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A HEART WARMING CHRISTMAS CAROL

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A Christmas Carol is one of the few popular Christmas plays with a message of morality throughout the story. Love, joy, sharing, and giving are among the many warm feelings the Christmas season brings to the heart. This time of the year can be the most inspirational and Louisburg College is presenting the moving story *A Christmas Carol* to touch the hearts of the students, faculty, and the public this December.

There are three performances this year: Friday, December 1st and Saturday, December 2nd at 8 p.m., and a matinee at 2 p.m. that Sunday, December 3rd. Because many students might be leaving for the weekend, a special sneak preview will be offered at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29th. This is the final dress rehearsal for the cast; students and staff are invited to experience the magic early. Tickets are now being sold in the business office. Last year's play sold out quickly; those who are interested are encouraged to purchase tickets

as soon as possible. Louisburg Students need to bring their ID to show at the door.

Louisburg is lucky to have Mr. Charley-John Smith, the play's Director, working with students in the drama department. He has taught here full-time for sixteen years. There are fourteen original songs in the play and the lyrics were written by Smith. "There are spooky effects that are entertaining for both children and adults to enjoy," Smith said. A warm twist was added to the story along with new characters to move the hearts of the audience. "A *Christmas Carol* is by far my favorite play to direct and the most impressive to watch," Smith said.

Many people are working long hours to make this show possible. This includes Smith, who will be playing the part of Scrooge. Other players include Josie Smith as the Ghost of Christmas Present, Shannon Hopkins as the Narrator and Ghost of Christmas Past, and Jonathan May, who will play the part of Tiny Tim. Best acting award winners Bryan Johnson and Candace Dugger will also appear in the play.

There is also a guest performer, John Lawson, play-

ing David Lampson as a new character that will capture your heart. Charley-John Smith has worked and been friends with John Lawson for a while when a tragedy occurred. Lawson's arms were amputated after an electrical accident. Still wanting to work with Lawson, Smith wrote a script paralleling a character with no arms. Every time *A Christmas Carol* is shown, David Lawson comes back to fulfill the character's part which Smith wrote for him. Smith said, "I can't imagine putting on *A Christmas Carol* without him." We are excited to announce he will be here at Louisburg College to take his role as David Lampson this December.

As a result of all the hard work that is being put into this play, there are many special effects you won't want to miss. "There are a lot of special effects like Marley's chains, the ghost appearing and disappearing and many more," said Smith, "even my class can't figure some of them out after watching them on video several times!" There are also new and exciting dances, outstanding

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Marriott menace Russell Allen passes out candy to Mike Morgan, Ben Lenhard, and Casey Ganz during the Dining Center's Halloween celebration. Want to be a part of their next promotion? Flip this over and see how!

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