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Dr. Norris Is New LC President



Dr. J. Allen Norris, Jr.



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Dean John B. York Named To Serve As Interim President

Dr. J. Allen Norris, Jr, a 37 year old Raleigh native, has been named President of Louisburg College to succeed Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, who left office January first. The announcement was made by the Board of Trustees on Friday, December 20. At the same time, Dean John B. York was named interim President until Dr. Norris can assume office. Dr. Robbins will serve as a consultant to the college to assure the smooth transition of the presidency.

Dr. Norris received his B.A. and M.A.T. in history from Duke University in 1959 and 1960, respectively. He taught in the Greensboro public schools from 1959 to 1961 and was then a graduate assistant in the Department of Education at Duke while earning his doctorate, which he completed in 1963.

Dr. Norris has been an active member of Kappa Delta Pi, the honor society in Education, since 1968. He has served as national Vice-President, member of the Executive Council and member of the Nominations Committee in Kappa Delta Pi. He is a member of the Kiwanis and University Clubs of Winter Park.

While active in the North Carolina Methodist Church, Dr. Norris attended some summer workshops at Louisburg College. He has remained active in the church and has held several posts in the First United Methodist Church of Winter Park.

Dr. Norris is married to the former Elizabeth McLamb of Sampson County, North Carolina. They have two children, Elizabeth, 14, and William, 12.

Prior to the selection of Dr. Morris, many persons were interviewed by the selection committees of the Board of Trustees, chaired by Mrs. Lois Wheelless of Louisburg, Dr. Leo Jenkins of East Carolina University, and John Church of Henderson. Faculty members of the committees were Dr. William R. Rose, Dr. Mac L. Ricketts and Miss Sarah Foster. Chairman E. Hoover Taft of the Board of Trustees has said the College is "fortunate to have a man of Norris' vitality, experience, and capabilities as President."

"I am looking forward to working closely with the students, faculty, staff and trustees to continue the fine academic program of Louisburg College and project future directions," said Dr. Norris. "Finance problems and declining student enrollment are not unique problems to Louisburg. I

hope to increase enrollment by the fall of next year, with help from the national economy. We can receive funds to maintain our programs. I will also make an effort to meet supporters of Louisburg College and to get new support," continued Dr. Norris.

"Accentuating the uniqueness" of Louisburg College will be vital to increased enrollments, according to Dr. Norris. He also voiced his support of increased state funding and appropriations. Dr. Norris said he felt the roots of Louisburg College were deep in the North Carolina Methodist Conference and expects their continued support.

Dr. Norris expects to take over as President by June first at the latest. He stated his intention to remain in close contact with Acting President John York and said he hopes to clear his responsibilities at Rollins College soon enough to return to Louisburg by early March.

Jan Moses Assumes SGA Presidency

The Administrative Council voted unanimously to remove SGA President Bill Roughton from office in a special meeting on Friday, November 22, 1974. Vice-President Jan Moses was elevated to the office of President to serve the remainder of Roughton's term.

Roughton was removed for various social and academic reasons. He had allowed his course load to fall to eleven hours, one below the limit of twelve, and was in danger of being dropped from another course for over-cutting. Roughton had also been convicted of possession of alcohol on campus, but the Administrative Council stated its concern with the academic problems, not the social ones. Various shortcomings in carrying out the duties of his office were also cited, such as failure to make committee appointments for faculty committees.

The SGA and Student Affairs Office were given the responsibility of holding special elections as soon as possible to elect a new vice-president to replace Moses in that office.

Moses, a native of Raleigh, becomes the first female President for a full semester since the Men's and Women's Student Government consolidated in 1967. Last year she



Jan Moses

was a member of the SGA Senate, Student Affairs Committee, and the College Task Force composed of students, faculty and Trustees. She was on the Dean's List the first semester of her freshman year.

A major in journalism, she plans to transfer to UNC-CH or to West Virginia University. Her ambition is to be a foreign correspondent or have regular columns in a magazine or newspaper.

Asked about her reaction to the new responsibility she said, "The improvement of rules which directly concern women students will receive much of my attention, yet this is not my sole objective in serving the students as the new President."

Louisburg College became a co-educational institution in 1931, under the presidency of Dr. A. D. Wilcox.

Board Of Visitors Sets Student Scholarship Fund

The Louisburg College Board of Visitors decided in its regular fall meeting on Friday, November 22, to move funds earmarked for the restoration of the Franklin Academy to a scholarship fund for needy students. The Board voted to contact the contributors to the Academy project to obtain their approval for moving the funds, citing the more urgent need for aiding the student body of Louisburg College as the reason. The Board had accumulated \$15,135.00 of the \$16,770.00 that was pledged. The money they now have will be invested, and only the interest will be used for a scholarship, leaving the major part of the capital for the Academy project in case it is resumed in the future.

Earlier in the meeting, the Board heard reports from Dr. Cecil W. Robbins on the state of the College and from Mr. Joe Capell, Director of Admissions, on the recruitment picture for the coming year. Dr. Robbins spoke of the financial picture at Louisburg College and the adverse effects from the enlargement of the state-

supported colleges, the community colleges, and the technical schools. He appealed for help from the Board of Visitors by emphasizing student recruitment and support of the College's annual fund.

Capell reported the work of the two traveling representatives the college has "on the road," Jenny Hunter and Mike Lampros. He said his staff was "working harder than ever before, but still lagging behind." Capell cited the high cost of advertising as a deterrent to recruitment, but reported on the new bumper stickers recently purchased by the College to provide an advertising medium that could be distributed on a wide range.

Students attending the meeting were Ben Alexander, John King, Bonnie Stainback, Dean Hobbs, and Debbie Duke. Mr. Terry Pettit and Mrs. Martha Hobgood represented the Faculty. Other members of the Administration present were Dean John York, Dean Carl Settle, Treasurer Billy Parrish, and Director of Alumni Affairs John Baggett.