

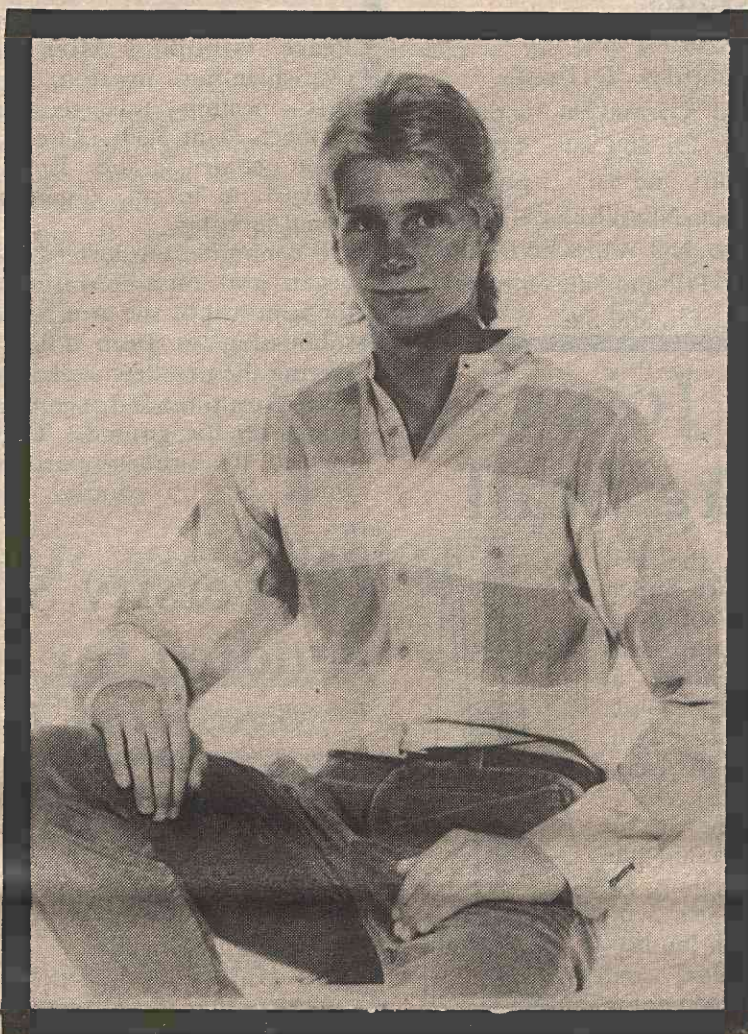
## In Memoriam: Stephen L. "Bucky" Pendergrass, 1968-1988

Stephen L. Pendergrass, a Louisburg College sophomore, died Saturday, October 21, after being involved in an automobile accident the preceding Wednesday.

Louisburg College held a memorial service for Steve Monday, October 24, the same day as his funeral; the chapel was filled to capacity.

In recognition of his importance to the college community, the editorial staff of *The Columns* dedicates this issue to his memory. His family members and friends were kind enough to contribute much of the material about him. For collecting and preparing these tributes, *The Columns* thanks Annette Partin, Katherine Grimes, and especially Steve's mother, Susan Pendergrass.

The Pendergrass family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Wake County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (S.P.C.A.), 503 Highway 70 East, Garner, NC 27529.



Steven L. "Bucky" Pendergrass

When I lost my son, I lost a good friend. We could talk about anything and everything -- girls, cars, sports, school, work.

We worked together and had a ball. He was a great waiter and people really liked him. In everything he did, he gave his all. I couldn't have been more proud of him and I thank God for the 20 years I had with him.

Steve became "Bucky" when he first started to crawl. He would bow up in the middle and buck back and forth in an effort to get moving. The nickname stayed with him.

He loved life and all living creatures, never being able to pass by a lost or wounded or hungry animal. At home we have a St. Bernard dog (Max) and four cats, but managed to make room for the one he would bring in to care for until he could find someone to take it.

I remember a Sunday when Bucky and I took Max to Durham to see Bucky's grandmother. The car has a

sun roof and Max rode all the way with his head up through the roof. Everyone passing would point and laugh and we enjoyed the fun, too. He usually bathed Max, getting himself as wet as the dog. He shared his bed with that 150-pound baby, too.

We had special quiet times together. He and I would sit in the living room floor for two or three hours and play 45 records and just listen, or sometimes work on a craft project. He washed and waxed my car and would scold me when he thought I had not kept it as clean as I should.

I don't believe I ever saw Bucky unhappy. Angry sometimes, sure, but never depressed or down. He seemed always to find a "bright side."

I have love and good memories that will last.

Susan Pendergrass

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## WHITE HOUSE BUREAU CHIEF VISITS LOUISBURG Auditorium Nears Completion

By Deidre Chopoorian

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Helen Thomas, the UPI White House Bureau Chief, visited Louisburg College on November 29, 1988, where she delivered a speech to the faculty, staff, and students. Members of the community and the press also attended.

Thomas has forty-five years of experience in covering the White House and its last seven presidents. She is credited with acquiring many stories of President John F. Kennedy and his family. She has also covered the Watergate and Iran-Contra scandals.

With all of her experience, it is easy to see how Thomas has many inside view points about government and politics. In the past election for example, Thomas feels that President-elect Bush's viewpoint got through to the people. She feels that Michael Dukakis was "too laid back" and never should have taken the defensive during his

campaign. She also feels that George Bush was very "middle-of-the-road" during his campaign concerning liberal and conservative issues; therefore, the direction his administration will take is unknown.

Thomas is also a firm believer in women's rights. She has said that she will continue to fight for women's rights and hopes that someday there will be more women in politics.

The 1976 *World Almanac* named Helen Thomas one of the twenty-five most influential women in America. Despite this, Thomas says that she does not feel in any way powerful.

A typical day in the life of Helen Thomas begins at 6:30 a.m. and can go as late as midnight. Thomas feels that her job is very exciting, demanding, and rewarding.

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Photo by Lisa Creech

The new Auditorium/Arts Complex is in its final stages for its opening in January.

Louisburg College is fortunate enough this year to proudly announce its new auditorium as an addition to the college campus.

The architects for the auditorium were the Dove Knight Association, who also designed the Taft classroom building and the Clifton L. Benson Memorial Chapel. According to Steve Burkhead, Assistant to the President for Institutional Advancement, the funds for the auditorium came entirely from private donations.

The new auditorium will be considered a cultural landmark. It will be one of the most modern facilities between Louisburg and the Virginia border. It will be an asset not

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