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By Chris Powell

The Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary held the annual Founder's Lectures on Thursday, Feb. 5 and Friday. It required 30 votes for approval. The bill, which must receive three-fourths majority in both the Senate and the House for approval, could come before the House this week for a vote. If passed, the measure would be sent to the governor for final approval.

Sen. Elliot S. Schewel, D-Lynchberg, the chief sponsor of the bill, explained that the bill faces a tough fight in the House and added, "I'm pleased, but I'm also realistic.

Former Attorney General Anthony F. Troy, a lobbyist representing Falwell, said the Senate's action under the leadership of Sen. Joseph P. Garland, D-Fairfax, reflected the members' agreement on constitutional issues instead of political philosophies.

Referring to Garrett, Troy explained, "He advocated very eloquently and strongly that it was not a question of agreement but a question of abiding by the Constitution.

The bill, which provides tax-exempt status for Old-Time Gospel Hour offices, Liberty Godparent Home and Liberty University, also includes a $1.4 million break-in-back-taxes for Falwell's properties.

Most agree that the measure faces the toughest fight in the House.

Del. Joseph P. Crouch, R-Lynchburg, who has contacted many House legislators, described most as "noncommittal" and added, "We have certainly got a job to do here."

He said he remains "cautiously optimistic" about the success of the bill.

Schewel agreed that the major battle will be in the House, saying, "I am not making any bets on that."

Crouch said that opposition will likely come from Del. Warren M. Stambaugh, D-Arlington. Stambaugh, who chairs a committee that hears all tax-exemption requests before they are presented to the entire House, said he will not recommend the bill.

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New traffic system will be constructed

By Carla Sturgill

Controversy concerning misunderstandings at the stop signs at the Liberty University guard shock will soon be relieved, according to Carl Schreiber, vice president for planning and research. The system, which may be a stop light, will be automated and will alleviate traffic backups, he explained.

"Work has already begun, and we're in the final stages of assembling all of the electronics," he added.

Schreiber hopes to see the system completed within the next week and expects that many students' tempers will be quieted.

The vice president for planning and research also discussed an additional access road which was to have been added on the opposite side of the railroad tracks during Christmas break.

"We had hoped that it could have been completed before the start of the new semester," he said, but he added that officials did not anticipate the complexity of receiving construction approval.

Lynchburg city officials are discussing the proposal, and construction of the new checkpoint may begin as soon as permission is granted, Schreiber stated.

In addition, he is considering a proposal by the Student Government Association requesting 15 additional parking spaces.

Schreiber said he foresees no problems with adding eight spaces adjacent to the intramural sports fields.

However, he added that the request for seven spaces on the south side of the girls' lot could be a problem because the parked cars would block space for turning cars. "In my opinion, that could be a great difficulty for turning cars, especially in extreme weather like we have recently experienced," Schreiber said.

SGA Senate proposes several new programs

By Pamela Durant

The Student Government Association, in addition to proposing the recently approved free drop/add program, has presented many proposals to the school administration this semester for approval.

Several, which passed the Senate and were approved by the administration, have been established as policy.

Jim Whitt, SGA executive vice president, explained that these proposals include scheduling breaks to include two weekends instead of beginning and ending in the middle of the week. This will be in effect during spring break in March.

Also, there will be additional recreational facilities in dorm 2, student exemption from the financial aid application fee, the addition of paralegal parking spaces in the north parking lot and additional lines open in SAGA for Sunday morning breakfast.

One proposal awaiting student administration approval is permission for televisions in dorm rooms.

Whitt is positive about the proposal's outcome. "The Senate has been lobbying hard on this proposal. Right now, the administration is not at a 'no' or a 'yes,' they're just looking at it," he said.

Whitt explained that almost every year a resolution for TV's in the dorms has been presented to and rejected by the administration. However, he feels this one is different.

"This one is worded really well, comparing a TV to a radio in terms of an honor code and the RA's supervision," he said.

In addition, three other proposals passed the Senate and were presented to the administration. These include the following:

• additional town-student parking spaces

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Virginia Senate passes tax-exemption bill for Falwell ministries

By Marsha Wilde

The Virginia Senate narrowly approved a tax-exemption bill for the Rev. Jerry Falwell's Old-Time Gospel Hour offices in Del. War­ren M. Stambaugh, D-Arlington. Stambaugh, who chairs a committee that hears all tax-exemption requests before they are presented to the entire House, said he will not recommend the bill.
Valentine's Day wishes

Sweethearts find expressions of love

By Carla Stargill

Sweethearts and friends can find many ways to celebrate Valentine's Day at Liberty. Gospel singers BeHeCe-4 Willams will be featured in concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Building. The couple is best known for their hit single "Up Where We Belong." Admission to the concert is free.

The annual Valentine's banquet will be held at SAGA from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The menu includes French onion soup, roast top round of beef, Seafood Newburg over puffed pastry shells, baked chicken quarters, baked potato, freshly cut green beans, whole kernel corn, dinner rolls, mincemeat pie and strawberry shortcake.

The dinner is free to dorm students and costs towns students $5.75 per person.

To complement the romantic evening, students may give baloons to their sweethearts. In cooperation with Lynchburg Balloons by Charlie, two Liberty students, Abel Whetsel and Kelly Coombs, offered many styles, colors and mixtures of baloons last week.

The colorful baloons are filled with helium, tied with ribbons and will be delivered with a message on Valentine's Day.

Whetsel and Coombs reported that business went well. "Our most popular baloon is a purple one that says 'Hugs and Kisses,' and also one with lips on it that says 'I love you,'" Whetsel said.

Recruiters interview graduates

By Helen Perry

Representatives from 50 nation-wide schools participated in Liberty University's first annual Teacher Recruitment Feb. 9-10.

The new program, sponsored by the Liberty Association of Christian Teachers, was initiated to put graduating education majors in touch with schools that need their skills.

Letters of invitation were sent to Christian schools all across the country to interview students in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Letters were also sent to LU teacher education majors encouraging them to attend. This gave alumni who have not yet found jobs or who have recently lost jobs a chance to find prospects.

The recruiters arrived Monday morning and set up displays in the DeBlossom lounge.

Graduating education majors filled out forms stating their qualifications, the type of jobs they are seeking and the areas of the country in which they want to live.

The forms were given to school representatives.

Similar programs are in operation at Tennessee Temple University and Bob Jones University.

Dr. Karen Parker, assistant professor of education, believes that Liberty will have success with the program.

In past years, LU teacher recruitment has consisted of visits from representatives of one school at a time. Instead of the surveys, each school interviewed only those interested enough to stop and inquire. Few were interviewed for positions.

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• 50 percent reduction of the motor cycle parking fee
• reserved parking for motorcycles
• take-out service in the DeBlossom lounge, pending a system designed by SGA, to keep students' boards fees down.

Whitt added, "The administration has been very people-minded and cooperative. They are really trying to increase good communication with the students.'"
Hockey team drops from first place

By Greg Bagley and Bob Barnett

Intensity levels reached a fever pitch this weekend at the Lancaster Arena as the Flames hockey team faced off with the University of Maryland. The Terrapins handed LU two back-to-back losses.

The Flames were defeated 5-3 on Saturday and 5-4 on Sunday in the most intense matchup of the season.

Saturday and 5-4 on Sunday in the battle for first place Saturday afternoon. Moeller and UM led by one.

In the final five minutes of the second period, a shot slipped by Moeller and UM led by one.

On Sunday, Coach Gary Habermas adjusted the Flames' defense to accommodate the offensive explosion of Maryland. "We played four goals on defense all night instead of just one," Habermas said.

Maryland opened the scoring after three minutes of play in the second period for fighting. I can't do the team any good sitting in the box," Schism said.

"It kind of put it in their face when you fight repeated attacks on goal as the LU defense struggled to stop the Terrapins.

Robbins continued to keep his helmet on as he was dragged across the ice.

Injuries plague Lady Flames

By Greg Bagley

LU women's track team standouts Monica Karmona and Annie Hunt Fairchild have sustained serious injuries, leaving them questionable for outdoor competition.

"We'll just have to wait and see how fast the Lord heals them," said Coach Ron Hopkins.

Both athletes are expected to receive permission from the team doctor this week for rehabilitation.

Hopkins said both girls say they are ready to begin a swimming rehabilitation program.

"How much they'll be able to do after they're allowed to start running remains questionable," Hopkins said.

Fairchild, a 1986 All-American in the 1500 meters, was injured in a car accident during Christmas break. The crash left her with a compression fracture of a vertebra and a sprained neck.

"She (Fairchild) is an athlete and wants to get back on the track," the coach said. But I'm holding off until we get the okay from the doctor.

Karmona, a sophomore, sustained a stress fracture of the femur during training recently. She had a similar injury in 1986.

Last season Karmona shattered freshman records held by Hunt and former All-American Rene Virtelli. Hopkins described her as a "potential All-American and a strong hopeful for nationals."

Also on the injured list is heptathlete Lynn Atwood with a hamstring pull. She's one of the top ten heptathletes out of Canada, and she'll be out for about three weeks.

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GOTCHA—LU goalie John Moeller saves one for the Flames against the University of Maryland Saturday afternoon. Moeller and his teammates fought hard against the Terrapins, but fell short and fell a game and a half behind UM.—Photo by Aaron Hamrick

Reichenbach put two slapshots from near the baseline in the net as the final five minutes of the second period ticked away.

At the end of the second period, the Flames were down 3-2 but momentum seemed to be shifting LU's way.

Maryland scored quickly in the third period on a rebound shot. Richards answered for LU near the seven-minute mark, bringing the Flames back to within one point of the Terrapins.

In the final two minutes, Schism was attacked again by a Maryland player. Schism continued to keep his cool and placed the puck in the top left corner of the net for the Flames' fourth goal.

"I didn't want to get kicked out for fighting. I can't do the team any good sitting in the box," Schism said.

"It kind of put it in their face when I scored," he added.

Unfortunately, Schism's heroics were too little, too late as the final buzzer sounded with Maryland on top, 5-4.

The losses drop LU to second place in the league. The Flames hold a one-game lead over third place Duke and fall a game and a half behind the Terrapins.

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Liberty downs Pitt
By Doug Waymire

Although two starters fouled out, a forward gained no points and an opposing player scored 35 points, the Flames rallied to defeat the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown Saturday night.

Led by junior Brad Hamersley's 23 points, LU racked up its first Mason Dixon Athletic Conference win of the year. The Flames are 1-4 in the MDAC.

Following the game, head basketball coach Jeff Meyer reflected on the team's performance. "We're a team in transition right now. We're going to make a few mistakes," he noted.

"I wish we could have maintained our lead late in the game," he added. Meyer said that if the Flames had hit their free throws late in regulation play, the overtime period would not have been necessary. "We could have iced it right then," he said.

UPJ took the lead early in the game after Dan Perry turned the ball over and Maurice Jefferson laid it up to give Pitt-Johnstown a 2-0 lead. LU's Hamersley answered with a jump shot to tie.

Perimeter shooting by the Flames kept the score close throughout the first half, Joe Scoliere hit a three-pointer three seconds left to give the Flames its first MDAC win.—Photo by Barry Whitten.

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SPORTSWATCH with Greg Bagley

He had moved out of the hockey dorm so he could be a prayer leader in dorm 26 top. "Is this guy for real?" I said to myself. Then, with 2:31 remaining in the half, Joe Scoliere hit a three-point jump shot to tie. A jumper by Mike Minett cut UPJ's lead to 46-43 at the half.

Liberty took the lead for the first time in the second half at the 11:53 mark when Minett scored two more of his 12 points to give LU a 60-59 lead.

The Flames gradually extended its lead during the next three minutes and with 8:01 remaining in the game, the Flames held their largest lead at 72-61.

The Mountain Cats battled back however, and following a pair of key three-point shots by UPJ's Bob Frazier, they trailed by only three points.

A Tyrone Doleman lay up tied the game for UPJ with just 1:50 remaining to play, and neither team would score again in regulation, sending the game into overtime.

In the overtime period, LU converted only two of nine shots from the field. However, the second shot, a three-pointer by Minett with three seconds left on the clock, proved to be the clincher as the Flames prevailed 85-82.

The Flames, with a record of 15-8, face Mt. St. Mary's at home Friday night at 7:30.

DOWN THE LANE—LU's Mike Minett drives down the court Saturday night as the Flames faced the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown. The Flames and the Mountain Cats battled back and forth for the win, and sent the game into overtime. —Photo by Barry Whitten.

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