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## Louisburg College Hosts

# Annual Folk Festival

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On Sat., Mar. 31, the stage of Louisburg College Auditorium will be graced with some of the most spectacular performers folk art has to offer when the nationally acclaimed Folk Festival is once again held in Louisburg, N.C. Approximately 12 top stars, many who have toured internationally, will come together to present a program of traditional folk music and dance. This program is eastern North Carolina's oldest and largest of its kind and is packed full of wholesome family entertainment. The show,

which is sponsored by the Franklin County Arts Council and Louisburg College and supported by the Grassroots Arts Program of North Carolina, will begin at 7:00 p.m. Following the concert, there will be an Old-Time Fiddler's Retreat for those who wish to fiddle on into the night.

This year marks the 14th anniversary of the Folk Music and Dance Festival, which has been the subject of change throughout the years. In 1970, after a year of extensive research on Franklin County folk art by Allen de Hart, director of public affairs at Louisburg College, the first

two-day two-night Folk Festival was held. The performance included 70 Franklin County folk dancers and musicians. The event received an overwhelming stamp-of-approval from the audience and from Neal Hertsburg, a critic from the News and Observer, who in the last line of her review said, "Do it again, Louisburg." So, as you already know, Louisburg did it again.

However, the years have brought about two or three major changes. The first was from the event being a concert to it being a competition with cash awards and trophies.

The participants were divided into various categories according to type of dance or musical instrument and allowed to compete. As the years progressed, so did the problems and the number of people wanting to compete. Professionals even had to be turned away and, because of the limited facilities at Louisburg College



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and the lack of sufficient security, personal, and financial backing, the event was not able to expand three days and nights. As a result, the event was shortened to a one-night performance in 1982, and the decision was made to invite only professionals and award winners in order to narrow the field of applicants. Throughout the changes and

developments, an enjoyably unique and very sophisticated event has emerged that now attracts people from approximately 25 states and Canada.

Tickets will be sold in advance at various locations throughout the Louisburg area and at the door the day of the event. Prices will be adults \$8.00, children 12 or under \$4.00

## College Leaders

# Meet With Governor

By ELIZABETH WRIGHT

On Mon., Jan. 30, there was a workshop for the Student Government Association and college newspaper editors for all independent colleges and universities.

First on the agenda, the students met with the Federation of Independent College and University Students. From there the students met with Governor Hunt. He introduced his cabinet members, and spoke on current issues. After a question/answer session with the Governor and the cabinet members, a reception was held for the students and other officials to converse. Other state officials present were William C. Friday, president of N.C. Systems; Bob Scott, president of the Community College System; and John Henley, president of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Two Louisburg college students attended this conference. Those students were **Columns** Editor Kelli Swinson and Student Body President Jennifer Kirschner. Both women were impressed by



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the content of the conference and the interest which Governor Jim Hunt showed by his participation in the seminar. Kelli Swinson was particularly impressed by Hunt's stand on the plight of the student and the educator in today's academic world. Overcrowded class rooms and lack of adequate teacher salaries were mentioned by Hunt as two of his most grave concerns.

Both Louisburg student leaders found the seminar rewarding and informative and hope that this opportunity to meet with their peers and their state leaders will help them in their leadership positions and in life.

# OUTWARD BOUND OFFERS WILDERNESS ADVENTURE

This year more than 10,000 people — about half of them students — will take part in the unique wilderness adventure program called OUTWARD BOUND. Set in remote wilderness areas in 16 states, Outward Bound offers its participants exciting and challenging experiences emphasizing both self-reliance and teamwork. Most students will leave Outward Bound with a new understanding of themselves after discovering they are capable of doing things they might previously have thought impossible. Outward Bound believes most limits are self-imposed. No wilderness experience is necessary, only a willingness to try.

Mountain backpacking, canoeing, sailing, rafting, skiing and dogsledding form the

core of the Outward Bound experience, with the activity depending on the area and time of year the course takes place. Each small group of eight to 12 students has one or more expert instructors and specialists who help develop outdoor and interpersonal skills. Following a training period, an extended group journey, and a one-to-three-day solo period, the course culminates with a final expedition. Planned and executed by small groups of three or four students with minimal instructor supervision, the final expedition is an exercise in the skills learned during the course.

Over 150 educational institutions have granted academic credit for Outward Bound courses. Credit is often arranged by students through

their own schools before they take Outward Bound courses. Credit has been granted for a variety of subjects, including physical education, sociology, botany and English. Financial aid is available depending on need and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition, several Outward Bound participants received financial aid.

Outward Bound courses are offered year-round and last from four to 30 days. Semester-length courses for credit are also available through several Outward Bound schools. For information, write Outward Bound USA, Dept. C, 384 Field Point Road, Greenwich, CT 06830, or call toll-free 800-243-8520 (except in Connecticut), or talk to any **Columns** staff member.