

Editorial Opinion

A "Suitcase College"?

The Louisburg College catalog clearly states that "frequent weekend trips are discouraged." Yet a look at the situation on campus on weekends would lead the observer to believe that the administration wants a "suitcase college."

On-campus recreation is practically nonexistent on weekends, except for an extremely rare ICC-sponsored movie, or dance (Friday or Saturday night dances are held once or twice yearly). Few basketball games are played on Friday or Saturday nights, and intra-mural games are impossible on Saturday since the gym is locked on weekends. Many students would like to practice basketball or play pool or ping-pong in the gym, but this, too, is impossible because the gym is closed.

The dope shop is closed on Saturday, and frequently the Student Center is closed (though we must add that the Center is closed only when abused by students on the previous day). Meals are frequently at their worst on Saturdays (Can they get much worse?) and though Sunday luncheon is sometimes the best meal of the week, cafeteria food Sunday nights is hardly the most appetizing in the world.

This is the situation on campus. If the student is a boy, he can go down town to Chick's, the movie, or a drug store. If a girl, Chick's is out, and one goes to the movie if one hasn't seen it before. There is no club or entertainment in Louisburg where boys and girls may go together except the afore-mentioned movie, though rumor has it that Chick plans to open such a place.

Because of the situation here, many students go home on weekends for their social life. Of course, the catalog adds that "It is suggested that weekends provide opportunity to study on the campus." However, students doing term papers find they are out of luck if they stay here. The library is open from 9:00 to 12:00 a.m. on Saturday and from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Weekends are the time when students have more time to use the library facilities, but the library is open less on weekends than at any other time. Obviously, the writers of the catalog do not intend for the students to study in the library. So we stay in the dorms.

There are no quiet hours on Saturday in the dorms. So the general rules of being quiet, having no more than four in a room, etc. are not enforced. Studying in the dorm on Saturday is almost impossible. We can't blame students who live under rigid rules all week for relaxing on Saturday and Sunday, but we suggest that the library be open for those students who do want to study.

If we continue with our present lack of weekend activities and study facilities, we can be rightfully called a "suitcase college."

Did You Know . . . ?

. . . that the two washing machines at Wright Dorm, both of which are faulty, get clothes dirtier instead of cleaner?

. . . that one may have a difficult time "feeling" his way back to the dorm from the library because the moon is not *always* full and, consequently, neither are the street lights?

. . . that the heating system in Davis is in such good condition that when the boys have water fights, the water forms icicles when it hits the radiators?

. . . that on Parents' Day and Homecoming, visitors parked in front of Main experienced quite a traffic jam because of no CIRCULAR DRIVE?

. . . that students who suffer from lack of sleep each night during the week have to drag themselves out of bed early on Saturday mornings to be sure they can make it to the library before it shuts its doors at twelve o'clock?

We Heard Miss Merritt Say . . .

"I would like to thank the students for their co-operation in keeping the post office free of litter."

. . . "You will be shocked to learn where I got this article . . . *PLAY-BOY*!!!"

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

A relic of Louisburg College appears to have been cruelly treated. With the excitement of the new dorm being built, the old well, that was located beside Wright Dorm, has been discarded to the back of the lawn. It is true that the well was in poor condition, but for sentimental value and, possibly, historic interest, something should be done to preserve the well. The well was never thoroughly appreciated by the students because it was off limits. Why not take the remains of the well and put them to good use?

As a student of Louisburg College, I feel that the well should be rebuilt at a part of the campus where both boys and girls can go to sit; a place, with a comfortable atmosphere, where people can gather and talk with one another. The well can serve this purpose by having its remains rebuilt in a more convenient place. For sentimental value and an outdoor area for both boys and girls; students, lets do our best to preserve the old well!

Diane Benton

Were Freshman Elections Fair?

By DAVID ROBERTSON

Was the procedure used in the freshman class election fair to the voters and the candidates? Many of the freshmen including some of the candidates seem to think the majority was not represented in this election. For an opinion on this issue, I interviewed Harry Joseph Bryan who is president of the Louisburg College Student Association.

Bryan stated that the elections could have been conducted more efficiently, but he felt the voters were as responsible for the inefficiency as anyone concerned. Many students claimed that they had not been told the time and place of balloting and had no chance to hear the platforms of the candidates. Bryan countered these claims by informing me that there had been an extension of the first chapel service especially for the purpose of discussing election procedure. According to the attendance reports, very few students attended this meeting. As for the candidates, Bryan continued, it was their own responsibility to make contact with the students, although the college might have provided time for a question - and - answer period. The elections committee should have provided poll-watchers and a list of the freshman students to insure that no one voted twice and that only freshmen voted.

In concluding Bryan said, though there is a lot of work required of the freshman officers in preparing for the Spring Dance, this is the only required function of their office.

ED. NOTE: It seems that there is a lot of fanfare concerning the election of freshman officers when they serve for only four months, and perform the one task of supervising the Spring Dance. Perhaps if the officers could be selected at the end of the first quarter, when the freshmen should know one another well enough to select officers, and if they had more voice in the student government, the freshman class would be better represented in this college.

The town youths who were charged with attacking several College boys last semester have—all but one—been convicted and sentenced to jail terms.

The View From Here

Here as I sit in my lofty tree, I like to read to amuse myself. However, I am unable to get the books that I want to read because our *efficient* library is not open — at least, not on the weekends, except from a mere 9:00 to 12:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, and a meager 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

For my friends that commute, the library is the biggest farce, for they cannot use it when it is needed — especially on the weekend. The library, on the weekend, is the greatest asset to the student who is working on his term paper — if he wants to get up in the wee hours of the morning. He can not use the library at all in the afternoon, nor can he use it that night, nor on

Sunday night. For those who go home on the weekend, these library hours are just perfect! The library was made with the students in mind and that is why the hours are fixed as they are.

The workers who work in the library want to work the full time BUT the times are so inconvenient for the student who uses the library that they don't open the library at the times when it is inconvenient (Saturday afternoon, Saturday night, and Sunday night).

Students, since you can not use the library in the Saturday afternoon, don't sleep late; get up early and sleep in the afternoon!!

The Squirrel

Return of Dr. Y

By JIM HOWARD

Recently one of our most prominent animal characters on campus revealed to a few of his intimate friends that he is in reality Dr. Y reincarnated. Today he is known by most as Ugly Brown Dog. Ugs (as he insisted that we call him), related his first life on earth to us and explained why he is here today. It seems that Dr. Y was a distinguished leader in his community and prominent in the Methodist Church. A few months before he passed away he was appointed as a trustee of Louisburg College. After his death he went (without passing Go) directly to heaven. While he was being processed at the Pearly Gates, the fact that he was a trustee was brought to the attention of his judges. These judges, knowing of the rules and conditions at L. C., immediately disqualified Dr. Y from returning to earth as a sacred cow, and ruled that he was entitled to leave heaven, which was already over-populated, only as an ugly brown dog. Dr. Y felt so guilty about his lack of interest and knowledge in the life at the college that he wanted to come here where he had once before eaten steak in the rear of the cafeteria. So, he pulled the cord and hopped off the golden chariot at the stop nearest Louisburg. Heaven knows Louisburg isn't big enough to have a stop of its own!

Now Ugs (Dr. Y) can see L. C. from the ground up, and after two years of research has formed some more qualified opinions of what goes on here.

He does not wish to comment directly in this exclusive interview on the problems at hand but he has consented to answer our questions as best he can:

Ugs, now that you have been here for a while, have your concepts of how L. C. should be run been changed?

Yes, they have, but I, like the students, am in no position to change them. However, I'd like to add that if by the time of my report to the Supreme Commander, certain changes are not made — those lightning bolts can be pure hell!

Would you care to list for the convenience of those who are in charge the most urgent changes?

No — let them find out for themselves. I suggest that we discuss lighter subjects before we all get kicked out of school.

Okay, Ugs. Have you had any contact with the faculty?

Yes, I've spend a great deal of time in and out of class researching the academic quality of Louisburg College.

Does going into a classroom as a dog embarrass you?

Not really. I'm accepted in most

classes. Mr. Moon is quite nice, but Miss Merritt always gives me trouble. Mr. Wagner seems to be the smartest man on the faculty. In just an hour over the Christmas holidays I taught him how to shake hands with me and how to say sit in Spanish, Imagine that!

How do you get along with the administration?

They're a strange bunch. They really are. I've tried everything, but I guess they're afraid to be seen talking to me. I even tried washing the hubcaps on Dean York's car and, he didn't even thank me. And Dean Patterson's dog is a nut. He really must do something about that troublemaker.

Do you have any opinion of required chapel attendance?

I don't like it any more. Rev. Goldston stepped on my toes one day when I was sitting in the back licking my foot.

Do you have time for recreation?

Yes, I'm quite fortunate in that respect. I can go many places that the students can't (but that's not saying much!)

What do you do when you go out?

Oh, I usually take one of the High School dogs down to Chicks or somewhere.

As a reincarnate, have you recognized anyone else around campus who has returned here for his second life?

Yes, there's an old administrator living on front campus as a squirrel.

Have you ever had any contact with the S.G.A.?

No. I've behaved very well and get along fine with them all. They are a good group. Harry is right about Davis dorm getting cold at night. I stayed up there one night and nearly froze my tail off.

Do you think the athletic program is okay here?

I was never much of an athlete, but I do like to go to basketball games and watch that big boy, no. 54. What's his name — Dick Driver? Yes, that's it. He's fun to watch especially when he's getting up. About the athletic program, I think it's good, but the gym shouldn't be locked on weekends. Now that I think of it, just about everything is locked around here on weekends.

One last question, Ugs. What do you enjoy most about your new life here?

I don't know. But I do find running all over campus naked quite exhilarating.

Do you suggest that everyone try it?

No, I don't advise it right now. Unless, of course, you're already classified 1-A.

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