

# Columns Accepts The Challenge

Instead of relying on syndicated articles which hardly anyone reads, the Columns staff has accepted the challenge of trying to find enough school news to fill a four-page monthly issue.

Some drastic changes have been made---hopefully for the better. The Franklin Times will print the newspaper this year, a change from the past several years. Columns will also have a new advisor.

We hope to present a balanced view of both the good and not-so-good sides of Louisburg College. We feel that the paper will reflect the insight and imagination that characterizes our college community. The staff intends to be accurate, objective, and creative in its endeavor to inform students of the latest happenings.

However, to accomplish the goals we have set for ourselves, we need your help. We depend on your support. If you want to contribute your energies and imagination, come by the Columns office. We could certainly use you.

## Chaplain's Corner

Exciting and challenging things are going on around the Chaplain's office. For example, 14 students answered the call to be volunteer workers at the local Mental Retardation Center. Two groups, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and A Christian Share Group are underway. These groups meet for fellowship and worship. Two Bible studies, one on First Thessalonians and another on Mark, are meeting.

But the big news right now is the Life Enrichment Emphasis Week that is scheduled for

September 21-23. This is a period of a concentration effort for the Faith and its relationship to our lives. Our Speaker for the week is Rev. Rufus Stark, pastor of the Fairmont United Methodist Church in Raleigh. Rev. Stark is an outstanding minister, and will bring us some challenging, inspirational addresses. Worship services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday and 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

There will be rap sessions held in dorms and an opportunity to share with Rev. Stark will be ours next week.

If you have suggestions, drop by the Chaplain's office, Davis 100, and let's hear from you.

## Message From President Norris

It is good to see the confident smiles of returning students and the eager anticipation of new students during these early weeks of the 1976-77 academic year. It has been a good beginning, and with student, faculty, and staff commitment and involvement we are looking forward to an excellent year on campus.

I have often been asked to give my thoughts on the "college experience" and its significance to the individual student. These thoughts can be expressed rather simply - the "experience" is whatever one wishes it to be.

Commitment to academic excellence has to be the priority if through the "experience" one is to attain the desired achievement.

After all, the prime purpose of college for each individual should be to progress toward learning how to live and at the same time toward learning how to earn a living. For most of us these goals are not to be taken lightly, and if we fail to pay necessary attention to academic pursuits, progress toward what we really want to achieve in life can be very slow indeed.

At the same time, however, the "college experience" should include appropriate opportunity for the clarification of moral values and for appropriate involvement in campus activities. We have often heard about the desirability of being a well-rounded person, but this does not necessarily mean

involvement in everything. Rather, it means choosing that area or those areas of interest and/or expertise and then involving one's self accordingly, whether it be in student government, Christian Life activities, athletics or intramurals, musical organizations, dramatics, honor/service clubs, Columns, The Oak, or other campus activities.

Louisburg College provides each student the opportunity to define a meaningful and lasting "college experience". It is my sincere hope that you will want your college days to lead toward your life goals, and that you will become committed and involved now. We stand ready to assist you in any way we can and are glad that you are here!

## SGA Seeks Successful Year

In any worthwhile organization there is a major purpose; this year's Student Government Association is no different and believes firmly in reaching its objectives. The association takes a determined stand in satisfying both the needs and interests of the students through diligent work and constant efforts to strive for success. There are qualified chairmen for the association's four active committees. The committees are set up to be utilized by the student body. The chairmen are: Bill Terry, Entertainment; Ellen Vick, Elections; Dan Singletary, Student Center--Cafeteria; and Roy Mintz, Disciplinary Board.

The SGA has within its reach an excellent Student Senate which will be an effective and influential part of the life of the college as this school year progresses. In the past, Student Government has followed a trend and that trend will be continued to an extent this year. We do feel, however, that a combination of past events and new ideas will be an important part of this year's association. The most important idea one should remember is that the SGA exists because of the students. We feel that if we let up or lessen our ability to serve the students of Louisburg College, then our purpose will be useless and the voice of the students will not be heard. With the efforts of a student body as spirited and proud as our present one, this will not occur.

-Steve Guyton

## Library Possesses Ignored Treasures

The Cecil W. Robbins Library has in its possession various assets of which most students are not aware. To make full use of the opportunities, students should be familiar with what the library has to offer. Mr. Don Richardson, librarian, says that he or one of his assistants will conduct a tour for interested students.

The Audio-Visual room contains films, cassettes, and records which students may use. Literature students can take advantage of the many English Literature recordings. The AV room is located in the basement of the

library. In the Archives Department, there are old newspapers, annuals, pictures and other Louisburg College materials.

Approximately 156 various periodicals are subscribed to by the library. News, sports, literary, and scientific magazines are just a few types of periodicals which arrive at the library weekly, bi-monthly, or monthly. Bound periodicals are also a feature, with Harper's dating back to 1850 and National Geographic going back to 1913. Twelve newspapers come into the library every day.

Most of the materials in the North Carolina room can be checked out. Colonial records and documents date back to 1662 and one can find old state records which date back to 1776.

The biographical index is a valuable tool to those doing research work. There is also a short story index and numerous volumes of Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature.

Along with the regular books on the mezzanine, reference books are located on the first floor. One can reserve a reference book by requesting a reservation card.

If, for some reason, the library does not have materials that a student may need, the librarian can order the material through the inter-library loan system.

## Letters Welcome

Columns welcomes and encourages letters from students and faculty concerning anything relevant to school, happenings, etc. Publication of letters is at the

discretion of the editor, in regard to space and subject matter. We will not print profane or slanderous letters. Let me hear from you at P. O. Box 1139.

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