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Johnson Spurs New Student Activities



Charles Johnson

Charles Johnson, the newly appointed director of student activities and coordinator of the Jordan Student Center has got more activities than ever planned for the student body in the coming year. "I want to offer as many extra programs and activities as possible to the students," he said.

Although he begins his new job after just finishing work on his M.F.A. degree (obtained from UNC Greensboro), he is no stranger to Louisburg College, having worked here from 1981-84 as a resident director. Extremely talented in the theatre, Charles hopes to involve students in several theatrical productions as well as bring other groups in to perform. His masters degree is in theatre management while his undergraduate degree, obtained from Greensboro College, is in music education. "I am here for the students and

would like to be very visible to them. I encourage them to come by my office in the Student Center to talk with me," he said.

Labor day weekend, September 5-7, promises to be very exciting to those students who want to take advantage of everything that's offered. *On Friday the 4th beginning at 8:00 p.m. and continuing through 2:00 a.m., Saturday, students can watch the following movies in the Multi Purpose Room: "The Color Purple," "Little Shop of Horrors," "Stand by Me," and "Alien." On Sunday, September 6, a picnic outside the Jordan Student Center and pick-up softball game following, highlight the day's activities. On Monday, September 7, a bus trip to Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Virginia is planned. The cost for the day (unlimited rides and transportation) is only \$7.00.

Reservations must be made early, so contact Charles as soon as possible.

Looking down the road, Charles hopes to offer a shuttle bus to Raleigh on the weekends, the setting up of a student coffee house with faculty and student entertainment, and the forming of student contemporary and

Gospel choirs. Possible trips to New York and Florida are also being looked into.

In order to carry out all that he is planning for the upcoming year, a number of student volunteers will be

needed to assist with coordinating the events. Anyone interested should contact Charles in the Jordan Student Center.

"Mr. Fingers" comes to Louisburg College

By Michael Sylvester and Staff

The nationally known sleight-of-hand artist, Irv Weiner, "Mr. Fingers," will perform in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Jordan Student Center on Wednesday, September 16 at 8:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the S.G.A.

Weeks before his upcoming appearance, Weiner mailed a sealed package to Dean Partin, assistant dean of students to be guarded until show time. Weiner promises that inside the box is his written prediction of the September 16 news headlines.

Aside from this test of ESP, Weiner will also demonstrate hand stunts, finger bits, card tricks, rope crafts, and voodoo.

In addition to entertaining college students, Weiner has been a columnist for two publications of magic and has participated in a magic symposium sponsored by the Department of Theatre and Stage Acts at Syracuse University.

Weiner also has devoted time to entertaining hospital patients in the New England states, and was named "man of the Year" by the Boston Assembly of the Society of American Magicians in 1973.

The one-man show, which is currently touring throughout the nation at colleges and universities, brings back the skills of the past greats of old vaudeville. Weiner who graduated and then taught at

Chavez College in Los Angeles, (the only accredited sleight-of hand college in the world) is a recognized master of the art.

Weiner has been a speaker and entertainer to clubs, industrial groups, and schools for a number of years. Last year, he developed the present one-man show aimed at the college audience.

"The students have never seen this style performer," he says. "I have probed back into the most unique acts of early vaudeville: Houdini, Thurston, Malini and Cardini, all great sleight-of-handers and showmen. In my own way I try to bring the students back to that time and they all seem to love it."



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