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# The Columns

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## Louisburg Alum Receives National Medal



Mendall H. Long

### STAFF WRITER

Mendall H. Long of Cary has been named the recipient of the James N. Landis Medal presented by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).

Long, vice president of

special projects at Carolina Power & Light Co. in Raleigh, will receive the medal at the ASME Joint Power Generation Conference in Toronto, Canada during the week of October 1-5.

Long has been cited for "outstanding performance in

the operation, engineering and construction of major steam-powered electric plants using nuclear and fossil fuels, and for his leadership in ASME in section, regional and national activities," according to an ASME spokesperson.

The Landis medal honors the recipient for achievements resulting from a commitment to individual excellence. It was established in 1977 in honor of James N. Landis, a former president of ASME.

"This is quite a surprise," Long said, when notified of his selection. "I am very appreciative and feel very honored. This award is a tribute to all of the dedicated people I have worked with in the company over the years and with the people I have been associated in ASME."

Long has been involved with

all power plant expansions for CP&L in the past 35 years. Named vice president in 1981, he serves as an in-house consultant, helping improve operations and solve problems at CP&L's nuclear and fossil power plants.

"My work is an effort to draw on my past experience to help improve today's operations," he said.

Long began his career with CP&L as a plant engineer at the Cape Fear plant near Moncure in 1949. In his early years with the company, he assisted in the startup of the W.H. Weatherspoon plant near Lumberton, the H.F. Lee plant near Goldsboro, and the L.V. Sutton plant near Wilmington. He is a former manager of the Weatherspoon and Sutton plants.

Long held a variety of

positions in power plant design and operations at the company headquarters before being named vice president of special projects in 1981.

A native of Englehard in Hyde County, Long graduated from Englehard High School, Louisburg College, and attended North Carolina State University, studying mechanical engineering.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Merchant Marine and attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve.

He is married to the former Edna Montgomery of Warrenton, and they have two children.

Long is an active member of Cary Presbyterian Church. In addition to his membership in the ASME, he is also active in the Raleigh Engineers Club and the North Carolina Society of Engineers.

## Columns Staff Holds Reception

By PAUL HENDRIX

The Louisburg College staff held their first reception of the year on October 6th in the Blue Room of the cafeteria. This reception was for all of the faculty, staff, and sponsors of the paper. The purpose of the reception was to introduce our staffwriters, editors, and other very special people involved with the *Columns*. It was also held to scrutinize the first issue of the *Columns* paper that was released the previous week. Copies of the first issue and the layouts were on hand for the guests to see what goes into the production of the newspaper.

The *Columns*' Business Manager, Lewis Hooks greeted our guests at the door. Lewis and his staff have worked hard on getting sponsors for the



Columns Staff Reception Photo by Larry Smith

paper. This year the paper has seen twice as many sponsors as last year. This reception was to thank them for their support.

Inside, Elizabeth Wright, our Feature editor, served punch and cookies. These refreshments were provided by Ed Moolenar and Saga Food Services. While the refresh-

ments were served, questions about the layouts were entertained by editor Tad DeBerry. Also, the associate editor Rob Dunnington commented on an article about the Louisburg history with Dr. Willard of Louisburg College.

This year the printing and typesetting has been done by

Graphic Labs of Louisburg. They also printed the invitations that went out to all of our guests.

As a whole, we thought the reception was a success. Tad DeBerry said, "We hope by having this reception, both the faculty and advisors can better understand the operations and problems of putting out the *Columns* newspaper each month."

The *Columns* is planning to have another reception of this caliber before the Christmas holidays. This reception will cover all of the past issues of the first semester. We hope for a good turnout at this one as well as the last. We want to convey the idea that we are open for comments and ideas that will help us improve the quality of our newspaper.

## New Staff Members

By Rob DUNNINGTON

Judy Cooke, the new resident director for Kenan dormitory, says "I just take one day at a time." One can tell by her cheerful disposition that each day must then be filled with great excitement. This 21 year old, from Elizabeth City, North Carolina, believes an effective resident director "is someone who can devote equal time to all areas; dorm care, counseling, discipline, and still get to know people in the dorm on a one to one basis."

Judy graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1984, where she was involved in many activities. These activities included being a volunteer at a

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