Open admission policy offers chance for students

By Denise Floyd

Every year colleges such as LBC admit hundreds of students under a system called the open admissions policy. According to Tom Diggs, coordinator of admissions, to be acceptable at LBC one only has to obtain a high school diploma or a general education diploma (GED) and show evidence that he or she is "born again." Diggs estimated that only 38 percent of all U.S. colleges do fit under the open admissions policy. He explained that there were three general admissions practices among most colleges: open admissions, selective and competitive.

The open-door or open admissions policy admits anyone with a high school diploma or the equivalent.

The selective policy admits a majority of the applicants who meet a specific level of academic achievement or other qualifications above and beyond high school graduation.

The competitive policy admits only a limited number of those applicants who meet a specified level of academic achievement or other qualifications above and beyond high school graduation.

According to Diggs, the fact that students leave LBC prior to graduation does not always occur because of the open-door policy. "As a rule of thumb, it is the person who is unable to make an adjustment to study," Diggs explained.

He also denied that graduates of LBC used the policy as an "attention getter" for high school students. "No, of course we don't use it as a recruiting tool," Diggs defended.

He did say that the faculty has mixed feelings about the open-door policy.

Diggs does not believe that a college not having an open-door policy will think the work is harder than it is at any other college.

He also said that colleges do accept transfer students who have previously attended an open-door college.

"It doesn't make any difference," Diggs said. "All they are concerned about is how well you did and that the college you transferred from was accredited.

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SGA wants big changes in 1985

By Chris Shrewsbury

Motivation. Change. Involvement. These are some of the key words used by Student Government Association (SGA) President Scott Sherman to describe the 1985 spring semester.

Some of the projects SGA is undertaking include an inter-collegiate volleyball marathon for charity, the establishment of an electronic banking service on campus, a new dormitory phone system and the placement of suggestion boxes around campus.

A volleyball marathon to benefit muscular dystrophy is tentatively scheduled for late February or March, to be held in conjunction with other area schools, possibly including Randolph-Macon Women's College or Lynchburg College.

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Commentary

Goals give meaning

"If you set no goal, you'll be sure to obtain it," someone once said. To obtain is the key, but there's going to be lots of work involved.

As a staff, The Liberty Champion has set some goals for this semester, we've even set some for the next two years.

The first is to maintain the current standards and to better continue the work that our predecessors have been involved in.

As Christians the number one goal is to know Christ. Individual walks may vary, but the emphasis should be the same. If you have no goal to obtain a more excellent knowledge of Christ, then now is the time to set one.

If you are to learn anything in your classes this semester, there has to be some type of goal. I want you to take advantage of these opportunities. There will be a skating trip to Wintergreen, a volleyball marathon to raise money for musccular dystrophy, and of course, the regularly scheduled movies and concerts.

While you were gone over Christmas break, many of our initiatives were approved by the administration and are ready for implementation. A walkway will be installed on the worn path between the cafeteria and the gym.

Library hours will be extended until midnight Sunday through Thursday but will be closed from 10 p.m. until 10:45 p.m. to respect the active students and to allow for scheduled and necessary cleaning.

This semester we want to serve the community with better coverage as well as to ourselves. Our hearts are not only minister to other people, but to ourselves. Our hearts are in it, so the songs mean more to us," choir member Alesia Smith said.

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Black choir members share what it takes to sing for souls

By Latisha Snead

"The choir brings unity to the singers, and it enables us to witness to others with music and song. It helps black students come together as one," said Carol Murray about the Black Student Fellowship Choir (BSFC).

This semester, the choir will minister to all types of people with its music, and in the past co-directors Aaron Fields and Cheryl Moses have led the choir during concerts performed in Washington, D.C.; Gaithersburg, Md.; and Greensboro, N.C.

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I enjoy the fellowship of the choir and being able to get the good news throughout the singing of our songs," Ed Stewart explained.

"As a freshman, the choir gave me the opportunity to meet all the black students. At first, I wasn't going to join, but now that I'm a sophomore, I'm looking forward to every concert," added Myra Jennings.

"And we have a blast!"
Ladies thump LC
By Laurie Wagner

The Lady Flames basketball team went 1-1 last weekend, losing at home to Mt. St. Mary's (81-61) Friday, then winning at Lynchburg College (71-57) Saturday. The split brought the Lady Flames' record to 10-6 on the season.

Sophomore forward Pam Wilder paced the Flames over LC with 14 points, including six for six from the line. Malynda Keck (Jr.) contributed 12 points to the six from the line. Malynda Keck and LBC coach Linda Farver discussed Mount St. Mary's as one of the most challenging of the season. Mount St. Mary's is ranked second in the Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference (MDAC) and tenth in the nation.

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MINE—Patty Gallant entertains teammate Malynda Keck's son, Dana. Dana eventually retook the bottle (1 Pet. 2:2).—Photo by Melinda Hoffman

Patty Gallant overcomes adversity
By Melinda Hoffman and Steve Davis

Fans of the Lady Flames basketball team this season have become increasingly aware of one seemingly ever-smiling face—Patty Gallant. It all began last season when Gallant immediately caught a plane for home. But at a time when few around them, Patty was still looking out for others' needs. One of the needs was a man she witnessed to on the phone.

"I was going through one of the hardest times in my life, but I had just read an article on perceiving when going through trials," Patty credits prayer, especially that of her basketball teammates, with helping her through the rough times.

"Probably the key to her handling the situation, though, is the overriding consideration in her life, and the thing she likes best about playing basketball for Liberty: "All we do, we do to the glory of God."

"Maybe that's why she's still known for her smile.

HO-HUMM—LBC's Mike Hatch shows very little concern as an unidentified opponent realizes the agony of defeat.—Photo by Melinda Hoffman

Grapplers win, 3-0-1
By Dave Dentel

The LBC wrestling squad came home from last weekend's road trip undefeated. Against four opponents in two dual matches, the Flames won three times and tied once.

On Friday the squad beat challengers Choppin State and Morgan State. The Flames continued their winning ways on Saturday with a win against Delaware State. The tie came against George Washington University, who has never beaten LBC in wrestling.

Despite early injuries, the LBC wrestling squad, under head coach Robert Bonheim, is in good shape as it approaches the close of the season.

Since initially losing three starters to injuries, the squad has gone on to compile an impressive record. The Flames this year have posted 7 wins and 3 losses in dual matches, plus a number of tournament victories.

At the LBC Invitational, held on the mountain Jan. 18-19, the Flames finished third. Appalachian State won the championship and Franklin Marshall took second.

This season's success, though, has not come against weak opposition. As Bonheim remarked, "We play a comparable Division I schedule. Fifty to 60 percent of the schools we play are (NCAA) Division I.

BANKS REJECTS pro contract
By Marsha Wilde

Fred Banks, LBC wide receiver, recently rejected a three-year contract offer from the United States Football League's (USFL) Denver Gold. An eighth-round draft choice, Banks said he made the "quite difficult" decision because he did not want to "alter his dream of playing for the NFL."

He admits that the pay—$40,000 for the first year with a $10,000 increase each season—was tempting. He would also have received a $5,000 signing bonus.

Notified Jan. 3 by Denver Coach June Jones, Banks said, "I prayed every night that the Lord would help me make the right decision."

Coach Morgan Hout thinks he did.

"His opportunity in the NFL is just as good or better (as it was in the USFL). It was probably a good decision with the type of contract offered," Hout said.

Having contacted people in the NFL and USFL, Hout feels that Banks will be "relatively high." He said Coach Jones was disappointed but certainly understood the move.

Scouts from NFL teams such as the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Washington Redskins encouraged Banks to wait on the NFL draft. He said, "From the way they talked, they (NFL teams) can offer a little better deal."

Banks' record is impressive. In 1984 he set LBC single season records for receptions (77) and receiving yardage (1,029). He averaged seven pass receptions per game and also led the team with eight touchdowns. If the NFL is impressed, it will tell Banks when it drafts April 30.

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Minett’s 30-foot shot puts Flames past UP-J

By Greg Bagley

Mike Minett’s 30-foot jumper at the buzzer gave the LBC men’s basketball team a double-overtime victory over the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown Saturday night.

The only thing missing for the Flames team captain Ron Jamie Cummings, and I just flipped things. Nevertheless, Coach Ed Guy said the team was enthusiastic than negatives in a 10-2 loss and his team found more positives than negatives in a 10-2 loss.

The Flames hockey club in its first game of the season. Webber scored 27 points against Pitt-Johnstown.—Photo by Melinda Hoffmann

The Mountain Cats jumped out to a 34-51 lead with 1:51 remaining in the first overtime period. On the Flames’ next possession Webber converted a break away dunk into a three-point play after being fouled going up.

Webber, the MDAC leading rebounder, scored 27 points for the evening and had a season-high 16 rebounds. McCauley connected with the first half of a one-and-one opportunity with four seconds left in regulation play to put the Flames up by two.

UP-J answered Webber’s point by hitting a jumper as time expired, tying the game at 48.

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