Leslie explains refund procedures

By John Peters

While many students worry about how they're going to pay their school bill, a few actually have refunds.

However, the student must make the initial move to secure a refund because the business office doesn’t dispense funds unless first requested by the student.

According to Don Leslie, vice president of financial affairs, a student must first go to the business office and complete the appropriate forms in order to receive a refund. The forms do vary, depending upon the source of the credit, such as student loans, state or federal grants or excessive cash payments.

Leslie said that for a refund from a student loan, a student must go to the Guaranteed Student Loan office to complete the form and specify the amount of the refund requested.

If the form is completed on or before a Wednesday, the refund will usually be granted the following Friday, provided all fees and charges on the student’s account have been cleared.

If the student makes a request for a refund after Wednesday, the refund will not be released until the following week.

According to Leslie, the reason for this delay is that during any given week 100 to 200 refund requests may come through the office.

For refunds from a state or federal grant, students must wait until the end of the semester.

These grants often do not come in until late in the semester. Leslie said. Therefore, the business office cannot issue refunds based on these grants until the money is actually here.

For credits caused by cash overpayments students could go to the business office to complete the necessary forms.

Again, this must be done by a Wednesday in order to receive the refund by the Friday of that same week.

16 students will attend Oxford University

By Deborah Wood

Sixteen Liberty University students will spend one month this summer at the Oxford Study Centre in England, living and learning at the oldest university in the world.

There were 153 candidates vying for the chance to be one of the first participants in what Dr. Terry Miethe, professor of philosophy at LU and newly-appointed dean of Oxford Study Centre, hopes will become a permanent facet of Liberty University.

Chosen were Louise Dekker, Tracy Edmonds, Jeannie Falwell, Shawa Heisler, John Herberger, Rhonda Hogue, George Johnson, Harry Keith, Charles Mayberry, Don Nonton, Carla Paist, James Shannon, Tracy Tewell, Andrew Tickle, Michelle Weisner and Susan Wise.

They will be accompanied by Miethe, John Morrison, associate professor of religion; Ann Bogues, professor of math; and Beverly Miethe.

According to Miethe, the students were selected on the basis of four criteria. The first requirement was that he or she be reliable and a good representative of Liberty University.

"Because of the delicate nature of our relationship to the Oxford institution itself," Miethe said, "it’s important that this first historic summer be a success to insure that the Oxford relationship remains strong.

The dedication ceremony for Liberty’s new Hancock Athletic Building took place today following chapel, and the man who gave the money for the building, A. L. Williams, cut the ribbon.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony occurred in front of the new building following chapel.

Williams, in law, Sydney and Williamae Hancock, joined their son-in-law and his family on stage during chapel. Williams named the new building after his in-laws.

Athletic Director Al Worthington called the building a "great boost" to Liberty’s athletic program. He said it would help make the football program "more of a part of campus."

The 21,000-square foot facility provides offices for the coaches for the football, baseball and soccer programs, as well as football locker rooms, a turf room, a weight room and offices. The building houses the football locker rooms and offices.

But he noted that the facility contains offices for the baseball and soccer programs, too.

Worthington stated, "It’s an athletic building even though most of it will be football since they have not had a place on this campus before."

BO PEEP?—LU alumna Steve Bush poses with a furry friend during a special SG A chapel last Friday.—Photo by Aaron Hamrick.
John Peters

With the administration’s recent decision to keep Flamingos as the university’s nickname, two very important and positive lessons were learned that go far beyond the mere thought of what type of mascot is going to run around at the athletic contests.

First, the administration made it clear that it is willing to listen to the students and make decisions concerning school policy accordingly.

Secondly, the students, led by the Student Government Association, discovered that the rest of the world wants to take their desires to the school administration in a tactful, diplomatic manner.

Students must never forget they can and must in the proper manner show the administration their views in areas of school interest with the full confidence that the administration does want to listen—that’s why they are here.

At the same time, however, students must also realize the administration must make decisions with the entire scope of the results in sight not just the immediate or short-range effects.

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It’s time to wise up

Carrie Freeland

“All men,” Aristotle said, “by nature desire to know.”

However, people of the world really don’t expect “us” to think. We are Christians, and the images they have conjured in their minds view us as backward folk from the hills, clinging to a belief because of lack of knowledge.

We know the people of the world are wrong, but few of us do anything about it. Few of us truly seek to obtain knowledge to establish credibility in our speech. Few of us take the issue seriously.

The issue is serious. God commanded us to seek wisdom and get knowledge? So when are we going to start thinking?

The libraries are full of books. The libraries are full of unread knowledge. Professors with doctorates surround us ready to impart their knowledge at our inquiry.

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No change brings both sides together

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Students enjoy married life

By Joella Knight


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Worries don’t end in student married life. Newlywed students say their concerns switch from getting on tiny rooms to balancing time among cooking, studying and working.

Another newlywed student, Dolph Bell, said, “Being married has forced me to use my time more wisely. Instead of working non-stop on a project for days at a time, I have to spread it out so that I can spend time with my wife, too.”

Time-managing isn’t the only thing that changes. Newlywed students said there is a drastic change in their social lives as well.

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LU ranked largest school

By Elaine Lucadano

Liberty University has displaced the University of Rich­mond as the largest private university in the state of Virginia, according to Liberty officials.

LU increased its full time stu­dent body by 1,364 this year to 5,930, exceeding for the first time the 4,600-student enroll­ment of Richmond, according to the Associated Press.

The enrollment figures indi­cate that Liberty's growth this year has also accounted for nearly 90 percent of the statewide enrollment increase in the 25 pri­vate colleges and universities in Virginia.

These figures do not include the 1,200 students enrolled in courses since August through LU's School of LifeLong Learn­ing.

Liberty is one of the few universities in the U.S. offering video-taped courses students can take at home for credit.

The recruiting and telemarketing departments which have become very active in the past few years. Last year the telemarketing depart­ment made more than 100,000 phone calls to prospec­tive students.

The recruiting team has been strengthened by the employment of former Liberty graduates who are said to be "portraying a first­class job.”

Another leading factor in the school's rapid growth is the Rev. Jerry Falwell's ability to gain nationwide support of the minis­try and the university.

Moisan said that the school needs to continue communicat­ing an accurate image of what LU is all about to those outside of the school because most people do not know about it.

"Aside from the normal grow­ing pains, the Lord has prospered this institution,” Moisan stated.
SGA announces new senate structure

By Marsha Wilde

The Student Government Association is restructuring its senate in order to improve and to formalize its activities.

"The informality is not conducive to a professional atmosphere," SGA President Jim Shannon explained.

Under the new format senators will take on an oath of office. Furthermore, after viewing a film on parliamentary proceedings and receiving instruction from SGA senate president pro tem Rachel Wehrer, the senators will learn how to write resolutions to be voted on by the senate. After discussion the senate will either vote on the resolutions or send them to a resolution committee to be reworded. The senate will be more proficient and student awareness of its efforts will be increased, according to Mike Broomell, SGA executive vice president.

"The new procedure will help the senators feel more accountable for their particular office," he explained.

In the past, the committee wrote all resolutions based upon suggestions received from the senators. Other SGA actions:

• Lighting for the basketball court at Dorm 7 and for the covered walkways beside Saga and the science hall.
• Walkways between Dorm 12 and parking area P-5 and in front of Saga on the Multi-Purpose Center side.

Bell improves

Bill Bell, head soccer coach at LU, was released from Lynchburg General Hospital Monday afternoon.

Bell, who suffered a minor heart attack last week, was listed in satisfactory condition prior to his release. Bell told The Liberty Champion that he would return to work "very soon."

"I just have to go through re-habilitation; and when I get all clear, I can go back to normal," Bell said.

He also said that he is anxious to get back to work. "I will be happy to return."
Flames Sports

In NCAA Regionals

Flames favored

By Dave Dentel

A gambling man would put his money on the Flames for the NCAA Division 2 South Regional wrestling championship this Saturday.

The tournament will begin at 10 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Center with finals starting at 2 p.m.

Under head coach Robert Bonheim, LU’s grapplers will sport more than just the home mat advantage.

With a current dual meet record of 11-2, the Flames are ranked eighth in the nation and are the defending South Regional champions for the second consecutive year.

For individual LU wrestlers, the South Regionals is a big opportunity.

Each weight division champion and runner-up will earn the right to attend the NCAA Nationals and vie for All-American.

Among LU’s top prospects are returning All-Americans, Perry Ainscough (126 lbs) and Patrick Bussey (177 lbs), in addition to previously nationally qualifying heavyweight Mike Hatch.

Other wrestlers with National hopes are Tony Moore (190 lbs), Eric Hurley (134 lbs) and Dave Rufencraft (158 lbs).

The Flames have posted wins earlier this season over their fellow South Regional schools, Pembroke State University, Pfeiffer College and Longwood College.

In addition, both the primary and secondary wrestling teams are coming off impressive Feb. 1 performances: the “A” squad finished fourth in the West Liberty State University invitational, and the “B” squad edged out Chowan College in a dual meet.

At WLSU LU finished higher than eight other schools. Of the three that topped LU, one, Ohio University, is in NCAA Division I.

Seven Flames wrestlers finished in the top five of their respective weight classes.

Meanwhile, LU’s “B” team battled out of a hole to defeat Chowan College 21-20 after first forfeiting six points by not having a wrestler to fill the heavyweight class.

It was a revenge meet for the Flames, who had fallen 34-16 to Chowan College earlier this season.

By Tim Woltmann

Coach Jeff Meyer is rather pleased with the progress the Flames have been making lately.

The 58-51 victory over the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown Friday night put the Flames at .500 in the Mason Dixon Conference.

Meyer pointed to consistency as being the Flames major problem this year, “We never knew who was going to show up.”

However, as proved in the game on Friday night and in the victory Feb. 3 over University of Maryland-Baltimore County, 69-54, LU seems to have thrown off that problem.

Four of the starters scored in double figures in both games.

Meyer feels that the key to his team’s success is defense, when the team is not committed to playing defense it doesn’t do as well. “When we score in the high 70’s more times than not, we lose,” he said.

Because the team is young, Meyer has been playing a zone defense this season. “We’re not as strong in one-on-one situations,” Meyer said.

Guards Mike Minett and “Bo” McIntyre continue to be the leaders the team has been looking for. They have high scores in the last two games, and McIntyre has been especially shining on defense.

In the game on Friday night, the Flames jumped ahead with the leadership of Minett and McIntyre and stayed ahead on the strength of the defense.

In the second half the Flames offense seemed to go stale, and with 7:14 left in the game UPJ had come to within four.

Then Minett and McIntyre took control again, each hitting key jump shots to put the game away.

Meyer feels he can count on his guards in critical situations. “We will look to them first,” he said.

The coach feels that the team has not peaked yet. “We have not played as well as we can play,” he stated. But he also feels that because of its youth it will only get better.

Ladies nip RMWC

By Marsha Wilde

Cheers rang from the locker room Feb. 4 after the Lady Flames came from behind for the first time this season to defeat Randolph-Macon College 72-71 in the final seconds of the game.

“Jesus knew we needed it!” Linda Farver exclaimed with delight seconds after the final buzzer.

The team trailed 38-26 at the half after a slow start but rallied in the second half with a series of shots by Harriet Blair, Sharon Freet and Malinda Keck to narrow the score to 69-68 with just more than two minutes left on the clock.

As the crowd cheered, the Ladies fought the clock. With 21 seconds remaining Sharon Freet sunk two free throws to give the team a close 72-71 win.

“God made victories real sweet but He did not want us to become diabetics this season,” Farver said after the game.

The team fell to top-ranked Mt. St. Mary’s 98-65 Friday night before defeating the College of Notre Dame 85-59 on its home court Saturday.

The team will face Roanoke College Thursday night in the Multi-Purpose Center.

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For injured Flames

Bench warming is dull

By Steve Leer

They may get the best basketball story in Liberty Gym night after night, but Brad Hamersley and Jerry Smith would just as soon trade in their folding chairs for Flames uniforms.

Hamersley and Smith are two LU starting forwards who have been forced to sit out nearly all of the 1985-86 schedule after suffering preseason injuries. And they will admit that life on the bench isn’t fun.

“They really miss the thrill and excitement of the game,” Smith, a 6-7 junior from Charlotte, N.C., said.

“It really got to me in the Mt. St. Mary’s game (LU lost 70-69 in overtime). I kept thinking that maybe I could have helped.”

Hamersley agreed. “It’s tough sitting, knowing I could have contributed,” the 6-6 Dana, Ind., junior said.

Although the results are the same, the injuries that have left them on the outside looking in are different in other respects.

Smith underwent orthoscopic surgery Dec. 6 to correct a ligament in his left knee.

The injury occurred against Sanford University and was an aggravation of a knee problem he had been red-shirting and will get to make up the lost year.

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