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Faculty approves new majors

By Dolph Bell

Liberty's faculty has given the green light for five new majors to begin next fall, including a computer science major which requires a quarter-of-a-million-dollar investment in a powerful new "mini" computer, according to faculty sources.

Dr. Glenn Sumrall, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, said he is expecting 250,000 students next fall for the new computer science major.

But before students will be able to complete the major's requirements, Liberty will have to buy a $250,000 powerful "mini" computer, which must have multi-processing capability.

Mid-year students were told in August 1987, Sumrall said.

What if $250,000 isn't available when students need the new computer-a year-and-a-half from now?

"Before (the administration) told us to implement the program, they understood the cost," Sumrall said.

All of Liberty's five academic schools could use the new computer, John Stickley, coordinator of academic computing, said. "It's capabilities are endless."

Besides computer science, four other new majors have been approved for the fall and two others are awaiting approval.

Majors which have already been given approval include:

• Economics. "Economics is where a business school can really build its reputation," Dr. Jerry Combee, dean of the School of Business and Government, said. Combee noted that much of the academic muscle in Liberty's business department lies in economics because three professors have doctoral work in the field.

• Management Information Systems. Designed to teach students how to use computer systems in business, this field of study is now as important to business as accounting, according to Combee. He said students do not have to be as gifted in computer science.

• Administration of Justice. Combee said students must hold a two-year associate degree to take this major which teaches law enforcement.

• Health Education. Originally approved in May 1985, this major will not officially be offered until next fall. But approximately 25 students are already involved, Dr. Alan Rabe, professor of physical education, stated.

Two other majors await approval by faculty and the state.

School of Communications Dean William Griibbin said he's expecting the state to approve a Teaching-English-as-a-Second-Language (TESOL) major for next fall. Griibbin said job opportunities in this field are plentiful in cities with large Spanish-American communities.

In addition, Sumrall said he expects the faculty to approve a chemistry major for next fall, although all the major's courses will not be ready until a year later.

Furthermore, Combee said the faculty of the School of Business and Government wants a Master's of Business Administration for the fall.

Camelot

Drama recreates Arthurian legend

By Trish Stirmsman

Camelot, the story of King Arthur and Sir Lancerlot, will be presented by the students of Liberty University Feb. 27 through March 8.

"We want to recreate the legend of King Arthur in a way meaningful to our community at Liberty today," David Allision, director of production, stated.

The production has four main characters played by Bret Howsden, Victor Mignogna, Gal Tenerson and Don Brooks. The play members have had at least 30 three-hour rehearsals.

The tragic plot centers on a love triangle among Guenevere, King Arthur and Sir Lancerlot. The director stated, it is the pursuit of a dream for civilization and how some violations of basic moral and scriptural laws result in the destruction of a society."

Allision related that the preparation was incredible because the pageantry had to be recreated in the royal medieval English setting, requiring elaborate sets, scenery and costumes. The setting required so much preparation and work that more than 100 people were involved in the production which began working last August.

In addition, the musical has a 25-member orchestra directed by Ray Lucy. "It has some of the best majestic music ever performed," Allision related.

Performances, in FA 102, begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening, and tickets can be purchased at the Ticket Box Office in the Fine Arts Hall near the fountain. The price is $3 for students, senior citizens and groups and $4 for others.

Speakers highlight week

Steve Bell, anchorman for ABC's "World News This Morning," will address the student body in the March 5 chapel service during Communications Emphasis Week, March 3-7.

The week is sponsored by the Liberty University School of Communications.

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER—A sermonic demonstration showing how Jesus fulfilled the ancient feast of Passover will be conducted by the Rev. Larry Jaffrey (right) at the 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Mountain service. The different items of the Passover feast, as well as their relationship to the New Testament, will be explained. Jaffrey will wear the traditional garments worn for Passover.

Other speakers include Washington Times syndicated columnist John Lothian who will speak in the Feb. 28 chapel this week.

In addition, speaker-representative and reporter Peggy Welthmeter of WFVA-TV in Dallas will close the week when she speaks in chapel March 7.
Student tells of life in Sudan

By Cynthia Mayle

Try to imagine for just a moment not only a country, but also two months of daily temperatures ranging from 110 to 120 degrees. These temperatures are the kind that LU senior Rose Shukrallah, along with the other 11 students and four faculty members, experienced from mid-June to early December while working as a relief team to the people in Sudan.

Upon its arrival the team immediately began tasks such as painting, building furniture, shelves and kitchen counters and also planting grass, flowers and bananas. However, when these tasks were finished, the real work had not yet begun.

Because Shukrallah is a native of Lebanon and fluent in the Arabic tongue, her main responsibility was to interpret Arabic for the team. However, she most enjoyed teaching the people, learning about their culture and seeing their needs met.

The team taught the people English and basic skills such as plumbing, carpentry and electrical skills. According to Shukrallah, the wrong sex, impoverished or endanger the mother’s health, the baby might be deformed, unwanted, the wrong sex, impoverished or endanger the mother’s health.

Shukrallah also gained insight into Sudan’s culture. One of the more interesting aspects of the culture is the wedding ceremony, she said.

Waving people past the stop sign is not the guard’s only responsibility. If the guard does not look at the driver that does not make the stop sign invalid. There is not a policeman at every intersection to determine if drivers are obeying all traffic regulations. That does not mean that in their absence violations are permissible.

Furthermore, consistency must be developed on the part of the driver. There are many times when no one is watching us, and we must determine the correct course of action. Our character is displayed through the course we choose to follow.

A. Pierre Guillermi

President’s Forum:
Character displayed through actions

Question:
Slow and go has become the norm at Candlers Mountain Road either, or other rules for that matter.

The rule should be enforced or the sign removed. Arbitrarily ticketing a car which doesn’t slow down enough isn’t right. Either everyone should receive a ticket or the sign should be removed. Let’s develop some consistency.

Mayfield says she doesn’t have to obey the sign at Candlers Mountain Road either, or other rules for that matter.

Answer:
Traffic signs and rules are for a purpose. The check point stop sign is a point of control for the campus entrance.

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Abortion movie biased

By M. Anthony Carr

The episode of the “me-generation” was presented last week on ABC’s television movie “Choices.” This “contemporary drama” ("contemptible drama" is more like it) deals with abortion, according to director Robert Halmi.

The plot of this anti-life slanted piece of wasteful film is centered around a 26-year-old, white-washed,律师 whose daughter gets pregnant and wants to abort the baby.

Daughter Terry, played by Melissa Gilbert, former actress on “Little House on the Prairie,” plays the part of the lawyer who has the expertise, by George! C. Scott, disapproves of an abortion. She hallows the same divad, feminists argue. “It’s my body,” and “What about ME?”

While it’s understandable that a young girl would experience such trauma after finding out that she is about to be mother when all she wanted to express was the “pleasures” and “freedoms” of an illtended relationship, the writer, Judy Parker, goes to extremes to solicit sympathy for the fornicator.

In a scene from the “drama” is more like it) deals with abortion, according to director Robert Halmi, a female writer, Judith Parker, goes to extremes to solicit pity for the fornicator.

“Powers in the form of entertainment. The fact that ABC would take the epitome of the “me-generation” was portrayed last week on ABC’s “Wednesday Night Waltz” is more like it) deals with abortion, according to director Robert Halmi.

To begin with there’s the boredom during the wedding ceremony, she said.

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By Steve Leer

As I visited a local hair salon to have my hair cut, I was looking forward to this event for a while. I usually have my hair cut in a salon, but this time I decided to do it myself.

The stylist made it clear that she would not cut my hair any shorter than I wanted. She was very professional and I was comfortable with her. She also recommended a product to help with the maintenance of my hair.

My appointment went smoothly and I was able to get my hair cut exactly as I wanted. I was very happy with the results and I plan to continue using this salon in the future.

During the ceremony the bride is never seen, and the men and women are separated. While the women stand on one side, the men, wearing swords, jump up and down and dance.

Shukrallah thought the most interesting cultural practice was a birth celebration. The Sudanese only honor the birth of a male child.

She described her encounter with such a celebration. “On our way to the city of Talique, we came to a type of tent along the road and stopped to help the people who lived there.

“They were having what they called a naming party. It’s their practice to name a child when it is seven days old. At this party the women dance outside of the tent looking upward toward the sky so their jewelry will shine in celebration of the new son.”

When asked if everyone, if given the opportunity, would participate in a project such as Sudan, Shukrallah replied, “I don’t think a project like this and male dedicated to God’s will.”

Staff members Rick Lange, Pat Perkins and Steve and Beth Coffey continue to labor in Sudan.

Off the Record

By Steve Leer

“Do you have any plans for the future?” I asked.

“Not really,” he replied. “I’m just taking it day by day. I’ve been thinking about going on a mission trip, but I’m not sure.”

“Are you planning to go back to school?”

“I don’t know. I’ve been thinking about it, but I’m not sure.”

“Is there anything else you’d like to share?”

“I just wanted to say that I’ve really enjoyed my time here. I’ve learned a lot and I’ve made some great friends.”

“Thank you for your time.”

“Anytime.”
Baseball!

LU looking good for Friday opener

By Tim Woltmann

Liberty University’s baseball team faces its toughest schedule ever this year. However, with nine seniors and six returning starters it should still be a good season for the Flames.

Offensively the Flames should have little trouble putting points on the board. Pat Sipe, Ken Tomlin and Jeff Edwards, who led the team in batting last year, are all returning.

As a team the Flames batted .330 last year and averaged more than nine runs a game.

However, the pitching will have to improve if the Flames are to do well. Last season the Flames opponents batted .308 and scored an average of 6.7 runs per game.

Freshman Randy Tomlin and transfer Laz Collazo are in contention to join returning starters Niles Creekmore and Kevin Napier in the lineup. However, Napier is still doubtful because of surgery on his throwing shoulder last fall.

Creekmore, who was the team’s best reliever last year, will be a starter this season.

“We have better pitching than last year,” Coach Al Worthington said.

Both Creekmore and Jeff Wren are competing for the spot.

The season opens this Friday at home against Shippensburg University at 3 p.m. On Saturday the Flames face Shippensburg again in a double-header which starts at 1 p.m.

COMIN’ AT YA—The 1986 LU baseball season begins Friday with a 3 p.m. game against Shippensburg Univ.

Seniors set to play hardball

By Dave Dentel

Enthusiasm, motivation and team unity are the three terms one would hear the most when listening to senior Flames baseball players Niles Creekmore and Ken Tomlin talk about their team’s preparations for the upcoming season.

As a team the players have set a 40-win goal this season and are hoping to make it to the playoffs.

The Flames set the 40-game mark after reviewing their schedule, their toughest ever, and choosing the games they thought they should win after allowing for about 12 rainouts.

Both Creekmore and Tomlin insist that their squad possesses the talent as well as plenty of experience to succeed in its goal. They are but two of nine seniors on the Flames 1986 roster.

Explaining the new surge of enthusiasm, Creekmore only spoke for himself. “What sparked me was Laz (Collazo),” Creekmore said referring to the transfer pitcher from the University of Miami.

“Two of the seniors are going to be the top two relievers in the Flames bullpen. These two along with Paul Hubbard and Mike Hammond have the responsibility of providing the Flames with another 20-win season.”

Sipe is returning for his fourth year at first base, and this should be LU’s strongest position.

The position that is most doubtful is second base. “Second base will be a test. We don’t have a veteran in that place,” Worthington said.

Both Mike Tatum and Jeff Wren are competing for the spot.

Offensively the Flames should have little trouble putting points on the board.

Although the Lady Flames led 37-26 after a competitive first half, a series of turnovers within the first five minutes of the second half sparked Pittsburgh to a 78-62 win.
Flames goalies shine in wins

By Steve Leer

Question: What's better than one outstanding goalie on the LU hockey team?

Answer: Two outstanding goalies on the LU hockey team.

Mack Towery and Jon Ohlhauser each picked up victories last weekend as the Flames upended Georgetown University and Virginia Tech. The Flames went 2-0 on the weekend as the Flames upended Georgetown University and Virginia Tech.

Towery stopped the mighty Hoyas 1-0 on Saturday evening in a game that more than 400 LU students attended Friday evening.

"The (Georgetown) are great skaters and hard shooters," Towery said. "I have to prove that. We were playing on their home ice."

For the remaining 47 minutes of the match, Ohlhauser put on a goalkeeping clinic. The Flames are following the net while teammate Towery is shell-shocked Hokie goalie Senneker shell-shocked Hokie goalie Glen Wol Windowen to the tune of five more goals.

LU coach Gary Habermas was more than pleased with Ohlhauser's performance. "Jon stopped everything after that first goal," he pointed out. "That was his best game by far."

Ohlhauser was named the game's Star 1. For the season Ohlhauser is 5-1 in five games.

BIG MACK—Flames goalie Mack Towery (center) stops a Georgetown shot Friday night, while teammates Daley, Cummings (right) give chase. —Photo by Tim Iscoauon

LU drops final home game

By Tim Wiltmann

Even though the Flames lost last Saturday night to St. Thomas Aquinas 74-63, Coach Jeff Meyer finds the regular season has been a success.

"It's unfortunate to end the regular season but that's just the way it is," Meyer said. "They have shown lots of character.

The loss to the Spartans ends the regular season for the Flames at 18-12.

Meyer feels that playing a good team like St. Thomas Aquinas will help the team as they prepare for the Mason-Dixon Conference Tournament, which will be played this weekend.

The Flames are seeded third in the tournament thanks to a victory over Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va., 56-49, Feb. 19. It is the first time the Flames have ever beaten the Yellow Jackets on their home court.

The team suffered a 20-point pasting at home to Randolph-Macon earlier in the season. Meyer is pleased with the team's turnaround and said: "Their ability to come back has been demonstrated."

The Flames are in a position to do very well in championship.

The way the tournament is seeded they will not have to play either Mt. Saint Mary's or Randolph-Macon until the championship game on Saturday night. These are the two teams that have won the tournament the past two years.

On Thursday night the Flames will be playing the University of Pittsburgh.

If the Flames win the tournament they would receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Division II tournament.

Sportsscene By Steve Davis

Can I share a secret with you? I'm really glad Liberty is still gonna be the Flames next year. I mean really glad.

Trying to gain notoriety by changing the school's nickname to Eagles is sort of like kicking off your presidential campaign with a tour of bamboos. Eagles are possibly the most bland bird in existence.

Eagles are possibly the most bland bird in existence. You got a good hunting falcon, you could really have fun with the other teams' mascots (and players, for that matter).

But when it comes right down to it, I like Flames. It's original, and it's sort of an action noun. I mean, a dead eagle is still an eagle. A dead fire


And how many schools can claim as illustrious a past for their mascot as the Flames? Unless there is a school out there called the Wheels, nobody's going to be calling you for your bic.

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