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### HINTON BREAKS GROUND ON LABYRINTH PROJECT

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Louisburg, NC — Will Hinton, Louisburg College professor of visual arts, is building a labyrinth in front of the Robbins Library this summer. Hinton describes a labyrinth as “a tool that increases what we can accomplish. It is also a tool of transformation and a crucible for change in our lives — where a person’s psyche meets their soul.”

“Your path winds throughout the pattern and becomes a mirror of the way in which we live our lives,” says Hinton. “In the Old Testament, it speaks about God’s people going on a journey. The New Testament describes Jesus Christ modeling a path of unconditional love and forgiveness. Now, and even then, a labyrinth represents our life’s journey.”

Hinton feels that the labyrinth will serve as a core component of the liberal arts experience of Louisburg College. “The three parts of spending time in the labyrinth consist of Purgation, Illumination, and Union,” Hinton explains. “They are also known as Release, Receive, and Return. This tool for walking meditation will be open to Louisburg College students, staff, and faculty, community members, and all folks on their journey — 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.”

His dream of building the labyrinth came true due to a generous grant from the Louisburg College Golden Anniversary Club (\$7,500) and the Franklin County Arts Council (\$1,000). The GAC and the Office of Alumni Relations also recently hosted a silent auction, raising an additional \$3,500 to help fund the project. “This well exceeded our goal of \$2,700, and more is coming in,” said Jamie Patrick, director of alumni relations and annual giving. Louisburg College’s labyrinth will be completed by August 2011.

Please go to <http://lclabyrinth.blogspot.com> to read more about the project and to follow its progress throughout the summer.

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