. Musical strains pervaded the atmosphere throughout the afternoon, thanks to Ed Woodhouse, from whose room came many a romantic melody. Those who chose to watch rhythm fixed their eyes on the equestrian showmanship of pert Myrt Pearce and dapper Bobby Deaver. Rumor has it that Bobby rode his car back to UNC Sunday standing up. Tom Wallace, who always has a novel suggestion up his sleeve, really outdid himself Saturday when he led a group of fellow nereidians over to Jackson's Pond to cavort in gay abandon in the refreshing H2O.

As the hands of the clock reach 2:00 p.m., the Louisburg baseball team went into action against the Norlina Semi-Pro team. Amid the cheers of scores or wildly rooting enthusiasts, the Hurricanes provided a rare treat indeed as they came up with a thumping victory. Behind the steady and somewhat comical pitching of George James, and powered by the potent bat of Paul Jones, Louisburg romped home to easy victory, 13 to 5.

Just as the ball game reached its final ending note, a sumptuous picnic-like meal was offered to one and all by Mrs. Joe Pierce and her competent crew of assistants on the gymnasium steps. The supper ended just in time for everyone to doff their casual attire and don the prettier evening clothes for the choral concert rendered

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## An Invitation to Alpha Beta Gamma

"Do you have faith in Alpha Beta Gamma?"

"Of course."

"Then you must prove it by walking through this broken glass. If you believe in this fraternity, you will not be cut!"

Following a short silence after this rash statement was made, the wary pledges who were still waiting heard a peculiar mixture of sounds; a sharp crackling, a quick intake of breath, a slight squeal, a sigh or grunt, then a delightful yell as the pledge found that his faith upheld him.

Charlotte Noell, Shirley Bunn, Bob Andrews, Allen Aldridge, and Bruce Honeycutt received the full force of the initiation "blows" on the night of April 14th. as they were officially proclaimed members of the chemistry fraternity, Alpha Beta Gamma.

Johnny Lewis and Floyd Ammons will soon join the ranks.

The members, Avery Dennis, Margaret Swinson, Juliana Evans with advisor Mr. C. Ray Pruette have made plans to attend the national convention with some of the new members in May.

The convention is to be held in Asheville, and it promises to be a gala affair.

U. S. wool production in 1956 is not likely to be greatly different from last year.

## MARSHALLS FOR 1956 CLASS

The Marshalls for the 1956 graduating class are Betty Haithcock, Chief; Robert Andrews; Ted Garrett; Nancy Jo Finch; and James Turner. These are selected from the junior class on the basis of the highest scholastic average.

## F. B. L. A. Convention

Miss Adelaide Johnson and Miss Ann Smith would highly recommend an F.B.L.A. convention to anyone who craves excitement, information on the latest methods of better business procedures, delicious food, and superb entertainment!

On April 6-7, the North Carolina Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America held its second annual convention at the Hotel Robert E. Lee in Winston-Salem. Louisburg College's representative, Ann Smith, was accompanied to the convention by Miss Adelaide Johnson, sponsor. Ann actively participated in the meeting; she presided over the F. B. L. A. Promotion Group, made a report before the third session, and took part in a parliamentary procedure contest.

The delegates were fed like kings at breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Intermittently, they were entertained by such people as Miss Vivian Morrison from Flora MacDonald College, who has performed a Scottish dance and played the bagpipes for a former U. S. president, Queen Elizabeth, and various prime ministers.

In addition to the knowledge and good will that Miss Johnson and Ann brought home to Louisburg College, they proudly brought back our F. B. L. A. scrapbook, which had been awarded first place honor in the scrapbook contest. Congratulations to our Chapter and to Liz Swindell, whose originality and artistic ability helped make possible our triumph.