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Welcome Freshmen!

Once again, the number of entering freshmen at Louisburg College is high, following a trend begun three years ago. The dorms are all filled and there are more students now than at any time during the 70's.

First and foremost, these students will have to concentrate on academics. But, the time here at Louisburg College can be one of personal growth as well as a time to make the grades. There are many organizations here, that

appeal to many interests. So, go ahead and avail yourselves of these activities. We can definitely keep you busy while you are here.

The Student Government Association is an active group on campus. Student senators are elected from their dormitories to help make decisions in the senate on student interests. There are also committees affecting campus life. These are the Entertainment, Cafeteria, Discipline and Elections committees. If a student becomes

a part of one of these he is involved with decisions that affect everyday student life and special events.

If you are outdoors type, we have the Appalachian Trail and Whitewater Club. If singing is your forte' we have the Glee Club and Ensemble. The Louisburg Players put on several theatrical performances each year, if you want to get on stage. The Christian Life Council and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes

are two religious organizations offered at this school.

For those who like to write, lay out, sell ads or edit, there are the *Oak* yearbook and the *Columns* newspaper. The *Oak* advisor this year is Marcia McCredie, who has a lot of great ideas for the book. The *Columns* advisor is Billy Odom.

Whatever your interests happen to be, come on out and get involved. See you at the meeting!

Ricketts Does Research In Romania

Dr. Mac Linscott Ricketts, Religion professor at Louisburg College researched in Romania during the months of April, May and June this year, on a Fulbright Research Grant, given only to three or four Americans a year.

At first, Romanian officials would not let him bring his copying machine into the country. Ricketts needed this machine to copy off hundreds of pages of material to bring back to the United States. A friend advised him to make a gift of his machine to Romanian Library. He did, made his copies and when he came back to America the copier stayed. He came back with over 3,000 pages of material, over 500 articles on his topic.

His topic was the work of a man by the name of Mircea Eliade, a Romanian religious historian, philosopher and novelist. While Ricketts was at the University of Chicago, Eliade advised him on his dissertation thesis. Eliade is considered the leading historian of religions in the world and Ricketts is his only student who has learned Romanian to read him in the original.

Before World War II, Eliade was a widely-read novelist in Romania and many articles by and about him appeared in magazines there. These are the articles Ricketts copied during his stay in the country.

Ricketts has translated one of Eliade's novels, which was published in 1978. He has also translated Eliade's autobiography, which Harper and Row will publish soon. With the material gained during the Spring, Ricketts is ready now to set to his most

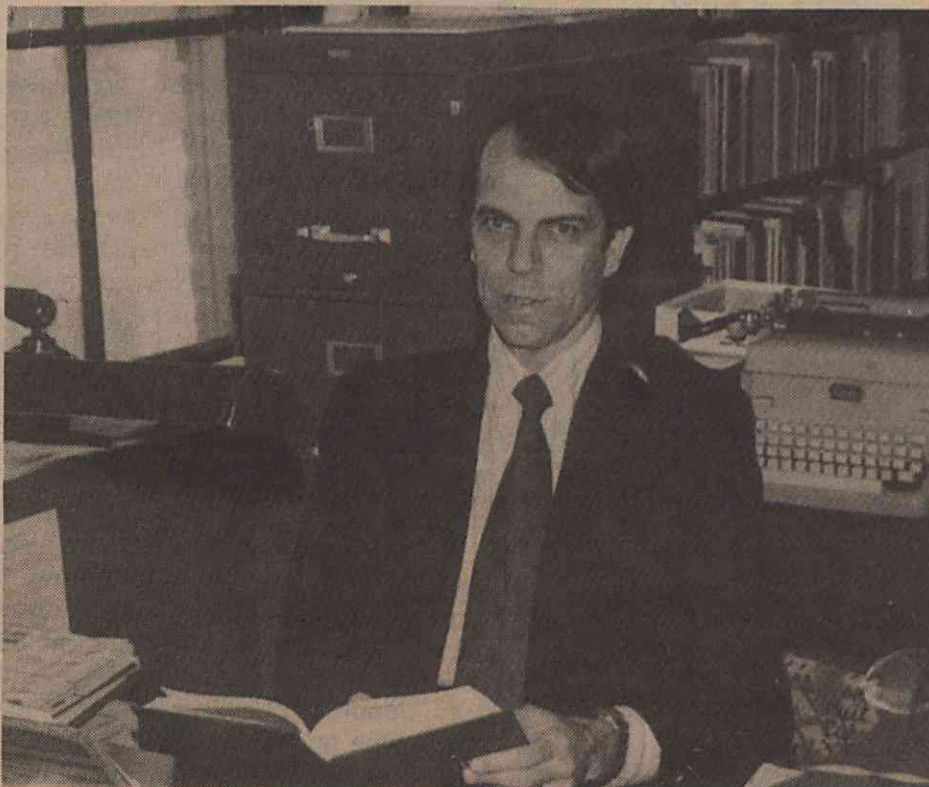
important task to date -- a book-length interpretation of the work and history of Eliade. He has already agreed to write articles on the subject for several periodicals.

During his stay in Romania, a southeastern European country, the size of North and South Carolina together, he found the people kind and ready to help. "They were all interested in America and loved the television show, *Dallas* and American movies," said Ricketts. "They are not a carefree people, but they endure. They complain about economic difficulties."

Originally from St. Petersburg, Florida, Ricketts attended the University of Florida where he earned his BA in Social Studies.

Then he received a Bachelor of Divinity at Emory in Atlanta. To obtain his Masters and Doctor of Divinity degrees he attended the University of Chicago, where he came under the tutelage of Eliade. After graduating he taught at Duke University for six years before coming to Louisburg College, where he has taught and done research for the past ten years. During his time at Louisburg, Ricketts' work on the Romanian has become the foremost in the world.

During his experience abroad, Dr. Ricketts may have lost a copy machine, but he gained information that will lift his life's work to increased prominence.



Dr. Ricketts

Dean's Cup Is New Award

Associate Dean of Students Patricia Morgan has announced the institution of The Dean's Cup Award at Louisburg College this year. Dormitories will be divided into units of 20 to 30 students who will participate in intramurals, service projects, the talent show and other events for points. Each semester a male and female unit who earns the most points for their participation will receive the award, which consists of a trophy and a free meal for unit members.

"The purpose of the Dean's Cup program is to help students with organization and leadership skills," said Morgan. She has formed the units already. In a few days, students will receive flyers in their mailboxes explaining the program fully to them.

More Living Room At College

This past summer the college contracted to construct ten new rooms in the basement of Hillman Dormitory due to expected larger enrollment at Louisburg College this school year.

Joe Hitt, Director of the Physical Plant said that the project includes a small lounge and bathroom facilities on the new hall in the new dorm. The new area was completed August 1, and it will house twenty men.

The staff also carpeted the rooms in Wright Dormitory, as well as painted all the other dorms on the outside.