

# Founder's Day Celebration

This Saturday, on January 24th, Louisburg College will celebrate founders day.

The events, in which many of the alumni are expected to return, will feature William C. Friday, President Emeritus of the University of N.C. system. A luncheon will be held honoring those who have supported the school financially, and a brass ensemble will play. The college glee club will also stage a performance.

The event is a prelude to Bicentennial Week, which will be held in the Spring.

The day's festivities will begin at 11:00 a.m., with a pagentry of an academic procession entering Holton Gymnasium. The brass ensemble will accompany the procession musically.

President Norris and Ben E. Jordan, Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees, will welcome those in attendance. They will then introduce representatives from Louisburg, Franklin County and the state. Representatives of the Methodist Church (North Carolina Conference) will also be welcomed. These representatives will then make congratulatory remarks.

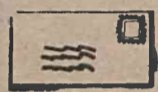
Under the direction of Daniel Steinert, the College Glee Club will provide special music. Steinert will also lead the audience in the singing of the Alma Mater, accompanied by a brass ensemble.

After the convocation, a luncheon for invited patrons will be held at the Benjamin N. Duke Dining Hall. The Patrons Luncheon is replacing the annual Patron's Dinner, which annually recognizes people who have helped the college and have given support.

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GUEST OF HONOR WILLIAM FRIDAY



## Letters to the Editor

### An Alumnus Returns

Note: This letter was published in the June 15, 1976 edition of the Franklin Times.

Dear Sir,

Several weeks ago it was my pleasure to return to Louisburg and the college to attend the Alumni Banquet, a part of the graduation exercises. It had been 36 years since my class graduated and my return visits have been few in number and short in duration. I had mixed feelings enroute to this visit. Perhaps it might have been too long since I left. Perhaps things might be too different to accommodate the memories. Perhaps there might be too few I would know. Perhaps I should have stayed at home!

Since 1940 the fate of Louisburg College has been held in balance during several periods. It has been rumored and put in print that the college was no longer needed and should be phased out or consolidated with other nearby new Methodist colleges, that is, eliminated. About all that could be done by far away alumni was to send a few dollars and offer prayers that the college might survive.

My visit stirred many memories. There were many changes to be absorbed. The number of buildings had seemingly tripled or more. I was interested in these buildings, the present student body, the town and the people of Louisburg. Were there to be

any similarities with the pre-WW II era, or had everything changed along with the times.

Would it be possible for the college to survive into the next century, or was it in a temporary upswing with perhaps a questionable future.

At the evening banquet I enjoyed old friends. Among them were Dr. Cecil Robbins, Mrs. Genecieve Perry, the Dick Yarboroughs, and the Moon family. I also enjoyed meeting and visiting with some younger alumni, some faculty members and the new president, Dr. Allen Norris. It was exciting to see a few fellow students from the years of 1938 to 1940. The big moment came when Mrs. Lois Brown Wheless was given the Alumnus of the Year Award.

I wanted to meet and talk with more students. A breakfast invitation in town was declined in order that I might eat in the Cafeteria with perhaps an opportunity to talk with some of them. It was gratifying to learn that under the longer hair and the denims the boys and girls making up the student body are the same as in my time. I found them to be friendly, humorous, serious, appreciative, and ambitious for the future. They asked me as many questions as I asked them.

Visits with towns people included one with Mrs. Caroline Murphy and her son George. The Murphys shared their home with students when

extra dormitory space was needed in the late thirties, and I was lucky to be assigned to their home. The friendships between the Murphys and the students have continued.

A ride down Church Street past St. Paul's, where I attended church most Sundays years back, revealed that little had changed except for a coat of paint in a new color. A friendly clerk in the downtown drug store asked if I might be a visiting alumnus, and I was happy to tell her I was. It was evident in all conversations that the town is most proud of the college. In my talking and visiting my fears for the future of the college were dissolved. It was brought back to me what I had known earlier; that, as long as there remains a responsible citizenry in Franklin County, there will always be a Louisburg College. These people are the greatest asset of the college, and the college is their greatest asset as well. The French have a saying along the lines that the more things change, the more they stay the same. While Louisburg College has changed, and of the better, things remain much the same as far as the feelings and support of the people and the community are concerned. When I drove out of town and on my way home, I felt my visit had been most worthwhile. Many of us owe a great deal to

our years at Louisburg. I would like to say, "thank you, Louisburg, the college and the town, for what you have done and are doing for us."

Sincerely,  
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