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Outstanding Paleontological Discovery Announced By Louisburg College Professor

Dr. Felton R. Nease, Head of the Louisburg College Department of Biology, announces he has finally solved the problem of the biological affinities of the conodonts. Conodonts are jaw-like fossils composed of calcium phosphate, and they are found in sediments dating from the Cambrian to the Triassic. Many attempts have been made to place the conodonts in the lower chordates due to their chemical composition. This has not been done to date and most authorities place them in a group of uncertain rank.

In June, 1969, Dr. Nease published a paper in *The Louisburg College Journal of Arts and Sciences* in which he described conodonts as parts of new division of the lower vascular plants. This new division, the Crossophyta, is the only division of vascular plants to be

described in over one hundred years.

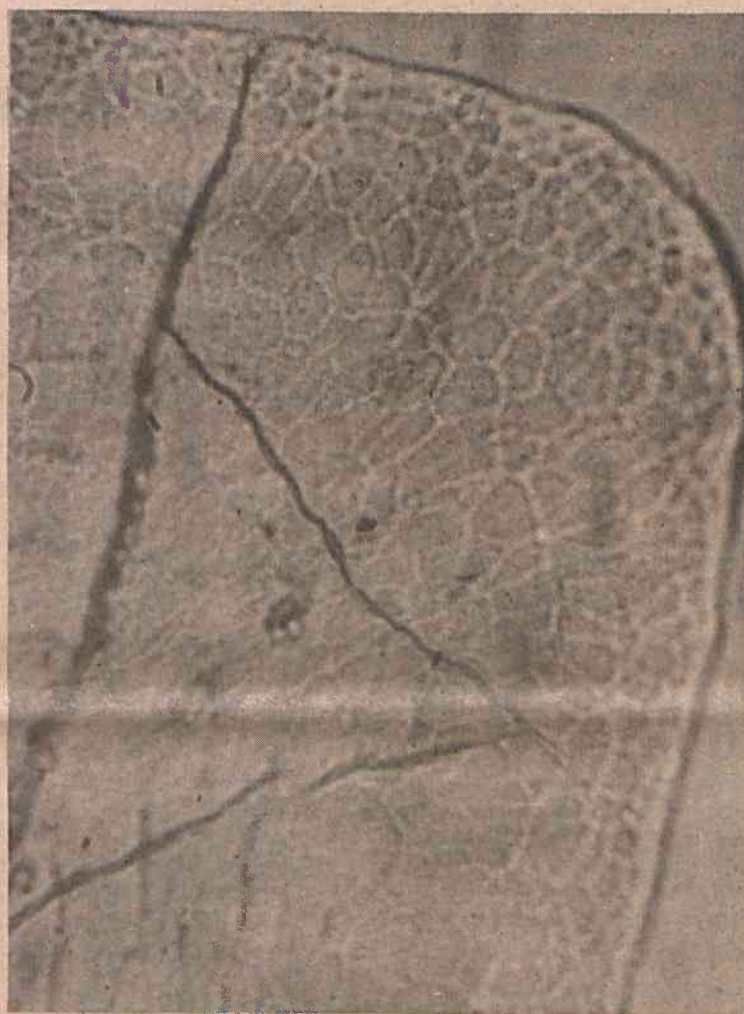
Dr. Nease's recent studies on material collected near Nashville, Tennessee, has shown that polygnathid conodonts begin as vegetative plant structures having a distinctive vascular plant cellular organization. This unusual supporting evidence fully verifies the conclusions presented in the original paper. This is ample evidence why previous work on these fossils could not successfully solve the problem of their biological affinities due to the persistent effort to place them in an animal phylum. When viewed in this new perspective many problems related to these fossils become understandable, and we are able to assign them to their proper biological position, the lower vascular plants.

A paper on this new discovery is being prepared for

presentation in June at the 1970 meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida.

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Polygnathid conodont showing typical vascular plant cells.

Mr. Jones Installed As New Dean Of Men

Dr. Robbins, in keeping with the requests presented him by numerous fall semester

students, has appointed Mr. Walter B. Jones Acting Dean of Men of Louisburg College for



WALTER B. JONES

the spring semester. The vacancy was created when Dean Bolic was suddenly drawn away by a more attractive offer. A native of Blackstone, Virginia, Dean Jones is a 1965 graduate of Louisburg College. After returning to Virginia he received his AB Degree from the College of William & Mary where he majored in history. He married the former Patsy Flick of Bristol, Tennessee and has a three-year-old daughter. The Joneses reside at 112 Beam Circle here in Louisburg.

RESPONSIBILITIES Dean Jones' jurisdiction lies within the following areas: Men's Student Government Association, Honors Council, maintaining discipline among men, and how the house counselors relate to the men, to cite a few.

Dean Jones has revamped the disciplinary system. One representative has been appointed on each floor to act as mediator between the hall and the Dean's office. Any distur-

bance of major magnitude is reported to this resident counselor and is channelled through Dean Jones' office. In addition to maintaining order on their halls, the resident counselors will also represent their floors at Student Government Association meetings every first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Franklin 51.

POLICIES According to Mr. Jones, "I am not here for the purpose of oppressing students, but I am here to see that law, order, and respect is maintained by all men while on campus. I only request gentlemanlike conduct from the students and hope that they will exercise respect for the rights of others at all times. I am here to give service and to operate as a liaison between the students and the administration, and vice versa." Mr. Jones went on to say, "The events of the previous semester cannot be tolerated by any institution, especially a small college in a

small community."

When asked how he liked his job Mr. Jones replied, "I am very happy with my job. I have been enthused with the assistance rendered me by Leighton Strader. I have only one request: Greater participation on the part of men in the Men's Student Government Association should be practiced. This organization can offer invaluable service. I was a member of the Student Government Association while attending Louisburg College in 1964 and 1965, and I understand and sympathize with living conditions and lack of recreational facilities."

Although he has the name "Acting" Dean of Men the term should not be confused to mean temporary. Dean Jones, upon the evaluation of his office in June, anticipates returning next semester.

Let's give Mr. Jones a helping hand and refrain from all those "no-no's."

Johnnie Ainsley

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