Couthen wins 1987 Miss Liberty Pageant crown

By Doug Waymire

Alberta Couthen, 21, was crowned Miss Liberty 1987 in the Multi-Purpose Center Friday night. The elementary education major from Riverdale, Md., was selected by a student vote after judges narrowed the field of 24 contestants to five.

Tension mounted as Chancellor Jerry Falwell announced the fourth runner-up, Terri Martin, from Riverdale, Md., was selected Friday night.

Julie Jones and Couthen stood motionless, waiting for the announcement of the new Miss Liberty.

"The first runner-up is...Julie Jones," Falwell said as all attention turned toward Couthen.

When asked her thoughts immediately after the announcement, Couthen said she wasn't surprised. "Actually, I read the name before he announced it," she said. "He (Falwell) kept flashing the card; and I thought, I see two names but I don't want to assume. So I just waited until he called it."

After the announcement, however, Couthen was showered with congratulations from Falwell, the other contestants and Miss Liberty 1986 Donna Brewer Walker.

Brewer explained that winning last year's pageant taught her that God can use an ordinary person.

"He showed me that he can use someone like me that really didn't stand out in a crowd at all," she said. "He showed me that if I was willing to let him work in my life, then he would use me.

"When I was first crowned as Miss Liberty I felt overwhelmed with it," Brewer continued. "I had never been in any pageants before, and last year a lot of the girls in the pageant had been in pageants before. I felt really out of place.

"But the Lord taught me that he didn't expect me to be anything for anybody. He taught me that if I would just be myself, He would use that."

Couthen said she too plans to follow the Lord's guidance as Miss Liberty.

"I'm going to go places, represent the school and represent Christ," she said. "I'm just going to be myself."

The new Miss Liberty said that this year she plans to get married, graduate and let the Lord take her from there.

As one of the 10 semi-finalists, Couthen was asked, "Where is the woman's place?"

"I don't believe there is one single place for every single woman," she responded. "If a woman is married, it's her responsibility to raise her children in the admonition of the Lord."

However, Couthen also said that a woman also has a right to pursue a career if that's her desire. Later in the contest, Couthen and the four other finalists were asked, "If you were Barbara Walters and could choose any three people to interview, who would you choose and why?"

"I believe I would interview Barbara Walters herself. I would interview Martin Luther King Jr., and I would interview Nancy Reagan," she said.

Couthen said she would like to get into Walters' mind and understand how she comes up with questions. Then she said she would like to interview King to truly understand him. Finally, she wanted to interview Reagan to see what it would be like to be seated next to the President.

The semi-finalists included Robin Brooks, LaRae Eicher, Donna Boutieller, third runner-up Terri Martin, and compete for costume prizes.

SGA sponsors party

Friday night in gym

By Susan Wise

Many Liberty students will not be in dress code on Friday night, but they probably won't get any reprimands as long as they are at the costume party sponsored by SGA.

"Last year's party was fun; this year's Masquerade '87 will be outrageous. It's time to let your hair down and have fun," Terri Martin, SGA vice-president of activities, said.

Masquerade '87, the pre-Halloween costume party sponsored by SGA, will give students a chance to play carnival games, eat caramel apples, and compete for costume prizes.

The party will be held Oct. 30 in the Multi-Purpose Center from 9:30 p.m. until 2 a.m. and will feature a mini-performance by the Connection Band and a midnight showing of "Psycho."

"It'll be an unforgettable evening," Paul Sprayberry, Martin's assistant, said.

Admission to the party will be $2 for costumed students and $3 for those out of costume. The one-time fee will allow students to play all games free. This year's games include bobbing for apples, dousing candle flames with squirt guns and throwing wet sponges at administrative deans.

"It's not a structured event; students will be free to wander around and do what they want," Martin said, stressing the carnival-type atmosphere.

In addition to candy apples, other treats include soft pretzels, candy corn and cotton candy.

Committee emphasizes alcohol laws

Liberty University will join more than 60 colleges and universities statewide in Virginia's sixth annual Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, Oct. 26-30.

"With the pressures put on our students by today's society to drink and the tragic results caused by alcohol, we felt that awareness was necessary," Dwayne Carson, chairman of the Alcohol Awareness Week Committee, said.

"We want them to understand what decisions they're faced with now as well as after graduation, and we want to offer them some Scriptural guidelines to utilize when making those decisions."

Activities planned by the committee include special exhibits and displays designed to encourage the students and inform them about alcohol abuse.
Gay rights rally documented in D.C.

By Robert Pitts

The statistics on American homosexual activity became all too real for two LU seniors and an alumna two weeks ago when they helped document the largest gay rights rally in history.

Seniors Jay Hibbard and Brian Bloye spent Oct. 15 through Oct. 19 in Washington, D.C., with the Burbank Film Company of California. They assisted the film crew in the production of a television special covering the rally, in which an estimated 200,000 people participated.

Johnathan Falwell, a 1987 graduate, worked as a free-lance photographer, taking still-photos for the film company.

"It was a revealing weekend," Hibbard said, a television performance major from Pemberton, N.J., said. "It really breaks your heart to see them searching."

Bloye agreed, adding that sometimes he saw the homosexuals need for Christian love, while at other times he felt like shooting them.

"I've never gone through so many emotions in one weekend," he said.

For Bloye and Hibbard, the rally was their first real exposure to homosexuality.

"It almost felt like throwing up," Bloye said. The 22-year-old from Howell, Mich., added that his first reaction was one of unbelieving, followed by compassion for the demonstrators.

"You've just got to pray for these people, they're so lost," Bloye said. "They're searching, and they need help."

Bloye said he spoke with one AIDS sufferer who, because of his disease, had three operations for a testicle removed. The man told Bloye that he spends about $4,000 a week for an AIDS drug known as AZT, which he must take every four hours without fail.

Hibbard said that he felt a little claustrophobic during the four day event. "I was scared because there were so many people there," he said.

He added that he was surprised by the plainness of the homosexuals. "They're everyday people," Hibbard said. "You wouldn't think it was for real."

But documenting homosexual activity was nothing new for Falwell, who went undercover two years ago to do a story about San Francisco's gay contingent.

Following the march, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Morgan Fairchild, Whoopi Goldberg and Robert Blake addressed the rally.

"It was kind of weird to be surrounded by gays everywhere you looked," Falwell said.

Bloye added that, in spite of the dangerous surroundings, he knew that God was leading and protecting the crew.

"We knew we were doing something for the Lord," Bloye said. "I really think He had His hand on us."

March leaders estimated that about 700,000 people attended the rally, far more than the generally reported figure of 200,000. Bloye said he added that march was larger than the "March on Washington" led by the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1963.

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But a female junior replied, "It's unnecessary. I think it's trying to copy secular society. They say it's judging on inner beauty, but what do people really go for?"

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**State-sponsored lottery: Your choice**

**By Robin Brooks**

To gamble or not to gamble. That is the question.

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Q: What would you like to say to LU students concerning this Virginia state lottery? A: Work hard against it. If you don’t know the underlying issues associated with it, get on board very quickly because we’re getting close to election day.

Q: Why do you support the lottery? A: Aside from the lottery issue, what advice can you give to Liberty students? A: Work hard against it. Make them worthwhile goals and strive for what you want. But have you for work for it. Don’t give up.

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Somewhere just put a dent in your brand new Camaro. The window in your apartment had a rock thrown through it. The friends you had over after the game knocked a large hole in your living room wall that will cost a small fortune to fix. You're angry, aren't you?

You should be.

Don't you think that's how the maintenance people here at Liberty feel when they are called to come fix a broken window in one of the dorms or to patch up a hole in one of the walls?

Of course, it is. You know how irritated you get when something gets broken because of carelessness, and that's what it boils down to here on campus.

Too many times things are broken, bashed or torn to pieces because of an "I-could-care-less" attitude. Isn't it time to grow up? After all, LU is able to house students. Your dorms are much nicer than most schools, and you should be thankful for everything - no matter how insignificant it may seem.

Granted you may have four people living in a room in most dorms, but at least LU is able to house students. Your dorms are much nicer than some larger, state schools, and they are much more modern. You should be proud of that and want to keep the dorms looking nice.

There's a phone system on campus now that allows you to call room-to-room. Hopefully this will eliminate the inexplicable desire to throw rocks at dorm windows to attract attention. It worked for Romeo and Juliet, but they didn't have AT&T.

Of course, there's always the chance that your special someone won't be in or will refuse to talk to you, and you get mad. The next logical step is to put your fist through a wall - probably in DeMoss - right? Wrong. This only moves the pain from your heart to your hand, and it makes an ugly hole that nobody really wants to look at anyway. Why not take the pain and deal with it another way instead of tearing up the campus?

Of course, while you're in DeMoss don't forget to join in everybody's favorite sport - couch jumping. Now doesn't that sound like an activity all intelligent college students engage in? It's really hard to imagine that people with any amount of common sense would do something like that.

Is that how you act at home?

What about when you're sitting in DeMoss between classes? What do you do with your trash? Hopefully, you don't throw it on the floor for someone else to pick up. The custodial staff is not here to do this for you that your mother did for you at home. Pick it up yourself.

Don't think that littering is reserved to those students who seem to live in DeMoss. There are also those of you who choose to throw your trash in the parking lot in the center of the circle. Maybe you think it makes you look cool to adopt that "I-could-care-less" attitude. Maybe you think that it will win you more friends. Either way you lose.

Any time you choose to destroy university property you lose something. The most important thing you lose is your chance to enjoy the beauty of the mountain. And you're robbing other people of the same thing.

Do you think that anyone else wants to look at the mess you made? If they do, then they can't be very bright either.

If you try, you can find several ways too deal with pressure, anxiety, boredom or whatever it is that makes you feel destructive. Get involved in a club. Join an intramural team. Take up jogging or some other form of exercise. Do anything that will keep you from feeling this need to break something.

After all, when you look back on your college career years from now, wouldn't it be nice to remember a campus that was free of any broken windows, holes in the walls, trash in DeMoss or the parking lots or other damage caused by some careless students?
While most of us spent our summers working or basking in the sun, LU students John and Dan Pellitteri were hiking. This wasn't an ordinary hike; it was one that tested their faith and courage and taught them to rely on God completely.

John and Dan hiked through England with a purpose. "When I learned that 50 percent of the population has never opened a Bible and only three percent attend any kind of church, I saw England for what it was - a mission field," John stated.

John, a graduate student, and his brother Dan, an RA, corresponded with 60 different English pastors and American missionaries for a year before the trip. Twelve said they would let the hikers stay in their homes.

"I expressed a twofold purpose for our travels," John said. "One, to be invested into and learn all that we could about the English and their country and, two, to invest into them and give all we could in service, edification, encouragement and prayer."

Claiming Psalms 32:8-9, the travelers' faith was put to the test when they arrived at Heathrow Airport, London. "We prayed and asked God to order our steps and soon found ourselves in the habit of pointing to our hiking boots and asking God to lead us."

Within 30 minutes after arriving at Heathrow, Dan and John were introduced to distant family members, related to the pair through their great grandfather.

"Never have I felt so in tune with God's perfect timing," John stated. "We often managed to be at the right place just at the right time and many believers confirmed to us God's perfect timing in their lives for our arrival."

In Birmingham Dan and John met Glenn and Janet Pizor, Liberty graduates and missionaries to England. The Pelletiers joined the Pizors when they spoke at a youth center. "The kids asked a lot of questions," John said. "I praised the Lord then for my education at Liberty because every question was answered soundly."

Near Liverpool the Pelletiers met a Baptist youth pastor named Neville. The pastor said that Dan's and John's arrival was an answer to his prayers. "He arranged meetings and speaking engagements with the church and youth group. Before we left we watched six souls come to know the Lord," John said.

The Pelletiers had to sleep outside only twice on their journey. Otherwise housing was provided for them somehow.

John recommends a mission trip for every student. "Start praying now about Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Break. Pray and plan to give God your time," he said.

Dan and John will present a slide presentation of their trip this Thursday at 7 p.m. in DeMoss 114. All students are invited.

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Homecoming '87

Simply Grand

Liberty University's homecoming weekend was truly a grand occasion. Highlighted by the 10th annual Miss Liberty pageant, the weekend was filled with fun, football, friends and family entertainment, including TRUTH and Miss America 1987 Kellye Cash. Clockwise from top left: Miss Liberty 1987 Alberta Couthen; contemporary gospel group TRUTH performed Saturday night in the Multi-Purpose Center; former Miss Liberty Donna Brewer Walker hands over her crown to her successor Alberta Couthen; First runner-up Julie Jones gives her support to Alberta as she is named the winner; LU's André Sims holds off a Newberry College aggressor as the Flames downed the Indians 20-19.
Sports

Lady Flames win Mason-Dixon title

By Bruce Stanton

The LU women's cross country team won its third consecutive Mason-Dixon Conference team championship Saturday at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg.

Liberty set a new conference scoring record for lowest winning score with 21 points. Mary Washington finished second with 89 points.

In individual performances, Anne Fairchild won her first Mason-Dixon Conference individual championship as she finished with a time of 17:45. Teammate Lori Lingenfelter finished second at 18:15, while Lynn Atwood finished third at 18:26.

"This was a solid team performance. They showed that they could run well even when they are not pushed. This showed a lot of team maturity," Coach Ron Hopkins said.

Also placing for the Flames were Traci Tidwell, fifth place; Pam Fauber, tenth place; Amy Wilmerston, 12th place; Gayle Fauber, 19th place; and Sue Stahl, 28th place.

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FLAMES, GEORGIA TECH SPLIT

The LU hockey club split games with Georgia Tech last weekend, winning on Sunday 4-1 while losing Saturday's match 4-3.

Ben Davey scored two goals in the Flames win, while Kevin Martilla and Rich Hill added a goal apiece.

Scoring goals in the loss were Dave Graziotti, Johnny Scism and Nick Reichenbach.

Dan Davey fractured his wrist in Saturday's game and is out for the semester. Brian Coleman is also out with an injury to his shoulder.

The hockey club will see action against North Carolina State in the Lancerrot Arena in Roanoke Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 4 p.m.
Sports

Larkins leads Liberty to 20-19 comeback victory

By Bruce Stanton

Liberty University scored two fourth quarter touchdowns and stopped a two-point conversion attempt with less than six minutes remaining Saturday to defeat Newberry College 20-19 at City Stadium.

LU went into the locker room trail ing 13-3 at the half but did not disappoint the Homecoming crowd of 8,860, the largest gathering ever to see a Flames home victory.

With the win, LU raised its record to 2-5 overall.

Liberty scored the only points in the first quarter, a 26-yard field goal by Joe Pouncey.

In the second quarter, however, LU's offense stalled, and the defense withered as the Indians from Newberry, S.C., scored 15 unanswered points on a touchdown streak by NC quarterback Jerold Bell and two field goals of 47 and 38 yards by Mike Hiller.

Costly turnovers and penalties once again led to the Flames downfall in this quarter.

Ahead 3-0, Liberty had the ball at the Newberry 40 after Paul Johnson hit Craig White with a pass for a 17-yard completion. But White was hit hard and coughed up the ball. Newberry then drove 31 yards for Hiller's first field goal to tie the score.

On the kickoff, Willie Larkins struggled and sprinted his way for an 85-yard touchdown return. The score was called back however, when a Flame was called for clipping.

Liberty punted the ball away after three unsuccessful plays, and Newberry drove back down the field for Hiller's second field goal.

Liberty's ineffectiveness in moving the ball in the first half showed, once again, as Kenny Smith had to punt after three downs.

The Indians then drove the ball 65 yards down the field for Bell's one yard touchdown run.

"Frankly, we didn't play well at all in the first half," head coach Morgan Hout said.

"At halftime I challenged the offense to play well, and I challenged the defense to hold them."

Liberty started the second half the same way it did the first, driving down the gridiron for a field goal on its first possession. Pouncey pulled the Flames to 13-6 with a 35-yard boot, the only score of the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Flames started catching some long awaited breaks of their own.

After a 13-yard punt by Newberry, LU had the ball at the Indian 22-yard line.

Two plays later, Johnson hit wide receiver Scott Queen with a 12-yard touchdown pass. Pouncey's kick tied the score at 13-13.

A fired-up Flames defense took control next as noseguard Terry Tufford forced Bell and knocked the ball loose. Linebacker Dwight Jones fell on it at the Newberry 41.

Senior tailback Willie Larkins capped the drive with a nine-yard touchdown run. Pouncey's kick gave the Flames a 20-13 edge with less than eight minutes remaining.

Newberry struck back quickly, however, as the Indians drove 75 yards in less than three minutes, scoring on a 27-yard touchdown pass from replacement quarterback Tyrone DaPree to wide receiver Cleve Mueller.

Newberry elected to go for the two-point conversion but was denied when cornerback Eric Carroll broke up the pass as the score remained 20-19.

Liberty had a chance to score again, but Willie Larkins had another touchdown taken away because of a penalty.

Johnson completed 17 out of 26 passes for 166 yards and a touchdown pass. Craig White had five receptions for 48 yards.

The Flames hit the road again next week as they travel to Macomb, Ill., to play Western Illinois University.

Coach Hout says sit on it

"What's that all about? I want a score!" Chancellor Jerry Falwell yelled from his seat beneath the press box at Saturday's game.

He was asking the same question that thousands of LU football fans were asking at the end of the Homecoming game against Newberry College.

The Flames had the ball first and goal at the one-yard line with 40 seconds remaining on the game clock, but head coach Morgan Hout elected to sit on the ball and let the time expire instead of trying to score.

That's strange because 40 seconds earlier the place was going wild when Willie Larkins vaulted into the end zone after what had made the score 26-19, if not for another penalty allowing us to win 20-19, "Hout said.

"If we would have scored another touchdown, we could have looked at the score and said, 'Look what we did,' instead of letting God have the glory."

Ouch!

That's a humble attitude to have, and the Flames did pull out a great come-from-behind victory against a tough SAC-8 NAIA school, which did defeat NAIA National Champions Car son-Newman College earlier this season.

But I mean good-night, Beave, when a team is that close to scoring and the fans are caught up in the moment, craving to cheer one last time before the game is over, sometimes you just have to go for it! Plus, Liberty just isn't in that situation every game.

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Bits and pieces:

-Senior tailback Willie Larkins wins the hard-luck award this week. He had two touchdowns called back because of penalties, one being an 85-yard kickoff return. Ouch!

-Larkins didn't start the game but still managed to lead the Flames with 75 yards rushing and a touchdown.

"Coming off the bench helped me a great deal. I felt like I had to show 'em I came to play," Larkins said.

-Paul Johnson's injury didn't appear to bother him much as he threw for 166 yards.

"It wasn't too bad. It was just a matter of getting my feet back into the game after what happened last week," he said.

-Some of Johnson's favorite targets that day were Craig White, five receptions for 48 yards; Willie Parker, two receptions for 43 yards; and Scott Queen, two catches for 30 yards and one touchdown.

-Linebacker Dwight Jones also had a big day as he had 14 tackles and a fumble recovery.

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"Tom-bo" roots for Flames

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