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Thank God

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"This is a momentous moment in the life of Louisburg College," said Mr. Jordan of the opening of the Clifton L. Benson Chapel and Religious Life Center. The chapel officially opened its doors on April 24, 1986. The chapel held more than its seating capacity for the dedication ceremony.

Dr. J. Allen Norris, Jr., President of Louisburg College, was at the dedication ceremony. Speaking in tones of gratitude and jubilation, Dr. Norris said, "Thank God for Mr. Benson. He is interested in the betterment and progress of all [people]. We are proud of Cliff Benson."

Dr. Norris continued, "This facility will serve students, faculty, staff, and visitors to the college." The college has used a room in the college for the chapel until now. "How fitting that going into our three hundredth year we will finally have a chapel. We have not had the chapel building that we enjoy today. We are leaving a legacy for those that will come after us. This is a high day in the life of Louisburg College."

Dr. Thomas S. Yow, III, President of Martin College, said "I am proud of what I see. This center will be a benefit to an untold number of students and will help them to grow closer to their Creator."



CHAPEL

Dr. Yow described the way that he felt when he first saw the chapel. "It sent chills up my spine to see the cross and the flame of the chapel when Dr. Norris and I drove down Main Street last night. It gave me a strong sense of pride to see what we have done."

Mr. Sidney Stafford is

Louisburg College's Chaplain. He says "that it [the chapel] will be a vital aid to grow toward Jesus Christ."

Mr. Stafford says that "many people have commented on the inspiration and beauty of the chapel."

Taking the podium with a standing ovation, Mr. Clifton

L. Benson gave his response to all of the good things that have been said about the chapel that is named for him.

After making a humorous remark, Mr. Benson waited for the laughs to subside before he continued to speak. "The next project that the college wants to

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SACS Impressed

By JEFF BULLARD

From April 8 to April 11, Louisburg College had several new faces probing about the campus. These weren't prospective students, however. They were here to investigate our school. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools recently sent a team, headed by Dr. Ray Farley, President of Young Harris College in Georgia, to examine the school in an effort to see if Louisburg College passes SACS standards for a junior college. This process occurs once each decade to every college and university in this region. A team such as the one that visited the Louisburg College campus examines all aspects of a school.

Before a SACS team visits, a school must prepare what is called a self-study report. This self-study must contain strengths and weaknesses of every department of the school. A committee is composed of faculty, staff and student representatives to develop this report. The report encompasses everything from

classroom instruction to the maintenance of the buildings and campus.

On completion of the report, it is sent to team members where they read through the report. In addition to the self-study, the team must read other information available to them. Dean Edward Brown, Academic Dean at Louisburg College, complimented the team that visited the college as being an "excellent and well prepared team."

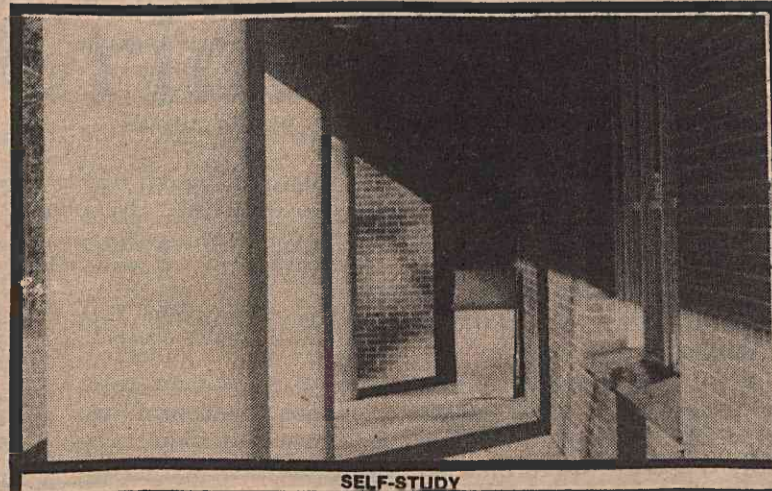
Once on campus, the team talked to students, faculty/staff members, board of trustee members and even residents of the Louisburg community. They also placed what was written in the self-study report against what they actually saw on their visit. Dean Brown added that SACS team members felt the self-study was "thorough and well-prepared."

Presently the written report from the SACS team has not been received. However, team

members met with certain staff and faculty members, before departure, in what Dean Brown referred to as a "debriefing." Dean Brown described the outcome of their visit as "very favorable" and said the team members felt that Louisburg College was in a "very strong position." Also Dean Brown stated the visit did turn up some weaknesses of the school yet "no surprises." "We knew we had some things to work on," said Dean Brown.

The SACS team, which was made up of Dr. Farley, Deans, Chairmen of Departments and a Librarian from schools ranging from as close as South Carolina as far away as Texas, were particularly impressed with the board of trustees personnel and students. Team members cited the students "seriousness of purpose" as one of the outstanding strengths. Other strengths mentioned were "individual attention to students, study labs provided by the faculty and a teaching

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SELF-STUDY

200 Years

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Next year will be Louisburg College's bicentennial. It is a very special occasion for a college to reach its 200th birthday and to help celebrate the event, a Bicentennial Committee has been formed.

Dr. George-Ann Willard is the chairperson of the committee. Along with Dean McLeod, the Student Affairs Office is organizing many special events for next year. One of the things that they have done is to organize a Student Bicentennial Committee.

This student committee is going to help in the planning of activities for Bicentennial Week, March 23-March 29. According to Dean McLeod, "The most important thing that the student committee will be doing is to organize the student concert during Bicentennial Week."

Dean McLeod says that if anyone is interested in being on the student committee, they should get in touch with her.