THE LADY CANES ADD ALL-STAR PLAYER TO 2009-2010 ROSTER

Monica Gordy, head coach of the Louisburg women’s softball team, has been busy this year recruiting what will surely be a stellar line-up for the 2009-2010 season. One standout in particular is Brittany Shotwell, an upcoming freshman from Roxboro, NC.

“I am excited about Brittany joining our 2009-2010 Hurricane softball team,” says Gordy. “Brittany is a good student and a very talented softball player. She exhibits her leadership skills on and off the field.” As one of the top pitchers in the state, Shotwell finished last season with a .400 batting average, leading the Person High School Rockets to a 21-3 record and the league championship.

“I chose Louisburg College,” she says, “because of the small class sizes and personal attention I will receive at a smaller school. I hope to get a good start academically there and show some four-year coaches I can play at the next level.”

Her father, Mike Shotwell, who has also been her coach for the past four years, feels fortunate to have had the opportunity to coach his daughter. “That time we spent together was priceless. I was right there when she needed help learning to use the talent she’d been given.” He admits it is difficult to separate the “dad” from the “coach,” but says, overall, it has really been a lot of fun. “It’s always good to see a student reach a goal, and for it to be your child is just great. I think Brittany is ready for college. She really likes Coach Gordy and Louisburg seems to be a good fit for her.”

Shotwell hopes to attend UNC Greensboro or Elon after she graduates from Louisburg, where she intends to major in physical education. She will be playing travel ball this summer with Blue Ridge Sudden Impact in Lynchburg, VA, the team she has played with for the last three years. To watch a recent news profile of Shotwell, please visit www.wralsportsfan.com/voices/video/5371194/.

PRECIOUS NEW ARRIVALS

Two Louisburg staff members recently became first-time grandmothers. Belinda Faulkner, our VP of Finance, welcomed Mary Hampton on May 23rd. The baby girl, born to Faulkner’s daughter and son-in-law, Cara and Brandon Ward, weighed 6 lbs., 6 oz. and measured 19 ½ inches long.

Maggie Hill, the Louisburg College switchboard operator, also became a grandmother when her daughter gave birth to Ashlynn Renee on Friday, June 5th at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson. Ashlynn weighed 8 lbs., 9 ozs.
ALCOHOL ABUSE EDUCATION COMING TO LOUISBURG COLLEGE THIS FALL

Louisburg College will implement a new program this semester aimed at reducing underage drinking. AlcoholEdu is an on-line, interactive, web-based alcohol abuse prevention program funded in whole by the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant. The program, which will begin with the fall 2009 semester and end by December 31st, will include online training and webinars; printed materials distributed to students, highlighting the dangers of alcohol abuse; and a contest in which students will design public service announcements aimed at youth regarding underage drinking and drunk driving.

“Educational effectiveness is impacted by college drinking,” says Louisburg’s VP of Student Life Jason Modlin. “Student Life and Louisburg College are committed to emphasizing education and de-emphasizing the role of alcohol in college life. The AlcoholEdu program incorporates this message in a way that makes sense to students; through animations, chat, IM, and blogs. We are excited about the opportunity this program offers our students.”

LC Director of Counseling Services Fonda Daigneault will work in conjunction with the Five County Mental Health Authority Coordinator, Bryan Misenheimer, to coordinate and implement the program. Student participation in the online program will be tracked and students will receive follow-up information. For more information about the program, please visit www.outsidetheclassroom.com.

YEARBOOKS ARE NOW ONLINE!

LC Head Librarian Pat Hinton, working in conjunction with the Carolina Digital Library and Archives (CDLA) at UNC-Chapel Hill, has arranged for the Louisburg College annuals from 1923 to 1997 to be scanned and uploaded onto the following website: www.archive.org/index.php. You may view past editions of The Oak by typing in “Louisburg College” in the search option at the top of the page.

The annuals were digitized with the Scribe, a specialized piece of equipment housed at UNC that allows the publications to be viewed on a computer, page by page. Prior to the digitization of the LC annuals, Duke University was the only other institution to have its annuals digitized by UNC using the Scribe. A very special “THANK YOU” goes out to the staff at CDLA at UNC-Chapel Hill for generously donating digitization of the yearbooks free of charge.

Hinton, along with librarian Candace Jones and co-worker Norma White, have been working towards the digitization of college archival materials for the past two years. Look for eighty-nine college catalogs to become available online in the near future, beginning with one from 1867! We hope you enjoy the trip down memory lane.

RETIRED LC PROFESSOR RECEIVES CHAPLAIN’S SERVICE AWARD

Retired Sociology Professor Bob Butler received the Chaplain’s Service Award from Chaplain Gloria Winston Holloway at this spring’s awards ceremony.

“I am very grateful and honored to receive this award,” says Butler.

The award is given every year in honor of those who give of their time and talent to support religious life activities on campus.
LC STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

Two LC rising sophomores, Brittany Hunt and Samantha Pendergraft, are participating in an internship with the American Red Cross (ARC) this summer. They are working with ARC Donor Recruitment Coordinator Beverly Sexton to publicize two upcoming blood drives, one of which will be held in the Benson Chapel on Louisburg’s campus **Wednesday, July 15th** from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m.

The students are required to write an initial research paper about the Red Cross and also turn in weekly theological reports and personal reflections to the College chaplain, their internship advisor. In the process of researching the history of the ARC, Pendergraft says she was surprised to learn the organization was founded by a woman in the 1800’s. They will each earn three college credits for their participation in this internship.

Hunt and Pendergraft volunteered during the last campus blood drive this past February which brought in the highest number of first-time donors in the College’s history. This was due largely in part to students reaching out to the Louisburg community and educating them about blood donation. Hunt says that experience sparked her interest in volunteer work and opened her eyes to field work within the community. “This has been a great experience,” she says. “The Franklin County Red Cross is very community driven and a wonderful organization to work with.” Hunt and Pendergraft say they were surprised by how much goes into coordinating a blood drive. They have a greater appreciation now for the role volunteers play in these efforts and how much depends on their participation.

One of the first service projects the Christian Life Council at Louisburg College participated in was a blood drive in November 2006. “The impact of that process and delivery went beyond just donors,” recalls former LC Chaplain Gloria Winston Holloway. “To be a servant and to serve through the love of Christ is a critical component to the work these students are doing.”

The summer months are some of the most critical for the Red Cross. “This time of year, a lot of people go on vacation and blood supplies get very low,” says Sexton. “The students have been doing a good job coordinating this drive, as well as the one scheduled for June 8th at the Louisburg Senior Center.” Pendergraft and Hunt have spent the bulk of their time marketing the drives and recruiting donors, in addition to attending volunteer orientations and classes on disaster relief. According to Sexton, O negative – the universal blood type that can be given to anyone – is in very short supply. “Each unit of donated blood can save up to three lives,” she says.

During the blood drive on the 15th, the students will help set up the chapel and work the canteen, distributing food and drinks to donors. If you are interested in donating or would like to volunteer during the blood drive, please contact Chaplain Alice Davis at 919-497-3231, or email her at adavis@louisburg.edu.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS RECEIVE FACELIFT

Improvements are taking place throughout the historic Louisburg College campus this summer. “These improvements will significantly improve our learning environment and preserve a very important part of Franklin County history,” according to Louisburg College President Dr. Mark La Branche.

The Franklin Wing, which was added to the Main Building in the 1920’s and houses the College’s science classrooms and laboratories, is undergoing the bulk of these improvements. “This will be only the beginning of what we hope to be a full scale renovation and preservation of the Main Building and its two wings, Franklin and Davis,” La Branche said. As a part of that process, all of the windows of the three buildings will be completely restored over the next two years.

Just six weeks into the project, the first floor and basement level of the Franklin building have been cleaned out; new ceilings, flooring, and lighting fixtures are being installed; and roof repairs are being made. In addition to the Franklin improvements, the Taft building is also having some cosmetic work done. So far, three classrooms have been repainted and recarpeted, and new blinds have been installed. Foundation work is also being done in the Wright and Patten residence halls.

The College currently has a goal of raising five million dollars for ongoing renovation needs throughout the campus.
GOLF COACH ELECTED TO NATIONAL OFFICE

Louisburg College men’s golf coach, Charles Sloan, was nominated and elected vice president and president-elect for the NJCAA Division III Golf Coaches by his peer coaches at their annual meeting held during the National Championship Golf Tournament on Monday, June 1. The vice presidential term will be from 2009-2012 and the presidential term will be from 2012-2015. As part of his duties, Coach Sloan will attend the annual meetings at the National Championship site each year. Since the president of the Division III Golf Coaches conducts the annual meeting, the vice president serves as a stand-in as needed. The next two annual meetings will again take place in Chautauqua, NY.

Sloan says that he wants to use his influence to bring the NJCAA Division III Men’s National Championship back to the south starting in 2012, after a twelve year stint at Chautauqua, NY. To grow Division III golf, Coach Sloan will continue working to influence new NJCAA golf programs into becoming Division III golf programs. And, as a member of the Golf Coaches Athletic Association, Sloan will seek to enhance the importance of the NJCAA Division III golf program and the transfer of their student-athlete graduates into existing NCAA and NAIA golf programs. He indicated that Louisburg College has now placed four of its 2007-2009 golf team members into NCAA Division I golf programs for Fall 2009.

Louisburg College men’s golf team made their fifth straight trip to the NJCAA Division III Men’s National Championship in Chautauqua, NY last month. Over the past five years, the team has competed in the National Tournament, with one eighth place, two fourth place, and two second place finishes.

NEW FACES AT LOUISBURG COLLEGE

The College recently added two new hires. Nikki Pilson began at the end of the June as a traveling admissions counselor and cheer coach and Melissa Sikes will start as the new administrative assistant for financial aid beginning July 20th.

Pilson received her BA in Dance from Meredith College in 2006. She previously taught dance at Fuquay Middle School in Fuquay Varina, NC and was also their dance and cheer coach. She is originally from Laurinburg, NC, but now calls Raleigh home. Pilson enjoys listening to live music, reading, and spending time with friends and family.

Sikes has worked in financial aid for about five years, at both North Carolina Wesleyan and Peace College. “I am really excited to be joining the Louisburg College team,” Sikes said recently. She has an AAS in Criminal Justice Technology from Nash Community College, a BA in Justice from NC Wesleyan College, and is currently working on her Masters in Counseling with Capella University. Sikes was married on Valentine’s Day this year and enjoys spending time with her husband, traveling, being active in her church, and spending time with family and friends. She resides in Nashville, NC.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Sidney Stafford, a retired LC professor and former chaplain who taught at the College from 1967-2008, is recovering from open-heart surgery at WakeMed. According to his wife, Grace, Sid may receive visitors between 4-8 p.m. at WakeMed Rehab Unit, Room #2C04. His room phone is 919-350-3014.
PHI BETA LAMBDA COMPETES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

By Patrice Nealon, PBL Advisor

Attending the Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Nationals in Anaheim, CA was like the state competition times ten! A record-breaking 1,776 members, advisors, and professionals were in attendance at the competition during the weekend of June 20th. Nearly every state in the country was represented, with sixteen chapters from North Carolina in attendance. Louisburg College had three students qualify for national competition: Matt Aslan and Nick Silverstein in the competitive event of Emerging Business Issues, and Ethan Fontaine in Future Business Teacher.

Getting to Nationals was an adventure. We had to coordinate the arrivals from three cities: Raleigh, NC; Newark, NJ; and Charleston, SC. Between late, missed, and canceled flights; lost luggage; Matt’s fear of flying; and Ethan’s first flight experience; we arrived pretty tired. But, our group was soon re-energized by the sheer magnitude and energy of Nationals at the initial kick-off meeting.

The keynote speaker, Frank Maguire, is one of corporate America’s most knowledgeable authorities on corporate culture, productivity, and communications. Maguire has been an executive at FedEx and KFC, and also served in the executive offices of Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. He shared his wisdom through inside stories that our students would never find in a textbook.

Besides competitive events, students had the opportunity to attend numerous workshops and presentations on a variety of topics about career development, leadership, and communication. They also had the opportunity to talk with local business executives. “We learned to network with various types of people,” says Silverstein. “It was a great experience and I’m glad I chose to be a part of it.”

I am very proud of Matt, Nick, and Ethan. To see the growth in each of them in their professionalism and business savvy from the beginning of the year as they prepared for the state competition has been phenomenal. Although our students did not win any competitions this year, Nationals gave them an opportunity to compete with some of the strongest business students from all over the country. As Louisburg College freshman and sophomores, they competed with several strong business schools, including the University of Wisconsin, Bucknell, Penn State, and Rutgers. It was a great motivator to prepare for next year’s competition.

If you have news or events to share, please email them to me at amcmanus@louisburg.edu, call at 919.497.3330, or stop by my office in the Main building. Submission deadlines are every Monday before 10:00am. I look forward to hearing from you!

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