

Free Us

There seems to be general agreement among the faculty and administration that the present student body needs to be coddled! No more are decisions basic to free thought left to the student's discretion. No longer can the student decide upon attending or not attending classes; upon the type of dress he will wear to concerts; upon whether or not he will attend a concert! There is, we believe, too much faculty supervision of student life altogether!

There are many factors which may have prompted this strict control by the administration. Perhaps it is because there is a lack of honor in the characters of many of the students? Or, perhaps there is a lack of maturity in the attitudes of many? Possibly it is because there is a tendency for the student body to behave in a juvenile manner? In short, perhaps there is no freedom of decision because the student body has not earned it!

There is, however, a need—and a very great need—for presenting the student with an opportunity to think for himself. How else will he grow into a responsible citizen? Give the student the freedom to make the decisions governing his life at L.C. and we believe that the student will respond through a more responsible, more productive, and more disciplined life!

M.A.R.

Are You Doing Your Part?

There is an element in the present student body which causes concern to many. This is the attitude often noticed when there is a call for volunteers. Once the call sounds, there is an awkward and revealing silence—until one of the same few who always shoulder the burden of civic duty step to the fore with a loud, clear "Geronimo"! The shame of it all is that there is a very small minority shouldering the burden of responsibility which rightfully belongs to the college as a whole.

We sincerely question the right of the majority who sit idly by to mock the efforts and the results of the efforts made by the few who are willing to knock themselves out to improve the atmosphere of the college community.

We especially condone the efforts and achievements made thus far by the Men's Student Government! But, the question arises: does the student appreciate the remarkably improved atmosphere wrought by this new administration? There has been a great deal said about the lack of recreation and amusement on the L.C. Campus on week ends. We feel that the Men's Student Government has taken a giant step in the direction of remedying this situation with the planned program of out-of-town trips for L.C.'s basketball games.

There is much that can be done by organized action. Witness the achievements of our Men's Student Government. Support them by showing your appreciation for their efforts!

M.A.R.

The Desire To Belong

So often the statement is heard—"Louisburg College has nothing to offer in the form of extra-class activities." This is echoed by many students and paraphrased with "I don't have anything to do during my free time." What is the answer to this situation? First of all, Louisburg College offers interesting, educational, cultural, and entertaining extra-class activities to those who have the desire to belong.

For those who attended "The Night of January 16th," a drama given by the Dramatics Department, it is self-evident as to whether or not the students who contributed to this production had anything to do during their free time.

The YM-YWCA has expanded its program this year in order to offer the student body additional time for deviation from the norm.

For the students who prefer to express themselves in writing and design there are two outlets: The *Oak* and *COLUMNS* staffs. Neither of these would be or could be published without the contribution, assistance, and support of the students.

The Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Presbyterian, and Episcopal Churches have their individual clubs for the students who desire the fellowship and atmosphere they offer.

There are additional clubs and organizations on campus to which the students may belong in order to fulfill their need to express themselves, or their need to belong. For example, FBLA, WSLC, YDC, and numerous fraternities.

However, it should not be forgotten that in order to maintain extra-class activities the individual must take an active interest in his choice of activity. Otherwise, the student will become inhibited and feel justified in making the statement "Louisburg College has nothing to offer in the form of extra-class activities."

L.F.



Mike Warren and Larry Barefoot

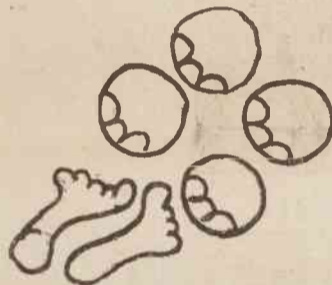
The Young Democrats Club of Louisburg College with Mr. D. F. Nixon, advisor, held its organizational meeting for the 1963-64 college year in September.

Officers for this year were elected at this meeting. They are as follows: President, Daniel Sullivan; Vice-President, Ralph Hicks; Secretary-Treasurer, Marjorie Jones; and Co-Public Relations men, Mike Warren and Larry Barefoot.

Mr. Dave Reid, President of the YDC in North Carolina, spoke in A-C Auditorium on the evening of October 24. Mr. Reid chose for his topic the progress of the Democratic Party.

Mr. Reid also spoke on the Democratic Party in North Carolina, commenting that he hoped Charles Jonas would be a gubernatorial candidate in the 1964 elections; therefore, the Democrats could beat the best the Republicans have to offer.

The club hopes to have more speakers in the future. Anyone interested may attend the meetings and programs of the YDC.



ELEPHANT TRACKS

By Linus

We, the people of the United States, boast about having a two-party system. However, here at Louisburg College it is apparent that there is only one. That is, the Young Democrats Club is the only political club to be organized at the present time.

Are there no Republican-minded students on campus? Or, are they timid, afraid to oppose the majority (the Democrats)? Or, are they just indifferent to the Republican cause?

The Democrats would like nothing better than to see the Young Republicans Club disintegrate. With 1964 being an election year, all lack of interest by the Republicans is a definite advantage to the Democrats. Awake Republicans or forever hold your peace!

It is sincerely hoped that all those who have a genuine interest in seeing the organization of the Young Republican Club will come forth with "vigah."

OPEN FORUM

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Monday, October 28, was a sad day on the campus of Louisburg College. Students were groaning because they had to attend the concert to be presented by the Svetlova Dance Ensemble that evening. No one would punch their cards or attend for them.

Many of the students had good reasons to be unhappy, for several teachers had assigned mountains of homework for the next day, and the concert would rob them of at least two hours of study time.

I believe the students did, as a whole, enjoy the concert, in spite of their inconveniences. I certainly did. The dancers, especially José Bertera, made quite an impression on the audience.

The members of the troupe were true artists because they captured the attention of a hostile audience. We are indeed fortunate to have been able to attend.

The excellent concert did not eliminate piles of homework and hours of concentration, however. Because the concerts do last for at least two hours, I would like to ask on behalf of all students that faculty members try to schedule tests and assign homework so that the students have a fairly free night on concert evenings. Name withheld by request

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The concert series began with a soft ballet last Monday night. Did the writer say soft? José was doing anything but being quiet with his stomping feet; at least that is what one thought he was doing. Of course, Marina and her partner were a little absurd, too, especially their facial expressions. And those costumes! Men look absurd in those tights and the not-long-enough shirt. These seem to be the opinions of many of the students who attended.

The writer has talked to quite a few of her friends, and their views were mixed. Some liked the concert, but could not give reasons other than "it was pretty." Others did not like the ballet because they did not understand exactly how to interpret the dances. The audience cannot be blamed entirely for its inattentiveness. After all, it is forced to attend the program. The very word "required" makes the student shudder and want to rebel, even if the performance promises to be a good one.

The average college freshman and sophomore have not been exposed to ballet and Spanish dancing. No wonder they do not appreciate two people twirling around on their toes. However, they can be adult enough to be attentive or at least be quiet so that others can enjoy the program. Culture of this nature comes slowly to many students in college. Some of these students need more time to mature in the field of ballet. Extreme admirers of ballet must be patient. Concerts, ballets, and the like are like eating pizza—the more one has it, the more one likes it.

Sandra Hardison

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Two or Twenty?

There seems to be some controversy as to whether Louisburg College students are two or twenty when it comes to the Cultural activities at our school. Students do not have to like every concert which is presented, but common courtesy and appreciation for artistic effort does come into the picture. There is no excuse for derogatory remarks made at performances. It seems that the audience reacts well to those performances that they like, but just as much time and effort goes into the other concerts that are presented. I hope that in the future the students of Louisburg College will prove that they are twenty rather than two.

Carolyn Burns

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In behalf of many of the students in the new girls dorm, I would like to say thank you Louisburg College for such a modern "motel" in which 104 of our girls are living this semester. Not only is it neat and clean, but also very spacious which is a characteristic most colleges in the Southeastern United States can not offer. Although the rooms which are not in use by visitors, are put to such tests as tennis courts, swimming pools, track fields, and pet shops, the new dorm is holding up well for such childish activities, but what about ten years from now? What will it be like if 104 *Girls* treat it the same way for the next ten years? I am afraid it will be well under the standards of the modern college which we are representing. I feel this is "food for thought" for all those girls who abuse this lovely 370,000 dollar building. Remember, you're living in it. "Help keep the New Dorm Beautiful."

Becky Simpson

Where Are They Now?

By Margreth

Three members of Louisburg College's faculty failed to return this year. Dr. Sarah Davis, Mr. W. Carrington Gretter, and Mr. Umphrey Lee—these three have left behind many grateful students who feel richer for having studied under their guidance.

Where are they now? Mr. Lee is at Columbia University working on his Ph.D. He is attending one seminar and is enjoying his work to the fullest. He plans to complete his dissertation this year, but there is some doubt as to when the degree will be conferred because one of his

professors is abroad. Mr. Lee is chairman of the English Department at Louisburg College and plans to return next year.

Dr. Davis is teaching at Randolph-Macon College for Women in Lynchburg, Virginia. She is enjoying her work and finds it very rewarding. She is teaching all English courses, including American Literature.

Mr. Gretter is teaching in a high school in Millville, New Jersey. His wife is also teaching and they have purchased a home there.

Where are they now? They're with you and me, and with all those fortunate enough to have studied under them.

It's Your Money

In order to keep the students informed, *COLUMNS* staff publishes the following information as a public service for the student body:

Upon registration, each student pays \$3.00 in his tuition for the purchase of the Louisburg College newspaper, *COLUMNS*. This monetary fee amounts to approximately \$1,890.00. Approximately \$940.00 is budgeted per semester for the pub-

lication of *COLUMNS*. The cost of publication per issue amounts to approximately \$200.00-\$300.00. It is the desire of the present staff to publish *COLUMNS* on the 15th of each month beginning with the present issue.

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