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# The Liberty Champion

...Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty.—II Cor. 3:17

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## Vocalist Steve Green opens concert season

By Trish Stirsman

Contemporary Gospel singer Steve Green will perform Aug. 29 at the Multi-Purpose Center.

Green has produced three solo albums. His first album, "Steve Green," earned him the Dove award as "Male Vocalist of the Year" in 1985.

The vocalist was nominated for a Grammy as "Gospel Male Vocalist of the Year" for his second album, "He Holds the Keys." The Dove awards nominated him again for "Best Male Vocalist" and "Artist of the Year" in 1986.

Green's latest album, "God and God Alone," contains songs of praise and worship. He will be performing many of these at the coming concert.

Green began his solo career in 1983 with a distinct purpose for his concert performances. "I want Christ to be absolutely honored," Green said. "I want no doubt in anyone's

mind as to Who is being honored."

The singer strives to keep his role in perspective and to realize that God and God alone should control him.

"Sometimes we act as if we are more important than we are, and often people take credit for things that God is doing," Green said.

This year, Green has performed in more than 50 cities and taken a two-week evangelistic trip to South America.

The artist began his career as a boy in Argentina. The son of missionaries, Green sang and played various instruments in order to draw a crowd to whom his father would then preach the Gospel.

Green became a member of the singing group "Truth" by happenstance. He was studying at Grand Canyon College in Phoenix when he first saw the group sing. He spoke to the director afterward and was given an impromptu audition.

He married fellow Truth member

Merijeau. While the newlyweds were on their honeymoon, Bill Gaither called and asked them to join  
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### Concerts

Steve Green ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Aug. 29— Multi-Purpose Center

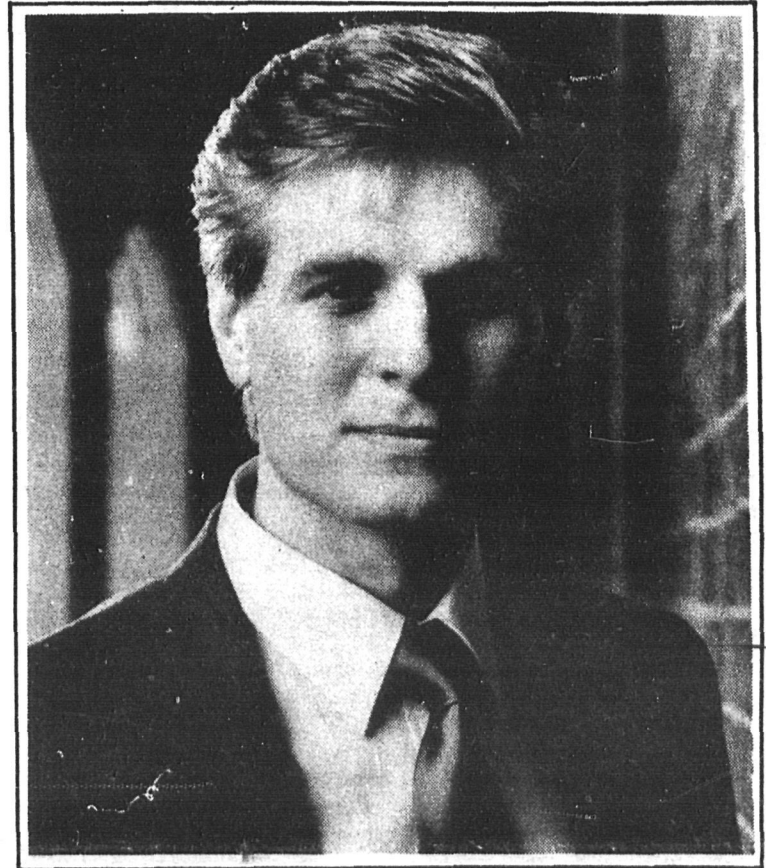
Lisa Whelchel ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 26— Multi-Purpose Center

Carman ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 12— Multi-Purpose Center

Truth ..... 8 p.m.  
Oct. 24— Multi-Purpose Center

U.S. Air Force Band ..... 8 p.m.  
Nov. 13— Multi-Purpose Center

David Meece ..... 8 p.m.  
Dec. 11— Multi-Purpose Center



CHRISTIAN ENTERTAINER-Award winning Steve Green will perform favorites for Liberty students Saturday night.

## Drama department plans 3 comedies

By Pam Windham

If you like to laugh, the Liberty University Drama Department might just hit your funny bone with "The Miser," "Oklahoma" and "Arsenic and Old Lace," three comedies to be presented this year.

This semester begins with "The Miser," a comedy by Moliere. The cast calls for seven actors and six actresses. Auditions will be held Thursday and Friday, Sept. 10 and 11, at 6:30 p.m. in FA 134.

The story centers around an old miser who, out of greed for the almighty franc, starves his servants, declines them pay and cheats his children.

He doesn't trust anyone with his money, not even the banks. When his gold is later stolen, he blames himself.

The plot thickens even more when he wants to marry the woman his son loves.

Comedy and conflict drive the

plot forward with suspense in scene after scene. "It's one of the classic comedies that will be a lot of fun for the actors and the audience," director Roger Miller said.

"Oklahoma," a popular musical comedy, directed by Dr. Alice Mawdsley and Dr. Wayne Kompelien, appears next on the schedule with auditions beginning in early November. This will be followed by the comedy "Arsenic and Old Lace" during the second semester, under the direction of David Allison, acting chairman of the drama department.

In addition, the student directed one-act plays are slated for the spring.

Miller stressed that students do not have to be drama majors or minors to audition. All students are welcome to attend the Sept. 10 and 11 tryouts, Miller said.

Interested students can contact Miller in FA 133C for additional information.

## Elmer Soden remembered: 1934-87

By Robert Pitts

He was called a peacemaker, a professional and a friend to both students and fellow professors.

M. Elmer Soden, a professor of speech and long-time member of the Liberty University faculty, died June 27 in Lynchburg General Hospital of complications that resulted from a swimming accident during a camping trip with his family at Thousand Trails Campground.

Soden was born on Nov. 20, 1934, in Kennewick, Wash., to the late Earl Soden and Cora Houk Soden.

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After earning his bachelor of arts degree from Cascade College in Portland, Ore., and his master of arts from Washington University in Washington state, Soden taught speech and drama at Fort Wayne Bible College in Indiana from 1961 to 1975.

He married his wife, Ellen, in 1964.

Soden came to Liberty in 1975 as an associate professor, working part-time as a speech instructor and part-time in the drama department where he sometimes helped construct stages.

From 1982 to 1985, Soden served as the acting chairman of the speech department.

Active in community affairs, Soden became the recording secretary for the Virginia Association of Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities on both the local and state levels.

He also served as the vice president of the Virginia Speech Communication Association and supervised the organization's newsletter.

In December 1986 Soden underwent extensive reconstructive

surgery on his left hip, from which he had been making a strong recovery.

Soden worked closely with his students as the Individual Events coach in the forensics department. Known for his hospitality, the professor often invited students and professors to his home.

He is survived by his wife and by three children, Eunice C., Edward D. and Evelyn Anne, all at home.

A brother, Wells Soden of Port Orchard, Wash., also survives.



M. Elmer Soden

# News

## LU teams visit U.S. cities to spread Gospel

By Robin Brooks

The Liberty University Institute for Urban Outreach sent several evangelistic teams out this summer, all across America.

These outreach teams, made up of LU students, ministered in Philadelphia, New York City, Chicago, Jackson, Miss. and Los Angeles. Team members distributed 14,000 tracts, contacted 3,449 people and saw 490 salvation decisions.

William Honeycut led the Philadelphia team, which worked with the Philadelphia Brotherhood Mission. This mission, made up of 16 men who are former drug abusers and alcoholics, gave students the chance to build relationships with the men and minister to them as friends.

New York City hosted an outreach team that focused on city parks. Led by Robert Guettermin, team members participated in FISH '87, a city-

wide evangelistic campaign under the direction of Pastor Tom Mahairas of Manhattan Bible Church.

The team also worked in a church planting ministry with five local pastors, four of whom are LU graduates.

Another outreach team traveled to Jackson, Miss., to work with the Voice of Calvary Ministries, founded by Dr. John Perkins.

Team members worked with other college students from around the country, tutoring and teaching Sunday School and Good News Clubs.

Chicago was the base for another team that worked with the Armitage Baptist Church. The team spent time building a permanent residence for future teams as well as a platform to be used by the church for street meetings.

The Chicago team used athletics as a way to reach the street gangs of the city by inviting them to play softball and basketball.

Los Angeles also hosted an urban outreach team this summer. The LA team worked under the supervision of the World Christian Training Center. While in California, the team designed and wrote curriculum for the Summer Vacation Bible School, held at Mount Zion Missionary Bap-

tist Church.

LA team member Ted Moore summed up his summer by saying: "By working in the inner city of LA, I

saw the needs of the poor and how they got into their conditions. I then realized that it is only by the grace of God that I am not in their shoes."

## New and returning faculty added to university staff

Seventeen new and returning faculty members round out the 202 faculty roster for the year.

The School of Business and Government will be home to most of the new professors as the business department offers courses this fall leading to an M.B.A.

Additions to the accounting faculty are Kenneth Bost, a Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University graduate, and Dr. William Anderson, whose highest degree was also earned at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Dr. Abdalla Yousry and Herbert Gedicks add to the school as associate professors of business. Working with both the Faculty of Commerce in Cairo, Egypt, and the London School of Economics, Yousry earned his doctorate from State University of New York. Gedicks earned his master's degree from Pace University in New York.

A third faculty member, this one an assistant professor of business, is C.P.A. Gene Sullivan who was graduated from Virginia Commonwealth with a masters of science degree.

Also on the faculty roster of the school is George Ogum, an assistant professor of economics. With work at the University of Nairobi, Ogum is working toward his doctorate at Memphis State University.

The School of Religion has added five new faculty members in a variety of positions. Returning after a four-year absence is Dr. David Gillette, whose highest degree is from University of Michigan. He will serve as a professor of religion in the area of counseling.

In evangelism and missions, Dr. William Matheny has returned to the

staff after a two-year absence. His doctorate is from Texas Christian University.

Two more men will serve as assistant professors of Biblical Studies. Lynn Martin is currently enrolled at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis., where he is a doctoral candidate, and Walter Russel III is working toward his doctorate at Westminster Theological University in Philadelphia.

Dr. James Moreland, will serve as an assistant professor of religion in library services. His doctorate was earned at the University of Southern California.

The College of Arts and Sciences will add three members. In the biology program are Dr. Ronald Terry Spohn, ranking as an associate professor of biology, and George Damoff, serving as an instructor and lab coordinator.

Filling in the math department is Instructor Donna Ratliff, who earned her master's degree at the University of Virginia.

Three schools will have one additional full-time faculty member each. The School of Communications has one new instructor, Laurie Nutter, who will teach in the English department. Nutter received her masters from Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va.

The new professor of elementary education is Dr. Loreen Ittermann, who completed her doctorate in education at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Finally, the library has added a faculty member to its staff. David Barnett, who has a masters of library sciences from Indiana University, will serve as an instructor of library services.

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# News



NEW FACES—clockwise from top left: Andrea Weiss, Chad Chandler, Amy Hart and Brian Roland.

## Why Liberty? Freshmen explain choices

By Robert Pitts

Of the nearly 5,000 full time students who will enroll in Liberty University, approximately 1,600 are freshmen.

The Liberty Champion talked with four of these newcomers Thursday to find out why they enrolled at LU.

"There's a lot going on for the Lord (at Liberty)," 17-year-old Andrea Weiss said. "I came up to visit last year, and I liked what I saw."

Weiss, an accounting major from Tucson, Ariz., said that she chose Liberty because it stresses Christian outreach in addition to classroom instruction.

The freshman said that she had visited several other Christian colleges before coming to Liberty but had been disappointed by the lack of emphasis on practical Christianity found at the institutions.

Weiss also said that she was impressed by the hospitality of Liberty students. At times during her visit, students whom she didn't know would assist and direct her, Weiss said.

The Christian atmosphere at Liberty was also partly responsible for the decision of two friends from Mobile, Ala., to enroll at LU.

Brian Roland and Chad Chandler, both 18-year-olds said that the spiritual emphasis and friendly people at Liberty helped convince them to attend the school.

Roland, who is considering business administration as his major, said

that he had had thought about attending the University of Alabama.

The freshman said he decided against the school, however, because many of the university's students place too much importance on fraternity and sorority membership.

Roland said that at Liberty people judge a person by his character rather than by what organization he belongs to.

Chandler, a pre-engineering major who attended College-For-A-Weekend in February, said he was impressed with the school spirit demonstrated by Liberty students at sporting events.

This enthusiasm, coupled with the recommendation of his sister, Camille, who has been at LU for two years, assisted Chandler in his decision to become a Liberty student.

Amy Hart, a 19-year-old from Richmond, Va., came to Liberty "because the Lord told me to."

The math education major, who received a Chancellor's scholarship, said she had planned to attend Longwood College in Farmville.

But, as Hart's finances began to diminish, concerned friends suggested the possibility that God wanted her to attend LU.

Hart finally concluded that she could either enroll in a public university and "pay a whole bunch of money" or come to Liberty and let God supply her needs.

"So far, it's gone pretty good," Hart said.

The freshman's former pastor, a Liberty graduate, and her current pastor also recommended the school.

## LU Honors program grows to 95

By Cynthia Mayle and Robert Pitts

The Liberty University Honors Programs helps students seize every opportunity to develop their personal and intellectual potential while they are at LU.

The program, established in 1985, is presently composed of about 95 students, including 32 new members entering this semester.

The new members include Anna Davis, Keith Long, Randall Kistler, Charles Swanson, Julie Schwaderer, Joel Noell, Tracey Reconnu, Stephen Grabill, Rodney Miller, Patricia Phalen, Gina Lay, Kerri Williams, Andrew Combs, Tammy Coulman, Lyman Russell III, Lara Leonard and Neill Wicker.

Additional new members are Rene Engle, Jill Kelly, Carol Foran, Jef-

frey Kuhlman, Raymond Wells, James Palmer, Keith Cook, Nancy Carpenter, Jeannie Bolton, Joanna Barlow, Robert Jackson, Susan Wise, Henry Morris IV, Ellen Phillips and Elizabeth Walker.

Benefits of participation include special Honors housing, study areas and scholarships. People who become a part of the Honors program also have better employment opportunities and improve their chances for being accepted into graduate school, Dr. Pauline Donaldson, director of the Honors program said.

Full tuition scholarships are given to those members with a cumulative GPA of 3.85-4. One-half tuition scholarships are given for cumulative GPA of 3.675-3.84, and one-quarter tuition scholarships are given to those with a cumulative 3.50-3.674

GPA.

According to Donaldson, approximately 35 of the program participants are on full-tuition scholarship. She said that this is a greater number than those who are receiving one-half or one-quarter tuition funding.

To be admitted to the program, students must complete an application, write a 1,250 word essay on the topic "What I hope to gain from an education at Liberty University," and receive faculty recommendations.

The Honors Council is composed of a representative from each school and includes Dr. James Freerksen, Dr. Tsung-Hui Lai, Dr. James Matherly, Dr. David Sprague, and Dr. Boyd Rist.

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# Editorial

Robin



## ...on goals

Now that classes have begun, it's time to sit down and set goals for yourself: goals to make you work a little harder, think a little longer and make your grade point average a little stronger.

You've set goals for yourselves at one time or another. Maybe you just wanted to make it to college or finish last semester with a decent grade point average. Perhaps you're thinking ahead to graduate work or getting married and starting a family. Whatever you want out of life, you've established it in your mind and now you're working toward that end.

Perhaps you should re-evaluate your goals. Are they growing and progressing with you as you grow? Do you feel as if you're at a standstill with nowhere left to go? You should consider these things and maybe establish new and improved goals for this semester.

There's no better time than now to set a definite pattern for yourself. It's as though you've been given a clean slate to start the year with, and now's your chance to fill it up the way you want to. The only limitations to your goals will be the ones you put there yourself. No one can be successful for you.

Remember, also, that no matter how large or small your goals may be, each is equally important to the fulfillment of your dreams. Your goal may be to graduate number one in your class at LU, or it may be to make it to your eight o'clock class--on time--for the whole semester. Either way, these goals will make you a better student in their own way.

Sometimes the pressures of school, and in many cases a job, can get the best of you and make you feel like giving up. That's when you need to keep going. If you know in your mind what you want and you've decide not to let anything stand in the way of achieving it, you've already won half the battle.

Take time to re-evaluate your goals and, if necessary, reconstruct them to fit your changing needs. Set some new goals, both large and small, and take it all one day at a time. The most important thing to remember is never give up.



## Letter to the Editor

# Bookstore Prices: Why so high?

Dear Editor:

This is my second semester at Liberty University and as I am one of the relatively "new kids on the block," I am more aware of the things that go on here than are those students who have been here for a while. I have heard much concerning the prices of non-textbook items in the Liberty University bookstore. I would like to show several opinions on this subject, starting with several students and finishing with the bookstore manager.

I asked several Liberty students (Debbie Dunn, Rochelle Barton, Sean Heady, and Trent Poling) four basic questions: 1. Are the prices in the bookstore acceptable? 2. What items are not acceptable? 3. Where do you do the majority of shopping and why? and 4. What could you recommend to make the bookstore prices acceptable to everyone?

Debbie told me that she thought the prices in the bookstore were too high. She did not have any specific items in mind. She also stated that she does the majority of her shopping at Revco for the lower prices. Debbie had no possible solution to the problem.

Rochelle stated that she found the majority of the items in the bookstore to be too high. However, she did find that the greeting cards were comparable in price to other stores. Rochelle does the majority of her shopping at Revco because of the lower prices. She does shop at the Liberty bookstore in emergency situations. She thought that the prices in the bookstore should reflect some consideration for those individuals who are unable to shop elsewhere.

Sean said that all of the prices in the bookstore were too high. He made specific mention of the sweat-

shirts with the Liberty University logo on them. Sean shops at Revco for the lower prices also. He has a more radical approach to a solution of the problem: a simple boycott to force the prices down.

Trent stated basically what the others had earlier: all the prices were too high. He also shops at Revco for the cheaper prices. Like Debbie, Trent had no solution to making the prices acceptable.

From these opinions, I think that the majority of the students at Liberty would agree that the prices in the bookstore are too high. Also, from these interviews, I received two questions from these students that need to be answered: Why are the prices in the bookstore so high? and What can be done to lower the prices?

I addressed these questions to Mr. Bob Bowen, the Liberty bookstore manager. Mr Bowen stated that the two reasons for the high prices at the bookstore were the store overhead cost and buying policy.

The buying policy is the basis for the pricing structure. The more a buyer purchases from a manufacturer the cheaper the price. But the buyer does not want to overload the store's backstock. An overloaded backstock causes the store to pay for space not being useful. This space could be used for a more productive item. Also, the price charged by the manufacturer has his costs and profits included. So the buyer must pay for the shipping and handling on top of the price of the item.

The store overhead adds more to the buying costs. The store overhead consists of paying for the electricity used to light the store and run the various machines. Also the phone

bills and employee salaries are paid from the overhead costs.

Mr. Bowen stated that the original costs of the items is raised 30% to 50% to try and recover the overhead costs. This is the only way for a business to cover the cost of operation. Mr. Bowen informed me that he is trying to locate another buyer that has the capabilities of lowering the buying costs of most items carried in the bookstore. He stated that he is concerned with keeping the prices as low as possible and is doing what he can to keep the prices as low as possible.

Sure, I too consider the prices in the bookstore to be too high, and I do shop at Revco because of the lower prices, but the only solution I have to the problem is a massive purchase of all items carried in the bookstore. However, this solution would cause an overloaded backstock that would not make this solution feasible.

Until Liberty University has a need for a truckload of supplies weekly, we must realize that Mr. Bower is doing his best to keep the prices in the bookstore as low as he possibly can. So before we make any harsh judgement as to the prices in the bookstore, we need to take a closer look at the underlying reasons for the pricing situation--the store buying policy and the store overhead

Sincerely,

Scott A. Vincent

Ed. Note: This letter was received Spring semester.

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# Feature

## Students can find help for employment problems

By Kelly Wick

Once again, the job hunt season is upon us. There are basically three ways an LU student can find a job.

This first option is to work on campus. This is done by filling out an application with the personnel department in the Student Service Center in DeMoss as soon as possi-

ble, Kathy Price, former student employment coordinator, explained.

According to Price, there were about 1,000 students who applied for 300 jobs last semester, so it pays to be early. The entire process of job placement takes about two months.

Once the application is filled out, the personnel department will send

the student out for interviews to various job sites on campus, according to their experience and interests. Some of the jobs include positions at the bookstore, post office, library, administrative offices or campus services.

There are advantages to working on campus. Transportation isn't needed for dorm students, so less time is usually spent in commuting. Students may also apply for the work-study program. It is a government-funded project that supplements part of the wages to on-campus employees that are eligible.

Price stated that a certain amount of financial aid is given to the school, and it all must be put to use by the

end of each year.

Students who would like to work locally should go through the Office of Occupational Guidance and Advising, also in the Student Service Center. According to Dr. Norbert Matts, director of Occupational Guidance and Advising, returning students generally don't use the office's services if they held a job the year before. However, for new students, the office provides a door into the retail community.

"We place all students except pastoral majors. That is handled in the Christian Service Office," Matts stated.

Matts feels that the Lynchburg community is well pleased with the

performance of Liberty students. "I've never received a complaint, but I have had a lot of compliments. That's saying something about the students at Liberty. Our kids show well."

The only remaining option for students on the job hunt is to go to the individual businesses themselves, and according to Dr. Matts, this is the least productive method. "Through our offices, employment opportunities such as these may be filled. We fill a labor need in the community. We've placed students in all kinds of jobs, everything from national security to soda jerks."



## Dr. Towles recognizes true power of prayer

By Doug Waymire

Teaching at LU has given Dr. David Towles, assistant professor of communications, many opportunities to witness the true power of prayer.

"I've seen so much happen in my years here at Liberty that I'll never again doubt the power of prayer to change things," the 11-year veteran said.

One of the things Towles witnessed back in February of 1977 was the beginning of a man's vision to create a world-class university on Candler's Mountain.

"I remember everyone ridiculing Dr. Falwell and saying that he was crazy expecting to one day have a university on this mountain," he explained.

Then on a frigid February morning in 1977, Towles and the rest of the faculty and students from the then-Liberty Baptist College, boarded

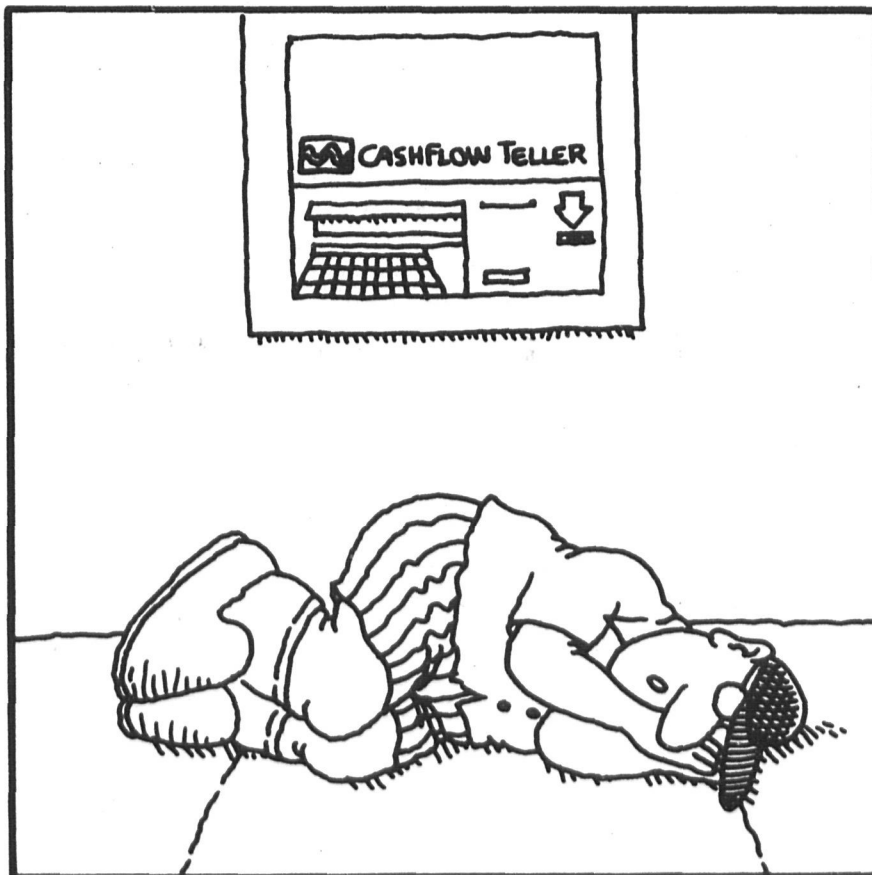
buses, traveled across town from the old Brookville High School (the classrooms in the early days) to Candler's Mountain. And there they prayed.

"At the time we were about \$2 million in debt," Towles said. "We gathered around where the town student parking lot is today and we prayed. We prayed in the freezing cold. We prayed for money and for a university on this mountain."

That occasion was not, however, the first time Towles had experienced the power of prayer.

"The year before I faced a real dilemma," he explained. "When I decided to try to get a job here, I prayed and decided on a specific salary that the school would have to offer me in order for me to accept the position."

Towles noted that while he was waiting to hear about a job, he received telephone calls from various school officials. **continued on pg. 6**



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## Skills Seminars benefit students

By Ross M. Hayduk

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Momma, it's Gwendolyn.  
Gwen! What is the matter? It is 3 a.m.! Harv, wake up, it's Gwenny. I think it is an emergency. Harv!  
Momma, listen....  
Gwenny, baby? It's Daddy. Have they been mean to you at Liberty?  
No, Daddy, I just....  
And that President there said that everything would be wonderful! Maggie, I am going to wring his neck!  
No, wait!  
Honey, it's Mommy. We're coming to get you. We prepared you so well for school, but if my baby wants to go home she can.  
Momma, that is just it. I am not ready for college.  
Gwenny we bought you an iron and you passed your SATs. You're prepared.  
But I don't know how to study.  
What? Gwenny, you studied fine in high school. Just sit on your bed with your bear, your walkman and your diet Coke, and you'll be all set. Just like home.  
Mom, those things are distracting. Besides, my roommate says college studying is a lot different.  
And who is your roommate to tell you how to study?  
She is a senior and on the Dean's list.  
Oh.  
Gwenny, it's Daddy again, what about those seminars?  
What seminars?

The Study Skills Seminars. Didn't you hear Dr. Guillermin talk about all the academic opportunities? Wait, I took notes....

Mom, I was talking to a really cute guy. His name is Slade Heath and he has the cutest....

Honey, you have to concentrate. That's one of those seminars. There are other sessions on notetaking, time management and speed reading.

Momma, I'm not stupid.  
But the seminars are for everyone and they're free.

Okay, I'm back. I found the schedule:

Two weeks later Gwen wrote a letter home: Dear Momma and Daddy. For once, I can say that your advice really helped. The seminars were great. I also got a decent grade on my first history quiz. Well, Slade and I are going to the mall. He is so cute. Love, Gwendolyn Cooper-Heath.

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## Towles

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"One guy from the college, named Sumner Wemp, who called and talked to me said, 'Well glory! Praise the Lord!' just before he hung up. I knew then that there were a lot of friendly people down here."

## Honors

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viewed, invitations to enter the program are offered by Dr. Pauline Donaldson.

To retain membership in the program, a student must successfully complete an Honors course or project each semester. Honors courses are generally offered at the 100 and 200 class level, while projects comprise the 300 and 400 level work.

Ironically, Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin, called Towles a short time later and offered him a position with a starting salary slightly less than he had decided he would accept.

"I just told him that I was sorry but I couldn't accept the job," Towles explained. "It bothered me, though, because I knew God had to be involved since his offer was so close to the salary God put in my mind."

While they were still on the phone, Guillermin agreed to give Towles the increase in salary if he would teach at LU.

"It didn't take me long to decide," he said. "I accepted the job on Aug. 14, drove clear across country and started teaching on Aug. 22. I've

never since regretted my decision to come to Liberty."

## Green

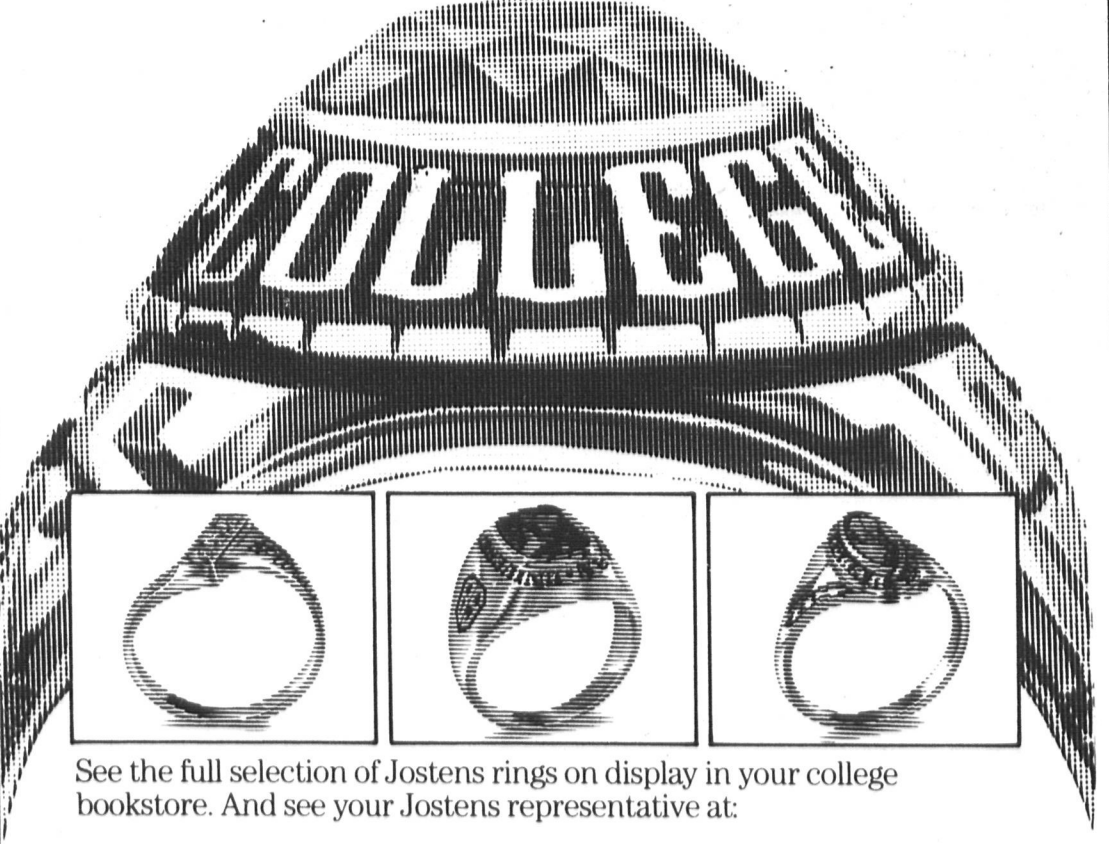
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his organization as backup vocalists. The singer is often joined on the road by Marijean, daughter Summer, 5, and baby, Josiah.

The majority of Green's concerts are in churches. He often teaches a Sunday school class at the host church.

General admission for the LU concert is free and reserved seating tickets can be purchased for \$5. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

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# Sports



**YOUNG CHAMPIONS**—The LU cheerleaders received the NCA Award of Excellence. Photo by Bob DeVaul.

## Soccer team ready to face tough Division 1 schedule

By Doug Waymire

The Liberty University soccer team will kick off its final season as a Division 2 team with a preseason game on Saturday, Aug. 29, against the Virginia Military Institute at 3 p.m. on Liberty Mountain.

Entering his eighth season as head coach of Liberty's soccer program, Bill Bell is excited about the upcoming season and his move to Division 1 status next year.

"I'm really looking for the team to gain experience this year. In order to accomplish this we've scheduled many tough Division 1 opponents."

Bell's team will need to gain maturity and experience quickly because following Saturday's game against VMI, the Flames face two strong Division 1 teams.

The Flames' regular season opener

is set for Sept. 2 against the University of Richmond at home. Three days later the team travels to Maryland to battle Towson State, also a Division 1 opponent.

Bell noted that last season he felt the effect of scheduling Division 1 opponents for his team. "Last year we had about a .500 season, and we played a lot of Division 1 schools. The year before that we played a Division 2 schedule, and we won 14 games, ranking eighth in the nation."

The head coach explained that although last year's record wasn't as impressive as the previous year, if he had played the same Division 2 schedule as he did in 1985, his team would have probably gone to the nationals last season.

An addition to this year's soccer program is a second team that Bell hopes will allow many freshmen the opportunity to gain playing time

## Intramural program set to begin

By Pam Windham

More than 4,000 Liberty University students participated in intramural sports last year just for the fun of it!

Dr. Roy E. Yarbrough, director of the intramural sports program, commented that this resulted from "emphasis placed on fun not just on winning."

Intramural sports, Yarbrough noted, are for students who want to participate in athletic competition without dedicating the time required to participate on the intercollegiate level.

"Some students just want to go out for an hour and let off a little steam," he explained. "Other students may not possess the skill required to compete on the college level. That's where intramurals fit in."

A variety of intramural sports are offered ranging from basketball to frisbee. Yarbrough encourages

everyone to consider joining a team providing they meet certain criterion, one of which is maintaining a 1.5 GPA.

Intramural activities begin early in September with team competition on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Below is a list of available sports and their entry deadlines.

Basketball—Tuesday, Sept. 1  
Flag football—Thursday, Sept. 3  
Tennis—Thursday, Sept. 10  
Punt, Pass, Kick—Friday, Sept. 18  
Volleyball (Coed)—Friday, Nov. 13  
Basketball (Coed)—Friday, Nov. 13

The entries must be submitted at the intramural business office only. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in the intramural trailer (south campus).

The intramural season will officially get underway on Tuesday, Sept. 8 when men's and women's basketball competition begins.

## LU squad honored

By Pam Windham

The Liberty University Cheerleaders returned from the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) clinic Saturday, Aug. 15, where they received the "Award of Excellence," a special honor given to the best Division 2 collegiate cheerleading squad at the camp.

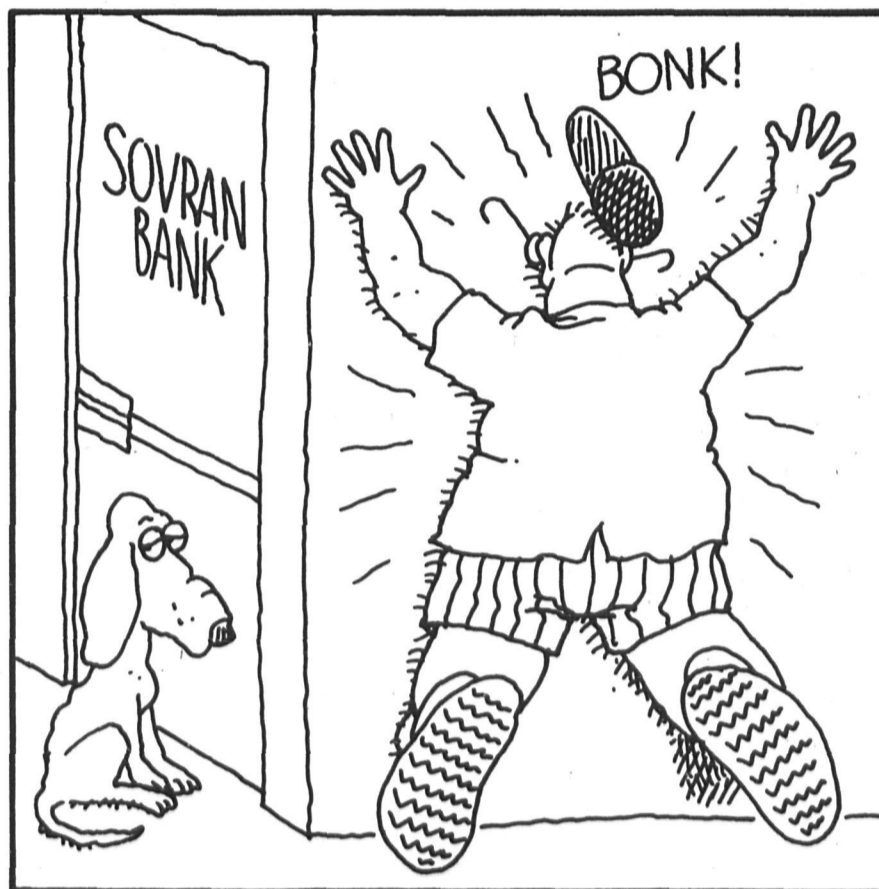
In addition to winning the "Award of Excellence" one member of the LU squad, Randy West, was selected as a Collegiate All-American, and two members were asked to submit applications for future work as NCA staff members.

The "Award of Excellence," sponsored by the NCA at each of its more than 280 NCA workshops held across the United States, was awarded the LU cheerleaders on the basis of

their cheerleading technique, unity, friendliness, cooperation, leadership and sportsmanship.

As winners of the "Award of Excellence," the LU cheerleaders automatically qualify to compete in the NCA 1987-88 Division 2 Collegiate Cheerleaders National Championship to be held in Texas in January. Their entry fee to the competition has been waived as an extra benefit of the honor.

The presentation of the NCA award came at the completion of a full workshop of training on cheerleading technique, cheers, chants, jumps, partner stunts and pyramids as well as a leadership program for sportsmanship, crowd participation, responsibilities, organization and dedication.



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# Sports

## Ladies are optimistic

By Doug Waymire

Lady Flames cross-country coach Ron Hopkins has a problem: a problem that opposing cross-country coaches only dream of having.

"Our top seven runners from last year's (Division 2) state championship team are all returning to run for us again this year," Hopkins explained. "In addition, we have two outstanding freshmen in particular who will really push the other girls."

Hopkins, entering his ninth season as coach of the Lady Flames, will rely heavily on senior Annie Fairchild, a two-time All-American in the 1500 meter run.

"Annie is our number one runner," Hopkins said. "Last year she was runner-up in the Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference (MDAC) as well as the regional runner-up. She should win the conference this year if she can beat her teammates. That's where she'll face her toughest competition."

Challenging Fairchild for the top spot will be returning runners Monica Carmena, who placed third in the MDAC last year, and Lori Lingenfelter, the seventh place holder in the region.

Rounding out the top seven returning runners for the Lady Flames are Pam Fauber, Susan Stahl, Traci Tidwell and Theresa Duncan.

"After our top three girls everything is really a toss-up," Hopkins commented. "This is definitely the most depth we've ever had. We have 16 girls on this year's team."

The head coach said he was particularly impressed with the talent displayed by freshmen Cheryl Nash and Becky Crecelius.

"Cheryl went to high school here in Lynchburg, and she was one of the top cross-country runners in the area," he explained. "Becky is from Washington, where she was a state finalist in the two-mile run. I expect these two girls to really challenge our returning runners."

Although the team didn't hold its first practice until Monday, Hopkins noted that the women should already be in excellent condition.

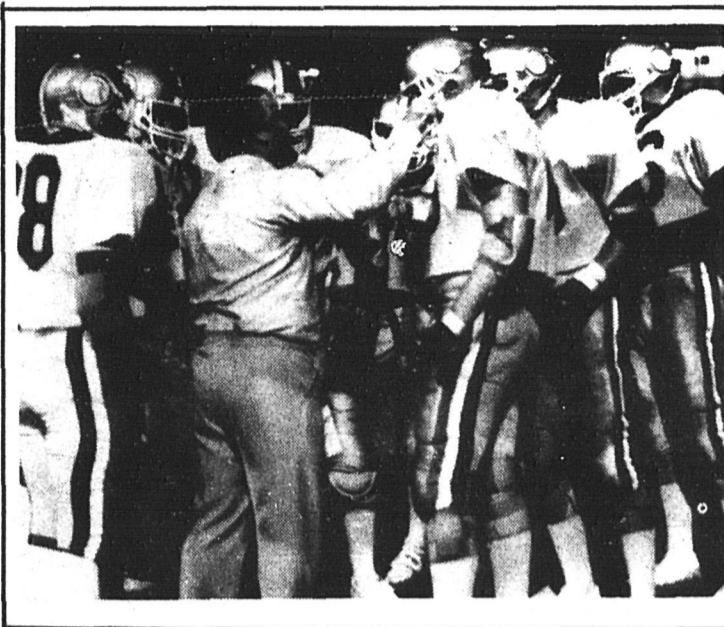
"Most of the girls ran 400 miles

or more on their own over the summer so they should have no problem with our practices."

The Lady Flames will have to be in peak form early in the season because they will face stiff competition in their first meet of the season against Navy, Shippensburg and St. Joseph's in Annapolis, Md., on Sept. 12.

"It should be a good test for us. Navy is one of the top two or three teams in the Northeast region," Hopkins explained.

The head coach noted that the Flames need to have a strong season this year to help build momentum for a step up to Division 1 competition next season.



PEP TALK—Coach Hout instructs the Flames during a game last season. LU opens at home on Sept. 5 vs. Edinboro University

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