

"We Were Challenged"

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Louisburg College opened the first of a four-session seminar on values in education at church-related colleges on Nov. 7 in the Jordan Student Center. Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, currently on the faculty at the Duke University School, was the guest lecturer. Dr. J. Allen Norris Jr. presided.

"He is one of the best Bible teachers I know," said Bishop Carlton P. Minnick Jr., Resident Bishop of the Raleigh Area of the United Methodist Church, who introduced him. Bishop Goodson was elected to the episcopacy in 1964 and has given courageous leadership in Alabama and Virginia. He retired and returned to his native state in 1980.

The seminar is made possible by a \$3,200 grant for 1985-86 from the Division of Higher Education of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry in the United Methodist Church. The four sessions are open to members of the Conference Board and to the faculty and staff of Louisburg College.

The theme of the seminar is "Into the Third Century: Values Clarification in United Methodist Higher Education." Bishop Goodson quickly set the tone of the evening session by saying that "the Church and the church-related colleges are one and the same." He reviewed the history of Methodism from 1784 and its emphasis on education. "We have 128 schools with more than



BISHOP KENNETH GOODSON

212,630 students, and properties totaling over \$5½ billion dollars," he said.

Woven into his theme was a description of his educational experiences at Catawba College, and how later as a father he desired his children to

attend church-related schools. "I ask," he said, "that it give my daughter a sense of conviction, that it develop her mind and her potential, and that it direct her toward social values."

Bishop Goodson stressed that case for higher education--a process where the real life values should have substance and unity," he said. He further pointed out that the church's unity with education is within its nature--"a combination of knowledge and vital piety."

What should be the goals of the church-related college? High quality of education, moral and social values, promotion of the Christian faith and to communicate its values by what it does. "I teach according to what I know and what I am," he said. In his strong emphasis on sound

academics, he also emphasized that the church-related college is a steward of tradition for the good of society. A vital role of the church-related college is to offer "insight and wisdom to be more effective."

The second topic, scheduled for Jan. 16, is a review of the theology and values of the Wesleyan/Methodist traditions and the impact of these values on higher education within Methodism. It will be led by Dr. Thomas A. Langford, former Dean of Duke University Divinity School.

For Feb. 27, the topic is a review of values that are important for living in the Church's third century, and for April 3, the topic is on effective ways for value transmission in the value-centered, church-related college.

de Hart Blazing The Trails

By PAUL MARTINI

If you are the type of person that enjoys the excitement of such activities as hiking, backpacking, mountain climbing, rafting, canoeing, kyaking, and hang gliding then maybe the Louisburg College Appalachian and White Water Club is for you. This club participates in many of these outings on weekend and holiday trips to such sites throughout the East and the Pisgah National Forest (near the Blue Ridge Parkway), the Blue Stone Canyon (near Athens West Virginia), the French Broad River in N.C., and the New River in West Virginia. Other activities the group plans and participates in are camping, fishing, bicycling, nature studying, cave exploring, parachuting, water skiing, and snow skiing.

Allen de Hart, Louisburg College Director of Public Affairs, is the faculty advisor to the club. Mr. de Hart is #1 in the nation in number of trails hiked, and has hiked over 15,000 miles. He has also written three books, *North Carolina Hiking Trails*, *South Carolina Hiking Trails*, and *Hiking in the Old Dominion*. The club itself, which was founded in 1975, has over 150 members nationwide. These members include faculty, students, alumni, and friends of the college. As the annual fall meeting for the club was held on November 23, the 1986 officers were presented.

According to club information, the president of the club in

1986 will be James (Jimmy) Boyette from Raleigh, N.C. Jimmy has had white water experience on the French Broad River as a kayaker and canoeist. He also went over 5000 miles in a canoe with a friend in Minnesota and has much hiking experience on the Appalachian Trail in North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. Jimmy is an Eagle Scout as well as an Assistant Scoutmaster. Jimmy has 10 years experience in hiking, camping, river running, and leadership training.

The Vice President for 1986 will be Richard Davis for Wake Forest, N.C. He has experience hiking sections of the

Appalachian Trail in Virginia and North Carolina. He has also hiked over 60 miles of trails in the Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia. Richard has also completed 2 semesters of the Louisburg College Course Hiking and Backpacking.

The 1986 Secretary-Treasurer will be Johnny (Jeff) Jeffries from Durham, N.C. He has backpacking and canoeing experience on the Neuse River. He also has hiking experience in over 25 miles in the Potomac, White Sulfer, Marlinton, and Greenbrier Districts of the MNF in West Virginia, and has hiked part of the Allegheny Trail in West Virginia. Jeff

also has one semester of hiking and backpacking at Louisburg College.

But to be a member of the Appalachian Trail and White Water Club, it takes a little more than mere interest in outdoor sports. A potential

member must be experienced in either backpacking or in white water. This experience does not include the Louisburg College class Hiking and Backpacking, which is just a semester class for learning to hike and backpack.

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