Melissa Moon keeps crown at Liberty

By Trish Sturman

Melissa Moon, a Liberty University senior, is the new Miss Lynchburg. Miss Lynchburg 1986 Joan Byrd was crowned Melissa at the Miss Lynchburg Scholarship Pageant held at the E.C. Glass Auditorium Saturday night.

“Miss Lynchburg 1986 was the role model I wanted to be. I worked very hard for, and I feel the Lord has rewarded me for doing,” Melissa said.

In addition to Melissa, three other LU students placed in the top five at the pageant. The first runner-up was Lynchburg native Stephanie Woody, Kimberly Easton, senior telecommunications major, took the second runner-up position.

Third runner-up was Anna Hiett, who will graduate in May with an Associate in Arts degree in Bible and Theology. Fourth runner-up was senior finance major Charles Boles.

Two other LU contestants received awards; Susan Matherly won the title of Miss Congeniality, and Dawn Lilly won for congeniality. A telecommunications major, Melissa also received the Talent Award for her performance on the harp.

Melissa is excited about serving the city as Miss Lynchburg 1987. “I hope that I can represent the city and make them proud of me as the Miss Virginia Pageant,” she said.

Melissa plans to compete for the title of Miss Virginia in July but will be even more challenging. “Miss Virginia will be a tougher competition because there will be winners from many other local pageants. The best will be at Miss Virginia, Melissa said.”

Miss Lynchburg received a $2,000 scholarship as well as a crown, flowers and a Revere crown, flowers and a Revere.

Ground broken for ministry headquarters

By Maresha Wilde and Trish Sturman

The Rev. Jerry Falwell and several ministry officials presided over a symbolic groundbreaking ceremony for the new headquarters of the Liberty Broadcasting Network and the Liberty Godparent Home on the campus Friday.

“Only God knows the wonderful influence that is about to happen here today,” Falwell said as a majority of the student body watched.

Construction of the new buildings, located across Highway 224 near the campus entrance, will begin after three things occur, Falwell said. These include the following: 1. The new Lotch City Council’s approval of rezoning for the Liberty Godparent Home. 2. Governor Gerald Baliles signing of the university’s tax exemption bill and 3. The engineers’ recommendation on the structures location.

According to Charlie Hurt, project engineer, workers will begin clearing the land by the end of March.

LGM

The Rev. Norm Pratt, executive director of the LGM, expressed great enthusiasm for the new headquarters. “We did not know the vision of Dr. Falwell would become a reality so soon,” he said.

The new LGM structure, which will accommodate 150 guests, will increase the ministry’s life cycle eight times, according to Pratt.

The three-story structure will include 30 bedrooms, a chapel, a clinic, classrooms, the adoption agency, household quarters and a counseling center. A training center designed to prepare workers for similar homes built across the nation will also be included. “It is going to become a clearing house for the national pro-life movement,” Falwell explained.

Furthermore, students in the recently-approved social worker and nursing majors will gain valuable experience by participating in an “action-oriented curriculum” at the home.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors recently approved the social worker major at Liberty.

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Barren Marcus, chief operating officer at LBN, likewise expressed pleasure with the new network facility. “I think it is going to have a fantastic potential,” he stated.

The new headquarters, which will be 26,000 square feet, will house a large 80-by-100 foot studio, offices, carpentry shop, storage areas, and control rooms.

The cost of the headquarters is, at this point, “speculative” and could be a seven-digit figure, according to Marcus.

Dr. Jerry Nims, president of LBN, explained that the new studios will enable the network to produce compelling state-of-the-art programming, which will convey the Christian world view.

Furthermore, the network will provide an excellent training ground for students who will go into the world and use the media for Christ, according to Nims.

125 companies to visit during Career Exploration Week

By Michael Parker

Career Exploration Week, featuring more than 125 companies and organizations, will be held in the DeMoss Hall March 24-26.

“Career Exploration Week is the largest one I know of on the East Coast,” Dr. Norbert Motts, director of occupational residence and career advising, said.

According to Motts, the event will show students what is available in the industrial market and help them visualize careers they can pursue.

Occupational counselor James D. Wagner explained that a broad cross section of business will be represented, which will appeal to students with all majors.

A. L. Williams Insurance Co., Xerox, the Federal Aviation Administration, WIBRO-Radio, Virginia Federal Corrections Institute, Century 21 and Bank of Virginia will be among the many companies represented.

An average of 65 to 75 companies will have displays each day during the three-day event. Every day will be different organizations for students to see and to present resumes on their own initiative.

Students of every academic status should take advantage of Career Exploration Week, Motts stressed.

“Career Exploration Week is for everybody; the freshman who is searching, the junior who is preparing and the senior who is ready to go,” he added.

Talking with people who can paint a clear picture of a specific career will help students determine what course to follow in reaching a specific career goal, Wagner explained.

With the average adult changing his career track seven times during his lifetime, Motts feels that it is essential to provide students with an opportunity to explore career options as soon as possible.

“We are into a lifelong learning process to educate everybody in the marketplace,” he concluded.

ASPA awaits sign-ins

The Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM) and the American Society for Personnel Administration (ASPA) will have a sign up table at the Career Exploration Week for “mock interviews” to be held April 16.

The “mock interviews” will give students seeking employment a chance to present a resume to professional personnel and receive feedback on their job approaches and resume formats. Ron Monfils, vice president of programs for SAM, explained.
Whitt prepares for presidential office

All of the pressure felt by the presidential candidates, campaign staffs and supporters alike during the past two weeks ended March 10 as the winners of the executive offices were announced.

"You just don’t know the privilege and honor that I feel right now, (knowing) that the student body wants me to be their president," president-elect Jim Whitt said shortly after the winners were announced.

"I think the students responded because I was the best prepared and had the best groundwork to be ready for the presidency.

Relieved by the end of his third SGA campaign, Whitt now wants to turn his full attention back to the duties of executive vice president.

"I want to get right back to work," Whitt explained. "I haven’t let up as vice president during the election, which has been an extra burden; but it (the vice presidency) was there before the election. That was my commitment," he said.

A training program for both Whitt and Darin Waters, the executive vice president-elect, is also on the agenda for the rest of the semester.

During the four-to-six-week program Whitt will demonstrate procedures of the vice presidential office to Waters while Mike Broomell, the current SGA president, shows procedures of the president’s office to Whitt.

Referring to Waters, Whitt said, "I just met Darin this year. He’s a sharp guy. I think it’s going to be a great year between the two of us.

According to Whitt, the vice president-elect will continue to uphold the standards of professionalism and seriousness SGA has attained this year while fulfilling his duties outlined in the SGA Constitution.

Waters, who has worked with Whitt in the Senate this year, said he will learn much from the new executive officer. "Jim is so well experienced. He will be able to teach me more because I don’t know as much as he does." Waters said.

Whitt explained that he will stay in touch with the new officers this summer. "We will definitely be in correspondence through the mail and on the phone," he said.

Next semester Whitt hopes to implement many of the programs which will have been developed during the summer. Among these are adjustments in the dry cleaning system, microwaves in the dorm rooms and new refrigerators.

The society system, however, may not be feasible until spring 1988 because of the time required to do the necessary research.

The executive vice president has looked at a number of universities such as Bob Jones University, the University of Virginia and North Carolina State to find a suitable model for the system.

Whitt spoke very positively about next year. "I’m so excited I can’t stand it. We’re looking to do some big things in the community, on the national scene and for each individual student as well," he said. "It has the potential to be one of the best years ever.

Election stats

More than 2,300 students, which is approximately 50 percent of the student body, voted in the SGA election this year. This was 121 more than last year and constitutes a record turnout.

The results were as follows:

Presidential Race:
- Whitt 44%
- Carpenter 29%
- Short 27%

Vice Presidential Race:
- Waters 59%
- Brown 33%
- Kline 12%
- Jackson 5%

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ALL IN THE FAMILY—Joan Bryant, Mrs Lynchburg 1986 (left) and Holly Jeremy Wright, Miss Virginia 1980, crown Melissa Moon during the pageant Saturday night as Kimberly Easton (right) and Charleen Boles (far right) watch. —Photo by Don Hayden
Reading conference to be held

By Doug Waymire

The Virginia State Reading Association (VSRA) will provide students and teachers with candidate teaching ideas during its annual state conference in Roanoke March 19-21, according to Dr. Rebecca Carwile, assistant professor of education at LU.

With the theme “Literacy Lifts You,” the conference will feature guest speakers, workshops, general assemblies and special exhibits designed to show educators how to teach more effectively.

Carwile explained that LU students have been given special permission by the VSRA to register for the conference at reduced “member” rates.

“The cost for students will be $25 for the entire conference,” she said. “Carwile emphasized that education majors in particular will benefit from attending the conference. “I hope all education majors to attend at least one state-level reading conference.” She said, “The speakers and presentations there are excellent.”

Although she has never attended the VSRA conference, Carwile anticipates that it will be quite large. “All states hold reading association conferences and they are much larger than local conferences,” she explained.

The assistant professor recalled attending the Florida State Reading Association Conference before moving to Virginia. “The Florida conference was really big. I guess there were thousands of people involved,” she said. “I expect the Virginia conference will be similar.”

A highlight of the conference this year, according to Carwile, will be the panel and audience exchange, “Excellence in Education: Virginia’s Legislators Speak Up.” The discussion will involve the governor’s recent report on excellence in education.

Carwile said transportation will be given to the Teacher Education Hall approximately one hour before the sessions begin and return about one hour after the last session each day.

Candidates fined for infractions

By Robert Pitts

The Student Government Association election, though relatively calm this year, was not without incident as several candidates received fines for infractions of Election Committee rules.

Presidential candidate Stephen Short and a worker, Brad Kline both received $20 fines for displaying campaign materials before 5 p.m. on March 4, the first day of campaigning.

Jim Carpenter, another presidential candidate, received a $20 fine because one of his campaign workers initiated a scuffle with a worker from president-elect Jim Whitt’s campaign.

Jim Whitt, the newly-elected president, was fined $20 after the election campaign closed one minute before the 9 p.m. deadline.

The staffers argued that if two people who had already signed in to vote had been allowed to cast their ballots, Jim Whitt’s margin of victory would have dropped below the required 15 percent mark. Thus a run-off between Whitt and Carpenter would have been required.

However, Bev Buffington, coordinator of student activities, and Dean DuToit, chairman of the Election Committee, stated that by their watches the polls closed late rather than early.

Buffington explained that DuToit left the Student Activities office to close the polls at 9:02 p.m. The polls had been open for more than 12 hours, thus students had ample time to vote, she said.

“When the polls close, the polls close,” Buffington added. “We were fair enough to them, they just didn’t use their time very wisely.”

Furthermore, DuToit said that the two students still at the polls could not vote because they signed in after the deadline.

Whitt won the presidential race by more than 400 votes, making him the “popular choice of the student body,” Buffington concluded.
LU grapplers named All-Americans

By Doug Waymire

The Flames wrestling team captured sixth place out of a 37-team field at the NCAA Division 2 National held at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville on March 6-7. Of the six LU wrestlers who competed in the tournament, five returned with All-American honors.

The Flames finished the tournament in sixth place with 46.00 team points. The unseeded Flames' wrestler Perry Ainscough who finished 11th nationally last year.

At 118 lbs., Loren Baum fell 2-1 to Brad Hildebrandt and had to settle for a fifth-place finish. In the consolation bracket Frame had an opportunity to place as high as third, but the LU grappler lost an 8-2 decision to Darren Arbery of Indianapolis and had to settle for a chance to finish fifth.

However, in his last match Frame fell 2-1 to Brad Hildebrandt and finished sixth. LU's final competitor, 177 lb. wrestler Kip Fennelly, lost 7-5 in the first round to Southern Connecticut's Denzel Forrester. Fennelly then won two matches in the consolation bracket before losing a tough 7-4 decision that put him in the finals for seventh and eighth. Place.

128 lb. wrestler Kevin Frame has what it takes to be a Division 2 All-American wrestler. — Photo by Don Hayden.

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with Greg Bagley

Ever since Ronald Reagan gasped and said, “Sometimes, when the team is up against it, when they're down and out, when the breaks are beating the boys, I'd like to go in there with them and tell 'em, 'G-Men, it's only a matter of time. Just stick it out there, boys. You're going to win after all. Now, let's move on down the field and win the game.'”

Watching the Charm City Roller Girls, I thought of that. It's true. Sometimes, when the team is up against it, when they're down and out, when the breaks are beating the boys, I'd like to go in there with them and tell 'em, 'G-Men, it's only a matter of time. Just stick it out there, boys. You're going to win after all. Now, let's move on down the field and win the game.'