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Students will compete for Miss Lynchburg

By Carla L. Sturgill

Lights, glitter, make-up, excitement... Those are some of the impressions most people have of a pageant. Yet, the Miss Lynchburg Pageant, a preliminary to the Miss America Pageant, consists of more than just superficial beauty, according to Margaret Brown, chaperone of the event. Eleven of the 19 young ladies competing for the crown wore by Liberty University alumni Joan Bryant are LU students. They will compete on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the E.C. Glass Auditorium.

These students include Charlene Belles, Ruthie Bosley, April Diffenderfer, Kimberly Eaton, Tracey Hughes, Anna Hyatt, Dawn Lilly, Susan Matherly, Melissa Moon, Lena Pryor and Amy Rich. The contestants will be judged in four categories, each counting for a percentage of the final score. These include talent (50 percent), interview (25 percent), swimsuit (12.5 percent) and evening gown (12.5 percent).

During the interviews, questions concerning world, local, national, controversial and personal issues will be presented to the girls.

"They should read USA Today to prepare themselves and just keep a sensible head about the interview," Brown suggested. She feels that the judges will look primarily for personality. "I don't believe that any one of the judges wants to tear the girls apart. They are looking for inner beauty as well as outer."

Brown explained that the winner, if she is a LU student, will

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RAT training begins

By Pamela Durant

Approximately 100 prospective resident assistants began a month-long training process March 2 as the annual resident assistant in training (RATS) program got underway. During the first week of training, applicants observed current RA's perform their duties. This week they will perform the supervised duties themselves.

The final cuts will be made during Spring Break, narrowing the remaining applicants down to the 41 who will fill the RA positions.

The 41 new RA's will be notified April 27.

Bruce Traegar, director of resident housing, explained that the selection process for the replacements is very difficult.

"Many of the applicants are qualified, but we're attempting to find the cream of the crop. We're looking for someone with good leadership abilities, spiritual maturity and psychological and academic stability," he explained. Traegar added, "The ones who are chosen aren't necessarily better than anyone else, but they are ones whom we feel can better handle the typical stress and pressures that RA's face."

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Former CC writer gives students advice, tells of reporting for the Lynchburg News

By Trish Stirmann

Lynchburg News reporter and 1986 Liberty University graduate Dolph Bell visited the Liberty Champion staff Friday.

"Journalism is an extremely competitive business. The pressure is tremendous, and you won't get rich," Bell told the newspaper staff.

He gave the students advice for getting a job at a newspaper and encouraged them to be realistic. "Don't expect to graduate and get a job with the Washington Post," he said. "Start with a reporter's position on a small daily paper."

Bell advised the students to be versatile and to think critically. He added that it is also important to learn about local and state government and to read two or three newspapers daily. "If you are bored with current events, don't get into the business," Bell said.

His advice was not limited to finding a job, though. Bell also told the students what it's like to work in secular society. "Newspaper reporting is a worldly business full of worldly people," he said.

"The doings of man such as murder and robbery aren't very edifying," he added. Some nights he can't sleep because of all the news he has covered during the day.

Bell also believes that newspapers are biased. Part of the bias arises because the press is supposed to be the watchdog of society. As a watchdog, the press exposes and badgers until it gets the story, he explained.

A second cause for newspaper bias is that each reporter interprets what he sees from his own individual world view, Bell said.

While at LU, Bell majored in journalism and political science. He was an active member of the university newspaper staff.

SPEAKING OUT—74-year-old Rosa Parks, whose refusal to give up a bus seat sparked the civil rights movement, spoke at the NAACP banquet Sunday. Photo by Aaron Haunrick.

GOOD ADVICE—Lynchburg News reporter and LU graduate Dolph Bell shared advice with the staff of the Liberty Champion Friday.
Students may pay next year for damage in commons areas

By Robert Pitts

Students may partly pay for the student-reimbursed damage found in campus academic and general purpose buildings, if the administration approves a new Housing Office program.

"We want to institute a program whereby damage in the common areas (non-resident buildings) will be charged to the student body," Bruce Traeger, director of resident housing, explained.

Presently, costs of damage that cannot be attributed to anyone is absorbed by the university and eventually passed on to students in the form of either reduced services or dorm damage costs are divided among the floor residents.

Fees for damage will be attributed to the student body.

Holes in the walls of the DeMoss Hall and the Post Office are probably the most obvious type of damage.

Since August 1985, Physical Plant has either repaired or waited on 28 holes, large and small. Four of those have had to be repaired several times due to repeated damage. Craft Leader Steve Gates of the Physical Plant Maintenance Department said.

In addition, resident hall damage has also been extensive, particularly in the side dorms.

"A lot of ceiling tiles are broken on a regular basis. It's hard to keep up," Gates said.

Since June 1986 Physical Plant has received 362 work orders on ceiling tiles alone, 310 of which were in the dorms, according to Gates.

The cost to repair the damage was slightly more than $2,200 in labor and materials.

Students directly paid more than 36 percent of that amount while the school absorbed the remainder.

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"Deliberate vandalism could be grounds for dismissal," John Baker, associate dean of student affairs, explained.

"God's given money to this institution, and I think it's terrible that some students would think that when they damage something they're damaging only personal property. It's God's property," Baker said.

It is the students' responsibility to report damage of any type, intentional or otherwise. "We do not have the capability to patrol the campus. That's why it's got to be a student body and institution-wide concern," Traeger said.

"I am convinced that often a majority of damage incidents that occur in the commons areas are witnessed by students, but they don't want to get involved," he added.

"I venture to say that students wouldn't allow someone to vandalize their cars and get away with it. They ought to take that same personal interest in the buildings that surround them," Baker explained.

"I think it's important to make clear that damage that occurs in the part of the entire student body, faculty and none of us is going to tolerate anybody tearing it up," he concluded.

Melissa Moon, a graduating senior majoring in telecommunications, explained that she is particularly interested in the Miss Lynchburg Pageant because she strongly believes in the Miss America system and what the crown represents.

She added that the idea behind the glamorous coverage is to promote education and encourage young women to pursue careers.

Brown explained that the event also helps young ladies develop their self-esteem. "The pageant gives a girl a whole lot of self-esteem, and I admire anyone who gets up there to compete," she said.

Brown added that she always has the women hold hands in prayer before the pageant, and she does not like to see the event end after all of the hard work and time spent to make it special.

"I hate to think that we may never see each other again, and I urge all of them to stay in touch with me and with each other, for they have truly made friends," she concluded.

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Do you want 24-hour telephone service?

By Kelly Wick

Following the overwhelming response to the survey printed a few weeks ago in the Liberty Champion concerning the individual room service, the Student Government Association is conducting the following survey:

Whereas the phone service in individual rooms is now turned off between midnight and 6 a.m., I am in favor of having the service extended to 24 hours a day.

□ Yes. I am in favor of a 24-hour service.
□ No. I am not in favor of a 24-hour service.
□ Male
□ Female

Please check appropriate boxes and return to SGA through intercampus mail before March 17.

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Mike Minett: Senior evaluates career

By Kyle L. Knowles

Senior guard Mike Minett reached a milestone this season when he broke the 1,000 point mark during the Mount St. Mary's game in the Mason-Dixon Conference semifinals. He became the eleventh player in LU's history to break that mark.

The Flames respect Minett's playing ability and leadership qualities, according to sophomore guard Steve Farquhar. "I never tried to lead the team, giving orders and such. I try to set an example through my life and off the court," Minett said of his leadership role as the only senior on the team.

Minett feels being the lone senior team member has given him a lot more responsibility to the younger players than just being the captain. Minett said he wants to be remembered as someone who was dedicated to the team, "I never tried to lead the team, giving orders and such. I try to set an example through my life and off the court," Minett said of his leadership role as the only senior on the team.

Although Minett was healthy by his sophomore year, he saw little playing time behind Eric Gordon. He took over as guard only when Gordon needed a rest. During his junior year he averaged more than 17 points per game, the highest of his four-year career at LU. "I feel that my third year was my most productive," Minett commented. "I was consistent throughout the season."

Minett feels that he was passive on offense at the beginning of this season and that low scoring really hurt the team. His season average was six points below last year's.

Referring to his 1,001 points, Minett commented, "Right now, the record seems anti-climactic because of the big loss to the Mount, but I think I will be able to look back on the feat later and be proud."

"My biggest problem this year was inconsistency," Minett stated concerning his drop in scoring. "I had too many ups and downs."

Looking ahead to next season, Mike is confident the Flames will achieve the illustrious 20-game mark. He also feels LU has a shot at winning its first M-DAC title with the much-improved play of center Rodney "Fish" Harrison.

Mike Minett's Stats

Career Points—1,001
Games Played—29
Games Started—29

Field Goal Percentage:
3-point range—43.9% (50/114)
2-point range—37.2% (71/191)
Total—39.7% (121/307)

Free Throw Percentage: 63.5% (89/142)

Rebounds:
Offensive—45
Defensive—70
Total—115 (exp. 2-9)

Assists:
Total—105

Minett's record in 1-3.

Netters dedicate year to DeMoss

By J.R. Swisher

In its first fall year at the Division 2 level, the Liberty University tennis team intends to make the 1987 spring season its best ever, according to head coach Carl Diemer. "The team has set a goal of winning 10 matches this season," Diemer said. "We hope to have our first winning season in the history of the program."

The Flames have dedicated their efforts this season to former team member David DeMoss, who died in an automobile accident last summer. "David had been the team's nucleus, a team leader," Diemer recalled. "He was a key part of our program in those first two years and was well liked by everyone who played with him."

"The team really wants to win for David this season," the coach added. The road to a winning season may not be an easy one, however. The Flames have an expanded schedule with 17 matches this spring, against such Division I powers as Virginia Commonwealth University and Slippery Rock University.

Liberty will also face traditional rivals Longwood College, Lynchburg College and Ferrum College. Depth and consistency seem to be the keys for the Flames' six seeded players. Todd Seelig began 1987 as LU's top-seeded player. "He was our third-seeded player last season," Diemer noted. "Lessons and hard work have improved his game tremendously."

Phil Lazo, a transfer student with a very aggressive serve-and-volley game is seeded second while this team's squad, Scott Graves, last season's Most Valuable Player for Liberty, heads up the second half of the Flames' singles at fourth position. Jay Hobbard and Rodney Gage, the only remaining players from Liberty's first tennis team in 1984, are the fifth and sixth seeds respectively.

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Lacrosse Update

The Liberty University lacrosse team began its season last week with matches against Old Dominion University and Virginia Commonwealth University. The Flames fell to ODU 12-3, but managed to hold their own during the last half of the game, allowing only three ODU goals while scoring three themselves.

In the match-up against VCU, Liberty had yet another fine showing as they matched their opponents and held on for the tie, 3-3.

LU's next match-up happens this Saturday, March 14 when the Flames face off in the Heart Fund Lacrosse Classic in Richmond. Students will be admitted free of charge to the six-team tournament.

Liberty's home opener will be held March 20 at 4 p.m. against James Madison University. The game will be played at the General Electric field on Candler's Mountain Road unless the team can obtain permission to use the varsity soccer field on campus.
Golfers swing into action

By Doug Waymire

The Flames golf team captured 13th place in the Campbell University Intercollegiate Golf Tournament, held in Buies Creek, N.C., March 2-4.

Sophomore Lane Patrick led the team and set a new school record with a final score of 232 for 54 holes. The 19-team tournament, held at the Chincoteague Country Club and the Keith Hills Country Club, featured many top Division I schools from the region.

Head coach Mike Hall said that under the circumstances, he was pleased with the team's performance. "I felt that it was a fairly good showing this early in the year since we've only been able to practice outside twice because of all the snow and poor weather," he explained.

Hall said he was also pleased with the performances of sophomore Daniel Owen and junior Bob Strotenbecker, who were the two other top finishers for the Flames. The Flames travel to Luray Caverns, Va., Thursday to compete in the James Madison University Invitational tournament. Hall noted that his golfers will face top-notch competition. The Division II Flames will compete against Rutgers, William and Mary, and Navy and South Carolina as well as 19 other schools.

The head coach explained that he schedules tough Division I opponents for his golfers to help prepare them for a move to Division I competition in the future. "It's my goal (to move to Division I)," he added. "Currently we compete in all Division II tournaments except the Division II Virginia State Championships.

Anticipates that the Flames will be favored in the Virginia State Championships again this year. "We should be favored since we won the State Championship last year, and everybody returned to the team again this year," he stated.

Lady Flames win state championship; records rewritten

By Greg Bagley

Records crumbled last Saturday as the Lady Flames track team raced away with the NCAA Division II and state championship at Virginia Military Institute.

The team lowered their opponent's score by 69 points and took first place in six of the twelve events.

Head Coach Ron Hopkins said, "This was our best overall team performance in history. LU had a strong showing in the 55-meter hurdles, taking first, sec-

ond and fourth places. Delketha Quarles lead the pack with a time of 3.31 seconds, shattering the previous school record.

Quarles' time placed her fifth on the national ranking list and bettered her previous national qualifying time.

Valerie Atkins and Debbie Klinck added second and fourth place finishes respectively.

Florence Ushigyo improved the school record in the 400 to 59.52 seconds and took fifth place. She has reached eighth on the national ranking list in the 800.

Lucas' time of 2:18.01 minutes replaces the previ-

ous freshman record. Hopkins reported that Lingenfel-
ter's time could possibly qualify her for national competition.

The Lady Flames continued to shine brightly in the 3,000. Pam Fauber took first place, leaving her nearest competitor, LU's Suzanne Duncan, nearly 23 seconds in her wake. Liberty's Nancy Knowler came in third, rounding out the final.

Sue Stahl ran away with first in the 1,500, posting a time of 5:02.7 minutes. Lady Flames Teresa Dunn-
can and Suzanne Duncan trailed to add second and third place finishes to the team tally.

Amy Atwood took first in the 800 as fellow Fluor- T. Duncan and Gayle Fyfe finished second and first place respectively.

Other Flames' victories included the 1,600 relay winning in 3:55.80, a time that would place them 11th in the nation.

Outdoor season begins for the ladies on March 21 as they travel to Harrisonburg, Va., for the James Madison University Women's Invitational.

SPORTSWATCH

with Greg Bagley

Now that they've hung their skates in a closet, pulled their sweaty uniforms in from hanging out of dorm windows and the Zamboni has made a final sweep of the ice, I think it's time to give the hockey players one last pat on the back.

But first of all, I have a confession. I have not the confession) and knew absolutely nothing about hockey before last season.

The first game I attended was LU's 7-3 win over College of Charleston. We've been hooked on the sport ever since.

I later developed a slightly more sophisticated appreciation of the game, but nonetheless, I remember watching in awe as Nick Reichenbach performed a move that would make Peggy Fleming drool. The enthusiasm of Dan Davie and the finess of Rick Conner were also among the things that caught my eyes.

I also quickly learned that there was more to the game than violence. The was very apparent when I watched the Flames battle Duke University.

The rivalry could not have been more intense, and both teams played their hearts out. Late in the game Dale Patterson went at it with a Duke player.

I was sitting behind the penalty box as both players took a two-minute penalty. Patterson sat down and turned up the water bottle. After about a gulp and a half, he started hollering on the glass to get his opponent's attention.

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