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IN CONCERT—Dallas Holm and Praise will be in concert Friday at 8 p.m. in the LBC Multi-Purpose Center. Concert-goers are requested to bring a canned good to benefit the needy in lieu of an admission charge.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last of a three-part series on LBC's open admissions policy.

By Jane Willis

Many involved in the academic and social affairs of LBC applaud its open admissions policy while others question its feasibility.

Supporters of the open admissions policy stress that everyone has potential and must be given the opportunity for a college education as a Christian institution, they say, LBC is obligated to meet the individual at his level. Taking issue with that belief are those who feel that an open admissions policy is inconsistent with academic excellence.

"I would rather judge a student on his potential," Director of Resident Housing Gary Aldridge said. Aldridge firmly believes that a student should not be penalized because of his past. "I believe in giving everyone an equal opportunity to pursue a college education," he said. Supporting his belief that there is no link between the open admissions policy and discipline problems, Dobson added, "That correlation could not necessarily be proven either way."

Mark Hine, who now serves as a supervisor on the student affairs staff, agreed. "Discipline problems are not necessarily linked to less intelligent students." Hine has lived on campus 10 of his 12 years in Lynchburg. Curt Motsinger, a resident assistant, felt that the policy did have potential to create discipline problems. However, he said that he felt it was worth the risk.

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Randolph Macon downed Liberty 59-50 on Saturday, but the Flames look for a victory against UP-J. Page 6.

Off-campus workers tell how they combine homework with work. Page 2.
Questions reveal need for concern

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Two hundred and four said no. It just doesn’t seem to add up. Why would students vote for a qualified woman if they would feel more secure with a man? Why would students feel more secure with a man anyway? Why do most of them think that a woman couldn’t be SGA president at LBC?

Maybe it was a bad question. Maybe students didn’t really take enough time to think about their answers. But maybe, just maybe, it’s because some fundamentalists are brought up with the idea that no woman should hold a position of leadership, honor or power. And that’s a crime. However one interprets the Bible, chauvinism won’t be found in its pages. A female LBC student should challenge the student body. A majority of students said they would vote for a qualified woman; someone should hold them to their word.

Just having a woman run for president might do more for the school than SGA could do in 10 years.

Taking risks may cost

Taking risks. If we never take a risk, we’re never really free. Most of us have a fear of taking risks because of the possible painful costs. Is the risk of unselfishness worth the cost of abuse? Is the risk of righteous living worth the cost of ridicule? Is the risk of communication worth the cost of silence? Is the risk of righteous living worth the cost of ridicule?

Is the risk of commitment worth the cost of criticism? Is the risk of open honesty worth the cost of rejection? Is the risk of Christ’s death worth the cost of sinners rejecting salvation? Can we help but say, ‘yes,’ Love is the virtue that compensates for the possibly painful cost. As God loved and sent His Son to die, so we love and take the risks of unselfishness, righteous living, companionship, honesty and commitment.

We know abundant love flows from God to compensate any cost.

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What quote has helped you the most?

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THE EYES HAVE IT—Susan Johnson helps a customer see better at Leggett’s optical department. Susan is one of many LBC students who works off campus. Photo by Bryan Burton.

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In addition, students in the News Writing and Layout and Typography classes did layout work for the paper.

The instrumentation panel is equipped with a clock that is eternally stopped at 11:23 and an odometer registering 2,396 miles.

A shoehorn installed car stereo system with two huge speakers that nearly cover the rear windshield provide the owner’s “in-car entertainment.” In plain view are overstuffed sponges that cover the speakers, and the Imperial’s locked in compartment are the Red Band and Petra.

Dangling from a finger-printed rear view mirror is a mortarboard insignia that is an air freshener. The air freshener is usually a cardboard pine tree that has long since lost its fragrance.

Student cars are a disgrace. I’ve had them. I auto know.
Liberty ready for woman president?

By Steve Leer

A Liberty Champion survey has revealed a majority of the student body would consider voting for a qualified female or minority for SGA president or vice president if one was to run.

The five-question survey, conducted in lieu of approaching SGA elections, questioned 390 LBC students. Of that number, over 130 questioned were white males; almost 200 were white females; and there were more than 25 each of minority males and females.

Two-hundred and eighty-nine students said they would vote for a qualified female, and 329 said they would vote for a minority. Sixty-two persons said they would not vote for a female, and 30 said they would not vote for a minority.

The remaining students were either undecided or declined to answer the questions.

When asked if they would feel more secure with a male SGA president rather than a female, 217 answered yes; and 123 answered no. Only 52 acknowledged that they would be more secure with a male president than with a minority president, and 215 felt they would not. More than 50 were undecided on both questions.

Student opinions varied as to why no female or minority has ever run for SGA president or vice-president. There were several popular answers explaining why females haven’t run. Seventy-five students thought that most females were unaware they could run, 72 felt they were not interested in running; and 65 answered that females felt they should be submissive to male authority.

One-hundred and sixty-one, a wide margin, thought that most minority students were interested in running. Two-hundred and twenty-nine of those asked agreed that a female could win an SGA presidential election as opposed to 127 who didn’t believe a female could win. Comparatively, 282 said that a minority could win an SGA presidential election while 80 said they could not.

HOMERUN!—The cast of “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” watches intently as one of the gang gives it all he's got. The musical opens Thursday night with an 8 p.m. performance.—Photo by Melinda Hoffmann.
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“I think our school needs to be available to all,” said Dr. Glyn K. Wooldridge, professor of mathematics and chairman of the mathematics department. Though he admitted that some incoming students were weaker in math than he would like, he added, “The policy has not hurt us. We’ve drawn some very good students.”

Another instructor in the math department who has taught Math 100 and Math 103 for the past year and a half agreed. “I think from a Christian perspective,” she said, “that we should open our arms to all just as we open our hearts.”

Because there are some problems inherent in an open admissions policy, all responses were not so positive. “LBC cannot become a ‘fundamentalist Harvard’ while practicing an open admissions policy,” senior English major Paula Coons commented. Citing the fact that not all individuals are suited to college life, one professor was concerned that some students may be placed in a situation they cannot handle. “Some students will not benefit from being given the benefit of the doubt,” he added.

Recognizing that open admissions is and probably always will be a reality at LBC, he emphasized that it was the responsibility of the faculty, the Learning Assistance Center and the student advisors to help floundering students honestly evaluate their abilities.

OFFICERS—The 1984-85 SGA administration, from left to right: Ruth Powell, treasurer; Tim Sims, vice president of activities; Scott Sherman, president (seated); Randy Steigerwalt, vice president of services; and Kelly Haverkate, secretary.—Photo by Melinda Hoffmann

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26. Campaigning may continue throughout election day, even while voting is taking place. According to SGA President Scott Sherman, a fee is not required of candidates.

“It doesn’t cost you anything if you don’t want it to,” Sherman explained, “but if you decide to use money, the limit is $150.” All candidates are expected to turn in an expense account with receipts to the SGA office the day before the election.

Sherman wasn’t sure how many students have filed for the positions thus far. “It varies from year to year. Normally, more people run for the activities than for the positions,” he said.

Candidates for all offices must be full-time students with the exception of graduating seniors with fewer than 12 hours left for graduation. They must also have completed at least two semesters at LBC prior to assuming office and must have junior or senior status academically during their term in office, with the exception of a person lacking a maximum of three hours of being a junior during the first semester of office.

The officers officially take office four weeks before the end of classes and are responsible for the proper implementation of any programs or policies that will effect the organization for the upcoming year.

Incumbent officers will hold their offices until the end of classes and are responsible for the remaining responsibilities of the organization.

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CONSTRUCTION—Construction crews have already begun work in preparation for the massive building program planned to accommodate the anticipated enrollment increases for next year.—Photo by John Henley
Lady Flames record suffers after two weekend defeats

By Laurie Wagner

The Lady Flames were on the road last weekend losing at Mount St. Mary’s and University of Maryland-Baltimore County. The losses brought the Lady Flames record to 11-9 for the year and 1-6 in the Mason-Dixon Conference.

Saturday LBC was down by three at halftime and lost to Mount St. Mary’s, 77-67. Leading scorers for Liberty were Debbie Carr with 13 points, and Patti Gallant, Sheila Ford and Pam Stanfield with 10 a piece.

Friday night the Lady Flames were defeated by UMBC by the score of 67-53. UMBC led at halftime 30-24. Leading players for LBC were Sharon Freet with 14 points and Pam Wilder with 13.

Gallant, who was leading the team in scoring for the season, fouled out with only three points. She contributed 10 rebounds, however.

The Lady Flames will be playing Friday against the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. They will also be in action Tuesday, Feb. 22, at Hampton Institute.

LBC has several players who are among the MDAC leaders. Gallant is the lone Lady Flame in the scoring top 10. Gallant is 10th (all stats through 18 games) with a 13.2 average.

In rebounding Gallant is sixth (8.2 ppg) and Wilder is 10th (6.7). Ford is the lone Lady Flame among league assist leaders. She is eighth, averaging 3.2 assists per game.

Four LBC players are in the MDAC top 10 in field goal percentage. Ford is sixth (46.1%), Freet is seventh (45.5%), Gallant is eighth (45.3%), and Jill Vincent is 10th (44.4%).

Three Lady Flames are among the free throw percentage leadership led by Carr. Carr is shooting 72.7% from the line. Wilder (seventh, 67.8%) and Ford (ninth, 65.9%) are also in the top 10.

Liberty is fourth in the five team conference in offense (72.3 ppg), second in defense (61.3 points allowed per game) and third in average scoring margin (11.0).

LBC wrestlers take regional title again

By Dave Dentel

LBC is once again champion of the NCAA Division II South Regional Wrestling Tournament held Saturday at Pembroke State University, Pembroke, N.C.

All 10 LBC wrestlers placed in individual matches to gain the Flames 100.5 points, just enough to top second-place Pembroke State, who earned 90 and three-quarters points. In third place was Longwood College with 31 points.

Six Flames qualified to compete at the NCAA Division II National Wrestling Tournament, which will be held March 1 and 2 at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. These include co-captain Perry Ainscough (126 lbs.), Derrick Harper (142 lbs.), Howard Johnson (167 lbs.), co-captain Patrick Bussey (177 lbs.) and heavyweight Mike Hatch, who was named outstanding wrestler of the South Regional Tournament.

Senior John Tau (118 lbs.), who placed second in his weight class, will go in place of Eric Hurley, who was an individual champion.

LBC's last home meet will be against Old Dominion University at 1 p.m. on Feb. 22 during college for a weekend. The Flames have never beaten Old Dominion, but according to head coach Robert Bonheim, "We are going to beat them one of these years, and this just might be it."

RALPH WHO?—Actually this is not a new recruit but Steve Barrett, Doug Kuiken and Doug Chastain entertaining b-ball crowds.—Photo by Melinda Hoffmann.

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CONCENTRATION—LBC floor general Greg McCauley plans for the battle against Randolph. Macon. He led the Flames with 16 points.—Photo by Melinda Hoffman

Randolph Macon eliminates Flames from hunt

By Steve Leer

Execution was the death of the LBC Flames basketball team last Saturday night.

"I was pleased with the effort, but I was disappointed with our execution," said a perplexed LBC head coach Jeff Meyer following a 59-50 home loss to Randolph Macon College.

Flames guard Greg McCauley agreed. "Both teams played well, but they were able to execute and hit their free throws down the stretch. That made the difference."

LBC grabbed a brief 10-9 lead with seven minutes gone in the first half when Brad Hamersley scored on a rebound bucket inside. The Yellow Jackets retaliated with two Jesse Hellyer three-point plays to move out to a 16-12 advantage with half of the opening stanza gone.

RMC pushed its lead to seven at the five-minute mark when Hamersley muscled up a shot in a crowded lane to make the score 24-17.

McCauley led a Flames charge the next three minutes on a pair of baskets.

The 6'3" senior banked in a short jumper off of a blocked shot and followed 60 seconds later on a bomb from the top of the key. The Flames got as close as they were to come for the remainder of the first half when Brad Hamersley provided a rebound bucket to make it 32-29.

Hellyer nailed a 20-footer along the baseline to trim the margin to 24-23. RMC's Drew Catlett added a fielder to make it 26-23 at the intermission.

Both teams traded hoops in the early second half until the Flames reeled off six unanswered points in a four-minute span. The streak would prove to be the team's last lead.

LBC's Mike Minett started off the rally on a floating ten-footer around jumper and on the next possession did an encore performance in the paint to forge a 35-32 Flames lead.

Then the bottom fell out.

RMC sandwiched two buckets, a three-point play and two free throws around a Webber hoop to build a 43-37 lead with five minutes remaining.

Den Kennard's three-point play brought the Flames to within three at 45-42, but Drew Catlett answered with back-to-back jumpers with 2:20 showing. "At that point Coach Meyer told us to go for the steal and if we couldn't get it, then foul," said McCauley.

RMC managed to convert 10 of 16 from the charity stripe in the final 120 ticks to seal the win.

The Flames were led by McCauley's 16 points. Cliff Webber, in addition to his 15 points and 18 rebounds, passed the 1,000 career-points plateau.

LBC is now 4-4 in the Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference and 16-9 overall.

The Flames play their final home game Saturday night at 7:30 against University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown.