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Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty—II Cor 3:17

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Time to Remember

Jr./Sr. Banquet set for Friday night

By Carla L. Sturgill

David Meece will highlight the Junior-Senior Banquet Friday at 6 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Lynchburg Hilton.

Coordinator of student activities Bev Buffington described Meece as "one of the best performers you can get for a banquet situation."

"He's a singer, songwriter and comedian all put together," she explained.

"A Time To Remember" is the theme of the banquet sponsored by the Student Government Association.

"We tried to come up with a theme that would spark remembrances in the minds of the graduating seniors," Bev Buffington, coordinator of student activities, explained.

She also commented that Dean DuToit, SGA vice president of activities, is planning to add a few special touches to the evening, such as live dinner music.

SGA will also provide pictures, decorations and programs during the evening.

Attendance is limited to juniors and seniors and their dates, who can be underclassmen.

The Hilton will cater the event, which will begin with hors d'oeuvres and punch served from 6 to 7 p.m.

The cost for the evening is \$32 a couple. "There aren't many places you can go to get a full-course dinner and a whole evening of entertainment for that price," Buffington explained.

Meece will provide evening concert

David Meece is probably one of the most talented artists in his field today according to a press release about the singer. His abilities as a singer, songwriter, pianist, composer and comedian have catapulted him to being one of the leading Christian artists today.

Meece began his musical career as a classical pianist at the age of five. By the time he reached 16, he was a soloist for the Houston Symphony. During his senior year in high school he was composing his own music.

Upon graduation from high school Meece entered Peabody Conservatory of Music in Maryland where in his junior year he was well on his way to becoming a master at orchestration, composition, arranging and singing.

Although Meece says he never considered himself to be a singer, he has a 3-4 octave range.

Meece has achieved great success with many of his songs including "We Are The Reason" and "I Don't Know What I'd Do Without You."

He has also recorded the theme song for the Multiple Sclerosis campaign this year. The song is entitled "Love Is The Reason."

Meece lives in Nashville, Tenn., with his wife, Debbie, and their children, Christopher, 4 and Kelley, 8 months.



STUDENT PRODUCTION— Several LU student perform during a scene of "Dreamer" presented

last weekend during the annual Spring Arts Festival. —Photo by Bryan Preble

A Retrospect

SGA records successes, failures

By Robert Pitts

The Student Government Association has enjoyed many successes and a few disappointments this year, according to SGA officials.

The 1986-87 school year has been one of refinement and accomplishment for SGA as its leaders tried to improve student life at Liberty.

President's Office

SGA president Mike Broomell attributed much of SGA's progress this year to simple courtesy in dealing with the administration in an effort to build integrity and trust.

"The basic thing that helped to get everything accomplished was a good rapport with the administration," Broomell said.

The office of the student body president alone was responsible for many projects from "Examprin" packets to new carpeting in Dorm 9.

However, the campus bank is probably the project of most interest to students.

According to Russell Jackson, legislative assistant to Broomell, the Central Fidelity Bank and the Bank of Virginia are particularly interested in the possibility of a campus facility.

One project, the student book exchange, was not so successful. In spite of advertisement from posters, a *Champion* article and announcements from the pulpit and on the radio, only about 100 people registered during the six-day event.

Those who used the service, however, found many bargains.

Although the book exchange enjoyed some success, a college bowl competition with Lynchburg College could not be implemented.

Preparations for the event had progressed during the semester to the point that only the quiz material itself was lacking.

However, the College Bowl was not willing to sell the packets for intercollegiate competition, stating they were intended only in intramural use, according to Broomell.

After three attempts to persuade the business to sell the material, Broomell cancelled the event.

"It was a choice that I had to make," he said. "I could have ordered the packets and said that we were going to use them for intramural use, but I didn't think that was a proper testimony for a Christian institution."

Activites

With regard to activities, Dean DuToit, vice president of student activities, said that his assistants were "some of the best workers so far."

"This job is a group job," DuToit explained. "There's no way I could do it myself."

This year's movie schedule and the concert schedule, which featured 11 artists including Wayne Watson and Bill Gaither, especially pleased DuToit.

He added that the Junior/Senior Banquet and David Meece concert will be the "highlight of my year."

Ski trips were another bright spot in DuToit's schedule. Almost all of the four outings were sold out.

However, DuToit was somewhat disappointed by lack of student participation in some of the activities. "People are just not hanging around the place at all," he said.

Horseback rides, hikes and many movies had to be cancelled because students showed no interest. Little student feedback also caused an inter-dorm olympics to be shelved.

DuToit referred to himself as an assistant of Bev Buffington, coordinator of student activities, explaining that she is responsible for many

ideas and makes many things run smoothly.

Senate

Senate leader Jim Whitt described this year's senate as the most professional and organized one to date. More than 90 resolutions were brought before student legislators during the 1986-87 school year.

Whitt cited his experience in the U.S. Senate and the implementation of parliamentary procedure for senate meetings as key factors in this success.

Murnane commented that the Senate accomplished almost all of its goals this year. These included the committee structure, the Senate Report and senator ratings based on performance during sessions.

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New van will assist disabled, improve their campus life

By Michael Parker

A new handicapped van project is expected to begin servicing students in the fall, Dean DuToit, Student Government Association vice president of activities, explained.

DuToit reported that nearly \$2,000 has been raised through student and private donations since the fund drive began on Dec. 5 for the SGA-sponsored project.

He said that funds will be allocated for a lift kit and safety equipment to be installed in a van which SGA is seeking someone to donate.

DuToit explained that the project began as a personal goal while he was running for last year's SGA elections. "I wanted to do something for the handicapped people so they could get out to activities and enjoy the activities that everyone else does," he stated.

The inconvenience and lack of transportation plagues many Liberty students in their daily routines, but for the handicapped it places a greater burden.

One student, Kim Westover, said that attending activities or going off campus involves a lot of hassle for handicapped students.

"The bigger the school gets, the more handicapped people we are going to have. There needs to be something so that they do not feel isolated," she said.

Westover added that a van designated for handicapped students as a shuttle to classes is a necessity during bad weather.

DuToit said that SGA agreed to sponsor the project and use SGA chapels to collect donations.

He added that although the school's budget doesn't allow for the purchase of the van, the university will take responsibility for its general maintenance.

DuToit said that drivers for the van service will have their time and effort counted as part of their Christian service requirements.

The total cost for the project is estimated at \$2,700. DuToit said that the student body will have the chance to meet the goal in an offering which will be taken in the SGA chapel Friday.

Notice

Because of equipment problems, we will not be able to print sports coverage in this issue of the newspaper.

If repair is held up for some reason, this may be the last issue of the Liberty Champion this year.



HIGH WATER—A local railyard is flooded late last week as the James River rose to a 24-foot level.—Photo by Aaron Hamrick.

Students will minister with Continentals

By Cynthia Mayle

Two LU students will participate in the 1987 summer tours of the Continental Singers, a ministry organized to reach the unsaved worldwide.

Andrea Emberlin, a 19-year-old freshman from Fort Wayne, Ind., and Dale Gustafson, a 19-year-old sophomore from Atlanta, will be traveling with the ministry.

Each year, Continental Ministries, located in Thousand Oaks, Calif., sponsors up to 20 worldwide tours. The ministry was founded in 1963 by president Cam Floria.

This summer the Continental Singers will be traveling all over the world spreading the gospel through their music and using their talent for Christ. "This summer there will be 15 tours going to every continent except the Antarctic," Alan Gentry, vocal assistant director for the Continentals, said.

Each member raises half of his \$6,000-\$8,000 support for the tours. The remainder is raised through love offerings and record sales at concerts in the United States.

Emberlin will be traveling with the group on the American tour.

"The group will attempt to visit each of the 50 states performing a concert

each night," Emberlin said. The group consists of a 25-member choir, a nine piece band and three technicians.

Gustafson will be touring America, Finland, Sweden and the Soviet Union. The group will perform five or six concerts in Leningrad, which is one of the largest cities in the Soviet Union. Gustafson describes this opportunity as "the experience of a lifetime."

"Each concert has a very evangelistic message that usually results in decisions for Christ," Gustafson said. "Our main goal while we are in Russia is to encourage other Christians who are under oppression for their beliefs and to challenge them to a more meaningful commitment to Christ," he said.

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LU joins Lynchburg in "Walk America"

By Trish Stirsman

A team representing Liberty University will be participating in the annual March of Dimes Walk America on April 26.

Miss Liberty Donna Brewer and fiance John Walker will lead the Liberty team in the walk-a-thon. The 20 kilometer walk begins at Lynchburg City Armory at 1 p.m.

Kicking off the event this year will be 1986 Miss Lynchburg Joan Bryant, 1987 Miss Lynchburg Melissa Moon and the Brookville High School Pep band.

Many companies and organizations around Lynchburg are sponsoring teams in Walk America. Domino Pizza, K-Mart, the Lynchburg Mets and WSET-TV are just of the few of the teams who will walk in this fight against birth defects.

Brewer said she has walked for March of Dimes several times in the past. "We want students to participate and get pledges to raise money for birth defects. We need pledges and bodies there Sunday."

Brewer added, "It would be good for Liberty students to show their love for people through this community event."

Coordinator of Student Activities Bev Buffington said she is organizing the Liberty team because it places an emphasis on helping children similar to the way the ministry does through the Liberty Godparent prog-

ram.

The March of Dimes raises money to fight birth defects through its programs of research, medical services and education.

Pledge sheets can be picked up at the Office of Student Activities. A minimum of \$5 is needed to walk and students are advised to collect before they walk. The Liberty team should wear Liberty University shirts or caps. Buses will leave the DeMoss Hall parking lot at noon.

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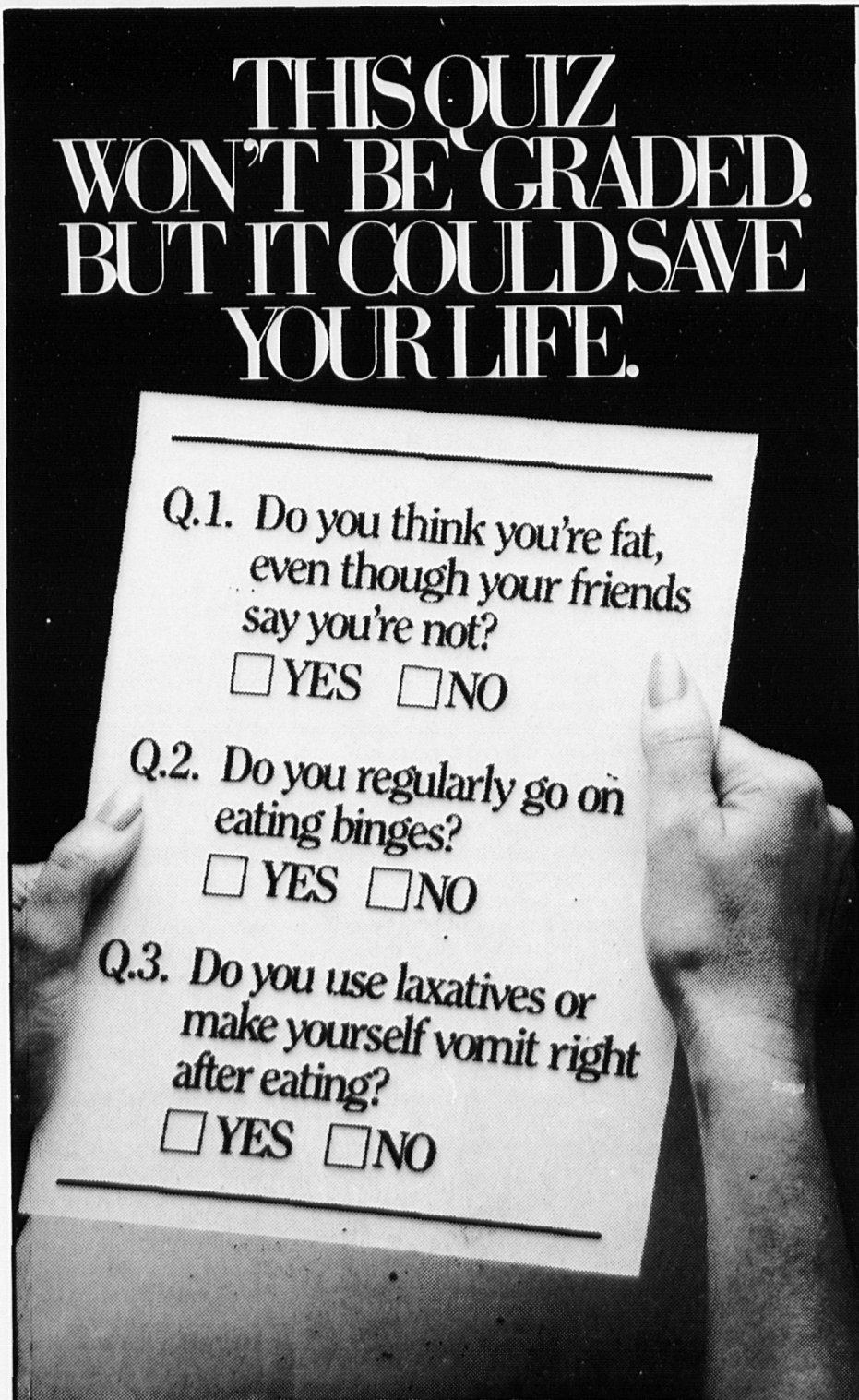
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HIGH FASHION— Two students model during teh Explosion '87 fashion show last week. --Photo by Don Hayden

LU philosophers receive charter

By Michael Parker

The national philosophy honor society Phi Sigma Tau has granted Liberty University a charter after unanimously endorsing student and faculty requests, according to Dr. David Beck, chairman of the philosophy department.

Phi Sigma Tau, founded in 1930 and consisting of 115 chapters throughout the United States, recognizes students with superior qualities in the study of philosophy.

Beck explained that the LU chapter, Virginia Zeta, measures the course structure, resources and faculty in the philosophy program.

"It identifies us as a philosophy program that meets the highest standard," he said.

Dr. Terry Miethe, professor of philosophy, said the chapter will build unity. "It will give members access to colleagues in other schools and build the kind of comradery that a society of professionals have."

He explained that the honor society will sponsor debates, invite special speakers and meet with local chapters.

"We're going to use this as a means to relate to other philosophers in terms of our faith... and try to show that Christians can understand and be competent in philosophy," Miethe added.

In addition, members will have publishing rights in the semi-annual society journal "Dialogue." This gives students an opportunity to write for the "only source of input on that level," Beck said.

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Designer to present seminar

By Cynthia Mayle

Georg Andersen, internationally known interior/architectural designer, will present a two-hour seminar Friday at 2:15 p.m. in DeMoss 114.

During the seminar sponsored by the Department of Human Ecology, Andersen will show slides of his personal portfolio; and a panel of local architects and interior designers, coordinated by Macel Falwell, will assist in answering questions.

Dr. Treva Babcock, chairman of the department, explained, "This time will be for students interested in architectural design, those interested in the restaurant business and those interested in art."

Prior to the event at 1:20 p.m.,

an "up close and personal time" with Andersen will be held in Science Hall 109.

A native of Long Island, N.Y., Andersen graduated from Parsons School of Design in New York and attended L'Ecole d'Architecture in Fountainbleau, France. He is the president of Georg Andersen Associates, Inc.

His clients have included Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Mary Martin, Ethel Merman, Zsa Zsa Gabor and several Fortune 500 companies.

One of Andersen's first projects was working on the Oval Office during the Kennedy Administration.

The Georg Andersen seminar is open to the public free of charge.

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Gentry said there is a difference between performing in the states compared to foreign countries. "The foreign countries are more receptive to the message and America is more concerned with being entertained," he said.

"Americans are dead to spiritual matters and Russia is dying to hear that what they have sacrificed was not in vain.

"In Russia, Christians give up their rights as communist citizens. This means each one sacrifices free education, housing and health care.

"Last summer in Romania, an interpreter working with the Continentals joined a church and in result his wife lost her job and his wages were cut 15 percent," Gentry said.

He added, "Often we have to go into the eastern bloc countries under cover as much as possible. This includes not wearing our costumes. The people always appreciate the group although they are restricted in their conversation with Americans by government informers."



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SWEET MUSIC— Holly Stone participates in a Concert Band performance during the week-long Spring Arts Festival. "Accent on the Arts '87" involved a great deal of student participation, according to Sharon Foushee, the student coordinator. Events included a photo contest, fashion show, musical production and several other events —Photo by Jonathan Moore

SGA

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Of more interest to students was the two week drop/add period which was passed at the beginning of this year by the administration.

Televisions in dorm rooms was one goal that Whitt was proud of, even though it was not passed by the administration, because much hard work went into the effort. A survey of 750 students revealed that 80 percent were in favor of the arrangement.

Dean Baker failed the proposal, however, claiming the televisions would interfere with students' studies and with their sleep, Whitt said.

"We don't believe in giving up," the senate leader said. He explained that while he does not want an "us-against-them" attitude toward the administration, the failed bills would be rewritten and resubmitted next semester using a different approach until an agreement is reached.

This new approach, Whitt said, would take place when Darren Waters takes over as vice president, allowing Whitt to do the major lobbying for questionable legislation.

"This senate has a blend that has worked to the advantage of the student body," Murnane explained.

A combination of intelligent, eager freshmen guided by older officers is the mix of which she spoke. She hopes that this will help curb apathy among the student body and provide representation for all students.

The senate was also able to establish a relationship with the administration that eased the difficulty in moving bills from its own level to the administration level.

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