

# Editorials



## If Louisburg Really Wants To Retain Students. . .

Louisburg College is doing a lot of things right. The Administration provides a sound academic program where the student is an individual, not an IBM card. However, the Administration also makes an effort to provide activities designed to keep the student entertained while on campus. Yet each weekend most of the students feel the need to "escape" from Louisburg. When the vast majority of the students feel this need of getting away, something is seriously wrong with the College's program of entertainment.

After a week of studies and tests, the average student has the desire to relax and enjoy himself. This not only natural but essential for a well rounded academic year. However, when weekends arrive, there is very little students can do to have a good time at Louisburg. There are movies, but movies become a little boring after spending six or seven consecutive weekends watching a picture screen. The town itself has almost nothing to offer in the way of night entertainment.

We feel it is the College's responsibility to provide activities for the student. It has shown itself capable of such actions in its excellent Arts and Lectures Program. But more is needed. Inexpensive bands and performers, similar to the "Coffee House" series a few years back, would be one solution.

Whatever the answer to the problem is, it must be found soon. The "suitcase" image that Louisburg projects is becoming a major drawback to us and the future of the school.

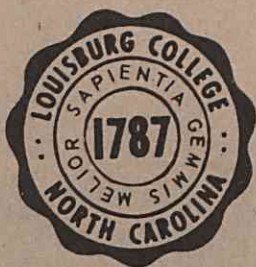
## Wake Up!

An annual facet of college life is electing officers. On September 14th and 15th, 46.7% of the students of Louisburg went to the polls. Only 46.7% - which means 350 out of 748 - were concerned enough to vote.

There was no legitimate excuse for this light turnout. The polls were open all day, for two days. This was no trivial election; the leaders of our classes were being chosen. These offices are not just prestigious titles, but means through which students work to represent us. The new Chief Justice, which is perhaps the most important office of the S.G.A., was at stake in this election. Even this failed to draw out voters.

The S.G.A. is formed for our benefit. It can be our instrument for change, but if we don't show enough responsibility or concern to even vote for our class leaders and Chief Justice, then we can't blame the Administration for what may happen.

The S.G.A. officers - Lee Pearce, Mike Webb, Susan Grier, Steve Moskow, and John Beckler - should prove to be capable leaders this year. However, they can accomplish little without our support. Apathy can hurt any society. Here at Louisburg it can even kill the things we want most.



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"This is true liberty when free born men, having to advise the public, may speak free."

John Milton

# Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to bring to the attention of this campus a serious problem. We, the girls of Wright Dormitory, have experienced an alarming number of thefts from our rooms recently.

On a campus this size, we feel that we should be able to walk away from our rooms momentarily without articles being removed from them. On a college level we should have reached sufficient maturity to acknowledge the basic rights and privacy of others. Were we to use this lack of self control in other phases of our relationships--the results would be disastrous! Please consider these points and the old "do unto others. . ." next time some of you reach for an object that does not belong to you!

Thank you,  
 Concerned girls  
 of Wright Dorm

To the Editor:

Since this newspaper is an outlet for the student's views and opinions, I feel it is my right and duty to use this column to express my feelings, and other students' feelings, about a matter which is pertinent to the welfare of Louisburg College students and Louisburg College itself. The matter of which I am speaking is the manner in which our Dean of Students, Carl Settle, is treating many of the students here. The job which Mr. Settle holds entails 1. being a friend and open advisor to the students, 2. opening a means of rapport between students and faculty, 3. making Louisburg College a place where students enjoy getting an education, 4. and of course to maintain a reasonable amount of order so that Louisburg College is conducive to the quality education standards which the school upholds. It is my opinion that Mr. Settle has failed in all of these capacities excluding the last one mentioned.

It seems that Mr. Settle has taken his role as authoritarian too far. This position relative to the students is one of power over them; although, it is not necessary for him to use this power without due cause. He cannot play the role of the Church Inquisition by filtering out all of the people who break the rules in our handbook. If he did he would have to throw the whole student body out of school because none of us are guiltless people. Everyone, including all of the members of the faculty, has broken a law in their life.

The one job that Mr. Settle has done best, that of keeping order on campus, has been taken far beyond what it needs to be. Everyone would like to have privacy and be able to live by their own ideals, but it is very hard when one feels that he is living in a police state. When the Dean of Students and the rules of Louisburg College influence the students so conversely that they would rather go home than go to school here, how is the College going to survive?

Ken Gentry

To the Editor of Columns:

Rebuttal to Mr. Ken Gentry  
 Mr. Gentry's letter appears in its original form with my full knowledge and consent, not because I agree with everything he says, but because I respect and defend his right to his opinion and the right of all Louisburg College students to have a free and uncensored press.

In a recent interview with the editor of this paper I stated that one of my goals this year is to build a bond of mutual respect works both ways. Students are going to have to show some responsibility and willingness to respect college rules and policies. I will not and cannot do as Mr. Gentry seems to suggest and turn my back upon violations of college rules when these violations are known to me. To do so means that I'm derelict in my responsibility.

As Dean of Students I'm most conscious of the power I have over students which carried to the ultimate is the power to terminate the privilege of remaining at Louisburg College. This power, however, is limited by the due process clause in the SGA Constitution and the students right of appeal to the President of the College.

To my knowledge no student has been severely disciplined this year without being informed of his right to a hearing before his peers. In cases where this right has been waived the student signed a written statement agreeing to the waiver. Now, there have been cases in which violations have been noted and students have been asked to correct the situation within a specific period of time, and misbehaving students have been given oral warnings as to the possible consequences if such misbehavior continued and there are a couple of cases involving some friends of Mr. Gentry's who have confessed to doing malicious damage to vending

machines and college property. These men have agreed to make restitution for the damages. Thus, I state with a clear conscience that in every case to this point there has been "due cause" for every action taken by me as Dean of Students.

Mr. Gentry's four point job discription in his opening paragraph is a good and appropriate definition of the office of Dean of Students. However, if Mr. Gentry feels I'm spending too much time with the maintenance of order and decorum it must be because irresponsible individuals make this necessary. The truth of the matter is I regret this as much as Mr. Gentry does, but until there is exemplified on our campus the maturity and responsibility that is claimed by everyone but not practiced by an irresponsible few, too much of my time will continue to be spent maintaining order.

I assure you that my door is open to Mr. Gentry and any of you at any time you have a complaint, a problem, nor need someone to rap with. Give me a call or come by any time.

Sincerely yours,  
 Carl Settle,  
 Dean of Students

To the Editor:

What are students rights? To be overridden in a case which the administration deems necessary.

Not allowed to have a girl in your private residence.  
 To have rules for girls and not for guys.

You refuse to let college authorities search you or your room--suspension.

You have fifteen late minutes. Telling an off-campus resident how to run his own home.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF YOUR RIGHTS\*\*\*

DON'T YOU WISH YOU HAD MORE???

Aaron Snukals



By  
 Michael Kelly