

# Campbell President Views Peril And Promise Of Education Scene

"Perhaps America will in the next few years be the greatest mission field," declared Dr. Norman A. Wiggins, President of Campbell College, in his address at Louisburg College Parents' Day, October 10.

The statement related to the importance the speaker attached to education with Christian impact, which he viewed as definitely purposed in the church-related college, though in instances quite true also of the state institution. In fact, the speaker emphasized the necessity of maintaining both types of higher education.

In emphasizing the importance of the private, in particular the church-related college, however, he did not discount the value also of the state institutions of high learning; but emphasized the importance of keeping the dual system of higher education.

In the light of his evaluation of the church-related college, Dr. Wiggins paid tribute to Louisburg College with its long history, beginning with the charter of 1787, and with its contribution to Christian education over a long span of years.

The speaker described the current national scene of campus disorder and affirmed the great need for spiritual emphasis and leadership on the American college scene. Relevant to this need he described the Christian college. He

both compared and contrasted it with the function of the traffic officer, as a retiring college faculty member had once done: while the traffic officer tries to prevent collision, the college endeavors to lead students into collision -- with great minds and problems of human existence through a "search for truth from God, brought to earth by Christ," leading into commitment to God's truth and service to mankind. Also, Dr. Wiggins asserted that spiritual values are the "rare commodity on the educational market."

In spite of all the services and values that the speaker assigned to the Christian college, the Campbell president stated that in the 1950's and early 1960's the "prophets of doom" had foreseen church-related colleges facing "early demise." Recent years, however, Dr. Wiggins asserted, have ushered in a greatly changed situation: within the 1960's he saw the possibility of there having come "perhaps the finest years of church-related colleges." Even so, in spite of an increase in over-all giving to educational purposes, he pointed out the expenses in private colleges as soaring to an alarming height; in contrast he cited the far lesser cost to the student in state institutions, with the investment by the state of \$1,000 to \$1,200 for each student in its colleges and

universities. Thus, understandably, the consequent situation severely threatens the private church-related college, the speaker asserted.

With the high percentage of high school graduates over the nation currently entering college (though in North Carolina the figure is below national level) and with the prospect in the near future of a greatly increased percentage, it becomes important, according to Dr. Wiggins' view, for the state to furnish scholarship aid based on need to students attending church-related colleges. This plan, he declared, would spare the state the burden of increasing its investment for education as a result of unnecessarily escalated enrollment in state schools and would at the same time preserve both state and private colleges. Such a plan of scholarship aid the speaker cited as already in operation in more than twenty states; and he added, "I predict that within five years almost every state will give such aid."

With the mind and mood of a fine element of students today, Campbell's president envisioned worthily significant progress in the years ahead as natural science, social science, and theological majors light the way to the means for a more excellent way and world of the future.

Merritt



VISITORS VIEW CAMPUS ON PARENTS' DAY Finch Photo

## Annual College Day Held

On September 28, representatives from fifty-two colleges and universities came to Louisburg College to assist students in selecting colleges which they could transfer, and to answer questions.

The annual "College Day" was sponsored by the Office of Testing and Guidance under the direction of Mr. Allen de Hart. An estimated three hundred students passed through the doors of the library to secure applications, catalogs, and to find out about requirements. Thirty-nine colleges were represented from North Carolina, thirteen from

Virginia, and one each from the state of Colorado, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Mr. de Hart would like to assure all students that additional information concerning the colleges which were represented, as well as those which were not represented on "College Day," are encouraged to contact his office for assistance.

"One college representative," said Mr. de Hart, "told me that he would like more Louisburg College students at his school because they were the finest group he had."

Wrenda Goodwyn

## Parents Visit Campus

On Saturday, October 10, Louisburg College was invaded by approximately five hundred parents who had come to visit with the students, meet the faculty, and to become better acquainted with our school.

Parents' Day activities included registration of guests, program for parents in the auditorium, luncheon, visitation with teachers, and a parent-faculty tea.

Featured guest speaker was Dr. Norman A. Wiggins, presi-

dent of Campbell College, Buies Creek, North Carolina. He spoke on "The Role of the Church-Related College in the Seventies." He expressed a deep regret over the loss of concern and interest in our country today. He concluded his address by stressing the fact that good schools are basic to a good society and the private institution needs and deserves public support.

Wrenda Goodwyn

## Concerning Chapel

Last semester, a committee, composed of faculty members and interested students, after much deliberation, voted to suggest to the administration that compulsory chapel attendance be abolished or some other effective means of reaching the college public through chapel be initiated. As a result, compulsory attendance to chapel services was eradicated.

When questioned concerning the effectiveness of the chapel committees in soliciting students to attend the chapel services held Tuesdays at 11:00, Chaplain Wade Goldston stated that "the atmosphere in chapel services is more wholesome and more intense."

Attendance to chapel services ranges from 5 to 20 percent of the students at Louisburg. The highest rating, 20 percent, occurred when John Gimenez, who gave up the world of drugs for the more satisfying world of evangelism, informed a group of interested students concerning the sordid life of heroin addiction.

Tom O'Keefe

## Lado Performs At LC

The Yugoslav National Dance and Folk Ensemble presented a program to a captive audience of Louisburg students on October 21.

The folklore of Yugoslavia was inherited over the centuries from its many different cultures and is as ancient as any in Europe and is oriental in derivation as well as European.

The ensemble first demonstrated the songs of Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia, Dalmatia, and Slovenia to North American audiences at Montreal's Expo '67. They have often thrilled many audiences with their intricate footwork and dazzling costumes.

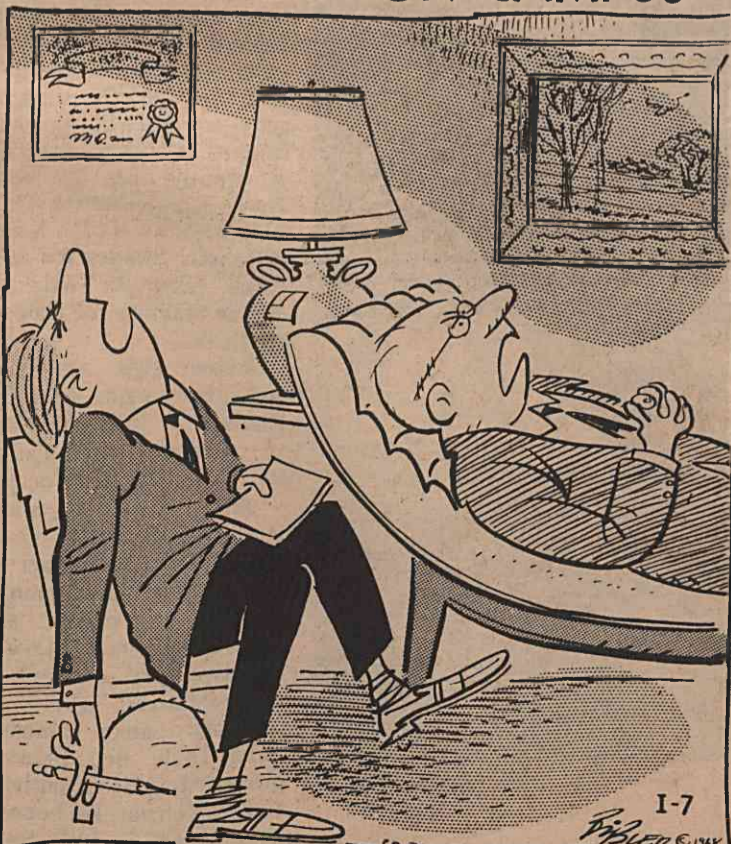
The flashing colors of their

choreography bring out the heart and soul of Yugoslavian histories of love, nature, and harvest time as told in song and dance.

Lado presented a fascinating program which was well worth seeing and refreshing.

L. Pugh

## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



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