SGA Plans Various Fall Activities

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of two articles detailing activities planned during the early weeks of school. The second is found on Page 2 of this issue.)

By Phil Day

Activities ranging from health-topics to military emphasis are slated for the opening weeks of school.

Health Awareness Day is on Sat., Sept. 8. According to campus doctor, Gregg Albers, the purpose of the day is to "make people aware of how to improve and to take more responsibility for their health and well being."

There will be 25 booths in the Multi-Purpose Center focusing on such subjects as running, stress, anorexia, blood pressure and nutrition.

Materials will be circulated, and several health experts are scheduled to speak. Demonstrations on running techniques and many other unannounced events are planned.

Following Health Awareness Day, there will be four 4-week aerobic sessions on campus, sponsored by the Courtside Athletic Club.

The classes are scheduled throughout the school year. Registration and a $20 payment are required in advance. More information is available from the SGA office in Dorm 13. Deadline for session 1 is at 2 p.m., Sept. 10.

On Monday, Sept. 10, Military Emphasis Week begins with Air Force Day which features a K-9 Corps demonstration. Also, tentatively planned, is a performance by the Air Force Band, a pictorial display and a precision fly-by of Air Force jets.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, is U.S. Navy Day. A tractor trailer mobile unit will be giving an overview of the Navy and its programs.

Wednesday, Sept. 12, is Armed Forces Day. Dr. Falwell has a special chapel speaker scheduled, and the Air Force Parachute Team has tentatively planned a drop.

Thursday, Sept. 13, the U.S. Marines will have a showcase of weapons and heavy arms and material. The Marine Reconnaissance Team also will demonstrate how to load and fire weapons.

Army Day is Friday, Sept. 14. The Parachute Rigging Team will have a demonstration. Plus, a National Guard fly-over is scheduled and an army culinary group will be making special dishes in SAGA. A heavily-armed helicopter display is tentatively scheduled.

Mr. Aaron Murphy, head of Liberty Military Ministries, which sponsors Military Emphasis Week, said that his goal is to promote the armed forces and patriotism on campus. In addition, he wants to recruit students for ROTC and the other services represented.

Finally, to round out the week, on Sept. 14-15 there will be a showing of the film "Taps," starring Timothy Hutton and George C. Scott. The film will be shown at 7 and 10 p.m. both nights in FA 120. Admission is $1.00. Tickets should be purchased in advance.

The Eagles Nest, a fellowship place for students, will also be open every Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. It has an informal atmosphere with both live entertainment and recorded contemporary Christian music. Snacks and soft drinks are also sold.

Shuttle bus tickets for River Ridge Mall, which has 85 stores, may be bought for 25 cents each way at the business office window.

FUN AND FOOD—Students enjoy hot food, cold drinks and warm fellowship at spring picnic. Another outing is slated for Friday, Sept. 7 at 5 p.m. to help kick off the Flames new football season. — Photo by Melinda Hoffman.
Biology Program Earns Virginia Accreditation

By John Peters

Two months and numerous delays after receiving a positive re­
commendation from a study team sent to Liberty Baptist College, the School of Education received an ap­
proved Liberty's biology teacher education program for state ac­
creditation.

By a 6-2 vote with one abstention, the board gave the LBC biology program a two-year accreditation.

Without state accreditation of the program, graduates of the biology program would be un­
able to receive teacher certification in Virginia and therefore would be unable to teach in the public school systems in Virginia or in any of the 31 other states that recognize Virginia certification.

The decision culminated three years of controversy fueled by American Civil Liberties Union opposition on the grounds that Christian Schools (TRACS), a creationist-accrediting association.

According to the ACLU, this is what LBC graduates are expected to do.

The original review committee selected to study Liberty's biology program visited the college on Nov. 30, 1981. The program was then given deferred status pending further study by the State Department of Education.

Another committee visited LBC in January of 1982 and recom­

mented that the biology program be given full approval. In De­
cember of the same year, the board gave temporary approval of the biology program.

Later that same year, Everett B. Morgan Hout, will open its 1984 football season against the Tow­

More details follow in a second article scheduled activities are

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Films, Trip Planned

will leave at 10 p.m.

Food and spirit will abound at the Kick-off Picnic/Pep Rally at 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7 on the lawn between the class­

room buildings.

The following day the LBC Flames, with new head coach Morgan Hout, will open its 1984 football season against the Tow­

son State Tigers at 7:30 p.m. at City Stadium. Buses will start leaving campus at 6 p.m.

Robby Benson portrays courageous Olympian runner Billy Mills in the film "Running Brave" to be shown Sept. 7-8 at 7 and 12 a.m. and at 2 and 10 p.m. respectively in FA 120.

Saturday, Sept. 15 is LBC Kings Dominion Day. Cost is $10.25, which includes transpor­
tion and park ticket. Buses will leave at 7:30 a.m.

Also on that day there will be a flea market from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the TE building. Stu­
dents may sell or purchase items in a flea market atmosphere.

In addition, SGA operates a refrigerator rental program for dorm students. The rental fee is $55 for the year plus a $10 re­

fundable deposit. Sign up is at distribution time or during check­
in at the dorm office or administra­
tion parking lots.

Summer School Sets Record Enrollment

By Deanna Pfau

Exactly 600 students attended summer school at Liberty Baptist College this summer, according to Ralph Brauser, records office director.

"It's the third summer that we've broken the 600 mark," commented Brause.

Several modulars and two reg­
ular summer school sessions gave students an opportunity to pick up necessary classes during those sessions.

Modulars began May 14 and ended May 25. Some classes lasted one week while others lasted two weeks depending on how many hours a day the class met. Students were allowed to take only one three-hour course during modulars.

Regular summer sessions dated from May 29 to June 22 and July 2 to July 27. Students could take a total of seven hours during regular summer sessions.

Students attending the first session totaled 292; the second session, 225; and students taking a modular totaled 261.

Tuition was $80 per credit hour.

Students who took more than one class received a dis­
count.

According to Dr. Glenn Sum­

rail, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the sessions of­
fered a wide variety of general education classes in some majors but not all.

Sumrall also added, "Summer school is a good opportunity to pick up some additional hours in a shorter period of time. There's a more relaxed atmosphere, and male students don't have to wear ties to class.

Michelle Wright, a sophomore at LBC, took an Art Appreciation modular. "I enjoyed the class be­
cause it took less time, and we were always busy, never bored. I definitely plan to take more in the future."

Gerald Shockley, another LBC sophomore who attended the regular summer sessions, commented, "You feel a bigger sense of accomplishment be­
cause you are doing a more con­
centrated amount of work in a shorter period of time."

New Majors Available

By Brent Richardson

Six new majors will be offered this year at Liberty Baptist Col­
lege.

"LBC is a growing institution. The curriculum has been going through drastic changes, part of it being because the faculty has different ideas and credentials. The administration must meet the instructor's needs," said June McHaney, assistant director of Academic Support Services.

"We have to develop the product to meet the need of the student body. We have good, solid cred­
entials that can compete with any other school," McHaney added.

In the School of Business and Governmental Sciences, Divi­
sion of Governmental Science, a student will be able to major in political science with three concent­
trations: foreign affairs, pre­
law and public management.

Also, in the Division of Busi­
ness Affairs, majors in finance and human resource management have been added.

In the School of Arts and Sci­
ences, a student can major in home economics with a concen­
tration in fashion merchandising, food services management and general home economics.

Also in the same school, the Division of Fine Arts offers majors in sacred music in two specializations: church music di­
rection and theory and composi­
tion. In addition, a student may major in music education with specializations in either choral or instrumen­tal studies.
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SGA Officers Outline Goals

By Alan Jackson
Liberty Baptist College students will notice sweeping changes this year as the new student government association starts off the year with some new plans and programs.

The new SGA administration includes Troy Titus, president; Scott Sherman, vice president of student services; and Jim Hollands worth, vice president of student activities. Also included in the new cabinet are Ruth Powell as treasurer and Kelly Haverkate as secretary.

Under the leadership of Titus, SGA will attempt a major undertaking as it seeks to establish strong bonds between LBC and the Lynchburg community. These plans include improved relations between LBC, community businesses and other area schools.

In his community outreach programs, Titus hopes to establish internships, involving the various majors and clubs within LBC, which will give students a variety of avenues for experience in their field.

The new administration also plans to institute academic debates and school functions with other area schools.

SGA will not only seek better relations between LBC and the community but also desires better relations between LBC students and the campus grounds crew. This will become evident during the new "Take Pride in Your Campus Week" when students will make an extra effort to keep LBC beautiful.

Improved communications between SGA and the student body is a major goal for the new officials as they plan to print a bimonthly or weekly SGA report. This report will be the responsibility of Christie Largent, the director of communications.

This is a newly created position which will ensure that the students are completely informed on SGA activities. Periodic announcements will be made during certain meals if necessary.

Town students, which comprise one third of the student body, will become a priority for the new cabinet. SGA will provide its own student council with a chairman and delegates for married and unmarried students.

The SGA executive council also plans to sponsor a periodic book swap and start a Saturday market in its efforts to boost free enterprise on campus. This market will provide an outlet for students to sell their art and crafts. Titus says he wants LBC students to "look to the campus as a source (of goods) instead of going off-campus."

Hollands worth has adopted "campus involvement" as his motto for the year. He wants to get all students involved and said, "We don't want to leave freshmen out at all, for they can do just as much as everyone else."

Hollands worth hopes to start "Libertyfest," which will be a giant amusement park in which various student groups will set up booths with small games and SGA will hire a company to bring in rides.

A Liberty-all-nighter is in the plans also. This activity will provide students with an entire night of many different activities which will conclude with an early breakfast.

The Liberty Open will provide the golfers of the campus with an opportunity to let their skills shine and at the same time compete for a prize. Hollands worth hopes the tournament will become an annual event.

Campus societies are in the blueprints for next year as SGA works toward creating an opportunity for those with similar interests to live together. Other activities include weekly late skates and late bowling with periodic fishing, ice skating and white water rafting trips.

Along with the increase in vision for this year, an increase in manpower is needed. SGA hopes to meet this demand by increasing its work force and providing the workers with Christian Service credit. Titus said that manpower has been scarce at SGA's activities in the past, and allowing students to receive Christian Service credit will enable more students to learn responsibility while providing for the student body.

SGA also proposes student weekend revival services.

Titus Welcomes Students

By Troy Titus
SGA President

I trust that everyone enjoyed your summer and is looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

As we settle into the campus scene once more, we should prepare ourselves for the many things God has in store for us. I am sure that whether your summer was smooth or rough, the Lord had a lot to say to you. I know He did to me.

Take advantage of the time you have now. Learn as much as possible; remember that what you learn here is the foundation that will support the rest of your life. God is prepared to teach you a lot about yourself, relationships and your future; allow Him to do so.

Soon we will face the pressures of due dates, exams and tough professors. Let us never forget the One who gives us strength. Help one another stand, prepare to win.

You will find that your Student Government is prepared to help you in any way we can. Please feel free to come by the office any time you need assistance, or would just like to say "hello." We encourage all students, living in town or in the dorms, to become actively involved at LBC.

Brewer Begins New Duties

By Michelle Wright

With the promotion of Dean Edward Dobson to vice president of student affairs, Vernon Brewer accepted the job of dean of students July 1.

The new dean is positive concerning every aspect of his job, "I want this to be the best year ever for everything here. I'm going to stress unity, positive attitudes and consistency. We will see all the rules are enforced, but more than that we are interested in spiritually pastoring the students.

Brewer is from San Diego, Calif., where he was the founder and director of the Light Ministries. He has completed studies in Revival at Oxford University with the Association for Research and Revival.

He came to Thomas Road Baptist Church in 1972 to be the senior high youth pastor. He attended Liberty Baptist College in 1973 and became the first graduate. He then traveled for 10 years as an evangelist in more than 300 church crusades and rallies, traveling to 19 foreign countries including England, Africa, Holland and behind the iron curtain.

Dean Brewer will start a Light Ministry here and will travel throughout the school year, using music and media to promote the gospel. He encourages the involvement of other students besides the team members, "I not only want the team members to travel but hope many students here will have a desire to come along."

Brewer says one of his main goals here is to "influence students toward a more vital relationship with the Lord." He will be a regular chapel speaker and hold many Sunday and Wednesday night services on the mountain. He will also hold a student revival service Tuesday, Aug. 28.
Soccer Coach Uses Sport As Ministry for Christ

By Jennifer Steele

"The people of the world only relate to you through what they think is special," said Bill Bell, Liberty Baptist College soccer coach. "Soccer allows me to speak to them about the Lord." A native of Scotland, Bell has played Great Britain's national sport since boyhood. After finishing high school at 16, he moved to America to study engineering.

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By Deanna Pfau

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Lines Haunt Liberty

By Tim Brookway

I felt when I first arrived at Liberty Baptist College and discovered that Jerry was not there to greet me. As I looked around, I noticed this massive conglomeration of human flesh, my curiosity was aroused. “What’s that mob of human flesh; my curiosity was aroused. ‘What’s that mob of human flesh headed for my first encounter. An enormous mass of human flesh headed for the same place for the same thing. To this day patience has not been one of my greatest virtues, but Liberty has always been the best place to learn. Roommates are your next major encounter. Liberty gives you the chance to personally interact with those within arms reach, but it’s usually best not to. Just remember to be the people who will spend the entire school year with you and your stinky socks.

Of course, dorm life plays a key role in the development of young champions. The greatest influence? RA’s! Yes, your local resident assistant is very vigilant during the next few weeks to acquaint you with the unique dormitory life. Then again, I always thought dusting was a terrific extra-curricular activity.

Food Fills The Bill

By Russ Stafford

The food service at Liberty Baptist College is one of the finest among Christian colleges nationwide. Although SAGA, Liberty’s food service, is often the recipient of much campus ridicule, most Liberty students would undoubtedly give the corporation a favorable rating. There are times, however, when the nourishment served will be either a day too old or slightly undercooked, creating uneasy feelings in the stomach. Nevertheless, these incidents seldom occur and the overall quality of each meal is high.

Liberty’s food service will not serve home cooked meals, but not too many colleges will. Nor will the cafeteria’s menu always agree with your tastes. Without question, though, SAGA does a fine job in both food and student service.
Coaches/Players Alter Team Makeup

By Kevin Keys

The single biggest factor on the Flames brightening horizon for the 1984 football season is the almost totally new coaching staff, but many other factors will have to mold together for the Flames to achieve a successful year.

Several veterans, after missing all or part of the 1983 season, will vie for starting positions along with 15 returning starters and numerous backups who say playing in 1983 was a learning experience.

Add to this the promise of what has been called one of the most well-rounded recruiting classes that have to be filled, and this will be the task facing Liberty's new coaching staff led by head coach Morgan Hour.

At quarterback, Liberty has the most experienced group of returnees the Flames have ever assembled. The way will be Phil Basso (6‘2”, 175, Sr.) who threw for 1,550 yards and seven touchdowns in only seven games during the 1983 season.

Basso already holds four of the LBC passing records and could take over the career passing mark with a year equal to 1983. He needs 1,535 yards to surpass Glenn Inverso's record (3,179 yards/1977-80).

Both Jacob Pope (5‘11”, 183, Jr.) and Amon Horton (6‘0”, 183, Jr.) from LBC are back. If all things go well, Basso was injured and could step in and play if needed.

This year’s running backs are young and basically inexperienced. Gone are last year’s starters. Taylor Cole and Carlos Arau-
gon. Cole rushed for over 1,000 yards and earned VaSID All-State honors and was named MVP of the college division.

Fred Brown (6‘2”, 175, Soph.) and Willie Larkins (5‘9”, 185, Soph.) have the inside track at replacing Cole. Brown was moved from quarterback to tailback in the spring and was impressive.

Larkins finished the 1983 season as the Flames starting fullback but is better suited to play tailback. He is strong and durable and could start at either position in 1984.

Kelvin Edwards has already made a mark for himself in the record books. Although only a junior, Edwards holds four receiving records and needs only 11 receptions, 388 yards and four touchdowns to become the career leader in all the receiving categories.

Rennie Jones (6‘4”, 208, Jr.) is the heir apparent to the tight end position vacated by All-American Earl Rector, who was graduated. Jones, who had 20 receptions and one touchdown last year, has worked hard during the off-season to improve his blocking. Marcus Adams (6‘2”, 185, Soph.) and JUCO transfer Anthony Hill (6‘2”, 218, Jr.) should provide solid depth at tight-end.

One other new face will be quarterback John DeMoss. DeMoss kicked 92 of 93 extra points (82 straight) and 31 of 47 field goals in his career. His apparent successor is Bill Kagey (5‘9”, 155, Jr.) who has apprenticed under DeMoss for the past two seasons.

Team Faces Tough Schedule

By Steve Davis

The Liberty Baptist College volleyball team will take the court Sept. 11 in an attempt to improve on last year’s school record of 34 wins.

The team will face a tougher schedule but has probably improved enough to offset the added difficulty. Coach Beth Dalton lost only two players (Cami Coulter and Shelley Wilhite) but has last season’s top three MVPs, Patti Lunn and Terri Dixon returning. The award marked Lunn's second consecutive MVP award.

Coach Beth Dalton has probably recruited well enough to make up for the two seniors. Her incoming freshmen include Anne Carville, a 5‘11” hitter from Lynchburg; Julie Schirrell, a 5‘3” setter from Indianapolis; Barbara Smith, a 5‘9” hitter from Arizona; and Ursula Meyers, a 5‘7” setter/hitter from Baltimore.

One other new face will be playing for Dalton this year, but her’s will be a very familiar face. Angie Clark, LBC’s leading scorer and rebounder in basketball last season, will be changing sports. The 6‘2” ex-center will provide Dalton with a very visible front line player.

Also returning for the Ladies will be Cathy Kornachuk, last year’s Coach’s Award winner. Kornachuk is a setter/hitter who possesses a 25-inch vertical leap.

Dixon is the only Lady Flame with equal leaping ability. This season’s schedule will indeed be tougher, according to Dalton. Scaled foes include the University of Virginia, Clemson, Mansfield (the number one team in the region last year), and all the “biggest tournaments” in the region.

Home tournaments are scheduled for September 28-29 (against mainly Division II and III opponents), and November 2-3 (I and II). Also scheduled are four individual home matches and a scrimmage tournament. Along with the scholarship athletes, Coach Dalton is looking for good walk-ons. Tryouts will be held at Lynchburg Christian Academy the first week students are back.

Sportsscene

A Difference in Priorities

By Steve Davis

This is not going to be your typical Sportsscene; this is going to be an LBC Sportsscene. The difference is priorities. At all schools priorities are simple and well defined: winning is first; all else is second.

But things are different at Liberty; winning should not be, and hopefully isn’t, our first priority. I know it sounds odd and clichéd to some of you, but the first priority of Flames athletics should be the advancement of the Kingdom of God. Winning should be a distant second.

Thankfully, we have managed to maintain that priority ranking for the most part. I personally believe that should we ever lose sight of the top priority, our sports program will become a disaster in both its first and second priorities. I know that comes as a shock to some. “What does the advancement of the Kingdom have to do with winning?” I hear many murmuring. “Everything” is the response.

There are, of course, the “mind-attractive” and the “Lord’s on our side” school of answers that everyone has heard, but there is another answer also recruiting. Without our set priorities we lose our only true recruiting edge. If service to God is not our primary purpose, we have absolutely nothing over all the other colleges in America.

But with our set purpose we have a definite edge over other schools in recruiting the Christian high school athlete (and Christian should be the only kind we recruit). If our priorities are straight, we can offer the Christian athlete something he or she cannot find at the secular institution, the ability to grow both as an athlete and a Christian.

Where else can the Christian athlete find a growing athletic program and a coach who will not cuss him (or even her) out in front of the coaching staff? Where else can the Christian athlete go with the possibility of someday making pro (see Sid Bream), play for a knowledgeable coach (see Jeff Meyer, Jake Mathias, Beth Dalton, Al Worthington, et al.), and prepare for a life of service? Or, to put it more basically, where can an athlete learn how to beat the socks off an opponent on the field and then lead him or her to Christ when the clock’s run out?

And you know what I think? If we keep our priorities straight it won’t be long before major college (Division II) teams are all we have on the Mountain, and winning teams at that. To put it more down to earth, I predict that within the next few years one of our sports (men’s basketball probably) will land a major college blue-chip prospect who wants God to be first, and the team will, within three years of the signing, move to Division I-competitively—if we keep our priorities straight.

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OFF AND RUNNING—LBC’s football team begins its 1984-85 season under new coach Morgan Hout on Sat., Sept. 8 against Towson State. Hopefully they’ll meet as little resistance as defensive back Wayne Haddix did on this play. — Photo by Lawrence Swicegood.

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Hout Leads LBC Football

By Michelle Wright

Morgan Hout, former receiver coach for the University of Richmond, was chosen as Liberty Baptist College’s new football coach June 8th after school officials interviewed eight experienced coaches.

Hout was also receiver coach at the University of Maryland. In addition, he has coached in five bowl games and has worked with many players who have gone on to play professional ball.

Hout first heard of the Liberty football program through Lee Royer who started the program here. Referring to Royer, he said, “He was the greatest coach I’d ever met and the greatest Christian.”

Therefore, when Hout heard the head coaching position was open, he was excited. “This is a unique Christian program, and I want to be a part of it,” he said.

When he accepted the job, he had to get busy right away. Six new coaches had to be chosen, and lots of paper work had to be completed. Hout is pleased with all the new coaches. “They are all excellent coaches and good men,” he said.

Football practice started August 15th at Treasure Island so the players will be prepared for the first game of the season. The opener against Towson State on Sept. 8, will be a night game.

Talking about the positions, Hout said some walk-ons are needed. “I want to give walk-ons a chance. We are still looking for a punter, and it’s worth a scholarship to a boy if he can punt.”

Hout plans to change the passing game this year. “We have got a good thing with Phil Basso, and I plan to take advantage of that.”

“I have learned not to make predictions, but I know we will do just what we are supposed to do.”

BOWL COACH—New Flames head football coach Morgan Hout relaxes in his office surrounded by memories of the bowl games he has coached. He was a wide receiver coach for the Maryland Terrapins when they went to the Liberty, Gator, Cotton, Hall of Fame and Sun bowls respectively.—Photo by Dolph Bell.

Parading Mascot Boosts the Team Spirit at LBC

By Tim Brockway

He stands six-and-a-half feet tall, weighs 230 pounds, has huge brown arms and big yellow feet. He loves cute cheerleaders, rowdy fans and exciting ball games. So, who is this mystery person?

Anyone who goes to Flames football or basketball games knows that it’s the Flames favorite feathered friend and the school mascot—Flame, the eagle.

Flame was hatched last year and has made Liberty his permanent nest. Born with deformed wings and unable to fly, Flame decided to take up a new and exciting career as the Flames mascot.

It has been a difficult but rewarding job. His responsibilities are two fold; he not only stirs up the fans, but also is a safety precaution for the cheerleaders.

Speaking of his job, Flame said that he counts it an honor and privilege. He also said that he has a great time. Student support in his opinion is excellent—“very rowdy.” As far as he’s concerned, his job is not to make the fans enthusiastic because they already are. He is simply there to “egg them on.”

Flame is popular with the fans, the athletes and the coaches. The faculty all love him, and Dr. Jerry Falwell once gave him the thumbs up sign.

NO WHERE TO GO—The West Georgia halfback is in a losing footrace against emerging LBC defenders in a game from last year. Once again this year the Flames play a rigorous schedule: the opening home game is Sept. 8, at 7:30 against Towson State University. Other games are Sept. 15, at 1:30 against Virginia State University (A); Sept. 22, at 1:30 against James Madison University (H); and Sept. 29, at 1:30 against Georgia Southern College (A). Games slated in October are Oct. 6, at 1:30 against Mars Hill College (H); Oct. 13, at 1 p.m. against West Georgia College (A); Oct. 20, at 1:30 against Lenoir-Rhyne College (H); and Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. against Presbyterian College (A). Remaining games are Nov. 3, at 1:30 against Wofford College (H); Nov. 10, at 1:30 against Delaware State College (A); and Nov. 17, at 1:30 against Carson-Newman College (H).

LIKE MONEY IN THE BANK—that’s the way the LBC mascot “Flame” feels when the spirit is high during basketball season, or for that matter, any season. — Photo by Janet Iglesias.