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SGA Senate ready for productive year

By Elaine Lucadano

As a result of changes within the Student Government Association, the Student Senate is anticipating another year of good relations between the students and the administration, according to Jim Whitt, SGA executive vice president.

“We are working on achieving a professional attitude among our senators so that we can be more efficient for the student body,” Whitt explained.

Because this year denotes the largest increase in SGA membership ever, at least one senator will represent each dormitory floor. This will increase communications between the students and SGA, Whitt commented.

The new Senate Training Program, designed by Whitt, will enable qualified students the opportunity to assist the senate members.

“There were only 10 freshmen seats available in the senate,” Whitt stated. “So we are allowing the ex-senators to come to the meetings and help us in the areas of research and outside committee work.”

SGA is also planning to institutionalize “The Senate Report,” a newsletter consisting of comments from Whitt, a calendar of resolutions and updates before the Senate.

For the benefit of convenience, Whitt is increasing his office hours to 20 hours per week. He explained, “We want students to realize that SGA is here at their disposal and that we care about something about the problems they are experiencing. That is what we’re here for.”

SGA concerns...

The Student Government Association is currently working on the following areas:

- Enriched spiritual life- Mike Nield, chaplain to the president, will set up Bible quiz teams, show videos of debates and make available taped sermons.
- Book exchange—By the end of the semester, students may be able to trade and sell books to each other without posting signs or going through the bookstore.
- College Bowl- Area colleges will send teams to compete in academic quiz bowl.
- Improved parking—Commission will gather statistics to reduce number of inactive faculty and handicapped spaces; the Senate is working on a student-run Traffic Appeals Court.

WLBU radio strives for uplifting music format

By Keith Biebee

After a semester of “turnover and misunderstanding,” WLBU radio now strives for uplifting Christian programming with a dedicated staff, according to station adviser Dr. Carl Windsor.

Kevin Van Buren, the station manager, considers WLBU a training center for telecommunications and, with the help of his staff-in-training, hopes to “uplift the student body with good Christian music.”

Van Buren admires the station has been limited somewhat in the music it plays and he hopes to devise a good, reasonable format this year.

The station does air music by contemporary artists, he said, but the songs played are slower to fit the format. “We are trying for a consistent sound, highlighting Christian artists, both past and present.”

WLBU’s news department has access to a UPI news wire service and a UPI audio feed will soon be added, he said.

Sports coverage is another element which the station is committed. WLBU has access to the gym for certain games and events and hopes to get a connection to LU’s baseball field as well.

Windsor would also like to see other “extra mile to help us.” We are looking forward to a meaningful hour has received from the .$1 million in back taxes and the ministry will be exempt from the tax-exemption.

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College Republicans set goals, plan club activities

By Nancy Colles

The 1986 Liberty University chapter of the College Republicans is looking for a banner year as more than 600 students have signed up, according to club chairman Robert Davis. The goal is to become the largest group of College Republicans in the nation. Davis said, "At the rate we're going, this could be accomplished in the next year," he added.

The club members plan to campaign for Republican Flo Traywick as she runs for a seat in the House of Representatives representing the sixth district of Virginia.

Club activities include meetings I.Q. club formed on campus

The Liberty University chapter of American Mensa is forming on campus for some very unique students. Mensa, which is Latin for "table," is an international organization with one requirement for membership—an I.Q. score higher than 98 percent of the general population.

The college chapter plans to attend the state College Republican conference in Virginia Beach. The group clearly stands for improving the political status of America, Davis stated.

The College Republicans are cofounded by Webb Mark Brindley and Barry White serve as first and second vice-presidents, respectively.

Students must have answered correctly 60 percent of the questions within a 30-minute period. According to Nixon, past I.Q. tests or acceptable SAT, ACT, GRE or LSAT scores could be standards for admission. Of the 32 who expressed interest, six passed the 40-question test, which he will be offered again.

"Some of the school's finest students will be participating in this program," Nixon stated.

The international organization will have a representative on campus later this semester to administer a test to those who have been accepted into the I.Q. chapter and desire to apply for membership at the international level.

Selah focuses on new approach

By Marsha Wilde

Students will have a new way to express their creativity this year as the Selah staff takes group shots of dorm residents and town students, according to editor Tim Isaacson.

With this new procedure, residents of each floor may choose any "realistic" location on campus and any creative ideas by which to be remembered. Isaacson explained.

Furthermore, town students will be contacted in groups of 50 to choose any location in Lynchburg for their group shot.

Isaacson stressed that each student must be in school dress because the shot must be approved by the Selah staff, deans and Dr. Edward Dobson, vice president of student affairs.

"There are unlimited possibilities within the school dress code," he said.

This new procedure will promote unity and allow the students a bigger say in creating their annual, Todd Peck, Selah layout editor, explained: "This way they pose the way they want to pose," he said.

Pointing out that only 40 percent of the student body appeared in the annual last year, Isaacson said that everybody will get in the book this year without the worry of making a request for an individual picture.

However, the seniors will have individual portraits as well as group shots.

The dorm floors with the most creative pose and the highest percentage of participation will have their double-page spread shots printed in color.

The town student group with the most creative pose will also get its photos printed in color.

Eight- by-ten color prints of the pictures will be available for students to purchase.

Oxford group gained credit, cultural insight

By Melissa Moon

Sixteen Liberty students gained cultural experience as well as college credit by participating in the Oxford Extension Courses for one month this summer at Oxford University in England.

After spending three days each week studying philosophy, theology and English history, they toured the country to see such cities as Canterbury, Cambridge, Dover and Bath as well as churches and the palace of Henry VIII.

Dr. Terry Miethe, the philosophy professor who organized the trip and lectured to students, explained that the group began to understand why the British view America as a young nation.

"Then we were able to appreciate history and tradition," Miethe said.

Pamela Griffin, a drama major, agreed. "Everywhere we went we felt history. We not only read about historical places but we saw them," she stated.

At Oxford students were able to see the oldest university in the world and how it has contributed to our Christian heritage," Miethe concluded.

Council

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granting approval.

Dr. Neal Williams and Dr. Don Garlock were among those who spoke in favor of the measure.

The meeting was orderly with only one well constructed and periods of applause. After Thornhill said he felt the council was threatened by remarks Falwell made in a chapel service regarding the ministry's move to Atlanta, one man cried, "Then let him go." Many others applauded.

Jonathan White, an area high school student who spoke against Falwell's request, questioned the example the council set for young people by giving in to Falwell's request. "Are we going to be remembered as the city of seven hills or the city that sold out?" he asked.

CORRECTION

The Liberty Champion incorrectly reported in the Sept. 17 issue that a new fine system would replace the reprimand system which organized the fine system will replace the "campus system." The money collected from the new system will be added to a special account for "student-related needs." This fund will not be used for activities or banquets.

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Johnsoms leads Flames attack

By Deborah Wood

Flames fans are cheering for 19-year-old quarterback Paul Johnson, the sophomore who seems to have come back in great form after having been red-shirted last year because of a serious injury.

"He (Johnson) has a chance to be, if he keeps working, the best quarter­back LU has ever had," head coach Morgan Hout said.

Hout also said that since Johnson has three years of eligibility after this year, it is hard to say what the future could hold for him.

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Now, he said, he’s in great shape and felt no qualms concerning this year’s JMU game. “I knew we would win,” he said.

However, football is much more than Saturday games. The team practices every day for three or a half hours, and on Mondays they watch films of other teams in order to prepare themselves for a victory.

Although most of the time he doesn’t like the hard work, he’ll never quit. “I love the game," he said. "The Saturday games make everything worthwhile.”

Football action

Wofford overcomes Liberty

By Dave Dentel

The LU football team players resembled those of the recently defeated James Madison University as they turned over the ball five times in a 17-7 loss to Wofford College last Saturday at Lynchburg City Stadium.

A week earlier, the Flames upset the NCAA Division I Dukes, 17-7, snapping a five-game losing streak and raising their season record to 1-2. The LU defense received much of the credit for forcing five Duke turnovers during the contest.

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Lady Flames snatch second

By Dave Dentel

Because of what first-year head coach Sue Kelly called "a few lapses," the Lady Flames volleyball team did not claim the championship of the Liberty University Open volleyball tournament held on Liberty Mountain, Sept. 26-27.

Dowling College, Oakdale, N.Y., handed LU its only losses in the tournament and won the championship with an unblemished record, 9-0.

"I wish we’d taken it," Kelly said. "Dowling is tough, but they’re not unbeatable," she added.

Referring to the Flames, she remarked, "They’re a young team, and they played hard. Except for a few lapses on our part, it could have gone either way."

Walk-ons make big tennis team addition

By Linda Perry

Nine out of 20 students who tried out as walk-ons for the Liberty men’s tennis team on Sept. 5-8 have been chosen for the 1986-87 squad, according to head coach Carl Diemer.

After days of eliminating tournament-style play, the field narrowed to the 16 schools. Dean Dimutto, David Fink, Laurian Sirico. Karl Satt, Tim Scott and Mike Sirico.

In addition, the LU team also has four returning players. Tim Albury, Dave Collins, Todd Seelig and Tom Morley, a junior transfer student from Chesterfield, England, weighing 167 lbs. He is followed by Ron Frank, a native of New Jersey who ranked a national fifth place in his weight class at the Division 1 Nationals in Iowa.

Bob Harrison, at 126 lbs., ranked second at the Pennsylvania State meet while fellow recruit Rod Fisher also placed second at the Pennsylvania State meet in the 150 lbs. weight class.

Head coach Don Schuler commented that the team’s Christian influence will be an important force this year, and that they will be able to share Christ with other people as they travel to various meets.

The final game was a tight contest, with both teams hanging close, and Dowling keeping a slight edge. LU attempted a comeback, bringing the score to 10-13 on an ace by Kathy Guettman.

Dowling, however, regained service. The next shot LU put out of bounds. The referee then charged the Lady Flames with carrying, a call that sealed their defeat, 10-15.

In the semi-finals, LU defeated third-seeded Greensboro College two games to none while Dowling overcame fourth-seeded Randolph-Macon Women’s College before facing LU.

Putty Cline, Rapp and Guettman were chosen as members of the tournament All-Star team.

Grapplers practicing, learning techniques

By Reynard Valdez

A record high of 43 participants opened LU wrestling squad practice on Sept. 8. Much of the early sessions involved training techniques, foundation building and ground work.

Assistant wrestling coach Jesse Castro stressed the importance of early practices. "Technique is paramount to a successful team," he said. "Weight training is also an important aspect as strength is needed to compete and to prevent injuries."

Leading the Flames into the new season are many promising veterans. At the top of the list is senior Mike Hichak, who qualified for NCAA Division 2 Nationals in the heavy weight division. Teammate Tony Moore, who during the past season defeated three All-Americans, will be dropping from 190 lbs. to wrestle at 177 lbs.

Todd Longsdon, who also qualified for Division 2 Nationals last year, will be wrestling at 150 lbs. Junior Lauren Baum will be competing at 118 lbs. Last year, Baum was one of the Liberty Mountain, Sept. 26, 27.

Dowling College, Oakdale, N.Y., handed LU its only losses in the tournament and won the championship with an unblemished record, 9-0. The Flames’ final 12 points, including three aces, came off the serving of Karen McLean.

In the second game, LU, helped by the serving of Tammy Rapp, built a 13-8 lead over Dowling. Dowling stormed back and with some heavy spiking tripped off seven consecutive points for a 15-13 win.