

The Columns

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The Student Voice of Louisburg College

Ricketts' Romanian Research on Radio

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Staff writer

On September the sixth, one of the professors here at Louisburg College was interviewed by the Romanian section of Voice of America radio. How did the opinion of our own Dr. Ricketts become the one that Voice of America sought to answer questions being asked by the European literary community about one of her greatest scholars?

His many accomplishments speak for themselves:

Dr. Mac Ricketts began his career as a Methodist minister, but at the age of twenty-eight decided to return to school. He attended The Divinity School at the University of Chicago, where he was taught by Mircea Eliade, a world-renowned historian of religion and author of numerous books.

Dr. Ricketts grew to respect Eliade tremendously and wrote articles about the Romanian scholar that were published in the sixties and early seventies.

The admiration must have been mutual, for in 1971, the same year that Dr. Ricketts joined the faculty of Louisburg College, Eliade asked him to translate part of his autobiography from Romanian, the author's native tongue, into English. Although a first trans-

lation had been previously prepared, the original translator, a Romanian immigrant, was not completely familiar with the English language. To enable himself to properly complete such a task, Dr. Ricketts dedicated himself to learning Romanian from grammar books he obtained at Duke University.

He soon grew proficient at reading the language. His skill, combined with his growing friendship with Eliade, made him the first person that Eliade called upon in 1978 to translate a novel titled *The Forbidden Forest*.

1981 for Dr. Ricketts was quite an eventful year. First, he translated the remainder of the first volume of Eliade's autobiography.

Then, he got the opportunity to live in Romania for three months as a participant in the Fulbright Scholar program.

Three years later, in 1984, through The National Endowment for Humanities, Dr. Ricketts was able to devote an entire year solely to research and study while remaining a faculty member of Louisburg College. This resulted in a book

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Getting Out the Vote

By Jennifer Sanders

Staff writer

Despite the fact that the right to vote is a source of power, more than half of the twenty-seven million eligible young voters in the United States are not registered to vote according to National Student Conference on Voter Participation.

The course our nation and states take regarding issues concerning students will be greatly affected by the results of the tally on November 8th. The issues being debated during this year's campaign—Economic opportunity, the arms race, the environment, U.S. foreign policy, the future of higher education—are ones on which every student's voice should be heard.

Student voters can play a pivotal role in this year's election. Those who came before us fought hard for the right to vote. Let's not take it for granted—Let's Make It Count In '88.

Students can register to vote in the November elections at the Franklin County Board of Election Office, 217 Court Street, until October 10th. Identification is required.

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Mac Ricketts, Chair of Religion and Philosophy

Photo by Bob Johnson



SGA Sets Goals

By Lisa Sykes

Staff writer

The Louisburg College Student Government Association begins its 1988-1989 academic year with the following officers: Mike DeVente—President, Sean Cavanaugh—Vice President, Parker Taylor—Secretary, Cathy Carter—Treasurer.

The officers have established the following goals for the fall semester. They are looking forward to a most successful year. The SGA would like for the students to realize what they themselves can do to make Louisburg College an even bet-

ter place to be. They would like to see the students have a closer relationship with the administrative staff. The officers would like to see the Taft Building open to students for a better studying atmosphere. They would also like to see drink machines installed in Taft Building. The SGA has made a proposal that visitation should be changed to seven days a week from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Mike DeVente and the other SGA officers would especially like to see an increased participation in the Student Government Association.

Music Department News

Director of Choral Activities Daniel Steinert reports enthusiastically that enrollment in the Glee Club is up from 22 members last Spring to 33 members this semester. The Glee Club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts classroom and is open to all Louisburg College students. One semester hour's credit is earned for the class; many students use this credit as a portion of the Humanities requirement for the A.A. degree. Steinert hopes to have fifty members in the Glee Club for next semester.

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Election Results

Freshman Class

President -- Kaki Stratford
Vice-President -- Beth Garner
Secretary -- Cacee Culpepper
Treasurer -- Sharon Deering

Sophomore Class

President -- Marshall Carroll
Vice-President -- Robbie Harper
Secretary -- Jeff Curtis
Treasurer -- Eve Stallings