Class officer hopefuls chosen by committee

By Robert Pitts

The Student Government Association will select 24 candidates today for the presidential and vice presidential positions of each class. Interviews with the 32 applicants by the SGA executive committee will result in the selection of three contenders for each leadership position.

The executive committee, which includes Jim Whitt, student body president, Darrin Waters, SGA vice president and Terri Martin, vice president of activities, is concerned about many aspects of an applicant’s life, asking about consistency of devotional times and general spiritual progress.

Professionalism and efficiency will characterize WLBU, the campus radio station, this year if radio station manager Scott McCall has his way. “We really want to reach out to the campus this year,” McCall said. “We want to give (the students) a station they really want to listen to.”

The six-year-old station began broadcasting Aug. 25 at 550 on the AM band. If all goes well, this will be the first full year that the signal will be received by all dorms.

McCall, who last semester served as operations director under former station manager Kevin Van Buren, said that his goal for WLBU is to give quality experience to his personnel, so that they will eventually be prepared for work at any professional radio station.

The emphasis on quality means that only experienced disc jockeys will be allowed on the air this year.

With a contemporary Christian format, WLBU will broadcast music within the Liberty code throughout each day.

Monday through Friday beginning at 10 a.m. the station will try to accommodate the lower-end contemporary tastes of professors, administrators and other campus employees who, according to McCall, make up most of the audience during the school day.

Bogue leaves for Far East after months of training

By Robert Pitts

An LU mathematics teacher will soon teach English in the People’s Republic of China, more than 5,000 miles away.

Ann Bogue, 26, will leave tomorrow for Changchun, a city of more than a million people in Manchuria, where she will teach English as a Second Language at Changchun Optics College. From Virginia, air mail takes about two weeks to reach Bogue.

The teacher goes to the Asian country under the leadership of the Educational Services Exchange with China.

Later in the afternoon, however, the programming will be adjusted to the contemporary level for students as they return from classes.

McCall said that particular attention will be paid this year to keeping the musical selection current.

“News is going to be hot” also, McCall said, adding that news director Shirley Drago will put special emphasis on daily campus coverage.

Drago has worked as a newscaster and reporter. Last semester she served as assistant news director.

Additions to the news department format will include a bottom-of-the-hour headlines broadcast. State, national and world reporting from the United Press International wire service will also be an integral part, McCall said.

Selected last semester by station advisor James Pickering, Van Buren and McCall, current station leadership also includes the following:

• Tim Pelletier—Operations Director
• Steve Warnstrom—Program Operations Assistant
• Danielle Doyle—Traffic Director

SGA’s Waters hopes for productive year

By Plant Windham

Liberty University’s Student Government Association is looking forward to one of the best years ever, according to Van President Darrin Waters.

Waters said that he hopes this would be one of the most spiritually oriented years. The executive staff will meet once a week with Dave Baker for a discipleship program.

“We feel the campus leadership, are together spiritually, we feel it will not off on the student body,” Waters said.

“We also feel that if the administration sees that we have ourselves together spiritually, that we know what their standards are and that we plan to live up to those standards, they will be more likely to work with us.”

Building himself only is one of the many SGA goals. “We want as many people involved as possible, especially freshmen,” Waters said.

More unity-building, character education and faith for the student body of the U.S. Constitution have been added to the agenda, said that the planning sessions are now offered to faculty and town students. This service will be located in the SGA office where devotional times and pick-ups will be made.

People are needed to fill some positions in the SGA senate. Openings are available in the student assembly, activities council and cabinet.

“We do try to keep it that way. To get anything, we need the administration. Anyone interested in being involved in SGA should contact the SGA office at extension 2223 or stop by the office across from the bookstore.”
By Cynthia Mayle

This semester brings with it several curriculum changes which should interest new and returning students.

In the bachelor of science area, the business administration program has been expanded to include five concentrations: finance, human resource management, management information systems, management, and marketing.

A fourth concentration, administration of justice, has also been added under the political science major.

English as a Second Language is available this year institution, she explained.

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A counseling concentration has also been added to the psychology major.

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"Several programs have been discontinued due to lack of interest," June McHaney, assistant to the vice president of academic affairs, said.

Eliminated are the anthropology/sociology major and the two-year associate of applied secretarial science.

Discontinuing the secretarial degree caused a little stir in the student body, according to McHaney.

"A two-year degree should be gained from a local community college because LU is basically a four-year institution," she explained.

Also discontinued is the business education program because of lack of enrollment.

Nevertheless, those students already committed to the secretarial science and business education programs will be allowed to work through them, McHaney said.

The administrator added that the process for curriculum changes is a very involved one.

She explained that any faculty member can suggest a new course, major or minor or suggest changing existing programs.

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Rules at Liberty

Baker says most unchanged

By Frank Banfill

Rumors concerning policy changes in movie attendance, physical contact and dress code were addressed recently by John L. Baker, dean of student affairs.

"There have been no major changes in this year's Liberty Way," Baker stated.

Movie attendance is still not allowed and is punishable by four reprimands and a $15 fine. The only change in this policy is the number of reprimands that are assessed. Last year's punishment was eight.

Concerning physical contact, Baker stated that hand-holding is now permitted. "I don't consider that a major change," he stated. He continued to say that although this change was a "big deal" to many, it wasn't to him.

The new Liberty Way states, "There must be no improper personal contact. Such display is considered in poor taste...and will result in a social violation." Improper personal contact is punishable by four reprimands, according to the school handbook.

Baker suggested that anything beyond hand-holding would be improper. "People ask 'what constitutes hand-holding,' and I say that you can tell whether someone is holding hands or not. It's that simple," he said.

In regard to wearing shorts, Baker stated that the rule is pretty much the same as last year. "Shorts are for recreation only. They cannot be worn in the cafeteria, or in any academic building."

On other issues, Baker said that the age to move off campus is still twenty-two.

Concerning senior dormitories, Baker stated that they were set for three to a room, the same as last year. We promised that there would not be more than three to a room."

"Televisions are still not allowed in the rooms," Baker stated. He also said that if there were fewer students to a room, then he might consider allowing it. "As long as there are four in a room...it (televisions) would be an academic disaster."

Baker felt that changes in this year's Liberty Way were minor, and he does not anticipate any more changes in the near future.
Athletes claim academics, sports in competition for limited time

By Doug Waymire

Athletics and academics play vital roles in many Liberty students' lives. These student athletes are driven to perform well both on the field and in the classroom. Can a student successfully carry a full class load and be competitive on the intercollegiate level?

"The student athlete has to live a very disciplined lifestyle in order to be successful," Jimmy Jackson, a sophomore from Kalamazoo, Mich., commented.

Jackson wrestled for the Flames as a freshman but will not compete this season because he wants to devote more time to academics. "Sports is a full-time commitment, so is the Lord and so is academics," he explained. "I just didn't feel like I could totally devote myself to all three."

The former wrestler explained that the demands on an athlete's time involves more than just attending practice during the season. As a wrestler, I was traveling all the time on weekends. It was very hard to study on the road."

In addition, Jackson explained that athletes are expected to continue conditioning in the off-season as well. "It's a year-round thing really," he said. "Wrestlers who are on scholarship are expected to compete in a certain number of tournaments during the summer. Wrestling is really like a summer job." Bubba Jackson, a transfer student from the University of Central Florida, agreed that athletics require a full-time commitment from students.

He played football for U.C.F. but transferred to Liberty to finish his career as a Flame. Part of B. Jackson's decision to transfer was based on U.C.F.'s attitude toward the student athlete. "At the University of Central Florida athletics was really stressed. Academics was secondary. No one really cared how athletes did in the classroom," he explained.

B. Jackson noticed a tremendous difference in the LU coaching staff's philosophy. "Here Coach Hoot stresses academics," he said. "His goal is for everyone to graduate. He puts the degree first. Other schools just emphasize football." A second football player, sophomore Darin Armour, noted that people who refer to athletes as "dumb jocks" are unfairly stereotyping them. "Athletes have to try harder than non-athletes because everyone is watching them. We are really pushed harder academically because we are more visible," he explained.

Jackson had another view. "Sometimes it is really true that football players are dumb," he said. "Some of them are having trouble academically. But some nonathletes are also dumb. People don't make such a big deal about that even though they have more time to study than we do."

Jeff Enloe, a freshman walk-on from Dallas, explained how the LU coaching staff helps its student athletes get a good start academically. "All freshmen are required to go to study hall every night from 7:45 p.m. until 9:45 p.m.," he said. Up- perclassmen with academic problems are also required to attend the study session. Athletic programs at LU study hall do study, according to the players. "There are no magazines or Walkman radios allowed," B. Jackson stated. "There are coaches watching over you to make sure you study." Although academics are heavily stressed at Liberty, all four athletes agreed that they could definitely do better in school if they weren't involved in sports. "Sure I could do better in the class..."

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Ball players misunderstood

By Ross Hayduk

a.k.a. Gwendolyn Cooper

Since I began dating Slade, many of my friends have been asking me about the football team. Now I know I'm "only a freshman," but I feel after dating a starter, I know a little bit about this business called "football." So for all you poor, confused girls who have had your eye on a cute player, my new "Gwendolyn Answers Your Football Questions!" By me!

Question 1: "Dear Gwendolyn, I have seen you with that cute freshman starter, Slade Heath. How come football players get special treatment and don't have to do any work?"

Signed, No Lazy Boyfriends!

My Answer: "Dear No Friends, Obviously you are NOT dating the cutest freshman starter. Slade is VERY busy. The team must be in the weight room at 6 a.m., at breakfast fast every morning (required!), in class throughout the day, in practice from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m., at supper before 7:45 p.m., in study hall until 10 p.m. and in the dorm for lights out all week long! And then they play a game almost every Saturday. In fact, he is so busy, he rarely sees me! Hey, wait a minute...."

Question 2: "Dear Gwendolyn, I hope you have been eating well. My corns will be removed on Fri.... (Sorry, wrong letter! That one's from my mother.)"

Question 2-a: "Dear Gwendolyn, my boyfriend got stepped on by a man."

My Answer: "Dear Girl with the Gentleman Boyfriend, Okay, okay. I'm sorry that your boyfriend got stepped on. Our football players practice hitting and stepping on other guys. I think sometimes they forget where they are. That's not to say that football players have bad memories. But remember that we all bump into someone without realizing it. Foot­ball players are no exception. Accidents will happen, especially in a crowded cafeteria. I am sure that whoever stepped on your boyfriend didn't mean to do it."

Well, I hope I was able to answer all your football questions....

On the Ball—"Kilo" dribbles down field during a pre-season contest against Virginia Military Institute last weekend. The Flames open their regular season at home on Wednesday against the University of Richmond Spiders.—Photo by Don Hayden.