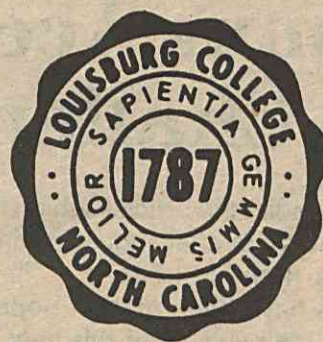


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Former LC Secretary Returns

If you've been to see Dean Eller this year, you've probably met a very friendly lady by the name of Mrs. Marie Allen. She is the new secretary for both Dean Eller and Mr. Jim Belsches.

Mrs. Allen is indeed a woman of many interests. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where she earned a B. S. degree in secretarial administration. She previously worked here at the college for seven years as secretary to the vice president, Mr. David Daniels.

Mrs. Allen, the former Marie Parker, is married to F. H. Allen of Louisburg. They have two sons

who are graduates of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

While she enjoys her job working with college students, Mrs. Allen leads quite an active life at home and in her church. She attends Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Louisburg where she is a member of the vestry. Her hobbies include knitting, needlepoint, gardening, and being as helpful to students as possible. Encouraging students to drop by if they have any questions, Mrs. Allen says she "welcomes everyone."

Oak Staff Is Bustling

The 1977 Oak is off to a good start. Freshmen and sophomores began to sign up for class photos just one day after arriving at college. Andy Laws Studio of Raleigh started taking freshmen photographs on September 7. Sophomores began being photographed on September 14.

The staff has done various jobs to help prepare for these photos. They have signed up students, made reminders, and assisted the photographer.

The Oak Staff meets at least once a week. A very special meeting was held September 14. Terry Maultsby, representing the Josten Publishing Company, met with the staff for a brief workshop. He explained tech-

niques of layout organization of annuals.

If a student did not sign up to have his picture taken or if he was rained out, he should watch for further notices. Make-up days will be November 1, 2, 3, and 4.

The Oak has had an excellent beginning; the staff expects to have a good yearbook in the spring.

Parents Day Planned

Saturday, October 23, is the day that Louisburg College will host its annual Parents Day. The opening ceremony will be held in the college auditorium and lunch will follow. The day will conclude with parent-faculty visitation and campus tours.

Nature Trail And Park Get Underway

While summer vacation was in full bloom and students were enjoying a leisure break from school activities, Mr. Allen de Hart was busy with the responsibilities as project director of Louisburg College's nature trail and park. The park is part of the celebration of our Nation's 200th birthday and is sponsored by the American Bicentennial Revolution Administration.

Financial assistance came from a combination of federal and state governments and local contributions. Also quite helpful were the cash gifts and work services from friends of the college.

Work on the college park got underway on July 1, 1976. It is organized on a ten-acre tract of land located between Hillman and Kenan dorms and the intramural field. Summer work at the park included an extensive clean-up project for the removal of accumulated trash that was disposed in the County Landfill by Louisburg's Department of Sanitation. In addition to removing trash, dead branches and damaged trees were cut, trails were dug, streams cleared, and temporary signs were installed.

In order to receive the federal grant which made the park possible, certain criteria were necessary. The paved pathway and bridges had to be wide enough for the handicapped and wheelchairs. An area planted with flowers had to be identified with botanical names in braille for the blind so that they could appreciate

the beauty by smell and touch.

The park's primary purpose is for both biological and ecological study of the natural environment. In order to preserve the park's beauty, no motorbikes are allowed and study must be confined to trails. The lake within the park is fed primarily from surface run-off and is contaminated by pesticides and herbicides; therefore, no swimming or fishing will be allowed. Also for cleanliness, no smoking, hunting, or camping will be authorized.

Upon completion, the college park will be made of a natural wooded forest with large oaks and pines, a natural stream with a spring, a two-acre lake, two bridges (the north bridge being financed by the Louisburg Garden Club and the south by the Town and Country Garden Club), six tennis courts, and about a mile of paved footpaths.

The park will be available for the public to enjoy sometime this fall, although it will be restricted to the extent that is not abused. Toward the last of October or the first of November, a state representative from the Bicentennial Commission will officially dedicate the park.

An important contribution to the park includes not only financial help, but manual labor. Helping hands of all kinds are responsible for materializing the plans of College Park. At the head of the list is Mr. Allen de Hart,

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Phi Theta Kappa To Meet

Phi Theta Kappa, the scholastic honor fraternity on campus, planned its first meeting for the 1976-77 school year on September 23 at 11:00.

Membership in the fraternity is based on scholarship, leadership, and citizenship. To gain entrance, the student must possess at least a 3.5 grade point average and must maintain above a 3.0 average after becoming a member.

Phi Theta Kappa is sponsored by Mr. Grady K. Snyder.



Seth Washburn, Chairman of the Science Department, and his son Tim, work on a Trail bridge financed by the Town and Country Garden Club.