



# The Columns



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## College Opens Auditorium

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On January 12, 1989, Louisburg College unveiled its brand new four million dollar auditorium and theatre to the college campus and surrounding area. The building includes a twelve hundred seat main auditorium and a one hundred and eighty seat theatre. The inside has two main corridors that can be used for art exhibits, and the theatre is set up so that all performances can be seen from every seat.

The auditorium is the effort of over eight years of planning and fundraising by the Louisburg College Board of Trustees. It was built by Dove Knight and Associates of Rocky Mount and stands on the site where the Franklin Male Academy (later called the Louisburg Male Academy), Louisburg Graded School, and Mills High School once stood.

The opening included a reception for patrons and friends of the college. Former Lt. Governor Bob Jordan and his brother Ben E. Jordan, Jr., Chairman of the College Board of Trustees, were among the guests. Bishop Carlton P. Minnick, Jr., of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church was also in attendance. Faculty, Staff, and over one hundred and fifty students also attended.

The reception was followed by brief comments by Dr. Norris and a performance by the North Carolina Symphony, who played many well-known pieces including Louisburg College's Alma Mater.

From the huge success of the auditorium opening, it is easy to see how profitable and enjoyable this addition to the college will be.



Photo by Keith Roberts

Former Lt. Governor Bob Jordan, Beth Norris, and Sarah Jordan, Member of the College Board of Trustees, enjoy the celebration of the Auditorium's Opening.

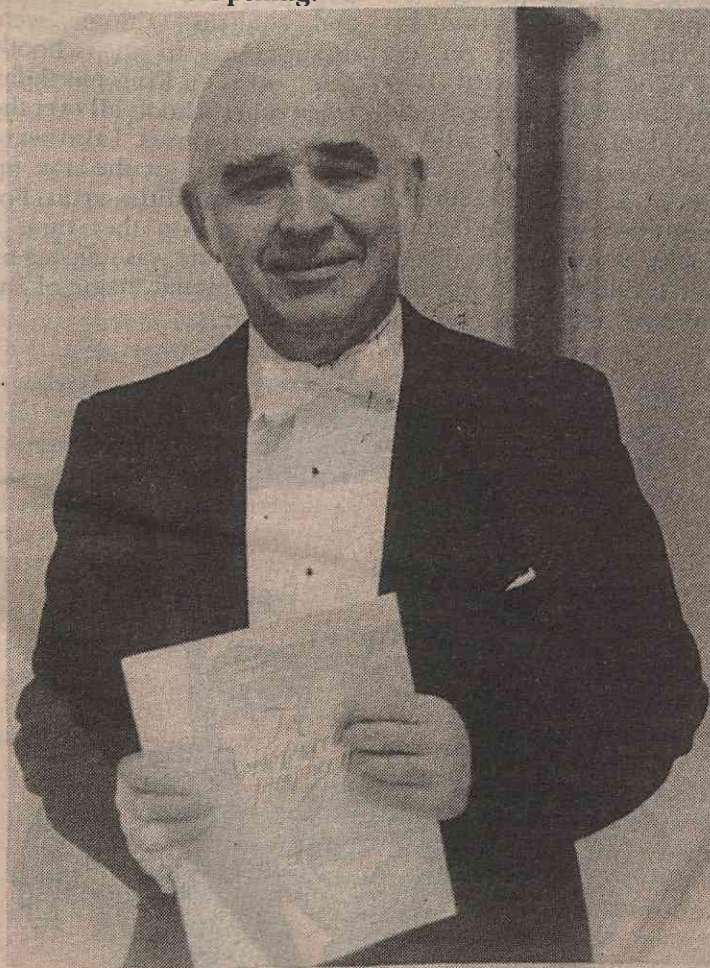


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North Carolina Symphony Conductor Joseph Silverstein; Silverstein and the Symphony gave the first performance in the new facility.



Photo by David Tilley

Highlights from the Hurricane Classic, which the home team won!

## Measles Alert

In mid-January, several cases of red measles were confirmed in Rowan County high school students. A few days later, there were reports of cases in Randolph County, and students at Asheboro High School were scheduled for mass inoculation. On January 19, at least two cases were rumored in Wake County.

By the end of January, NC State and East Carolina Universities had undertaken massive student inoculation programs, and at least twenty-five counties in North Carolina reported cases of the disease.

There were 77 confirmed and 177 suspected cases, according to the Raleigh News and Observer.

According to *The Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons Complete Home Medical Guide*, the majority of measles cases occur now in adolescents and young adults who had improper vaccination schedules as children. In the early seventies, it was thought that vaccinations at the age of one year were adequate, but it was subsequently discovered that

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## Visitation Policy Update

By Dodie Thrailkill Staff writer

This year at Louisburg College has been full of changes. The Open House policy has been a major issue both semesters. At the beginning of the Fall semester, students had only Tuesdays and Thursdays to invite students of the opposite sex to their rooms. The SGA proposed to the administration to change the original policy from only two days a week to seven days a week with weekends optional. After

weeks of discussions between the SGA, College administration, and students, the policy was changed.

The administration voted to have the students go through a trial period before making it official. J. Craig Eller, Dean of Students, said, "The initial trial period will end just before the Trustee meeting in February. At that time a report will be made to the Trustees on the success/failure of the trial period from the evaluation

results." Dean Eller also said, "Most students appear to be taking the guidelines seriously; however, there have been some blatant and unnecessary violations." He did not go into detail about the violations.

If you have talked with your parents, you might have discovered that the SGA and the administration sent cards to them asking them to write comments about the new policy. Dean Eller said "The

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