SGA clarifies guidelines for upcoming campaigns

By Michael Parker and Tidia Stone

The rules have been changed for the Student Government Association election. Dean DiToit, vice president of activities and election committee chairman, said.

DiToit explained that the revisions were made to clarify and specify rules which were overlooked or abused during the election last year.

For example, new restrictions on campaigns prohibit the distribution of promotional material through the post office and forbid candidates from making slanderous remarks against each other.

The changes also require that all campaign fines and donations used during campaigning must be included within the expense account limit of $2,500.

In addition, candidates were screened by committee members, who clarified all election rules and reviewed each candidate’s personal history.

DiToit said that most of the privilege abuse occurred when candidates displayed endorsements in violation of SGA election rules.

Because the rules were not specified clearly, violators had the freedom to make their own interpretations, DiToit added.

Role changes will also affect campaign speeches. Only presidential and vice presidential candidates are required to deliver speeches, and they will be limited to a specific time frame.

No one except the candidate will be on the platform during the speech. The candidate must submit a rough draft of his speech to the committee for approval.

Modes of campaigning have also been revised. No candidate can begin campaigning until 5 p.m. today.

Candidates, committees and supporters may not pass out posters and pamphlets or verbally seek voters before 5 p.m.

SGA will strive to make the elections more a matter of public concern. Bev Buffington, coordinator of activities, said.

“Any infraction (of the rules) during elections by candidates will be made public knowledge to the student body at Liberty University,” DiToit stressed.

Buffington believes the new polític is making the candidates more careful with their campaigning and of whom they choose to represent them.

Any candidate who accumulates five fines or who has been charged with breaking election procedures will be removed from the election process.

Because of the new guidelines, SGA elections are expected to go more smoothly this year.

The election committee members are Karen Murname, Brett Hartley, Tina Ellenburg and Stephanie Morgan.

College Republicans travel to convention, set attendance record

The Liberty University chapter of College Republicans attended the College Republican Federation of Virginia (CRFV) Convention Feb. 19-21 at the Hyatt Brookfield in Richmond.

While at the convention, the group was named the “Most Improved Club” for its record growth from 82 members during the last school year to 1,803 members during the 1986-87 year.

Seventy-six LU delegates set the national attendance record at the convention. William and Mary delegates, numbering 40, had the second highest attendance.

The Club’s delegates contributed to the debate and passage of several important platform planks, including an anti-abortion plank and one requiring that alternative theories to evolution be taught in public school classrooms,” Kevin Bentley, vice chairman of the College Republicans, said.

Bob Davis, chairman of the school chapter, was nominated as the “CRFV Man of the Year” and elected as the CRFV second vice chairman.

His duties will include holding a seat on the Republican Party of the Virginia State Central Committee with Sen. John Warner and Sen. Paul Tebute. The committee plans the agenda for Republican politics in Virginia.

Three other LU officers were appointed to state board positions. Vice Chairman Curt Demer was named CRFV executive director, and Vice Chairman Mark Brungard was appointed 6th District representative for the Republican Party of Virginia. Kevin Bentley, who was named to the 1987-88 CRFV Convention Committee, will be responsible for inviting speakers and helping plan the state convention next year.

“The officers are looking forward to serving the College Republicans of the state and representing Liberty University in the Republican Party of Virginia,” Bentley said.
Broomell reminisces about experience as SGA president

By Robert Pitts

With the SGA election campaigns beginning this week Mike Broomell, the outgoing student body president, reminisced about his term in office and offered advice to the presidential contenders.

The office

"At times it's been tough because it's a lot of responsibility, but if I had to do it over again I would because of the experience," Broomell said of the office.

In addition to included learning to be an administrator, which involves dealing with problems.

Sometimes, though, dissatisfied people can be a major source of problems. "Probably the hardest thing to overcome is to realize that you are going to be criticized for decisions that you make," Broomell said.

However, the SGA president said once you increase the number of problems has been working with school officials. "The administration was very eager to work with us in helping to make Liberty University more conducive to students' needs. From my viewpoint there was disagreement, but not confrontation."

The office allowed us to meet those needs, we have tried to provide students with the representation and service they deserve in a more professional manner," the campus leader said.

Looking back on the year, Broomell admitted that things did not always run well. "I thought things would run smoother than they did. You always argue that things are going to work," he said.

The thing that holding the office had been a valuable experience and added, "It helped my administrative skills. It's helped me to learn to relate better to the students, deal with people and shoulder responsibility."

Accomplished goals

The establishment of an on-campus bank has been a major goal of SGA. According to Broomell, two banks are very interested in the project.

SGA will be inviting bank representatives to Liberty to examine possibilities for a teller machine. Broomell hopes to see the bank in operation by next semester.

Other accomplishments Broomell pointed to include a College Bowl scholastic competition, which will begin in March against Lynch College and an invitation extended to Randolph-Macon to attend LU's Fitness Night at Courtside Athletic Club on March 14.

"We hope these activities will build a bridge of communication with the other schools and allow us to share our Christian testimony with them," Broomell said.

Unaccomplished goals

Yet, he also pointed to one campaign goal his administration was unable to accomplish: reserve student parking. "We would have liked to have done it, but it just wasn't feasible," he explained.

Broomell has presented approximately eight pieces of parking legislation to school officials.

Upcoming election

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didates. "It helps the election committee to be unbiased in giving out fines for rule infractions," he said.

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It takes only one vote to win—yours

By Denise Floyd

To vote or not to vote?

That's been a hotly debated issue for many Americans, especially during the presidential elections.

Figures show that less than one-half of U.S. registered voters actually go to the polls. Whether it's from lack of knowledge about the candidates or sheer laziness, the number is staggering.

Another problem is that some citizens have never registered to vote.

In recent years efforts have been made to increase the number of voters. Recruiters have set up tables in various shopping malls and community centers to reach those who are unregistered.

Even though millions of Americans may be eligible to vote, many fail to realize that their ballots really do make a difference.

As a result, countless thousands end up staying at home in hopes that others will vote for the candidates of their choice. If their choice for office loses, those who failed to take part can only blame themselves.

The SGA election is March 9. Since students are the ultimate student body, we are already registered. Because the polls open at 8:30 a.m. and run until 9 p.m., even with the most hectic class schedule, a student can find time to squeeze in a few minutes to vote.

For any election to be effective, voters should know the various backgrounds of those running for office. The best way for LU students to accomplish this is to read the college newspaper, meet the candidates one-on-one and attend the SGA debate on March 7.

During last year's election, only four-tenths percent participated, a far cry from the nearly 5,000 people who attended the university.

How many votes does it take for a candidate to win an election?

It takes only one. Yours. So when March 9 rolls around, do yourself a favor as a citizen and as a student—vote.

Who should qualify for an SGA office

By Kimberly Lerle

In light of the SGA election campaign beginning today, the Liberty Champion conducted a random survey of 100 students concerning their attitude toward women and/or minority candidates.

The results of the survey were as follows:

- 87% Yes. A woman or minority should hold an office.
- 13% No. A woman or minority should not hold an office.

President debate set

Unlike last year's event, all audience questions must be submitted to a special screening committee before they are directed to candidates.

Dean DeFitts, chairman of the Elections Committee, and several objective sponsors will determine which questions are appropriate and will submit an equal number for each candidate to McColl, who will ask the question and attribute it to the audience member.

"This process will help us retain control of the event and help us avoid the type of situation which occurred last year when audience members were free to ask any question, including some which were obviously unfair," Floyd explained.

All members of the student body as well as any interested faculty and staff members are encouraged to attend the event.

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Student leadership offers campaign issues for SGA office seekers

By Robert Pitts and Trish Stirsman

The SGA campaigns begin today, and in preparation for the event the Liberty Champion asked student leaders the following question: “What should be the main issues of the SGA elections?”

Some of the responses were as follows:

Mike Broomell, current SGA president, said the parking situation is an issue that still needs to be addressed by next year’s officers.

Kelley Bushby, president of Concerned Women for America, feels that the Physical Plant should give faster service to dorm students and supports more SGA involvement in spiritual matters.

Todd Groce, Circle K member: “Candidates should be spiritual examples and address the issue of a second access onto campus.”

Matthew Blitt, senior class president: “Students should vote for the person who has done the most truly important work. We need a strong leader who has proven his abilities.”

Kevin Bentley, vice chairman of College Republicans: “I feel SGA should establish a council of representation for students to help one another deal with everyday problems of school life.”

Martika Parson, president of Liberty Legal Society: “One issue that should be addressed is more distinct senior privileges, including senior parking.”

John Jones, junior class president, said that a more efficient meal plan for on-campus students and tuition-like payments for meal plans are an important issue.

Jamie Lund, varsity member of the debate team: “Hard work is an important issue. Some people have the experience but don’t work hard for the student’s interests.”

Kevin Van Buren, WLBU station manager, is concerned about a method to inform students about campus activities. He also suggests that a committee of administrators, deans and students be formed to review new music for air play.

Jon Nixon, president of Liberty Men’s: “Candidates who are really concerned with the students’ needs would focus on building the school’s name academically and addressing the removal of such social restrictions as no television in dorm rooms, music code, curfew and requirements for off-campus living.”

The SGA election preview begins today with the first campus-wide campaign issues. The SGA is responsible for establishing the activities and services necessary to make life at Liberty University the best it can be, according to Jim Carpenter.

Carpenter feels that charisma and involvement are important qualities for a leader. “A leader should be someone whom everybody can rally around. He needs to be on the cutting edge of every decision that’s being made.”

A leader’s influence on those who support him is also very important, Carpenter explained. “A leader should do what he can to better the people who are following him.”

“I’m going to become a self-sacrificer of my time and want to be a go-between for students and administration,” he said.

Assisting Carpenter in his campaign are Ross Lewellen, Jeff Shatto, Jim Randall, Lisa Prigden and a staff of about 40.

One of Carpenter’s goals is to bridge the communication gap between the administration, SGA and the students. “The students know what SGA is doing, and SGA knows what the administration is doing,” he explained. “But somehow those three forces seem to have broken down. We’re not coming from the top to the bottom. I think we need to get the students and administration thinking along the same line,” he said.

Along with enhanced communication, Carpenter would like to see increased spiritual emphasis through seminars featuring leaders such as Josh McDowell and Jack Van Impe.

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“The purpose (of the president’s office) is to coordinate and establish a council of representation for implementing the programs that students want,” presidential candidate Stephen Short said.

Backed by campaign manager Andrew Haberly and a staff of 50, Short feels that he is running with Liberty in mind. “I care about this school, and I care about people. I want to see the best for the school and the ministry,” he said.

Short believes that he is capable of handling the executive position. He is currently an appointed assistant to SGA President Mike Broomell. “I’ve done everything from the floor, and I know the job,” he reasoned. “I think I can work well with the administration.”

The candidate believes the president should be a servant as well as a leader. He feels that a president should strive to meet students’ needs and act as a mediator between the student body and the administration.

“A leader can’t be fickle,” Short added. “‘He’s got to have his goals and his vision in mind. He’s got to balance the things that others want in relation to the overall department. Short commented. ‘The image of SGA has to be professional, competence and honest.”

Regarding his own image, Short wants students to see him as someone who is available, willing to work and ready to listen.

If elected he plans to have dorm senators go door to door about once every two weeks to gather information about students’ concerns.

There are four planks in Short’s platform. The first is addressing student needs. The second involves finding better ways to pass information to students. The third plank is community involvement such as interaction with other colleges in Lynchburg. The fourth plank is the establishment of school traditions at
Four seek office of executive vice president

Scott Brown
Scott Brown serves as sophomore class president, dorm senator and dorm prayer leader. If elected, Brown said he plans to "represent the students and their viewpoints in the administration boldly but with respect to the principles and stand that Liberty has taken."
Brown believes interest in students is important. "I feel that a key to enjoying Liberty and all that it has to offer is a positive attitude and genuine concern about the well-being of fellow students," he said.
"We in Student Government should keep these aspects (positive attitude and concern for others) as well as respect for the principles upon which Liberty was founded at the forefront of our considerations," he added.

Brad Kline
Brad Kline, who is currently serving as a cabinet member for Jim Whitt, the SGA executive vice president, is a member of the Student Senate, College Republicans and Mensa. He is also chairman of SGA's Subcommittee on Spiritual Affairs.
"More than anything, I want to insure that students' needs are met and that LU students have a strong voice in lobbying for their issues," Kline said of his goals if elected as SGA executive vice president.
The candidate also plans to expand committee work to improve leadership among students. This year he has proposed Senate resolutions for reduced parking rates, and more shelves in dorms.

Russell Jackson
Russell Jackson is a dorm senator, legislative assistant to SGA President Mike Broomell, member of College Republicans, ROTC cadet and member of the Activies Council for the senior class.
If elected, Jackson plans to start a textbook distribution center at the beginning of each semester to help students avoid long lines at the bookstore.
In addition, he hopes to establish a policy which will give women the option of wearing dress slacks to class during the winter months and a program which will provide scholarships for students who participate in school-sponsored missionary trips.

Darin Waters
Darin Waters serves as chairman of the parking committee, SGA dorm senator, dorm prayer leader and official council member of Virginia Republican Black Caucuses.
If elected, Waters' will work to establish a better relationship between students and the business office. He also wants to work toward alleviating campus parking problems.
He said he wants to encourage Liberty students to achieve more than the average university student achieves. "Be great because God is not interested in our ability or in our inability, but in our availability," he stressed.

--- Kelly Wick
Activities, secretary, treasurer candidates will run unopposed

Terri Martin

Terri Martin said her past year on the activities council working with Vice President of Student Activities Dean DeToit has given her insight into the position. “I’ve already seen what can happen and the best way to handle a situation,” Martin said.

She explained that her main interest will be to develop campus-wide activities which will increase student body unity. “Activities has a responsibility to students to give them a place where they can socialize and not have to worry about major expenses,” she said.

Martin’s experience in activities includes planning concerts and late-night activities, organizing workers for the events and dealing with the expectations of the administration. Her previous experiences include the position of activities director for the 200-member Singles Department at her home church last summer. There she organized events such as a Hawaiian luau and lip-sync competition.

Martin serves as the activities director for the Psychology Club. Last year she was the activities director for the Alpha Lambda Delta honor society.

Carol Hudnall

Carol Hudnall explained that she has used her secretarial skills within SGA this year as an aide to Belinda Dickinson, the current secretary. “She’s very efficient. She’s always willing to do whatever is asked of her,” Dickinson said of the candidate.

In addition, Hudnall has served as secretary of the SGA Senate, a position which requires the skills of keeping minutes, writing in shorthand and typing resolutions.

Hudnall said that she feels adjusted to the position, which requires working with all departments within SGA.

Her past experience includes the position of treasurer during her junior and senior year in high school and as a receptionist for a hometown radio station.

Tracy Robinson

Candidate Tracy Robinson said her transition into the position as treasurer will be a smooth one. “Through Christi Mahoney I’ve learned how most of the activities work,” she explained.

She said that Mahoney has guided her in the position, which includes the responsibilities of selling tickets, balancing books, supervising activities and handling receipts.

Having served as president and vice president of the 1985-86 freshman class and as a senator for dorm 11 this year, Robinson has become familiar with SGA procedures. Prior to attending Liberty she was the vice president of her junior and senior class and secretary and treasurer of the high school band.

—Michael Parker

Presidential candidates

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Carpenter

lounges to broadcast presidential forums.

He said he is unsure of the student body’s concept of the SGA presidency. “I don’t know if they realize [the president] is their medium to the administration,” he said. “I want to let (the students) know that I’m here to serve them.”

Whitt

report, monthly student forums hosted by SGA and more interaction with other universities and colleges are other ideas Whitt is considering. “I want our student body to be the number one student body across the nation in every respect,” Whitt concluded.

Short

L.U. The candidate’s plan to implement these goals also consists of four parts. These include working well with the administration, researching projects thoroughly, presenting ideas in a positive manner and being persistent when dealing with the administration.

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LU ties ODU; six make nationals

By Doug Waymire

Six LU wrestlers will compete in the NCAA Division II National Championships this weekend at the University of South Illinois-Edwardsville in St. Louis.

Loren Baum (118 lbs.), Gary Silicy (134 lbs.), Tim Morris (150 lbs.), Kevin Pressley (177 lbs.), and Mike Hatch (HWT) all recently captured Division II South Regional Championship titles and earned the right to compete in the Nationals in St. Louis.

Head coach Don Shuler explained that the top two finishers in each weight class this weekend will advance to the Division I National Championships held in Maryland later this month.

"Mike has a very good chance of advancing to the Division I Nationals," Shuler commented. "He will probably be seeded second this weekend."

Hatch, who sports an outstanding 34-4 record, will most likely be seeded behind the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown's Carlson Haselrig, who is currently ranked second in the nation. "Haselrig already defeated Mike once this season, so he should get the top seed," Shuler explained.

Hatch earned All-American honors last year as a junior when he finished second in the NCAA Nationals. This year he will attempt to repeat that accomplishment in St. Louis and earn a spot among the Division I Nationals. "Last year only the winners got to advance to Division I competition and Mike finished second," Shuler explained. "But this year it's changed and the top two wrestlers in each weight class will advance, so he has an excellent chance."

During his four years at LU, Hatch has won more than 80 percent of his matches. He has a career record of 105-22.

In his final home match Feb. 24, Hatch easily pinned Old Dominion University's Dennis Cannon to give LU a 21-21 tie with Division I ODU. Going into the final match of the night, the Flames trailed ODU 21-21. An LU victory was impossible, so Hatch had to pin his opponent.

"The senior All-American responded to the pressure and threw Cannon to the mat to take a 2-0 lead early in the first period. He quickly put Cannon on his back and went up 5-0 before pinning the opposing heavyweight just seconds later.

Also winning for the Flames were the following: 134 lbs.—Silicy (LU) decision Somers (ODU) 16-6; 150 lbs.—Morris (LU) dec. Basset (ODU) 19-8; and 167 lbs.—Morley (LU) dec. Cizzeo (ODU) 17-3.

With the tie, the Flames dual meet record went to 10-4-1. All four of LU's losses have been against such top name Division I schools as Lockhaven, Ohio State University, Slippery Rock and the University of North Carolina.

The Flames are presently ranked fifth in the nation in Division II competition.

National bound—LU wrestler Mike Hatch expresses thrill of victory against ODU. —Photo by Don Hayden.

Hockey team wins championships

By Greg Bagley

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Legend takes over baseball

By Linda Fields

LU's new face in baseball this season is not so new in the baseball world. Head baseball coach Bobby Richardson may be better known as former second baseman for the New York Yankees.

Richardson played for the Yankees during the 1960's when he, Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra and Whitey Ford ruled the wits of Yankee Stadium.

Richardson, during his professional baseball career, played in more than 1,700 games for the Yankees, including seven World Series, seven All-Star Games and nine pennant winners.

The coach is also winner of five Golden Glove awards, holds records for most RBI in a game and in a series, most hits in a series and has batted a solid .305.

His other honors include Most Valuable Player of the 1960 World Series and Mickey Mantle's first teamer up for MVP of the American League in 1962.

Richardson is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is president of Baseball Chapel (team organizations held in the locker room before a Sunday game.)

The coach and two other Yankee team members started Baseball Chapel. "There were two guys on the team that were Christians. We started a little devotional before games. Attendance grew, and many players came to know the Lord," he said.

Richardson got his start in baseball by playing on an American Legion team in Sumpter, S.C., his hometown.

At age 14 he saw the film, "The Pride of the Yankees" and knew he wanted to play professional baseball. At 19 just out of high school, Richardson signed with the Yankees.

The rest, until his retirement at 31, is history.

After retiring from the Yankees, Richardson coached at the University of South Carolina. The former second baseman posted an impressive .516 record as skipper for the Gamecocks and led the team to a second place finish in the 1975 College World Series.

He has the eighteenth best winning percentage in collegiate baseball.

After coaching at USC, he ran for Congress in 1980 and lost by a small margin. "I was never in politics before and haven't been in them since," he said.

He's enthusiastic about LU baseball. "There's a great spirit among our players, the same spirit they have on the college campus," he explained.

"I want the players to become well-known here. I want the fans to associate the name Tim Foster with shortstop or Clint Horsley with pitcher," he added.

The coach said he wants to set a good example for the team. "I know I'm going to make mistakes. I put the players in the position of a son. I know what's important to them and want to influence them in a positive way."

The number of athletes who tried out for baseball this season was outstanding, the coach said. "We had 100 kids try out beyond what we needed. This last cut will be the hardest. I can't take them all on the road."

The fact that most of the power hitters are gone doesn't seem to be an obstacle. He said: "We'll be playing a different kind of game this year by running more to compensate for the lost power.

Richardson doesn't let the players lose sight of the reason they are at Liberty. "They are here for an education. The dean's office and teachers will find me very easy to work with," he commented.

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MDAC tournament

LU falls to the Mount

By Kyle L. Knowles

The Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference semifinal game between Liberty University and Mount St. Mary's College turned out to be a good challenge for the Flames' hopes of a championship. The Mountaineers defeated the Flames 66-64.

Neither team led by more than seven points until the Mount went on a 12-7 run to take a 17-2 lead. Liberty was stymied, and the Mount turned 18 turnovers by themselves into 24 points.

Midway through the half, Steve Farquhar also had a chance to pull the Mount off the victory with an off-balance desperation shot, but he was brought down by another player as time expired.

The Mount turned the ball over again, this time on the inbound pass. LU quickly called a time out with 17.7 seconds left to set up for the last shot.

The Flames attempted to clinch the win with what had proven so successful for them the entire game, a Minett three-pointer.

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Sipe signs with Montreal Expos

By Linda Fields

Former Flames baseball player Pat Sipe recently signed on with the Montreal Expos.

Sipe, a former LU first baseman, will be heading south for spring training during the third week of March.

Visiting the campus last week to watch the team work out, Sipe commented on the Flames this season. "We're a young team, but we'll win. Liberty's always going to win. It's in our nature."

Sipe joins the ranks of seven other Flames who have joined the major leagues.

They include active players Sid Bream with the Pittsburgh Pirates, Lee Guetterman and Renard Brown with the Seattle Mariners and Niles Conklin with the Montreal Expos.

Creekmore, also visiting LU last week to watch his old team work out noted that he may be signed by the Cincinnati Reds this season. "I'm pretty positive they'll call. If not, I'll stay with Montreal," he said.

LU ex-major leaguers include Clay Elliott, shortstop for the Atlanta Braves; Bernie Young, centerfielder for the Chicago White Sox and Doug Smith, pitcher for the Minnesota Twins.
Goad honored

Liberty's Lady Flames basketball coach Jerry Goad, has been named co-coach of the year in the Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference.

Goad, who shares the honor with Sandi P. of the University of Pitt-Johnstown, is serving his first year as head coach for the Lady Flames.

He joined the LU coaching staff in 1978 and has worked three seasons as assistant men's basketball coach, four seasons as assistant men's soccer coach and one season as head coach of the softball team.

Goad made history as a basketball player in the mid-1970's when he became Liberty's first National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) All-American basketball player. In addition, he still ranks in the top 10 in five different categories for men's basketball.

SPORTSWATCH

with Greg Bagley

The great thing about sports is that it seems to be a language everyone understands. Scholars and ditch diggers alike can sit together for hours dissecting what the network's going to do back up for the Olympics, too. It makes for good for a few minutes, but it was nothing real big. I was sure I could do it if I got a good pole vault,” he said.

He looked up at him and he said, “That’s about all that is good for me.” I guess my confusion was apparent to the middle-aged athlete.

“Right there,” he said, pointing to the “Faces in the Crowd” section.

He seemed to be focusing on a brief feature about an elderly couple. It seems the retirees had won first place in a synchronized swimming competition.

I reckon that’s dandy exercise for old folks but whoever thought they’d put the Olympics in the Olympics? my new friend asked.

He adjusted his body so he could see my face. As he turned, his pot belly flowed gently over his Western belt buckle.

Somewhere amidst his Washington Redskins sweatshirt and the Rebel flag on his hat, I sensed an ex-tease.

“Maybe it’s just me but I think the halfbacks and the linemen are always disfigured,” he said. Somehow I knew an editorial would follow.

"If Bill Joe never even showed up it would be so hard to disfigure," he explained, “but the first sight of blood and that oil ref is in there breaking ‘em up.

"We the best fighter I ever seen went to a high school with me in Rustburg. Billy Joe Lowdermilk was his name,” he told me.

"Oh, Billy Joe never even would fight back ‘til the other fellow drew blood,” his friend said. "But after that, oh boy, it was all over.

He turned into a crazy wildcat.”

Though his natural ability is abundant, Toluna sees much more potential in Swann. "He’s come a long way, but he’s no where near what he can do,” the coach said. “He has the best shot at being the first NCAA Division 1 champion from LU,” he added.

“By a long way” Toluna meant Swann has added almost a thousand points to his decathlon scores in the past year (from 6,119 to 7,013).

“We’ve got a goal for him to break 8,000 before he graduates,” the coach explained.

Swann got a late start in track. He didn’t compete until his junior year in high school. “I figured this out of me, I knew he had the potential. His being chosen as most valuable player really, the icing on the cake of the team’s victory,” head coach Brant Tolma said.

Swann spoke of the honor with a similar cool confidence. “It felt good for a few minutes, but it was nothing real big. I was sure I could do it if I got a good pole vault,” he said.

They never get none of the good guys on the U.S. team though,” he said, pondering the thought.

“Could you imagine what the Hulker would do to them Red’s?” he asked. “Did ya see how he manhandled Ivan Koloff on the ‘Saturday Night Live Main Event?’” he inquired, assuming I was as up to date on sports history. The network cancelled “Saturday Night Live” in 2001.

The question caught me off guard, but I soon remembered the event. Evidently, it was a great moment in sports history. The network cancelled “Saturday Night Live” in 2001.

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