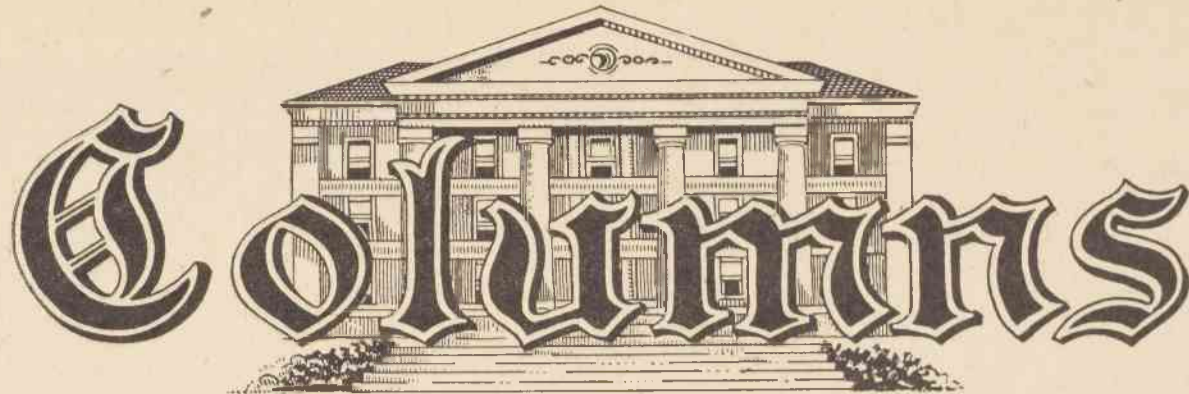


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Fire Dangers Seen Evident Tightening Up Program Now Under Way

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Mr. W. R. Sinclair, Fire Prevention Engineer for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Louisburg College's insurers, arrived on campus February 24, and focussed his attention and the attention of college officials on fire hazards and fire prevention techniques here. His visit was a part of the general "tightening up" of compliance with fire regulations conducted by almost all insurance companies as a result of the numerous institutional fires that have claimed many lives in recent months.

As a direct result of Mr. Sinclair's visit the college is now undertaking a fire prevention program aimed at lessening the fire hazards and providing for a workable evacuation procedure in case of a fire. A Fire Prevention Committee has been formed, and is being backed by the men's student government and the administration.

One of the most serious hazards that Mr. Sinclair discovered here is the practice of some students of throwing lighted cigarette stubs on the floors in the halls and rooms, and leaving them to go out by themselves. According to Walter McDonald, Dean of Men, the floors in all the older buildings have, over the years, been deeply impregnated with wax from countless floor waxings, and then covered with an inflammable floor sealer varnish, leaving them highly combustible. To help remedy the danger that exists from smoking, Mr. Sinclair recommended that more cigarette disposals be distributed over the campus buildings, and that they be fitted with small-mesh wire, just big enough for cigarettes, not paper or other trash.

Another serious hazard he found is the overloading of electrical circuits. In many rooms there are unauthorized hotplates and coffee pots that could possibly raise the wattage of a circuit past the safe limit. In practically every room in the men's dormitories, there are long, potentially dangerous extension cords, worn or possibly touching some metal object.

As to the buildings themselves, Mr. Sinclair found several serious situations and deficiencies which had not been brought to the attention of the school by the State Fire Marshal. According to a fire prevention checklist received from Mr. Sinclair, a serious building hazard is the fact that in Main and Franklin buildings, the stairs leading to each floor are not separated by fireproof metal doors or partitions and the doors that separate the dormitories proper from the stairways are not self-closing. He said also that the stairs should be kept well-lighted and free from obstructions, and that there

should be "EXIT" signs at each stairway that leads outside or leads to a way outside.

Another very serious deficiency that he called to the attention of the college is the lack of any fire alarm system here at the school, or in the town of Louisburg.

Until now, the school had taken the word of the State Fire Marshal that the buildings of the school were adhering to modern fire laws. It was only recently that college officials discovered that the "O.K." given the school by the Fire Marshal was based on a law that maintains that the safety of a building from fire and its confirmation to the fire safety laws is determined, for him, by the statutes that were in effect when the building was constructed. In other words, he was merely saying that we conformed to the fire laws of 1929—the date of the last complete renovation of Main and Franklin buildings. That there is a tremendous difference between the laws then and now is evidenced by the construction employed in the completely renovated Davis Building, the new Benjamin N. Duke Student Union Building, and Holton Gymnasium, which conform to the fire laws of the 1950's. Both Main and Franklin buildings are constructed of wood lathe and plaster walls, with wooden floors, beams, and wall supports.

Since Mr. Sinclair's visit, the fire prevention program has been undertaken with vigor, and is being supported by the Student Council. On March 2, in a faculty meeting, Grady Snyder was appointed Fire Warden for Louisburg College. Under Mr. Snyder will be two assistant fire wardens who will be members of the respective student government organizations, a staff monitor, and two faculty monitors.

Under the assistant fire wardens will be two monitors from each dormitory, who will be appointed soon from the student body. The duties of the Fire Warden will be to have complete control and supervision of all fire prevention measures, including evacuation procedures. The duties of the Assistant Fire Wardens will be to assist the Fire Warden in every possible way and to see that the monitors under them know their duties and know how to perform them.

The duties of the Monitors, especially the dormitory Monitors, will be to assist as needed in any and all emergency evacuation procedures, and, in case of fire, to cut off electricity if it is an electrical fire, to hold open exit doors, to facilitate egress, to close the doors when necessary to prevent smoke spread and to make sure that everyone is out of the dormitories.

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Valjean Fox

Valjean Fox Chosen 1959 May Queen

Out of 30 contestants senior Valjean Fox was chosen 1959 May Queen in an election that took place in the B. M. Duke cafeteria on February 28.

A court of twelve was chosen with Barbara Jean Leonard, of Louisburg, as Maid of Honor.

The May Court will be presented May 2 in the gymnasium.

Attendants to the court are Miss Rebecca Garner, Burlington; Miss Rebecca Houser, Goldsboro; Miss Betty Woodhouse, Harlinger; Miss Carol Spence, Kinston; Miss Carolyn Smith, Rocky Mount; Miss Barbara Reynolds, Troy; Miss Barbara Page, Burlington; Miss Mary Jones, Lumber Bridge; Miss Phyllis Lee, Smithfield; and Miss Rachel Breedlove, Henderson.

The active Miss Fox hails from Cary and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Fox. She is editor of *The Oak* and a member of Beta Phi Gamma, honorary journalistic fraternity. Miss Fox, a member of the 1958 May Court and a candidate for homecoming queen last semester, plans to study art after graduation from Louisburg.

The attendants will be dressed alike in pastels while the queen will be dressed in white.

1959 Baseball Schedule

The 1959 baseball schedule is as follows:

March 7	P.J.C.
17	E.M.I.*
24	Chowan
April 8	Wilmington*
10	Campbell*
13	E.M.I.
18	P.J.C.*
21	Chowan*
24	Frederick
May 7	Campbell
8	Wilmington

* denotes home games

PASSED ON SECOND VOTE; TO BE OPERATIONAL SHORTLY

On Tuesday night, March 31, after 20 minutes of last-minute debate, the men's SGA cast a majority of votes in favor of the proposal for the establishment of a new ten-member judiciary board. This was the second time the proposal had been brought up after being first rejected.

The plan was rejected at the first voting because some members felt that there was an overbalance of faculty authority. But after further discussions and consideration, most objections disappeared.

College Society Initiates Ten Into Honor Group

Ten pledges were initiated into Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Tuesday evening in the Faculty Parlor at Louisburg College.

A very impressive candlelight ceremony was conducted by Barbara Hickman of Troy, president of the chapter, assisted by Rebecca Garner of Burlington, Betty Jean Edwards of Franklinton, and Annette White of Dover.

The initiates were Douglas Williams and Tom Cooke of Louisburg, Elizabeth White of Dover, Bill Tunstall of Elizabeth City, Almata Brown of Middlesex, Peggy Riddick of Ahoskie, Linda Lea of Durham, Dwight Camper of Forest, Virginia, Elsie Hill of West End, and Denny Lawrence of Morehead City. These students had fulfilled the requirements of at least a 2.0 accumulative average on an average of 15 semester hours of college work, of leadership ability and of character. Phi Theta Kappa Society in the junior college is the equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa in the senior colleges.

Immediately following the initiation, Barbara Hickman presented in behalf of Gamma Upsilon Chapter and alumni members a Phi Theta key and honorary membership certificate to Miss Elizabeth Johnson who has sponsored this chapter for eleven years.

Refreshments were served from a lace covered table laden with a crystal punch bowl and plates of cupcakes on one end and an arrangement of red roses on the other. The president presided at the punch bowl from which a fruit punch was served.

Miss Rachel Modlin and Miss Zeldia Coor, alumni, and Miss Ruth Merritt, honorary member, were present.

The judiciary board, as now planned, will be given authority over more serious offenses. Its powers will be such as to make its decisions and recommendations final, while still subject to appeal to the president of the college.

In passing the proposal, the SGA felt that the need existed for a branch of government that would deal specifically and singularly with only the more serious disciplinary cases. This would free one branch of student government from an excess load of work and the risk of prolonged involvements with so many and diverse affairs.

Plans Going Ahead

At present plans are going ahead for an election of three students and three faculty members to the judiciary board. Automatic membership goes to the president of the SGA, to the president or a male member of the honor fraternity, and to two faculty members selected by the president of the college. An SGA member may serve on this board.

In voting, one faculty member will act as chairman and will be allowed no vote. Of the remaining nine votes a three-quarter majority, or at least 6, will be required in any decision.

The members will be elected within the next month and the new double branch system will go into effect well before the Spring semester closes.

The plan was accepted practically without changes. Only until the judiciary board has been organized and watched in action can changes be suggested.

At a later meeting the drafting of a new section for the present constitution will be on the agenda. The regulations governing the board will become Article III of the existing constitution.

Already the plan has received the approval of the president of the college, and there remains only the working out of details of organization before the Board can begin operation.

Student Pulls Victim From Wreck

Kearney Pace, young Franklinton Route 2, man, escaped possible death or serious injury Monday night, because Bill Carden, Louisburg College student, picked that time to be on his way home to Durham.

Pace and James Wood, another Franklinton man, were proceeding down the crooked Franklinton-Creedmoor road, when a short circuit caused their car lights to go out. Wood jumped from the vehicle just as it went over a twenty foot em-

bankment, some three miles west of Franklinton.

The car crashed to a halt, upside down; Pace lay beside it in a semi-conscious condition. The wrecked vehicle burst into flames, but the injured man was too stunned to move.

Carden came down the road, saw the unconscious Wood lying on the shoulder of the highway, brought his car to a halt, and rushed to the aid of the injured man.

As he approached Wood, he

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