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The Liberty Champion

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► **THURSDAY**
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► **FRIDAY**
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► **SATURDAY**
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ABOUT

► **CONCERT AT THE LODGE** The band Tenderfoot (formerly Dear Ephesus) joins Denison Marris and Ben Yehuda for a show on Thursday at 7:30, at the Lodge, 2217 Link Rd. Cost is \$3. Call 386-0121 for directions.

► **INTERNSHIP MEETINGS** The Career Center hosts internship meetings each Monday. One meeting is mandatory for this summer's interns; there is a one time \$5 fee. Meetings are from 4-4:30 in DH 118. Call ext. 2382 for more information.

► **COFFEE HOUSE SKIT AUDITIONS** "Compete for the Seal" auditions will be held Wednesday and Thursday from 3-5 p.m. at David's Place.

► **SKI EXCURSION** Student Life will sponsor a trip to Wintergreen Feb. 15. The cost is \$15 for a lift ticket, \$15 for rentals. Call 2131 for more info.

Donors provide new lounge

By Chris Edwards, editor in chief

Donations from friends of Liberty, including a large sum from a board of trustees member and her husband, will allow the creation of a new student lounge in Building 13.

Betty Saunders, administrative assistant to Dean of Students Greg Dowell, told the SGA senate Thursday that a major gift from Dr. Tim and Dr. Beverly LaHaye brought the plan to action.

Student Affairs has met with contractors, and a report of student preferences for the lounge was needed Friday afternoon so the project could move forward, Saunders said.

The estimated cost of the project is \$45,000, according to Chris Stewart, student body president. The lounge is scheduled to open in May.

The lounge will be housed in the bottom of Building 13, in the old Residence Life office. Student Affairs and Residence Life moved to the second floor last fall.

Dr. Beverly LaHaye is a member of the student life committee of the board of trustees and the president of Concerned Women of America, a Christian women's lobbying group. Dr. Tim LaHaye is a co-author of the best selling "Left Behind" series.

Incidentally, the duo was scheduled to host a split convocation on Monday. Dr. Tim LaHaye had to cancel. Dr. Beverly LaHaye had to reschedule for the fall because of the weather.

Senators returned to their residence halls Thursday to survey students about their desires for what is tentatively scheduled to be called the "LaHaye Lounge."

"This is strictly a lounge that is for the students, by

the students," said Stewart. "This was one of our goals that we wanted to do this year."

The results show a majority of students desire a contemporary decor. Students also want the lounge to contain three sections — one equipped with televisions, one devoted to studying and another for social activities.

An overwhelming majority desired ESPN as a television choice, with couches lamps and coffee tables as preferred furniture.

Students also made comments about a potential computer station, employment opportunities and the chances of extended weekend hours.

The survey also showed that a large majority favored 24-hour operation.

Saunders said the planning would include student preference as much as possible.

Let it snow!



ELAINE PECORE

SCHOOLS OUT — A group of students play in the snow near dorm 2 on Tuesday, when classes were cancelled. The recent influx of the snow is the worst to plague the Lynchburg area in four years.

Sudden storm slams region; closes LU

By Jessica Miller, assistant editor

Winter arrived with a vengeance Tuesday as an unexpected winter storm churned up the East Coast and dumped nearly a foot of snow over central Virginia.

"It's come as a surprise after four relatively snow-free years," Tab O'Neal, weather anchor for Channel 13 WSET-TV, said.

National Weather Service Meteorologist Jeff Stewart added that the storm unloaded heavy snow from upstate South Carolina to the Virginia coast and continued into New England Tuesday evening.

"It caught us off guard, extending as far west as it did," Stewart said.

According to O'Neal, the system suddenly deepened in intensity Monday evening, bringing an icy blanket of precipitation instead of the sparse flurries that were expected.

Although North and South Carolina caught the brunt of the storm, with nearly 20 inches of snow and more than 200,000 people without power, Lynchburg also suffered its own casualties. Schools and offices around the city closed as seven inches of snow and blizzard-like conditions blocked roads and

reduced visibility to less than a quarter of mile.

"Because the snow is light and powdery, it is blown easily onto the roadways, reducing visibility and creating hazardous road conditions," O'Neal said.

These unsafe roads gave Liberty students an unforeseen holiday from class, only the third time in 20 years, according to Dr. Rob Jackson, vice president of spiritual life. Many students used the free time to enjoy the winter wonderland by going sledding down the hill across from Marriott or braving the trek up to

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Post-game scuffle makes media splash

School investigates one student for conduct after Jan. 17 game; Winthrop rematch set for weekend.

By Chris Edwards, editor in chief

Much ado roared in the regional media about the aftermath of the Jan. 17 Liberty/Winthrop men's basketball game in the Vines Center.

After a dramatic 73-71 Winthrop win, both benches cleared — instigated by a shoving match between LU's Chris Caldwell and Winthrop's Tyson Waterman.

Witnesses said the altercation lasted about half a minute. Both teams then headed toward the tunnel, where university personnel corralled players to the locker room.

Winthrop Coach Gregg Marshall told the Charleston (S.C.) Post and Courier and local television that an incident involving his family and Liberty fans fueled conflict between him and LU officials in the tunnel.

Meanwhile, the Associated Press reported that Liberty "fans attacked (Marshall's) family."

However, Liberty officials said the entire incident was much ado about nothing.

News Channel 10, Roanoke's NBC affiliate, reported on Jan. 20 that one Liberty student was under investigation for an incident involving Marshall's wife, Lynn, and children 3-year-old Kellen and 7-month-old Maggie.

According to reports from Liberty's investigation, Mrs. Marshall and her daughter approached a group of LU students after the game that sat behind the Winthrop bench. When Mrs. Marshall approached the group, an unidentified student reportedly poured water on the pair.

THE REMATCH

Liberty @ Winthrop

2:05 p.m. Rock Hill, S.C.

DIRECTIONS:
Take 29S and meet I-85 at Greensboro. From I-85, connect with I-77. Take exit 82B to Cherry Rd.

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Capitol protesters mark abortion decision

By Suzanne McDuffie, reporter

WASHINGTON — About 90,000 pro-life activists marched down Constitution Ave., past the White House and up the stairs of the U.S. Supreme Court in the 26th annual March for Life.

Though participants in the Jan. 22 protest have witnessed the death of over 32 million pre-born with no major success banning abortion, marches continue.

In fact, this year pro-life activists were especially hopeful because the U.S. Supreme Court will hear a challenge to partial-birth abortion this spring. This hearing is important to anti-abortionists because they convinced 30 states to ban partial-birth abortion. But courts have blocked the enforcement of this ban in most states, according to a Washington Post article.

The horror of partial-birth abortion convinced Congress to ban the procedure twice, but President Bill Clinton vetoed

both attempts.

Yet, thousands of people marching refused to surrender. They chanted "Abortion No! Life Yes!" They sang, "He's got the little bitty babies in his hands." They cheered, "Hey! Hey! Ho! Ho! Roe v. Wade has got to go."

From Dunwoodie, N.Y. to Norbeck, Wis. to Dallas, Texas, people from many denominations and philosophies swarmed to Washington D.C. in an effort to stop abortion.

Liberty University English professor Dr. Karen Prior attended the event with her friend Laurie.

"The most dramatic moment was when a group of African-American young people were holding huge signs. The first had a photographic image of victims in the holocaust. The second had a photographic image of a victim of lynching.

The third had a photographic image



SUZANNE MCDUFFIE

SAVING LIVES — Two young girls participate in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 22. The annual event marks the Supreme Court's decision in Roe vs. Wade.

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News about our campus community

Champion wins three VPA honors

The Liberty Champion placed three entries in the annual Virginia Press Association competition. Winners were announced in Williamsburg during the annual December meetings.

In the college division, the Champion placed first in general makeup, or overall design.

The reporting team of Hannah Ladwig, Suzanne McDuffie and Chris Edwards captured third place in the news reporting category for their package of stories on the Anti-Violence Forum at Thomas Road Baptist Church on Oct. 23, 1999.

Matt Keenan, sports editor in Spring 1999, won third place in sports reporting with his story about former Liberty baseball player Jason Benham's return to Lynchburg with the minor league team the Frederick Keys.

The Champion competed against other schools such as Virginia Tech and Washington and Lee University. It is staffed by students in the School of Communications.

Falwell honored on end-of-century list

Liberty Chancellor Dr. Jerry Falwell was named Central Virginia's Most Influential Person of the 20th Century by the Lynchburg News and Advance.

According to the poll of important events, the creation of Liberty University was the fifth most important event of the century.

The list was voted on by the people of Central Virginia. The newspaper ran the feature during the end of the year.

In addition to the Thomas Road family of schools (Lynchburg Christian Academy and Liberty) Falwell founded Moral Majority, a conservative Christian political power group active throughout the early 1980s. Its creation ranked 12th on the list.

Other notable people on the list included Sen. Carter Glass. The Chancellor's Office is located in the mansion named for the famous senator, who ranked second on the list.

The most important event, as voted on by readers, was the arrival of industrial leaders General Electric and Babcock & Wilcox in the 1950s. The founding of Lynchburg College was ninth.

Christmas offering brings gifts for relief organizations

Liberty students, faculty and staff raised nearly \$8,500 in the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas offering in 1999.

Campus Pastor Dwayne Carson said \$3,500 was given toward Christmas gifts for orphans in India. The gifts were given to the Emmanuel Orphanage in Kota, India during the annual trip by LIGHT Ministries.

The orphanage is run by Emmanuel Ministries International, founded by Dr. M.A. Thomas and his son, Samuel.

The offering also brought \$3,500 for the Love Kitchen, Jewel Jones' ministry to feed the homeless in New York City. A gift of \$1,500 was given toward the Toyland Spectacular campaign sponsored by The Center, a ministry of Thomas Road Baptist Church.

Residence halls also collected toys that were distributed to children in The Center's bus ministry.

Read the Champion

LibertyNet searching for more 'surfers'

Students slowly discovering new dial-up service

By Kristin Ruckel, reporter

When students first heard about the new Internet service being developed by Liberty University, they were a little skeptical.

Now, thanks to the hard work of the Information Technology Resource Center (ITRC) and Chris Stewart, student body president who worked with the university's IT Committee, students now see the benefits.

However, so far 65 people have signed up, but ITRC department head Aaron Mathes and ISP coordinator Jonathan Minter hope that increased knowledge of easy Internet access, will encourage more students to sign up.

"There are so many benefits," Minter said. Not only is this Internet service fast but students can sign on with no password and have access to any of the university's resources from anywhere.



MATT HEMBO

JOY AND PAIN — Two unidentified Liberty students work on connecting to the LibertyNet service. While some need to reset their modem connection, the service is catching on.

"If I knew more about it, I would probably sign up," said senior Laura Harkinson.

Students interested in the services should go to www.liberty.edu/support, print out the form provided, fill it out and bring it to the ITRC. There, students pay \$60, or the equivalent to \$10

per month. The purchase period was six months, but has been extended to Aug. 30. Mathes said the extension includes current subscribers.

So far the only problem has been confusion for on campus students.

Some students have been signing on only to get a busy signal. Mathes

explained that the modem is dialing a "9" to get off campus when the resources needed are still on campus.

"The problem can be remedied very easily," Mathes said. The dialing properties have to be changed. While this may seem confusing to fix, it is actually made simple by following a few steps.

Mathes said students accessing the Internet from on campus should go to the control panel and click on the modem icon.

From there, select the dialing properties and de-select the option to dial a "9" to correct the problem.

To develop the service, many hours were spent projecting the number of students who would sign up for the service.

After an approximate number was calculated, modems were purchased to withstand the number of students who would be signing on.

"Different modems were purchased for both on and off campus students. This will make for faster service," Mathes said.

Interested students can call Minter at 7465.

SGA sets date for Junior-Senior banquet

By Stephanie James, reporter

Liberty juniors and seniors can dress up for a night out at this year's annual Junior-Senior Banquet. The annual event will be held April 7 at the Hotel Roanoke at 7 p.m.

The banquet is specially designed for juniors and seniors. All others are invited to come only by invitation from a junior or senior.

The banquet is sponsored by the Student Government Association. This is the first year planning duties were given to the SGA Class Officers Council. Formerly, Student Life handled the planning and arrangements.

Garet Robinson, SGA vice president for student services, said that he believes this year's event will be a success, as he expects nearly 600 to attend.

The theme for the banquet is "A Touch of Class." Class Officers

Justin Martin and Jon Brindle developed the theme after reviewing six theme books with ideas for formal events.

"I enjoy planning events," said Brindle, senior class president. He said the process of making sure everything get done is fun.

Last year's theme was "Maiden Voyage." Nearly 540 attended last year's banquet. The entertainment was Roanoke natives Wilshire, a Christian husband and wife singing duo.

Information on this year's menu, entertainment and ticket prices will be announced later. The SGA plans to sell tickets in late February.

Last year's tickets were \$22.50 per person, or \$45 per couple.

Students who attend will be given late curfew extensions. No information on official post-banquet activities has been announced.

First two bills move to Borek

By Chris Edwards, editor in chief

Liberty President Dr. John M. Borek Jr. is currently considering two pieces of Student Government legislation from the fall semester.

Jeremy Miller, senate liaison for Student Body President Chris Stewart, reported in Thursday's student senate session that Borek was considering the After Hours Study Hall Act and the Senior Dorm Curfew Extension Act.

The study hall measure would designate Science Hall 135 as a

coed study room between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. The curfew act would give senior dorm residents a mid-night curfew on Thursday nights

when there is no hall meeting. University administration did not approve any other legislation from the fall semester.

According to the SGA constitution, all passed bills must be signed by Stewart, Dean of Students Greg Dowell, Vice President for Student Affairs Mark Hine and Borek before implementation as university policy.

Also during the informational session, the SGA announced its meal day, set for Wednesday, Feb. 2 in the Reber-Thomas Dining Hall.

Dubbed "just another way of serving you," the menu is scheduled to include student favorites like chicken tenders, beef stroganoff with noodles, an omelet bar and chocolate cream pie. Dinner hours are 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Additionally, Sen. Julie Bunce was appointed as chairperson of the Spiritual Life committee.



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READY TO PERFORM — Members of last year's King's Players group pose for a photo. The drama ministry team is now recruiting for its Road Trip 2000, to kick off this September.

Drama group preps for tour

By Christine Koech, reporter

The King's Players is holding auditions for Road Trip 2000, a 9-month tour that begins on the first of September. The auditions will be held in DeMoss Hall 144 at 7 p.m. on Feb. 3.

According to group director Dr. David Allison, the auditions will give people an opportunity to not only serve in the mission field but also to learn from the experience of ministering through drama.

The King's Players is a team with a mission to communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ through drama. The team is made up of Liberty graduates and students who are willing to take a year off school to go into the ministry.

The tour will focus on the central areas of the country and extend to the West Coast. Company Manager and Assistant Director of the King's Players, Dan Vollmer said that the team plans to "hit areas of the country that we missed last time."

These areas include Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota. They also plan

to tour California and Seattle, Washington.

The team will begin the first half of the tour in September and break for two weeks during Christmas before embarking on the second half, which ends in May. The tour will extend over a total of 37 weeks.

The tour is a great opportunity for team members to share the gospel of Christ with people and to draw the Christian to closer to God, Allison said.

The team's web site states, "It is a goal of the King's Players to present plays with a message that would compel people to accept Christ as their Savior. Our ministry is not about seeing how many numbers of decisions can be recorded. Our ministry is 'to do the work of an evangelist' by presenting quality productions that contain the gospel and then leave the decisions to God."

In a previous tour, the group had the opportunity to minister to 1,200 troops in Fort Lee, Va. Six hundred of the troops accepted Christ at the end of the service, Vollmer said. Last year's tour included a prison visit which

Vollmer described as a "unique opportunity for the average Christian kid."

The tour will involve the performance of plays which will include the medieval Christian play Everyman. Other performances will include Which Way, an evangelistic play depicting people from different walks of life in their afterlife, and Family Outings, a moving story about the difficulties experienced by the Bailey family.

The highlight of the tour will be the King's Players' Easter production of Resurrection Celebration, written by Allison.

The King's Players is a totally self-supported group. The members have to raise a total of \$44,000 for the whole year's tour. In the past they have received contributions from individuals and organizations. Host families provide food and accommodation during tours.

Information about the King's Players can be found at www.liberty.edu/kingsplayers. To find out more about the auditions you can contact Dan Vollmer or Dr. David Allison at ext. 2471.

Conference draws crowd

By Angela Nelson, reporter

"The Countdown to Armageddon and After: A New Millennium Conference" was held at Liberty University Friday and Saturday. The event provided biblical teaching on the events of the end times.

Word of Life Gospel Productions sponsored the conference. It included lectures on seven different subjects relating to biblical prophecy.

Ronald Showers, from the Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, discussed if the church would go through the Rapture.

Speakers Jimmy DeYoung, a journalist from Jerusalem who gives weekly prophecy discussions on both radio and television programs, Dr. Jerry Falwell, Dr. Paige Patterson, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Joe Jordan with Word of Life, and Mark Bailey also gave prophecy sessions. The subjects ranged from the Tribulation and the Great White Throne Judgement to the Millennial Reign of Christ.



TED NEUMANN

LEFT BEHIND — The Word of Life Prophecy Conference ended with the multi-media production "Apocalypse and After" Saturday night in the Vines.

"I understand positions that I believe in a lot better than I did before," sophomore Erik Westa, a youth ministry major from New York state, said.

The conference concluded Saturday night in the Vines Center with the multi-media production entitled the "Apocalypse and After."

The story showed the life of a young couple who gets in a fight about the husband's unwilling-

ness to get saved. When the Rapture occurs he is left behind to endure the temptations of the Antichrist. At the end of the program, Jordan gave an invitation for people in the audience to receive Jesus Christ.

"The program was very well produced and incorporated all types of media, which broke any possible monotony that could have occurred," sophomore Stephan Carter said.

Students flock to Vines for shots

By Kelly Kinzey, reporter

More than 400 students entered the Vines Center to receive a meningitis vaccine Thursday. The vaccine was being offered to students along with the flu vaccine due to concerns over meningitis outbreaks.

When students walked into the Vines Center they were greeted by a nurse, who handed out a clipboard and asked them to fill out a medical form. Students then waited in line to get their shot.

Meningitis is a bacterial infection that causes inflammation around the brain and spinal cord. Kissing, eating or drinking after someone and coughing or sneezing on someone can spread it. Ten percent of people with meningitis die each year from the disease. The vaccine has been shown to be over 90 percent effective and lasts for 3-5 years.

There is an increased risk for college students of contracting meningitis. This risk raised some concern for Light Medical, and VACCESSHealth was

asked to come in and offer the vaccine to the students. Melissa Sommers of VACCESSHealth said that their main goal was "to raise awareness" about the disease.

The American College Health Association recommends that all college students consider getting the vaccine to prevent contracting the disease.

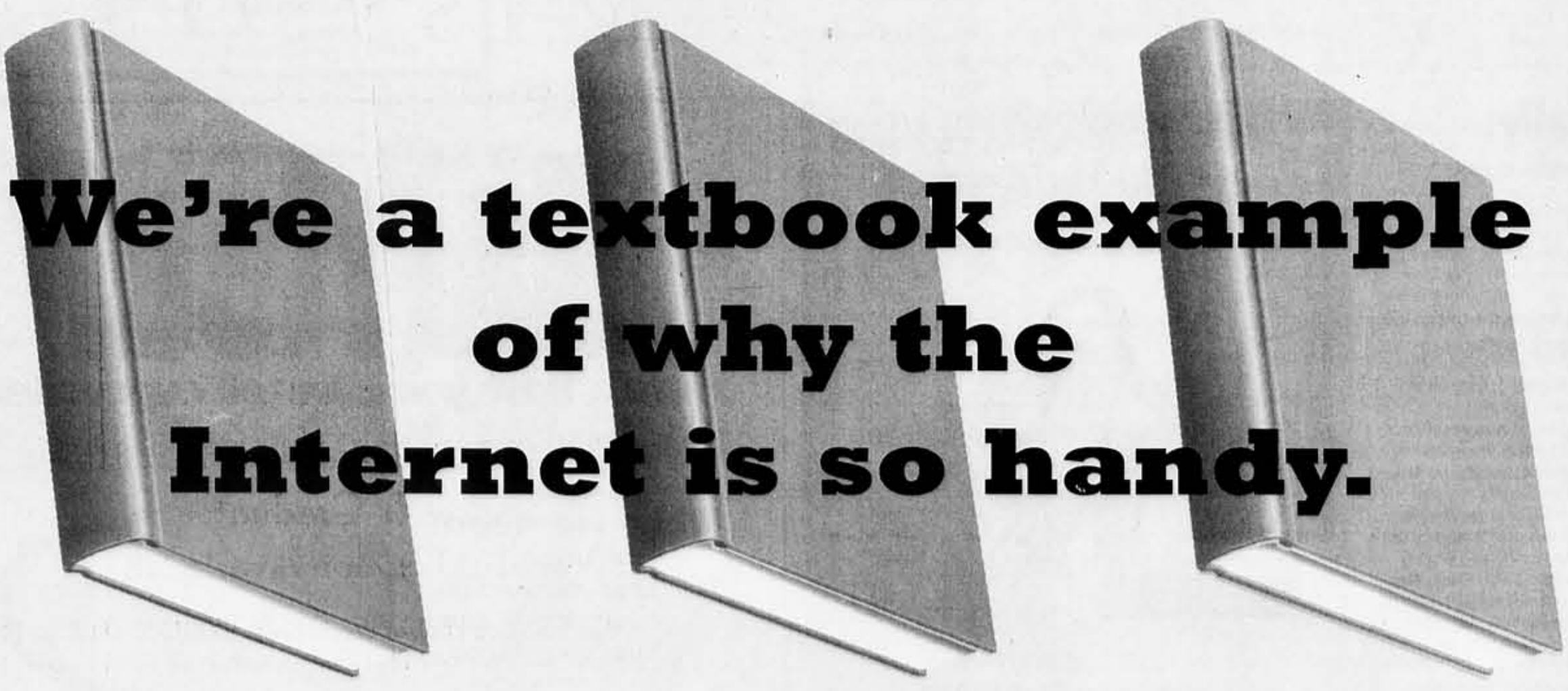
Natalie Spaulding and Susan Gough both received the meningitis vaccine. They saw a 20/20 special on the disease, and it scared them into getting the shot.

"It's worth the \$75 to avoid getting meningitis," Spaulding said.

Michelle Warner also received the meningitis vaccine.

"I didn't care about it, but my parents really wanted me to get it," Warner said.

Students were able to pay for the vaccine with a check, credit card or they could charge it to their student account. Many students took advantage of the ability to charge the cost to their account.



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nationalupdate

Compiled from the Associated Press

President calls for tax cuts in State of the Union

In his longest State of the Union address ever, President Clinton laid out the agenda for his final year in office. In his one hour and 29 minute speech, the President spoke of a 10-year, \$350 billion package of tax cuts, more tuition aid for college students, elimination of the marriage penalty tax and an overhaul of Social Security and Medicare.

An awkward moment occurred when Clinton said, "...last year the Vice President launched a new effort to help make communities more liberal." He meant to say "more livable." He repeated the error later in the speech.

FCC rescinds controversial ruling on religious TV

The Federal Communications Commission dropped its ruling issued last month that declared some religious television as non-educational and possibly ineligible for special licensure.

After the ruling was issued, several religious groups and some members of Congress blasted the FCC with protests and introduced new legislation to eliminate the ruling.

Religious groups claimed the rule violated the constitutional protection of free speech and exercise of religion.

Gore, Bush capture Iowa caucuses; N.H. today

Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush both claimed victories in the Iowa caucuses held on Jan. 24.

Gore's 63 percent to 35 percent win over challenger Bill Bradley was a decisive defeat, while Bush's 41 percent to 30 percent defeat over challenger Steve Forbes was far from overwhelming.

The candidates are now focusing on their campaigns in New Hampshire where primaries will be held on Feb. 1.

Snow and ice cripple the South for the second time

Snow and ice continue to plague roads in Arkansas, Georgia and Tennessee as another winter storm passed through the South.

The latest storm dumped 17 inches of snow in Oklahoma and as much as one foot of snow blanketed Arkansas.

Ice caused a 40-car pileup near Atlanta on Friday night. The weather was also blamed for three deaths in Arkansas—two from traffic accidents and one man apparently froze to death.

Snow: Causes problems with traffic, parking

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Wintergreen for student ski day.

"The first thing I thought when I looked out the window this morning was 'no classes,'" said Junior Frank Nessine. "Then I did some homework, had a snowball fight and threw my girlfriend in the snow. I think we should have the rest of the week off."

Although Liberty didn't have the luxury of a week off from classes, Campbell County schools and Lynchburg Christian Academy did. The schools closed for the remainder of the week as they waited for maintenance crews to clear icy secondary roads and parking lots jammed with snow.

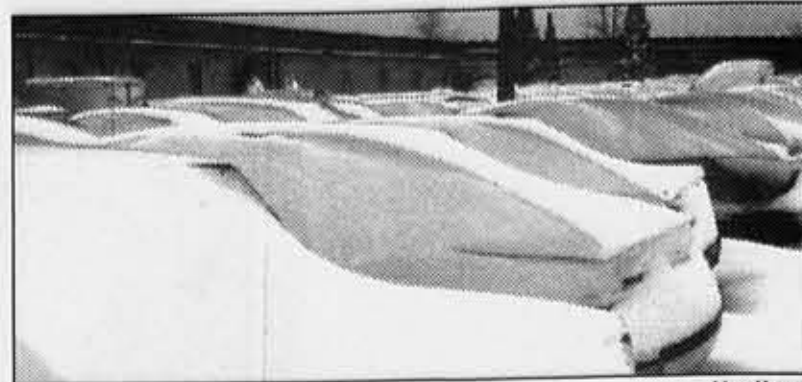
At Liberty, plugged parking lots also plagued people searching for spaces, as grounds crews scram-

bled most of the morning to keep up with the storm.

"We'd get the streets open and then get started on the lots, but by the time we were finished with the lots, the streets were covered again because (the snow) was coming so fast," Randy Johnson, manager of Facilities and Grounds, said.

According to Johnson, the main thoroughfares such as University Boulevard, are first priority to be cleared. Next come the 40 acres of parking lots and nearly seven miles of sidewalk that make up the Liberty campus.

"We try to clear faculty lots before there are cars (in them). But the student lots, where there are already cars, are much harder, because we have to maneuver around student vehicles. We do what we can," Johnson said.



NOT GOING ANYWHERE — Student cars in the circle parking lot are covered in snow after the early Tuesday storm. Travel was a little difficult.

Johnson and his team of 11 workers, who rise at 3:30 on wintery mornings to begin clearing the campus, geared up for some more early morning work Sunday as a second storm covered Lynchburg — this time with ice. The storm glazed trees

and power lines with nearly an inch of ice, making driving and even walking treacherous.

"Unless you have to go out, I wouldn't advise it," Johnson said. Temperatures are expected to rise to the 50s by the weekend.

Winthrop:

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Mark Hine, LU vice president for student affairs, confirmed that one student was being investigated in relation to the incident and the situation would be handled according to the Liberty Way.

Hine said that while the atmosphere at the game was hostile for the opposing team, it was normal for The Furnace, known in the BSC as a tough place to play.

"I would say there was a lot of griping ... it was a typical game in the furnace," Hine said. "It was a hot game ... stiff competition ... and there was an altercation on the floor ... but the fans stayed in the stands."

"I certainly don't want people just sitting there watching the ball go up and down the court like a tennis match, but we have to be careful how we conduct ourselves."

Athletic Director Kim Graham said LU President Dr. John M. Borek Jr. apologized to the Marshall family before they left the arena.

A request to interview Marshall was declined by Winthrop's Jack Frost, the sports information director, who also said the University wishes to put the incident behind it.

On the court, sources said Waterman apparently shoved Caldwell first, according to a report in the News and Advance on Jan. 21.

The Big South conference contacted both schools for their ver-

sions of the story and requested videotape of the incidents. But, the results of the final review are unknown.

"Appropriate action has been taken for what happened at Liberty," Drew Dickerson, Big South public relations director, said. Dickerson could not comment further, and also could not say whether any players were disciplined for the on-court incident.

Next in the newly revived rivalry is the game at Winthrop Feb. 5. Administrators said students traveling to Rock Hill, S.C. should expect a great game on the court, but keep their cool and testimony in the stands.

"I think it's a mistake for our fans to go down there looking for trouble ... that's not good for LU," Hine said. "A rivalry is great ... but we don't need to act high schoolish."

Graham was a little more direct while praising the student involvement in basketball this year.

"Be a positive influence and don't get caught up in retaliation if their fans act in an unsportsmanlike manner," Graham said. "I would ask them (students) to remember that we can't control how other people act, but we are certainly responsible for our actions. Our students have done a great job of supporting our basketball teams this year. We really appreciate the way they stand with us."

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of a victim of abortion," Prior said. She said Laurie was moved to tears by the graphic depiction of the horror. Prior believes Christians need to continue to support events such as the March for Life.

"Do we want history to ask 'Where were the Christians?'" she said.

Prior said many people believe that pro-life activists are a dwindling minority but that the large attendance at the March for Life proves that the American public is outraged by infanticide.

Pauline Kelley, a high school student from Louisville, Ky., said the turnout "shows how many people are pro-life."

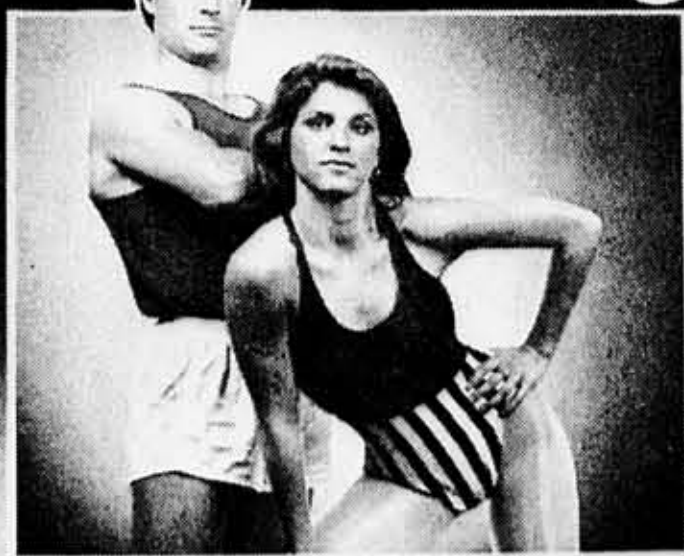
Before the rally, the National Clergy Council held its sixth annual National Memorial for the Pre-Born and Their Mothers and Fathers in a Senate hearing room.

Norma McCorvey, known as "Jane Roe" in the Roe vs. Wade case, spoke at the service.

With tears in her eyes, McCorvey said that in the same way the media and politicians hold restaurants accountable for cleanliness, they should inspect an abortion clinic. She said that after witnessing the horrifying reality of abortions, pro-choice individuals would recognize the irony of naming pro-life activists the "radical ones."

Senate Assistant Majority Leader, Don Nickles, (R-Okla.) spoke to many activists following the ceremony and encouraged the end of abortion.

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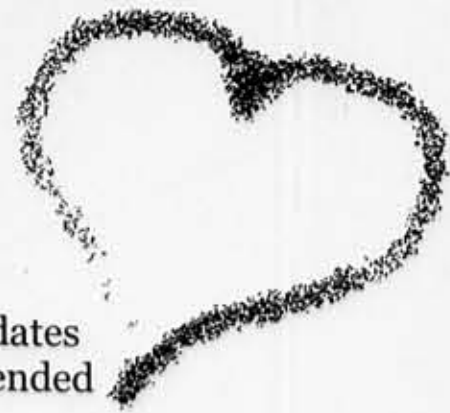
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► **2/1. John Stossel to speak.**

20/20 personality John Stossel will speak at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, sponsored by the Young America's Foundation. 7:00 p.m. Lee Chapel. Call 1-800-292-9231 for more information.

► **2/1. Meditations.**

The Lynchburg Fine Arts Center's Gallery II will feature paintings, prints and collages by artist Barbara Norman Lashley. Daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free.



For they are thy people and thy heritage... Deut. 9:29

Students and community observe Black Heritage Month

By Michelle Kennedy and Shontae Craig

Black History Month represents a time for people of all races to learn from one another and honor the achievements of outstanding individuals.

In the past, the Minority and International Student Office (MISO) has held weekly events during the month of February in recognition of Black History Month. This year scheduling will include less events.

"We are going to have one or two big quality events. I am really putting my focus into doing something for the whole campus," Melany Pearl, Dean of Minority and International Students said.

Pearl said MISO has been working with the Spiritual Life Office this semester preparing for two services to be held in honor of Black History Month. The services will include performances from the Fellowship Gospel Choir.

"Dr. (Rob) Jackson has so graciously said Feb. 27 we can have both campus church services," she said.

The morning and evening services will not be the only opportunity for

students to learn about black history.

Each dorm hall will provide specific profiles every week for the duration of the month highlighting contributions and achievements of African Americans.

"For the staff and students, I would hope this time represents education where people can learn about someone else's culture and someone else's achievements, inventions or contributions to the world," said Pearl.

Carter G. Woodson established Negro History Week in the 1920s. The week was extended to a month during the 1970s, giving Americans more of an opportunity to learn about African American contributions to society.

"This month celebrates who we are, it helps us to forget the past and move toward the future," said Junior Robin Williams.

"It is a perfect time for others to become educated about another culture and get involved. It's a missed opportunity if they choose not to learn," said Williams.

Lynchburg also has an abundance of black historical sights that sets it apart from other communities.

The Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce is producing a brochure that promises to help effectively tell the story of the African-American experience in Lynchburg.

"We are geared towards bringing tourists into Lynchburg to experience our heritage, history and culture," said Chamber of Commerce Vice President of tourism services Brian Knopp.

The brochures will also include photographs and descriptions of the African American poet Anne Spencer House and Gardens, and the Martin Luther King Center for Human Rights, both in Lynchburg.

The Booker T. Washington National Monument, near Smith Mountain Lake, supports the grant application to the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities for the production of the brochure.

According to the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities & Public Policy, Lynchburg wants a budget of about \$40,000.

Their goal is to increase public understanding and appreciation of the contributions that African-Americans have made to Virginia.

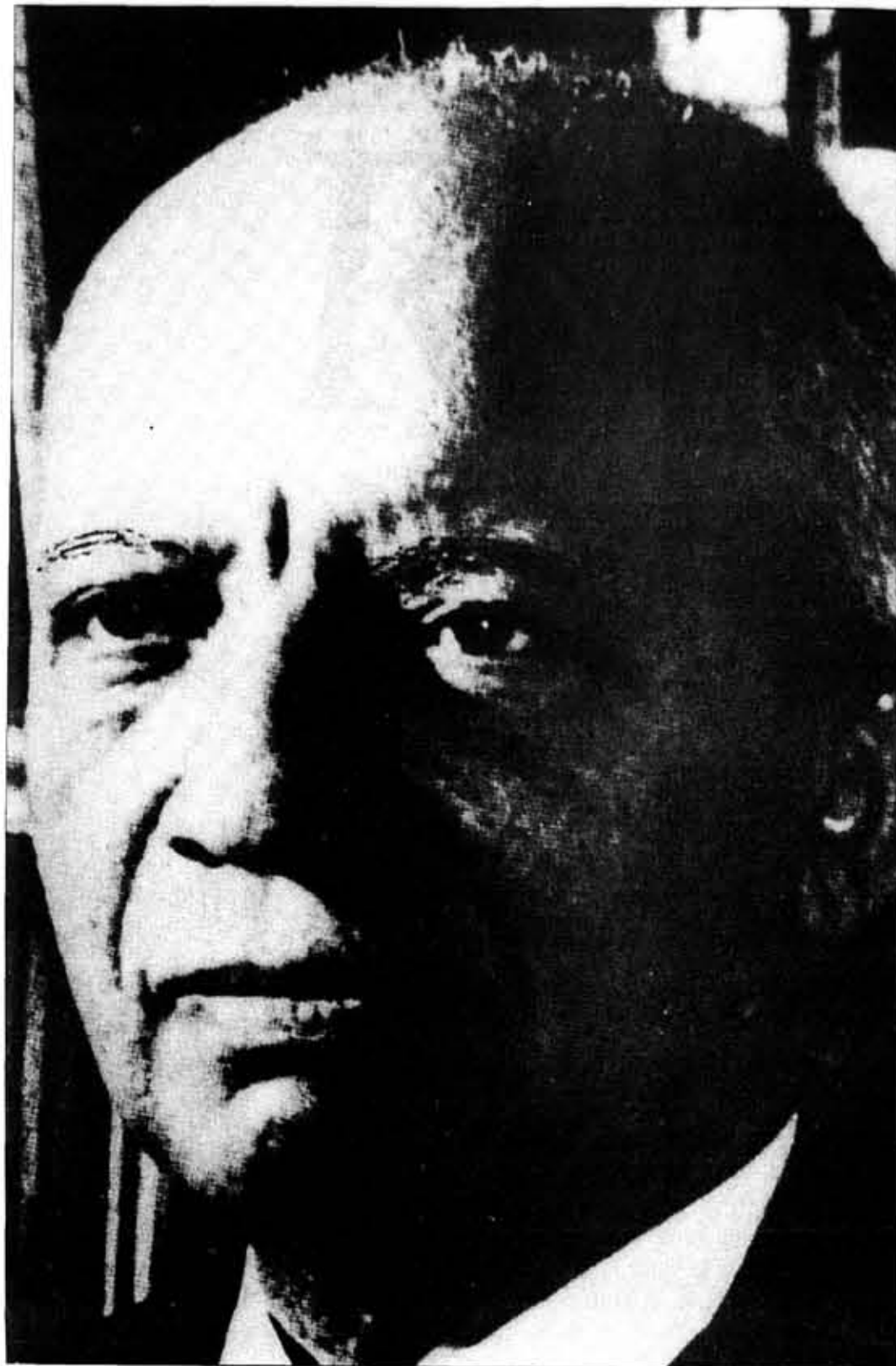


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"FATHER OF MODERN BLACK HISTORY" — Carter G. Woodson was born Dec. 9, 1875, in New Canton, Va. Woodson initiated Negro History Week in 1926, which has since expanded to Black History Month.

Student Life springs into exciting semester activities



MICHELLE WARNER

COFFEE HOUSE RETURNS — The Y2K bug didn't stop Student Life from planning exciting activities for the first semester of the new millenium.

By Cindy Siegmund, reporter

The world's most exciting university is undoubtedly the clincher that lures a number of students into calling Liberty University home. Student Life is stepping up to take the challenge of helping LU live up to its slogan.

Director of student activities, Jeff Boyer believes that students often need an escape from school work.

"Students need entertainment outside of the classroom. We try to provide that needed break from the norm," Boyer said.

Colorful Student Life signs fill the bulletin boards around campus enticing passers with a variety of fun activities. There's plenty of opportunities to get in on the action.

Those who like athletics are in luck because there are more intramural sports than ever available. Whether it's the fun loving or sweat and blood com-

petitors, there is a sport for every athlete.

Softball, volleyball, beach volleyball, basketball, indoor soccer, flag football, floor hockey and even wiffle ball are scheduled for spring 2000. Interested students should contact the Intramural Sports Office at extension 2389 to join or start a team.

For those who aren't so athletic there's plenty else to do like taking that special someone to the Valentine's Coffee House on Feb. 11. Participants in the winning skit will receive free tickets for themselves and a date to the Valentine's Coffee House, front row seats and free drinks.

A second Coffee House will blast from the past with an oldies theme on April 28.

Student Life also has a number of trips planned for this semester.

There will be two ski trips to Wintergreen on Feb. 15 and Feb. 29.

On March 3, a group will travel to Charlotte, N.C. for the Hornets versus

Utah Jazz NBA game.

On March 25 Student Life will sponsor a trip to Washington, DC. Three charter buses will bring Liberty students to enjoy the Cherry Blossom Festival, museums or other activities.

Movies, Karaoke Nights and a Mini Block Party are just a few of the activities David's Place is cooking up for this semester.

The annual Valentine's Dinner will be held on Feb. 11 at David's Place. Each couple participating will enjoy dinner, watch the movie Runaway Bride and receive tickets to Coffee House for \$25.

This semester Student Life brings two concerts to Liberty. The Newsboys, Sonic Flood and Beanbag concert will be on April 1. The Out of Eden, GRITS and Knowdverbs free concert will be on April 14.

If you are interested in any of these events, check out Student Life's website at www.liberty.edu/campus/studentlife for more information.

scottromanoski

Say it loud- I'm Polish and proud

Many Americans use February to celebrate Black History Month. They use this time to focus attention on ethnic heritage.

As you can probably tell from my last name and my picture, I'm not of African descent, but the observances have caused me to reflect on my own heritage.

My mom's relatives primarily came from the Ukraine, while my dad's came from Russia and Poland. These adjoining countries share many cultural similarities.

At our house, we occasionally eat delicacies like perogi (dumplings filled with potato, cheese, or saurkraut), golumpki (stuffed cabbage) and kabassa (sausage). At Christmas Eve

dinner, we broke the Oplatki (a wafer-like bread broken and sent to relatives to share on Christmas Eve).

A few weeks ago, I played some Polish hymns on the organ in church. (Incidentally, most of the people in this church have German backgrounds.)

Now, I can imagine that some wonder why I actually admit to my Polish heritage.

After all, Polish people have a reputation for having low intelligence, spending excessive amounts of time bowling, eating with their mouths open (and talking with their mouths full), being overweight, carousing and having terrible taste in music.

With the Polish as their neighbors, Ukrainians often face the same accusations, along with characterizations of hot

tempers, stubbornness and constant complaining.

Now, I must say, as true with all stereotypes, these do have some basis in fact, but by no means do they apply to all Ukrainian and Polish people.

(I can just imagine those who know me agreeing that some of those stereotypes fit me).

While admitting to some of them, I do have to stand up for my own kind. Marie Currie, Karol Cardinal Wojtyla (now known as Pope John Paul II) and Frederic Chopin all came from Poland.

Now, no one can deny the contributions these individuals made to the world, and I doubt any one would question their intelligence.

Both the Polish and the

Ukrainians also have positive stereotypes. Both groups have reputations as hard workers, unshakable faith, solidarity, holding to traditions and great food.

I'm sure every other ethnic group has certain stereotypes, both positive and negative, also.

Food, music and (sometimes sadly) the stereotypes all in part define one's ethnic heritage.

Our heritage defines in part who we are. It is from where we came as individuals.

At one time, most immigrants to the United States settled in large cities and resided in ethnic neighborhoods. This setting gave the new Americans a "home away from home."

They had neighbors who spoke their native language, and schools that taught both American and native values.

Neighborhood churches, typically built by immigrants in old world styles, ministered to the immigrants and kept old world customs.

When children from these neighborhoods grew up, they typically moved from the ethnic neighborhoods into suburban areas.

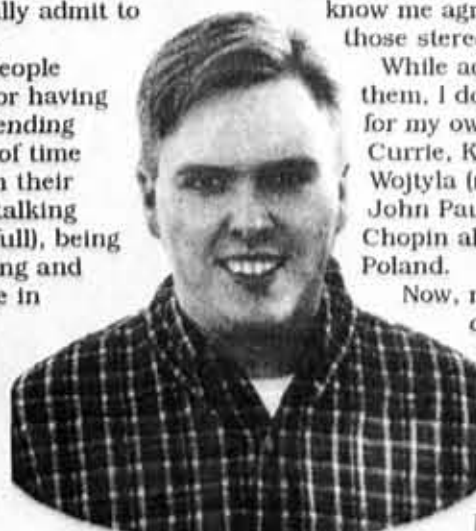
While moving, they left their heritage in the old neighborhood, forgetting many customs and their ethnic identity.

In recent times, many children do not know where their ancestors lived, much less speak a phrase of their ancestral language or observe any customs.

A wise man once said (in paraphrase) that a man who does not care where he came from does not care where he goes.

If a person can not look back to his past and learn from it, he or she misses a great deal of knowledge and will most likely repeat the mistakes of ancestors.

So whether you come from European, African, Middle Eastern, Asian or Hispanic descent (or some other combination), celebrate your heritage all year long.



Got Haa Choos!?

A little preparation can curb common illness

By Brandon Benoit, reporter

Influenza, commonly known as "the flu," has killed 20 million people worldwide since 1918. This potentially deadly virus also kills an average of 20,000 people a year.

Influenza has literally thousands of different forms in which it can take shape.

As one of the leading causes of death, this respiratory virus affects millions of people every year.

The disease is most contagious in late fall, winter and early spring months. Its levels of intensity can vary between mild, severe and even deadly.

One can contract the virus by breathing the airborne germ or coming in contact with contaminated or personal items.

"Ninety percent of illnesses spread could be prevented if people would wash their hands regularly," said Dr. Richard Lane of Light Medical.

A flu sufferer may encounter many symptoms. Common symptoms include moderate to severe muscle aches, sweating, nasal congestion, nose run-

ning, sore throat, headache, fatigue, chills and fever, which can reach temperatures up to 104 degrees. Symptoms can last anywhere from a week to 14 days.

Those most susceptible to influenza are the very young and the elderly. This mostly occurs due to lack of immunity.

College students are also susceptible.

Like most illnesses, influenza can be prevented, especially through a flu shot.

"Eighty to ninety percent of the shots are effective," said Lane.

The most effective time to get the shot is during the months of September and October. The vaccine takes about two weeks to take effect and lasts up to 18 months.

However, Lane warns students not to wait until flu season starts to receive their shot.

He said that most students wait until the virus is going around before finally getting the shot.

Lane also said that most students who put off getting the shot contract the virus while waiting in the doctor's office

waiting room for the shot.

"They usually catch the virus from those who have it around them, and when they get the shot, it does not have time to take affect since the virus is already present," Lane added.

Students can receive the shot from Light Medical at a cost of \$10.

Light medical also hosted a campus wide immunization day in January.

Medical research has also developed new vaccines to fight the spread of influenza. These vaccines come in the form of nasal sprays or a pill. Most of these drugs are effective if taken within 24 hours of contraction.

While influenza can be quite a dangerous illness, there are ways to prevent contraction and severity of the virus.

Time management skills can improve low grades

By Tara Williams, reporter

Classes are back in session and many of us could have done better with our grades last semester, if we had the time.

The textbook, *Essential Study Skills*, by Linda Wong, said that time management is an organized method for planning the use of your time to reach goals.

As a student we need to budget the time we have to do everything we need to do in the course of the day from homework to leisure time.

Senior Dorothy Korir works and is a full-time student. "If I don't manage my time, I can't get the things I need done," she said.

One of the ways she plans out her time is by using a daily planner.

This is something any one can find and it comes in various styles including ones geared specifically for students. They range in price from as little as \$4 to as much as \$40.

Another thing she uses is the blank calendar cards that fit in a three-ring binder. A student can buy them for ten cents in the Bruckner Learning Center.

The student can write down their major assignments, when they are due and test dates in the spaces provided.

Sophomore Joyce Marita said

she gets up early in the morning and plans out what she is going to do each day.

"Time is the most important resource. If lost, we can never replace it," she said.

For more help with time management, Wong gives the following as basic strategies:

- ▶ Aim for balance
- ▶ Create strong patterns in your schedule
- ▶ Include time for your goals
- ▶ Include time for good nutrition, exercise, and sleep
- ▶ After three weeks, make adjustments and occasionally allow yourself to "trade time."
- ▶ One of the things that Wong suggests in her book is that you actually plan out the schedule for the week.
- ▶ She gives these basic strategies:
 - ▶ Write in all your fixed activities
 - ▶ Write in all your study times for each class
 - ▶ Add several flexible study times
 - ▶ Add times for specific goals
 - ▶ Schedule leisure, family and social time.

Applying the skill of time management may take some creativity and effort. However, the results, especially in higher grades, will make the added effort worthwhile.

Winter brings great opportunities for outdoor sports and recreation

By Justin Ridge, reporter

This time of year brings a variety of winter activities. Ski resorts around the country begin the arduous task of luring adventurous skiers and snowboarders to their slopes.

Liberty has its share of snowboarders, skiers and cold weather lovers. Virginia offers a variety of ski resorts where daring skiers and snowboarders can prove their endurance.

The closest resort to Liberty is Wintergreen. Its proximity to campus makes it an ideal place for those skiers who do not want to travel long distances for skiing pleasure.

Facilities at Wintergreen include a 1.5 mile run with a 1,003 vertical drop.

Lift tickets cost \$15 every Tuesday and Thursday and for all twilight and night skiing

Also in Virginia, skiers can enjoy The Homestead and Massanutte resorts.

The Homestead, located in Hot Springs, is about 65 miles from Roanoke. It offers many challeng-

ing hills with varying degrees of difficulty.

Some consider Massanutten, located near Harrisonburg, the most challenging resort in Virginia.

One of the top resorts in the mid-Atlantic region, Massanutten has many lengthy runs and a drop of 1,100 feet that is the largest drop in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

But great winter resorts are not limited to Virginia.

Sophomore Chris Foster has yet to visit any of the resorts in Virginia, but has frequented some of the slopes in North Carolina.

"Being from North Carolina, I go to the resorts that are in North Carolina for convenience, even though the skiing isn't that great. Gore Mountain, near Lake Placid New York, was the best resort I've ever been to," said Foster.

Sophomore Joel Lashway, from New York, loves to ski as well. Conquering some of the toughest slopes in New York and Pennsylvania did not come easily though.

"I nearly broke my neck going-

down a blue diamond slope at Montage Mountain in Scranton (Pa.)," explained Lashway.

He recommended Greek Peek and Song Mountain as premiere places for daring skiers who visit from New York.

Other outdoor winter activities snowboarding, playing football or bombarding your roommate with snowballs.

So get outside, find a good ski resort, hit the slopes and frolic in the snow.

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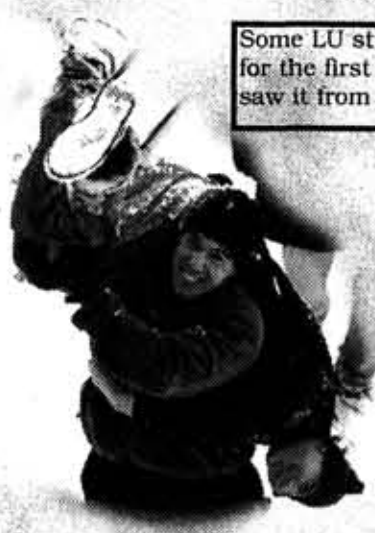
The famed LU "Snow-Man Stranglehold"



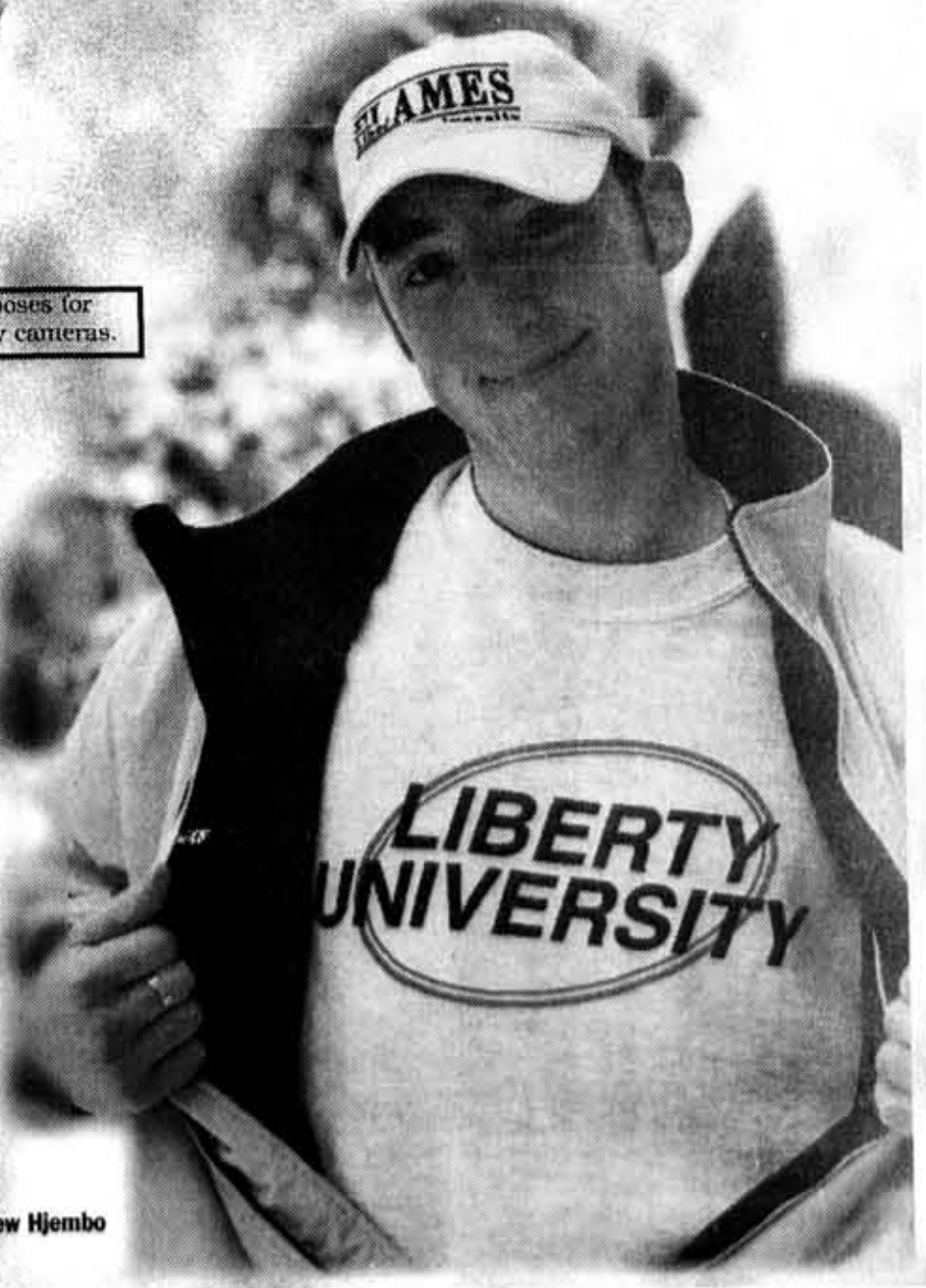
What's right around that corner ahead? Mayhem, undoubtedly.



Some LU students saw snow for the first time. Others saw it from a different angle.



Scott Whittaker poses for the LU poster boy cameras.



Opinion

“ Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards, if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book.

—Ronald Reagan”

The Liberty Champion

Setting the record straight on Winthrop/LU

Energy and exuberance made a guest appearance in the Vines Center for a men's basketball game on Jan. 17. Then calamity and misinformation took control after the Liberty/Winthrop contest and threatened to spoil a revived atmosphere in the Vines Center.

We know that Associated Press reports, local television and the South Carolina press misrepresented the university after Winthrop Coach Gregg Marshall brought a post-game scuffle into an unnecessary spotlight.

We know it was unfortunate that one misguided soul was rude to a visitor, namely the opposing coach's family.

However, the other students at the game were model citizens and the media tried to imply that mass hysteria broke out. They also tried to drag the "good Christian university gets into a fight" variable into the equation while blowing the story way out of proportion. The fan interaction at the Vines was just warming up.

When Winthrop point guard Tyson Waterman fouled out late in the game, a ripple of sound enveloped the scene. It was the "Ah.... sit down" chant—missing during the "lost years" between the fallout from the 1994 tournament team and now. It was a good feeling to have something to cheer about again. And when the men's and women's teams return for long homestands this month, we need to keep the flames burning.

However, for those who are making the road trip to Rock Hill, S.C. for the rematch Feb. 5, be careful to covet your Christian testimony and act appropriately as guests in someone else's "house." The media needs to know we are real and polite fans.

An overdue thank-you

While cleaning out our desk before Christmas break, we realized we forgot to thank a key contributor to the new look we introduced in our first edition last fall.

We really felt bad when our new design, created with his input and influence, won a recent Virginia Press Association award and he had yet to receive the credit in these pages that he deserved and earned.

So, to David Freeland, graphic artist at the fantastic WORLD magazine, we say a long overdue "Thanks." His tutelage of two Champion editors during extra sessions at the WORLD Journalism Institute this summer in Asheville, N.C. helped us immensely. It's a design we love, and is a building block toward our development as respected journalists, committed to covering the world we experience.

So to David, —and the rest of the staff at WORLD who made our stay so wonderful— we say thanks!

Quotes of the week:

"You can never please God without faith, without depending on him. Anyone who wants to come to God must believe that there is a God and that He rewards those who sincerely look for Him."

—Hebrews 11:6

"I've never lived here. I've never worked here. I ain't never been here. But I think it would be cool to be your Senator."

—New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, joking about running for Senate in Arkansas.

Maintaining the fundamentals

When Christian metal band Payable On Death entered the rotation on MTV in early January, it could be considered a small victory for Christian music in the mainstream. Because all music carries some kind of message, and the mainstream media often ignores the Christian answer to the problems of life, the introduction was a real win.

But, just because they will show a Christian video doesn't mean the ideological gatekeepers will accept it.

And, the incident sparks continued discussion over a Christian's role in the mainstream, especially the media.

During the early days of the video's airplay on the stations' "Return of the Rock" program, guest host Chris Booker, a New York City rock radio host, told a story about P.O.D.'s rise to prominence.



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He relayed the story of an interview with Tra, the groups' bassist.

When Tra was asked why the band had risen to prominence, he said it was because Sonny—the lead singer—had been filled with the Holy Spirit when writing the lyrics for the new album entitled "The Fundamental Elements of Southtown."

He felt God was blessing the album because the group was serving Him.

Booker finished the story with a sar-

castic tone, and then smirked.

Rule number one, he said, was never to let the bassist speak for the group. Obviously the sarcastic Mr. Booker doesn't believe the Holy Spirit can move in the lives of people who trust in an almighty God.

He also might think the groups' recent inclusion on Oliver Stone's "Any Given Sunday" could have something to do with their gain in attention.

Hey, God does move in mysterious ways—even in the soundtrack to a violent R-rated movie.

But while the band's video looks like any other on MTV during a given afternoon (it's just a bunch of people jamming in the streets to the new song) their overall message gives the group their salt.

Lead singer Sonny said in an interview with website Meatindustries.com that if someone hears their song on the radio and runs out to buy the CD, they could accept Christ through all of the songs on the album.

It's a technique that has been frowned upon before, (see: Michael W. Smith, Amy Grant, etc.) but folks have been known to still grab the deTalk "Supernatural" album off the shelves. A marriage to Virgin Records didn't dull the message of the Newsboys on

"Love, Liberty, Disco."

Some old-time gospel Christians might raise an eyebrow to P.O.D.'s affiliation with Atlantic Records, their past gigs with Kid Rock, Cypress Hill and the Mighty Mighty Bosstones and an upcoming tour with Primus.

And while P.O.D.'s fans also debated on their website about the coming interaction with Primus fans, they all agreed that the message of Christ was of real importance. Their conduct would be appropriate for "Warriors of the Gospel."

It's a good decision for the testimony of Christians everywhere, even the ones who prefer the Gaither Vocal Band.

The groups' followers are now trying to blitz the "Southtown" video on to "Total Request Live," the teeny-bopper show hosted by Carson Daly. It's an open medium for those hungry for something other than Britney Spears and Korn, in both music and message.

For the rest of society, the Christian vs. Secular ideological battle rages in every decision, from where to work and go, where to shop and eat and where to get your news.

While Christians need to remember the essential elements of their faith, many need to follow P.O.D.'s example and live in the real world.

Not MTV's Real World — full of freaks and geeks — but a world where absolutes are king.

(E-mail comments and complaints to cdedward@liberty.edu.)

Friends, a necktie, a life saved

Anyone who has ever doubted that your life could be changed—even ended—in just one instant need not live in ignorance any longer.

On Dec. 15, 1999, during the course of my last night at Liberty for the semester, my life came within minutes of ending but was instead drastically changed forever.

As the guys (and maybe some of the girls) on campus know, wrestling and horsing around are as much a part of dorm life as room checks, curfews and roommates. It all happens in good fun and as nothing more than a way to pass time, but, as in my case, it can sometimes result in serious injury.

While running toward the door in a last ditch attempt to escape the well-deserved torture about to reach me via a friend, I accidentally put my right arm through the glass portion of the dorm's exterior door. Instantly, my life changed.

When I first realized my arm was losing blood at a pace I had only previously witnessed in war movies, I ran into my room and shouted for someone to call 911.

Keeping a clear head and acting quickly, two friends brought me out of my room and took me to the shower. After assessing the massive nature of my injury, they promptly applied a necktie tourniquet to my arm, an action that actually saved my life.

Thirteen hours later, after waking from my surgery in the UVA hospital recovery room, I learned the extent to which this seemingly simple accident

had affected my body. In the process of putting my arm through the door, my arm's major artery, blood vessels, bicep muscle and median nerve had all been completely severed. In all, it took 14 surgeons about four hours to reattach my half-amputated arm.

The end result of this occurrence, from a purely physical standpoint, is both staggering and amazing at the same time.

Staggering, because half of my right hand has been left without feeling or much mobility and my leg is scarred where a 13-inch blood vessel was removed for use in my arm.

Amazing, because while this injury was quite serious, I am so thankful to still have even my life, let alone my arm. And, while most of my gratitude has been Heaven-bound, there are some earthly appreciations that also need to be expressed.

If those two guys in my dorm, Josh Mitchell and Justin Moorman, hadn't acted so quickly and selflessly, I would have died in the bathroom of dorm 11 that night. In the amount of time that passed between the accident and my going to the hospital, I had already lost more than half of my body's blood supply. I could never hope to fully express my gratefulness to not only those two,

but to all the guys in my dorm who assisted me in ways I may never be made fully aware. I still breathe today because I've been fortunate to live in a dorm filled with the best RA's and the greatest group of guys on campus.

There are others who I need to thank as well. LUPD Officer Joe Webster was the first emergency worker to arrive on the scene and even though he was in the midst of an extremely gruesome accident, he kept awesome composure and tried his best to comfort and assist me.

Also, I want to thank all the students on campus and members of the administration who were earnestly praying for me. Many of them didn't even know who I was until that night, but they prayed for me as if I'd been a long-time friend. Thinking about that is probably the most humbling and exciting dimension of this entire experience.

Finally, if I may be so bold as to attempt imparting any wisdom, I will tell you the things I have learned. First, always be ready to face God and answer for your time spent here on Earth. It doesn't always seem like it, but life really can end at any time. Secondly, never underestimate the true and definite effectiveness of prayer. Miracles can and do happen when believers humble themselves prayerfully in the sight of God.

Also, I guess it wouldn't hurt to always keep a necktie handy.



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SPEAKUP!

What did you do on your 'snow day' off?



"I played NBA 2000."

—Josh Ranes, Jr.
Elmore, Ohio



"I slept and sled."

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St. Louis wins Super Bowl

A game of yards — hundreds of yards — came down to mere inches for the St. Louis Rams in Super Bowl XXXIV. The result was a 23-16 victory Sunday night for Kurt Warner, Dick Vermeil and the Rams that six months ago seemed no more than a dream after a 4-12 season. Warner passed for a Super Bowl record of 414 yards and was voted MVP, capping a season that began with him fighting for a backup job and ended with him as the NFL's MVP. It took Mike Jones' tackle of Kevin Dyson at the one yard line on the game's final play to give St. Louis its win in one of the most thrilling Super Bowl finishes ever.

NBA All-star starters named

A pair of first time selections, forward Vince Carter of the Toronto Raptors and guard Allen Iverson of the Philadelphia 76ers were named as Eastern Conference starters for the 2000 All-Star Game. Joining Carter and Iverson in the starting lineup for the East will be forward Grant Hill of the Detroit Pistons, Charlotte Hornets guard Eddie Jones and Miami Heat center Alonzo Mourning. The Los Angeles Lakers placed center Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant as starters on the Western Conference squad. Kevin Garnett of the Minnesota Timberwolves and Tim Duncan of the San Antonio Spurs were elected as the starters at forward as was Jason Kidd of the Phoenix Suns at guard. The All-Star game is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 13, in Oakland, Calif.

Hockey claims first place

By Richard Armstrong, reporter

The Liberty University men's hockey team came from behind to defeat Duke University 6-4 at the Roanoke Civic Center on Friday night. The Flames are now in first place in the ACC hockey conference and control their playoff destiny. Jon Schubert led the offensive attack by scoring three of the Flames six goals in the game. With Friday night's win, Liberty improved its record to an 7-1-1 on the season. Tuesday's game against Virginia and the Saturday night game against non-conference opponent Army (Fort Bragg) were cancelled due to the inclement weather. The confer-

ence game with the Cavalier's must be made up and is scheduled to take place on Feb. 15. The next several games could prove to be huge as the Flames jockey for position heading into the competitive conference playoffs. According to senior captain Kirk Handy, the win over Duke was important, but there is still a long road to haul. "We've already nailed down a spot in the playoffs," said Handy. "Now we are trying to earn a bye in the second round." The first and second place teams earn a bye through the first round of the playoffs. Liberty will try to continue its success as they travel to play the University of North Carolina and North Carolina State on Feb. 11 and 12, respectively.

Intramural All-stars

Flag football's Belcher's Boys compete in national championship tournament

By Michael Dujon Jr., reporter

After coasting through the regional tournament at the University of Maryland, the Belcher's Boys earned a spot in the National Flag Football Tournament in New Orleans over Christmas break. The Boys won their first game within its three-team pool and assured themselves a spot in the main tournament. After a loss to Arkansas, the team moved into the single elimination tournament. A 20-6 loss to Texas A&M bounced the Belcher's Boys from the tournament.

Although the Boys did not finish on top, the overall trip was good in many other ways. "We went down there to play football, but we knew the importance of being a good example to the other players," said team member Jim Watkins. Belcher's Boys team members include Jeremy Emory, Israel Emory, Andrew Cook, Jim Watkins, Seth Hitchcock, Kirk Dodson, Craig Richardson, Ed Barnhouse, Jon McLaughlin, Brandon Schafferman, Scott Lewald and Curtis Zackery.



THESE BOYS MEAN BUSINESS — LU's Belcher's Boys prepare to crunch the competition at the regional intramural flag football tournament in Maryland.

Basketball programs rise in computer ranking polls

By John Farel, reporter

The Jan. 10 issue of Sports Illustrated published an article listing Liberty's men's basketball team as the most improved team in the nation according to the college basketball, Ratings Performance Index (RPI). The rankings are based largely on a team's strength of schedule. The Flames ended up near the bottom of the poll (310th) last season. Liberty had completed a total turnaround and after 10

games this season, LU was ranked 59th. The Flames' high rating early on can be attributed to key wins over opponents such as James Madison, Richmond, Virginia Tech and Boston U. However, since starting the season 8-2, the Flames lost the hot hand and has dropped five of its last six games. Liberty has gone 1-5 in Big South conference games and has fallen to 214th in the RPI. It appears that injuries are beginning to catch up with

the quick start Flames. The early season losses of big men David Watson and Jeremy Day have left a large hole in the rebounding department. Despite LU's losing record throughout the last two weeks, the Flames are currently ranked third among other Big South teams in the RPI. Winthrop is first at 162 followed by Radford at 176. The Flames will have a chance to get back on track with seven more conference games remain-

ing on their schedule. On the other hand, the Lady Flames' season has been a complete contrast to that of the men. Ten games into the season Liberty's women's record stood at 5-5. After the loss to Duke, the Lady Flames got things going, winning seven of its next eight games. Currently the Lady Flames are in 2nd place in the BSC behind Radford with a record of (12-7, 4-2). LU is ranked 94th overall by the CollegeRPI.com, well ahead all other conference opponents.

Young softball team hopes to continue winning ways in BSC

By Leneta Lawing, reporter

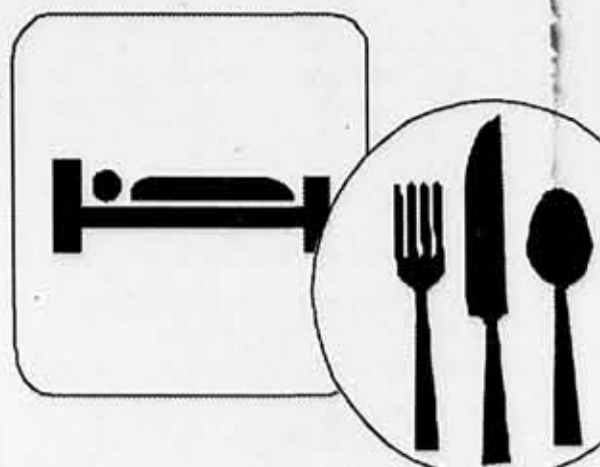
The Liberty University softball team is gearing up for the 2000 season. Along with the new season comes a variety of talented first year players. A strong recruiting class of seven players will replace the seniors who graduated last spring. Head coach Paul Wetmore feels the team will be fine once it establishes game experience. "We have quality players, but you can't replace experience," said Wetmore.

Last year's 41-26 record was the best in the history of the program. The team claimed the co-champion title for the regular season in Big South Conference play. "We lost four all-conference players and it is very difficult to replace them," said Wetmore. The key position to be filled is the pitcher's mound. Highly touted freshman pitchers Leah Clelland and Shannon Seeley will assist veteran hurlers Amy Csider and Leslie Inge on the mound. As with last year, the Lady Flames will

play yet another brutal schedule. This season's schedule will offer an exciting mix, as the Lady Flames will take on teams such as Kentucky, UConn, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, and Virginia Tech. "This could be our best year ever. Our goal is to win the Big South. I hope that our pitching and our defense remains strong," Wetmore said. The Lady Flames will open the season at home against the University of North Carolina on Feb. 12 at 1 p.m.

Doug contemplates the end of an era — read his column on page 12

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Track and Field opens 2000 campaign

By Shannon Benfield, reporter

The Flames track and field program is taking great strides this semester to not only improve but continue its quest for another successful season.

Throughout the past 15 years, the athletic program has moved from NAIA to NCAA division II and on to the NCAA division I level.

Over the last six years, the men's and women's teams have won Big South each year, placing consistently in the top three in the IC4A conference.

The competitive conference includes colleges such as Georgetown, George Mason, Villanova, Virginia, West Virginia, Virginia Tech and Notre Dame.

According to head coach Brant Tolsma, the Lady Flames

look to jump into the new millennium with a promising unit.

"This year, we could take a major step forward with our women's team," said Tolsma.

"We have a few athletes on the team who have the ability to go to nationals, if not this year, then the following year."

Tolsma is anticipating the heptathalon, sprints, distance and hurdles to be the major strengths of this year's team.

"The team's goal this year is to move up to the top ten in the ECAC," he said.

He added that the Lady Flames were very close to scoring points in a few events last year, so with some improvement this year the team could improve considerably.

Talented athletes to watch for this season include explosive, senior sprinters Panthera

Seymour and Jaquay Reid.

The 2000 men's track & field team is likely the strongest in the school's history. The program has six all-Americans returning to the team this year.

Four athletes represented LU at the national meet, which was the largest number to ever attend the competition in the history of the program.

"The guys are really excited about this year. I don't know what will happen," Tolsma said.

"We may have the best team we have ever fielded, right across the board," Tolsma said.

"This is not to say that every event will be the strongest we have ever had, but as a team we have not had a stronger contingent to date," he added.

One of the team's stronger

events includes sprints carried by experienced players such as Mike Decker, Jeremy Wagner and Grover Gaddy.

Hurdles are another strong event, led by Ken Howell.

According to Tolsma, the team should have plenty of depth in hurdles, which will allow it to do well in the Big South.

Weaker events include throws.

"We are, however, better than last year, but we likely score our least number of points in the throws in the IC4A's," Tolsma said.

"The goal for this year is to stay healthy and rely on the Lord to keep us going in the right track," Tolsma said.

Liberty's next event is scheduled for Feb. 4 at Virginia Tech.



JOHN FISHER

RIM RATTLING AUTHORITY — Forward Delawn Grandison finishes off a fast break in style.

Ladies: Rebounding woes continue for Lady Flames against RU

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to cut the double digit lead to 31-26 at halftime.

LU appeared rejuvenated as it came out of the blocks sizzling in the second frame. Liberty took the lead with 15 minutes remaining in the contest. Just when it appeared that the Lady Flames would take control, Radford came back to tie the score.

With the score knotted at 46 apiece, RU guard Amanda Maks, assisted on a pair of baseline jumpers by sophomore Brandy Allen, gave the Highlanders a 50-46 lead. Sherri Rickman then hit her only shot of the game to elevate the Radford lead to 52-46 with 5:06 remaining.

The RU defense then shut down the Lady Flames offensive attack and only let up two field goals in the final five minutes of the contest.

The solid defensive effort by the High-

landers and the cold shooting by Liberty made it nearly impossible for the Lady Flames to pose a threat down the stretch.

Tull's two free throws with 0.9 seconds remaining in regulation clinched the 56-51 win for RU.

Radford was lead by Horton and Tull who finished with 21 and 14 points respectively. Feenstra and Fricke led the charge for the Lady Flames and finished with 13 points apiece.

According to a disappointed Coach Green, this loss could have been prevented.

"The difference was our defense and our poor rebounding," Green said.

The rebounding woes continue for Liberty as Radford outboarded LU both down the stretch and in total (35-34). The Lady Flames have been out rebounded in eight games and have lost seven of those games this season.

Coach Green believes that the time is

now for the veterans to turn their play up a notch.

"Elena (Kisseleva) needs to step it up. The two-time Big South Player of the Year can not perform like she did tonight," Green said.

Kisseleva finished with two total points and shot a dismal 0-7 from the field.

The loss drops Liberty's record to 12-7, (4-2 BSC) and also knocks the Lady Flames out of first place and into a tie for second with Elon. The emotional victory broke a six game losing streak against LU and has landed RU in sole possession of first place in the Big South Conference.

Liberty hopes to get back on track at home as LU prepares for five consecutive home games.

The Lady Flames tip off against High Point on Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Vines Center. They will also play Charleston Southern on Feb. 5.

M'Basketball:

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Conference winning streak to 14 games. The Flames dropped to 11-8 overall and 1-5 in Big South Conference with the loss.

Freshman "Peanut" Arrington burned the Flames for 21 points, and Corey Watkins finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Highlanders. LU's Maurice Watkins led all scorers with 22 points in the game.

It is apparent that the wide injuries to big men David Watson and Nathan Day have hurt

the Flames in the rebounding department.

With the number one seed for the Big South Tournament now out of reach, the men can only hope to start playing better and get on a roll heading into tournament play.

The Flames come back home for their next game on Feb. 1 against High Point.

The men then go on the road for two more games against Winthrop on Feb. 5 at 4 p.m. and UNC Asheville on Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Rutigliano: Football coach leaves after 11 seasons

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Coach of the Year honor in 1980.

According to Graham, Rutigliano is not limited to success on the gridiron only.

"Sam Rutigliano loves this institution and everything that it stands for. He was and still is a great ambassador for this university," Graham said. "It will be extremely difficult to replace that aspect of Coach Sam."

Although it may be difficult, the time is now for the Flames to hire a new head coach. With the National Signing Day for new recruits on Feb. 2, Liberty has hired a search firm to conduct a national search for the best candidates.

Graham feels confident that the firm understands what LU is looking for and can find a coach with the appropriate qualifications.

"We have given a list of criteria to the firm and they will

now take that information and gather resumes from throughout the country," Graham explained.

According to Graham, the firm will then print out a list of candidates and Liberty will select who to interview and who to hire.

There has been a great deal of pressure on the LU officials to act fast and fill the head coach vacancy as soon as possible, but that may not happen.

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A fresh start

As word of Coach Rutigliano's resignation swept across campus, I couldn't help but have a bittersweet feeling about the whole situation.

Coach Sam has been an incredible asset to the university in countless ways.

Coach Rutigliano has done more for our football program than we will ever know. On and off the field, Rutigliano was a positive role model for players and students. He is an example of a fine Christian leader in both the professional and collegiate ranks.

For the past 11 years, Sam Rutigliano seemed to be the perfect fit for our program. His blend of credentials and coaching experience has put the LU football program on the map.

However, he felt that it was time to hand over the reins.

Once again, we can't deny the fact that Coach Sam has taken us where we are today. But for the past two seasons we have been stuck in neutral. Whether it's the fullback dive call on 3rd and Movies 10, or the fact that we only beat one Division I-AA team last year; the bottom line is that change could have not come at a better time.

As we move into the 21st century, we need to find a coach that can build on the foundation that Coach Sam has prepared and take our football program to the next level. So the search begins and a new era of Liberty football will soon be upon us.

In light of the recent changes, I have put together a brief list of steps that can be taken in order for LU to turn the corner as a football team:

•**Don't hire from the inside.** LU needs someone from the outside to come in and take charge, a coach who is prepared to shake up the current system, a motivator who can drive our team to gridiron success.

•**Open up the offense.** Get rid of the predictable play calling. The 3 yards and a cloud of dust scheme is the Methuselah of the football world. In keeping with modern trends, Liberty needs to invoke a wide-open attack.

•**Find a Home.** The only way to ensure that we have a credible schedule every year is to join a conference. Conference play will create rivalries that will intensify the competitiveness within the Liberty players. It will also give the fans a reason to show up and cheer.

Regardless of the outcome, it will be interesting to see what changes will transpire in the coming months. We should be optimistic about the future of Liberty football!

If anyone has any other suggestions or ideas about Liberty's head coach position or how LU can improve on last season please e-mail me at djstewart@liberty.edu

Rutigliano retires, LU searching

By Doug Stewart, sports editor

As Coach Sam Rutigliano stepped off of the Williams Stadium turf Nov. 20, only a few people knew that it might be his last game as Liberty's head football coach.

Rutigliano made his decision official and felt that the time is right for him to turn over the reins. The legendary coach announced that he would not return for the 2000 campaign, stating "it's time."

Rutigliano showed his appreciation for the impact that Liberty has had on his life and the life of his family.

"For myself and my family, the spiritual life at Liberty university gave me far more than I could have ever given it," said Rutigliano.

Rutigliano and university officials released the resignation on Jan. 13, less than two months after his final game loss to Appalachian State. Liberty finished with a disappoint-

ing 4-7 record last season and only registered one victory over a Division I-AA opponent.

However, Athletic Director Kim Graham stressed that Rutigliano's resignation was his own decision without pressure from the university.

"By no means was he forced to do anything. The record last year was not great, but the overall program is in good shape," said Graham.

Rutigliano came to Liberty in 1989, and guided the Flames to

a 7-3 record in his inaugural season.

The 40-year coaching veteran posted an overall record of 67-53 in his 11-year tenure at the helm of the LU football program.

Prior to his stint at Liberty, Rutigliano served as the head coach for the Cleveland Browns for seven seasons. He was twice named AFC Coach of the Year and was also awarded the NFL



MATT HEMBO

FAREWELL — Coach Rutigliano steps down after 11 years.

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Radford derails Lady Flames

By Doug Stewart, sports editor

To say that Liberty's Women's Basketball team has simply dominated conference play throughout the late 1990's is a major understatement. LU has displayed the makings of a dynasty by collecting a sparkling 24-3 record against conference opponents during the past three seasons.

However, when a team is on top for as long as the Lady Flames have been, the chances of being dethroned grow higher with every game.

LU could not remain on top of the first place mountain on Saturday night after the Radford Highlanders beat the Lady Flames 56-51.

Both squads entered the match-up with similar, up and down seasons. Liberty battled through a tough early season schedule with a 5-5 record. The Lady Flames found the hot hand by winning seven of their next eight games including victories over BSC opponents UNC Asheville, Winthrop, Coastal Carolina and Charleston Southern.

Like Liberty, the Highlanders struggled during the beginning of the year, but RU bounced back to win four straight and hold a share of the top spot in the Big South with LU and Elon College.

The Lady Flames came into the game with a three year winning streak against Radford. Nevertheless, it was the Highlanders' Catrice Horton and Kelli Tull that began to scorch the nets early. RU quickly found themselves ahead by ten points before LU knew what hit them.



JOHN FISHER

LEAVE 'EM IN THE DUST — Forward Elena Kisseleva prepares for a baseline jump shot during the Jan. 20 game against Winthrop.

Liberty however, regrouped defensively and put the clamps on the Highlanders outside shooting threats. As the game progressed it was obvious that LU head Coach Carey Green felt that his team could take command of the game by using its distinct size advantage over RU.

The game plan was working as Liberty began to effectively score points in the paint. The Lady Flames were able to use the freshman combo of Michelle Fricke (Big South Player of the Week) and Meribeth Feenstra

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Men's B-ball drop fourth straight

By Tim Holland, reporter

Despite great success in their non-conference games, the men's basketball team has struggled mightily since conference play began.

The Flames have lost five of their last six games and are now 1-5 in Big South Conference play. Saturday's loss to Radford sent the men into the all too familiar place at the bottom of the conference standings.

Following their home loss to Winthrop, the men went on the road for three games starting with Coastal Carolina. Carl Williams led the Flames with a career-high 32 points, but his effort wasn't enough. The men turned the ball over 21 times and lost the game 83-71.

The Flames traveled to Charleston Southern on Monday evening in a game featuring the two teams with the worst Big South records.

In a closely contested match-up, the Liberty fell to the Bucs by two, 60-58. Charleston Southern snapped a nine-game losing streak with the win and gained their first victory of the year in Big South Conference play. The Flames were led in scoring by Delawn Grandison and Kenneth Anacbonan, who scored 11 points a piece.

On Saturday, Liberty traveled to in-state rival and conference foe Radford University to try and end their three game losing streak.

Heading into the game, Radford was 5-0 in Big South play and stood atop the conference standings. It didn't take long for the Highlanders to enforce their will as they jumped out to a 13-4 lead only minutes into the contest. While the Flames were able to cut the lead to 20-19 midway through the first half, they would get no closer.

Radford went on a 14-2 run with 3:22 to play and took a 46-35 lead into the half.

The Flames lack of rebounding was made evident as Radford dominated Liberty on the offensive boards throughout the entire second half. The men would get no closer than ten points in the second half as Radford extended their lead and finished the game with a 85-66 victory.

Radford's victory extended their Big South

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Baseball team sets sights high

By Brooke Herrmann, assistant sports editor

It resembled a nursery of experience as fans and coaches alike watched the Liberty Flames baseball team finish 26-28 last season. Starting six freshmen in each game was the norm, but Head Coach Dave Pastors knew that his squad would benefit down the road.

"Everyone is back, that's what is so interesting," Pastors said. Still young, the Flames return 27 players with more experience than the previous rebuilding season.

Out of the 31 players, 19 are underclassmen. "This team expects to win the Big South. I don't think a goal any less than that would be fair to these guys," Pastors said.

Weakness in the bullpen last season played a major role in Liberty's struggles.

"This year when you look at our front 3 or 4 pitchers and our bottom 3 or 4 pitchers there's not that big of a chasm between

the two," Pastors said.

Liberty's depth is in its pitching staff. With strong senior Brian Harrell returning after undergoing shoulder surgery in Oct. 1998 the Flames pitching should excel. Sophomores Kurt Reese, Alex Dooley, and seniors Jason Suttit and Joe Mueller will also round out the starting rotation.

The twin brother combination of Darren and Brian Adams are apart of this group with few week spots from top to bottom.

"I told them that the last time we had twins on the team, we won the Big South, and I'm expecting to do it again," Pastors said. Transfer junior Dan Valentin, joins the stacked bullpen of sophomores Josh Brey and Rich Harrell.

"What we needed to repair from last year was some guys that can be effective in the front of the lineup," Pastors said. The guys who are capable of driving them in have all returned, "the Scottie Scotts, Pennix, Clintons, and Bakers," Pastors said. Trey Miller will help get production in

ahead of these guys, as well as two new freshmen, Joey Monahan and Keith Butler. Rotating at the front of the lineup will also be sophomore John Bona, senior Jay Sullenger and freshman Larry York.

Facing 15 of the top 50 teams Liberty has a packed schedule.

"I've been telling our guys that we have a 40-win team talent wise, but we have nowhere near a 40-win schedule," Pastors said.

Auburn, Georgia Tech, N.C. State, Clemson, North Carolina, and Old Dominion face the Flames this season. Only 29 of them are home.

"There will be some key plays that will have to be made by the new guys, Danny Valentin and Brian Adams in the pitching staff, or some of last years redshirts," Pastors said.

The young Flames have quite a long road ahead of them, but as Pastors said, "anything less than the Big South Championship will be underachieving."

Baseball Complex Update

Piles of brick sit snow covered in front of the unfinished baseball complex.

"They will begin construction as soon as the weather breaks to finish the outside of the building," Dave Pastors said. The exterior construction includes siding, painting, bricking, repairing the steps, gutters, downspouts and the rest of the visible part of the complex.

Pastors expects the building exterior to be completed within six weeks, after the weather breaks. Lights will be added once all the fund-raising is provided for the interior of the building.

"We're waiting for a major donor, someone who will want their name on the building. There are some names being thrown around. So instead of the 'Baseball Field House' call it the 'So and So Field House'," Pastors said. When it's completed it is going to end up being a \$600,000 building.