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► **TUESDAY**  
Partly cloudy.  
High 55, Low 39.



► **WEDNESDAY**  
Showers.  
High 63, Low 44.



► **THURSDAY**  
Showers.  
High 55, Low 34.



► **FRIDAY**  
Partly cloudy.  
High 50, Low 30.



► **SATURDAY**  
Partly cloudy.  
High 53, Low 35.

## ABOUT

### ► MUSIC MINISTRY AUDITIONS

Tryouts for music ministry teams are scheduled for Feb. 28-29 from 6-10 p.m. in Fine Arts 101. Appointments can be made by calling ext. 2281 or signing up in Student Center 109.

### ► THEATER PRODUCTION LU

Fine Arts department presents "Steel Magnolias," Feb. 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26 at 7 p.m. in Lloyd Theater. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the theater box office in Fine Arts.

### ► A GATHERING OF PRAISE

Worship Alive is held every Monday night from 7-8:30 p.m. at 401 Westover St. in Lynchburg. For more information on this student-led praise and worship meeting, contact Jabez King at ext. 4121.

## Youth students see change

By Kelly Kinzey, reporter

The Center for Youth Ministries (CYM) has undergone some major changes in the past few years. This year, the Center has brought in many new staff members.

Lee Vukich, acting department coordinator, is trying to continue its success in training students for youth ministry.

"We are not trying to go in a different direction than what was already established," Vukich said. The department is instead focusing on things that are already in place.

ScareMare, the annual haunted house ministry, saw 8,000 decisions made last year and YouthQuest spent last semester traveling around the United States, spreading the gospel to youth.

The department is now focusing on its Youth Emphasis Week, scheduled for Feb. 20-25. They are currently planning the Kings Dominion Rally and MetroMission

Spring 2000 spring break trip to New York City.

CYM was started by Gordon Luff in 1971. Luff stayed until 1979.

Dave Adams followed him in 1980, and continued on with CYM until 1994.

"The program really built up and flourished under him," Matt Willmington, faculty coordinator of YouthQuest Ministries, said.

Adams is currently the dean of students and the executive director of the National Center for Youth Ministry at James P. Boyce College of the Bible.

Doug Randlett came in 1994 and served until 1998. He is currently an executive pastor for Christ Community Fellowship in West Palm Beach, Fla.

In 1998, Dave Marston took over. He left in 1999 and is now a senior pastor at Big Valley Community Church in

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LAUREN ADARE

**BRAND NEW**— Professor Steve Vandegriff teaches a youth ministries class in Religion Hall. The youth department has undergone many changes in recent months.

## Going into every nation



COURTESY OF STEVE MUTTAI

**NICE WARTHOG** — Seth Muttai pets a warthog in Nakuru, Kenya. LIGHT will take a missions trip to the country during spring break.

## LIGHT team gears for spring break trip to Africa

By Jessica Miller, assistant editor

For some students, spring break paradise consists of nothing more than a span of broiling sand and a bottle of sunscreen. For others, a pair of skis and a black diamond might produce spring break bliss.

But for one extraordinary group of Liberty students, Spring Break 2000 will include neither slopes nor sand (at least the Fort Lauderdale type).

Their destination? Kenya.

Their mission? To share the gospel in the heart of Africa as a part of Light Ministries' Kenya campaign.

On March 9, two teams of 25 students and staff, including campus pastors Rob Jackson and Dwayne Carson and the Light International singers, will travel to Kenya as a part of Light

Ministries' 12-day trip to the African country.

"Our goal is to fulfill our mission statement, to expose the kids at Liberty to the needs of the world, both physically and spiritually and, at the same time, give them the opportunity to share the gospel," Fitu Tafaoa, director of Light Ministries, said.

The groups will visit schools and orphanages and deliver clothes, toys and Bibles. They will also perform puppet shows and skits, give testimonies and conduct street-evangelism.

"In the typical Kenyan street, a lot of activity is going on. The roads are not as spacious, and most of the youth, when they are not in school, are in the streets," Steve Muttai, Light Ministries office assistant, said.

Muttai, a native Kenyan, has

encouraged the idea of a mission trip to his homeland since his arrival at Liberty in the fall of 1996. Because Light had not taken a trip to central Africa since 1995, Tafaoa agreed that the time was right for the Kenya 2000 trip.

"It's a great opportunity for preaching and teaching," Tafaoa said. "There's a big movement right now in Kenya for the gospel."

Kenya, a country about twice the size of Nevada, lies across the equator in east Africa on the coast of the Indian Ocean. More than 80 percent of the population are Christian, with six percent Muslim and an additional 10 percent practicing traditional African religions.

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## Missions office preps for Emphasis week

By Kristin Ruckel, reporter

The annual Missions Emphasis Week, coordinated by the missions office and Jim O'Neill, director for the Center for World Missions, will begin next week, Feb. 20-25. O'Neill said he hoped students would come away from the week with a "vision for the big picture" and their role in taking the gospel to the unreached people groups.

This vision will be specially emphasized in convocations and the Sunday night service Feb. 20. The speakers will focus on Psalm 96:3 which says, "Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."

An offering will be taken during

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## Kenya Mission Trip (March 9-20)

- Total population: 29 million
- Capital city: Nairobi (pop. 2 mil.)
- Languages: English, Swahili
- Religions:
  - 82.1% Christian
  - 10% Traditional African
  - 6% Muslim
- There are 2,321 missionaries to Kenya (1 to 10,800 people)
- Swahili words/phrases:
  - Hello = Jambo
  - How are you? = Habari Yako?
  - Anyone at home? = Hodi?
  - Goodbye = Kwaheri
  - I would like to sleep = Ninataka kulala
  - I would like food = Ninataka chakula
  - I don't understand = Sifahamu

Source: Light Ministries Web site  
ANTHONY HOMER

## Stewart leaving Student Life for WorldHelp

By Matt Gallagher, reporter

After 11 years of working with LU, Michael Stewart, dean of Student Life, has announced his resignation, effective at the end of the semester. Stewart is leaving the Student Life Department to implement his expertise with WorldHelp, the mission organization founded and run by former Liberty University Vice President Vernon Brewer.

At his new job with WorldHelp, Stewart's title will be director of development, which entails fundraising, attracting corporate sponsors, and marketing. Stewart said that his goal is "to be the Nike of world missions."

Stewart, a 1981 Liberty graduate, returned to the university in November 1988. His first project was to take control of and run daily operations of the then brand new David's Place. Ten years later, Stewart was the foreman in charge of a huge renovation process on the building bringing the facility up to speed with the rest of the university.

Stewart said he felt several things were significant in changing activities, intramural sports and Student Life as a whole.

More recently the intramural sports program was highlighted as one of the best by sending a flag football team to compete in New Orleans for the national flag football championship.

"Intramural sports was a continual challenge and also a constant improvement," Stewart said about taking the program under his wings six years ago. "We have seen more sports, more teams, more participants, which all enables (students) for a well-rounded education."

Stewart said the biggest change Student Life has seen

is in the concerts.

"You have to realize that if I told you some of the names we brought to Liberty, you would have no idea who they were. They were 'B' artists then, and we made the students buy their tickets. Now we have the best in the Christian Music Industry performing two or three times in a semester, and only one concert the students have to pay for," Stewart said.

"Concerts are one of our biggest retention and recruiting tools," Stewart said. "We have gone no name to big name!"

The Block Party, an annual tradition, was created by Stewart in 1993 and has only grown larger and larger.

"That is all part of being part of the Liberty family, building relationships and making them last, that is why we feel as a department that the nine day orientation with the block party finale is important and essential."

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STEWART



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News about our campus community

### Network protection to improve after LU Web site hacked

Service to www.liberty.edu was interrupted Feb. 6 after a hacker attack shut down the front page. The site returned to full use later in the afternoon.

Maurice Zafke, chief information officer, said the incident was unrelated to the recent rash of attacks on high profile web sites and e-businesses. (see related story, page 3)

No critical information was compromised in the attack, Zafke said. However, the university continues to upgrade the firewall for the network servers.

"We are rapidly moving toward state of the art protection," Zafke said.

## Stewart:

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Stewart urged.

After 11 years at LU, Stewart said he had "no regrets and the only thing that I would have liked to have been apart of would have been a five-story student center, which is in the university's future plans. I would have liked to be apart of that building project."

Stewart said, "As far as what I will miss most, it would have to be the students and the relationships that my family as well as myself have made here. Especially with the student workers that have been working beside me every year. That is what has been my ministry and what I have enjoyed most about my time here at Liberty."

## Youth:

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Modesto, Calif. He is in charge of the contemporary congregation services.

Currently, the staff consists of Vukich, Steve Vandegriff, and Willington. Vukich and Vandegriff are both full-time professors while Willington is a part-time professor.

The emphasis now is on a youth-major-wide mentoring program. Vukich and Willington have just started the program this semester. The focus is on discipling youth majors and guiding them about their calling.

The youth department consists of over 240 majors plus minors. It is currently the largest major in the School of Religion. There are between 450-500 students in youth classes each semester. They are planning on hiring one to two new full-time professors in the fall.

Ryan Geiger, a senior youth major, thinks the changes are good.

"It's brought new excitement considering the experience that Vukich and Vandegriff have," Geiger said.

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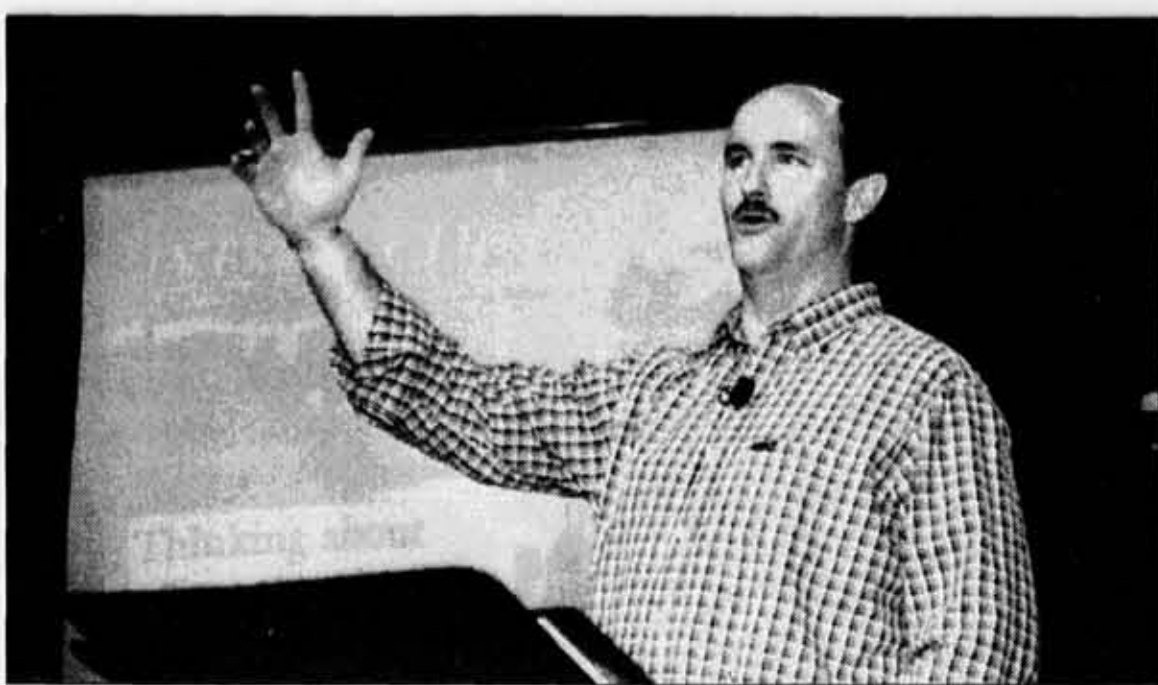
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**PRAYER WORKS** — Dr. Daniel Henderson, a Liberty graduate, speaks to the student body during Spiritual Emphasis Week services last week in the Vines Center.

## A priority on prayer

LU alum Henderson ministers to student body during SEW

By Suzanne McDuffie, reporter

Dr. Daniel Henderson's series entitled the "Seven most important questions you will ever answer" challenged students during the spring 2000 edition of Spiritual Emphasis Week.

While last week's services did not result in record-breaking decisions for salvation and altar calls, according to Michael Law, assistant to the campus pastor, about 150 decisions for rededication and commitment were made.

Around 100 people attended a prayer meeting held at 6 a.m.

Campus Pastor Rob Jackson said, "It's (SEW) been great. The numbers are slightly down, but he (Henderson) made a greater impact on the campus long-term. The principles he shared revived your life."

Henderson, a Liberty graduate who worked as Dr. Jerry Falwell's administrative assistant during his college years, now preaches at Arcade Baptist Church in Sacramento, Calif. He said that a lot had changed in the years since he

attended LU.

"It's (LU) loosened up in a good way. There's a spirit of joy and spontaneity," he said.

Jackson, who was a fellow student and good friend of Henderson, said it's always encouraging to see a Liberty graduate spreading the evangelical Christian philosophies he learned here.

Henderson planted a church in Seattle, Wash. He later served as Rev. John MacArthur's senior associate pastor and then moved on to intern in San Jose, Calif. Currently, he pastors a congregation of 2,000, while he serves as national spokesperson for the Conservative Baptist Association.

Henderson said he has been privileged to work in a sizable church. But those Liberty pastoral grads should not leave campus expecting big churches and plush pews.

"Ministry has a tremendous amount of reward but there's also a tremendous amount of suffering ... Paul ended his career in a dungeon," he said.

When he interned in San Jose, Henderson took the

place of a pastor, who was excommunicated, for an adulterous lifestyle.

Henderson said the congregation was embittered.

"The congregation had their trust violated and they hurt so badly — hurting people tend to lash out," he said.

Henderson received hate mail and confrontations during his stay. But he learned how to lead with compassion.

"When leaders don't lead with joy, they're not really beneficial to their people," he said.

Henderson said that life challenges, such as his, only strengthen character and relationships with God.

Rick Clark, a Liberty junior who attends Arcade Baptist said, "He's (Henderson) always there for outreach. It (his style) ministers to the unsaved, but it's also for the encouragement of the saints to get out there and witness. He's always challenging the church."

Jackson said the main theme of Henderson's SEW series has also been "Daniel's whole life priority on prayer, not only private prayer, but also corporate prayer."

## Missions:

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Wednesday's convocation for Josh Smith, who will use the gift to help with the coffee house he started in Slovakia. Smith's coffee house is used in a unique way to reach students who attend communist schools who have never been told about God or his love.

Speakers for the week include Liberty alumni Kim Halsey and Glen Kurka, missionaries with UFM and Rick Love, president of Frontiers Missions.

Missionaries will be coming from 40 different organizations around the world. Also attending will be 70 or more guests who will come with the organizations to hear these dynamic speakers.

Booths will be set up in the DeMoss atrium during the week allowing students and visitors to see the incredible work being done daily by these dedicated people.

There will also be a mission panel held in DeMoss 160-161, Monday at 7 p.m. This meeting is open to all students.

"This will allow students to receive motivational information concerning spiritual warfare, the call of God and children and youth ministry in missions," O'Neill said.

Students who are called to the mission field or want to know more about what takes place in a missionary's teachings and experiences can attend the panel. O'Neill said.

O'Neill's wife, Sterling, has also worked very hard with the mission department's secretary, Charity Chittom, and organized a women's festival.

O'Neill claimed that it is going to be one of the best events of the week. This event will allow women to come and fellowship while enjoying dramas, videos, worship, and guest speaker Kim Halsey.

The gathering will be held in David's Place at 3 p.m. on Tuesday. The admission is free but because of limited space, around 170 people will be the maximum amount who will be able to attend.

To find out more information on the women's fest or to reserve a seat, students may call Chittom at ext. 2590.

Students are excited to see more of an emphasis on missions around campus.

"I have been thinking about going on a missions trip for a while now. This next week will be good to get information and find out about places I might like to go," junior Jonathan Tidwell said.

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## Web giants recovering from hacker attacks

The FBI is searching for leads in a wave of hacker attacks against several giant Web sites. Amazon, Yahoo and CNN, eBay and Buy.com all suffered a series of attacks.

A large network of computers was broken into and then inundated with page requests, denying service to other visitors.

The breakdowns lasted a couple of hours before sites managed to recover. The attacks have been traced to equipment from two California universities but the hackers themselves have managed to avoid detection.

## Forbes ends bid for presidential nomination

Publisher Steve Forbes ended his bid for the Republican presidential nomination following his third-place finish in the Delaware primary.

Forbes ran an unsuccessful campaign for the nomination in 1996 against Bob Dole and has not succeeded in this year's primaries. Forbes said he would not endorse another candidate yet, though both George W. Bush and John McCain have begun fighting for former followers of Forbes.

He has not dismissed running for public office again in the future. "I have no regrets except not winning," Forbes told NBC News in an interview Wednesday.

## Secret police group in LA accused of breaking law

The Los Angeles Times revealed an anti-gang police group broke the law on numerous occasions. According to former officer Rafael Perez, 30 current and former officers, including Perez, framed people and covered up unjustified shootings and beatings.

The group awarded plaques to officers who wounded or killed suspects. Perez is cooperating with detectives as part of a plea agreement in connection with his stealing cocaine from an LAPD evidence room.

While Perez failed a polygraph test, investigators have been able to corroborate many of the allegations he made. Twenty

— Compiled by D.J. Wright

## LU policies noted after Seton Hall fire

by Christine Koech, reporter

A Seton Hall University dorm was ravaged by fire recently, leaving three dead and 58 injured.

The fire occurred Jan. 19 in Boland Hall, a freshman dorm on the South Orange, N.J., college campus at 4:30 a.m. The Star Ledger of Newark reported that investigators believed the fire was set intentionally.

The incident caused schools around the nation to focus extra attention on fire safety, including Liberty.

Brad Smith, LU dean of residence life, said a stringent policy in the Liberty Way on fire hazards keeps danger low.

"Our policy now states that, 'Possession/use of matches, lighters, candles, incense, or other flammable substances in a residence hall is prohibited.'

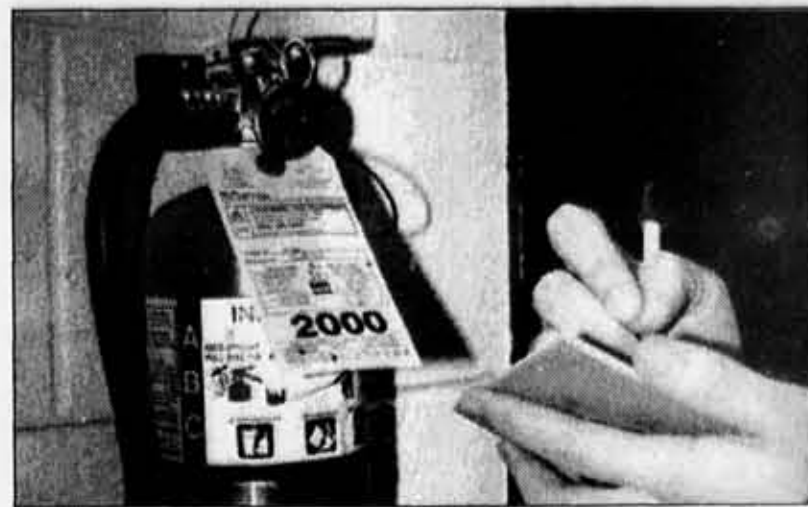
Violation of this policy may result in 12 reprimands and a \$70 disciplinary fine," Smith said. There is also a \$100 fine for anyone found discharging any false fire alarms, tampering with fire extinguishers or locking mechanisms.

About 18 false alarms plagued Boland Hall prior to the fatal fire. Some residents were wary of another early-morning alarm, a potential factor in the fatalities.

Smith said resident assistants have "the primary responsibility for the safe evacuation of the dorm, both during a drill and during an actual emergency. If the students refuse to leave, discipline will be given."

"Residence Life takes safety issues in the residence halls very seriously," Smith said.

Smith said the department has taken extra precautions to



DAVE HARTMAN

**READY, AIM, FIRE** — A resident director checks a dormitory fire extinguisher during safety checks, conducted weekly and monthly.

ensure that fire hazards are at a minimum in the dorm.

"Years ago we permitted students to have candles in the halls as long as they did not burn them. Some students, however, chose to violate our

policy and burn the candles. On one occasion, a fire was started in one of our ladies' halls as a result of such a violation of our policy. We then instituted a more strict safety policy, which is still in force," Smith said.

## Kenya: Team will perform three skits during stay

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The Light Ministries groups will depart from Washington D.C. on March 9 and arrive in Nairobi, Kenya's capital city, on the evening of March 10. After visiting the Nairobi Children's Home on March 11, they will travel to nearby Nakuru for a Spiritual Emphasis Weekend Rally at Kabarak High School, from which Muttal graduated in 1996.

Next on the agenda is the city of Kitale, where the group will do one-on-one evangelism in the town, as well as visit several local schools and orphanages each day.

"We're going to plan to do what we did for India — that is, we're going to take some clothes, some toys, some Bibles. We want to make it special for them," Tafaoa said.

According to Tafaoa, the groups will perform such short skits as "Redeemer," a drama that depicts the creation and fall of man and Jesus' ultimate defeat of sin, during its visits.

Other skits include "Family," which tells of Jesus' healing touch on a struggling marriage,

and "King of Hearts," which conveys Jesus' unflinching love of every person just as they are. Tafaoa added that although many Kenyans speak both English and Swahili, the plays are wordless in order to avoid any language barrier.

The groups will wrap up the week with a safari to Masai Mara National Reserve, the most popular game park in Kenya, before returning to Nairobi for a final youth rally.

The cost of the Kenya trip is \$2,500 per person, raised entirely by each individual through donations from friends, family or businesses, and includes everything from meals to transportation.

"We have some who have sensed that, in the future, the Lord may be calling them to missions," Tafaoa said. "That's a neat thing, too, that we're able to expose them to an area they feel called to."

**"It's exciting to take a group of young people who have a heart for the world, many of whom have a heart for Africa."**

— Fitu Tafaoa  
director of Light Ministries

"It's exciting to take a group of young people who have a heart for the world — many of whom have a

heart for Africa. This event will be Chapters 1, 2 or 3 in the Book of Life for them."

For more information on overseas mission campaigns, contact LIGHT at ext. 2641. The office plans campaigns for Christmas break, spring break and after graduation annually.

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# Life!

## picks of the week

### 2/18-2/21. Steel Magnolias.

The Fine Arts Department will present the play "Steel Magnolias" under the direction of Professor Linda Nell Cooper. Lloyd Auditorium. Tickets \$5. Call ext. 2085.

### 2/18. "30 Views" art exhibit.

The Maier Museum of Art on the campus of Randolph-Macon Women's College present small scenic paintings by artist Gregory Amenoff. 1p.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Call 947-8136.

### 2/19. "Mid-Winter Concert."

The Jefferson Choral Society will present a "Mid-Winter concert" in honor of their 10th anniversary. 8 p.m. Heritage United Methodist Church, Leesville Road.

### 2/20. Children's Choir concert.

The American Boys Choir will present a concert at First Presbyterian Church on V.E.S. Road. 4 p.m. Student tickets \$17. Call 384-9636 for more information.



## COME AND GET IT!

Lynchburg offers many fine restaurants with diverse menu choices

### Meriweather's Market Restaurant. Boonsboro Shopping Center, Lynchburg. 384-3311.

Nestled in the Boonsboro Shopping Center, Meriweather's Market Restaurant represents the definition of class. Established in April of 1996, Meriweather's has quickly gained a reputation for fine dining and local appeal.

According to Manager Danny Watts, the restaurant "offers dishes not typical of this area" making them attractive to its growing clientele. He said the expertise

of their qualified chefs guarantees the finest gourmet selection with entree prices starting at \$14.

Not only does this contemporary restaurant offer exquisite food, it also serves up the soulful music of local jazz bands every Wednesday night.

"The atmosphere gives the restaurant a city feel to it and that has contributed to its success," Watts said.

—By Michelle Kennedy

### King's Island. 2804 Old Forest Road (at Linkhome Drive), Lynchburg. 384-0066.

If your appetite for oriental food needs satisfaction, then look no further than King's Island. A traditional Oriental-American restaurant, King's Island offers an exotic menu of pork, beef, chicken and seafood entrees. Prices range from \$5.95 to \$20.95.

The restaurant, while suitable for the entire family, portrays more of a business-like environment. King's Island is an ideal choice for parties or business lunches. It provides carry-out orders and recently started home delivery.

The sushi and cocktail bar at King's Island gives customers a taste of the Far East they may not experience at another Oriental-American restaurant.

Of the many Oriental-American restaurants in Lynchburg, King's Island stands above the rest. With a wide variety menu, reasonable prices and traditional oriental décor, King's Island remains one of the best, if not the best. Oriental-American restaurants in Lynchburg.

—By Justin Ridge

### Landmark Steakhouse. 6113 Fort Avenue, Lynchburg. 237-1884.

For a Lynchburg restaurant that has been around for 25 years, Landmark has certainly lived up to its name.

"If I were to describe Landmark in one sentence I would say we offer fine dining in a casual yet elegant atmosphere," assistant manager Jo Salmon said.

Customers are exposed to attentive service and excellent cuisine during their meal. Glasses remain full and the staff will fulfill dining wishes as individuals enjoy the traditional atmosphere.

"In general, I believe it is the service and our exceptional menu that makes our restaurant unique to the customers," Salmon said.

Most of the restaurant's servers have been with the Landmark staff for 15 to 20 years and contribute to the atmosphere of the restaurant.

Prices for entrees, which start at \$16, includes the salad bar and a side item. Landmark Restaurant offers daily specials, including its Valentine's Day special, a prime rib dinner for two.

—By Michelle Kennedy

### Texas Inn. 422 Main Street (at 5th Street), Lynchburg. 846-3823.

Another small, out of the way restaurant in Lynchburg is the Texas Inn.

Walk into The Texas Inn, and the memory of a nostalgic truck stop comes to mind. But never judge a book by its cover. The Texas Inn only seats 15 customers at a time. The restaurant targets the working class who need a hot meal, usually a burger or hotdog, quickly. Yet that's not the only type of customers who frequent The Texas Inn. College students grace the restaurant with their presence. The Texas Inn's small size and uniqueness makes eating there an experience.

This establishment, with some of the lowest prices in the city, offers a varied menu and serves breakfast, lunch

and dinner. Regular customers enter the restaurant and know exactly what they want. The Texas Inn and "efficiency" go hand in hand. Meal orders, barked between cooks and servers, take less than two minutes of preparation time.

The Texas Inn, which stays open 24 hours a day and closes Sunday, is one of the oldest establishments in Lynchburg, continues to serve customers.

"The Texas Inn has been around since 1931. Our original location was on the corner of 6th and Main Street. In 1972, we moved to our present location, 5th and Main Street," Texas Inn employee Edgar Cash said.

—By Justin Ridge



LAUREN ADAIRE

**THE FLAVOR OF THE EAST** — King's Island, on Old Forest Road, delights patrons with all types of cuisine from the Far East. Prices range from \$5.95 to \$20.95.



DAVID HARTMAN

**"CHEESY ALL THE WAY!"** — The Texas Inn, a Lynchburg institution, serves customers quickly and at affordable price all day and night.

### Monte Carlo Restaurant. 3230 Old Forest Road, Lynchburg. 385-7711.

Monte Carlo, "one of the longest standing Italian restaurants in town," according to the menu, brings a family owned operation together with good food and a classy Italian atmosphere.

Walking into Monte Carlo, the feeling of Italian warmth becomes self-evident. Owner Fillipo Carcioppolo opened the restaurant in 1977 after he moved to Lynchburg from Sicily, Italy.

While perusing the elegant pictures that hang on the walls in Monte Carlo, Mr. Carcioppolo sat with his family, eating and enjoying each other's company. The way they seemed to interact with each other summed up the Italian spirit of carefree hospitality. Monte Carlo embodies that carefree spirit, and it engulfs you when you enter

Carcioppolo's restaurant.

When asked why family owned restaurants might be better than the others, Carcioppolo simply said, "A family owned business is more social, friendly and official. Come into the restaurant, shake hands, know the people."

Even though Monte Carlo gears its atmosphere toward the upper middle class, affordable prices that range from \$5.95 to \$18.95. The restaurant boasts multiple Italian dishes, everything from the classic spaghetti to "Lynchburg's Best Pizza," according to Lynchburg's News and Advance. Monte Carlo puts emphasis on food quality and asks their patrons to allow time for their food to be properly cooked.

—By Justin Ridge

## scottromanoski

### Accents speak louder than words

A recent discussion here in the office prompted this column.

One of our staff members said that her Ohioan parents constantly corrected her speech when she was younger. She grew up in the South.

To listen to her speak, you would have no idea she's a southerner.

The accent with which one speaks reveals much. Here on campus, a visitor will almost immediately notice accents representing much of the country and beyond.

Growing up in the Baltimore metropolitan area, I didn't think I had much of an accent until I came here.

Apparently, we Baltimoreans and

Annapolitans tend to omit syllables from our words and speak in some type of shorthand. I always thought the word "Annapolis" had two syllables (pronounced "nap lis"). Somehow, my Southern roommate manages to get four syllables out of the word (something like "a nap poll lis").

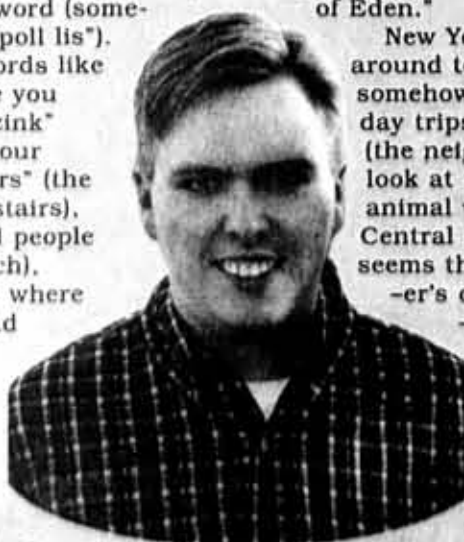
We also have words like "bathroom" (where you take a shower), "zink" (what you wash your hands in), "upstairs" (the opposite of downstairs), "quair" (the robed people who sing in church), "hoem" (the place where someone lives) and "youseguys" (the equivalent of the southern "y'all").

A couple of friends of mine who went to college in New England

have noticed some of the same things. I've noticed when they come home, they talk about "pahking the cah" and going out "in the yahd." In a recent sermon, the speaker, originally from New England, mentioned the "Gahden of Eden."

New Yorkers "schlep around town" (walk or somehow move about), take day trips to New Joisey (the neighboring state) and look at the "tottle" (a small animal with a shell) in Central Park or. It also seems that they take the -er's off words and add -ah's (together becomes "togeth-ah" and folder becomes "foldah").

Probably the most prevalent accent on campus would be the southern



Their accent just doesn't have the same color as others.

I've heard these people talk about swimming in the "crick" (a small body of water known as a stream, run or creek in other places). They drink their "pop" (the equivalent to "Coke" in the south and "soda" everywhere else) and go to "Lutern" churches (the denomination founded by Martin Luther).

At one time, those on the West Coast spoke often in the stereotypical "valley girl" lingo, with extremely fast rates of speech, very little breaths and the excessive use of "like." Much of this went out with the 1980s, but the excessive use of "like" remains alive and has entered the vocabulary of others.

While some may think that someone has an annoying accent, the truth is everyone has one, whether they choose to admit it or not. It just proves the diversity of America, and can make for a few good laughs.



# Students down in the dumps

## Study shows depression common on college campuses

By Melinda Fleming, copy editor

This year, counselors at Providence, R.I.'s Brown University expect 1,000 of its 5,500 students to seek help for depression.

At Swarthmore College, near Philadelphia, Pa., one-third of the students will seek psychiatric help by the time they reach graduation.

Unfortunately, as the numbers of students in the school counselor's office grows, so do the amount of prescriptions for anti-depression drugs. Many students who have been prescribed these drugs as a "quick-fix" from the school counselor, have discovered safer and more effective methods for treating their depression.

Many factors, such as diet and lack of exercise contribute to depression in college students, but stress seems to be the leading cause of the disease.

Dr. Leland Fager, counseling director at Mississippi State University, said, "If you consider that most college students are just out of adolescence, it's somewhat of a stressful period. They come into a highly performance-based academic setting, leaving behind a normal support base."

When a student begins showing signs of depression such as suicidal tendencies, difficulty eating, sleeping or concentrating or feelings of loneliness and worthlessness, they are usually referred to a school counselor.

Most of these counselors treat depressed students with a combination of therapy and medication but some counselors have taken a "fast-food" approach to counseling by giving students a quick-fix solution.

The problem is, very often, the treatment stops with the drug and then

there's never any reward system, there's never any self-esteem building, there's never any success building. It simply stops with the drug and that's the easy, fast way out. Long-term, that does not work because whatever was the underlying issue is still there," Dr. Marilyn Gadowski, associate professor of psychology at Liberty University, said.

Students from various schools voiced their opinions on a Web site.

A student, only identified as "Freeddoors" said, "My school has awful mental health services. I went to see a counselor and all she wanted to talk about were issues relevant to her doctoral research, so she kept trying to diagnose me with problems I didn't have. It was useless and I left feeling even more depressed and alienated."

Another student identified only as "Hackel" said "I never tried to go through the school at all. It seemed kind of pointless. I wasn't clinical (or so they say), but they still threw some meds at me and told me to get better. I'm still not entirely cured."

Fortunately, many students have found methods other than anti-depressants for defeating depression.

One effective method of treating depression is in-depth counseling from an individual who is concerned with the mental health of the student.

In a study done at Brigham Young University, it was discovered that, "the individual counseling they (the student) received may have been partially, or even entirely, been responsible for their improvement."

The research scientists involved in the BYU study also concluded that religion may play a part in defeating depression.

"In future intervention, therapists

may wish to consider additional ways of helping clients strengthen their belief that God loves and accepts them."

For many students, the most effective defense in the battle against depression is friendship.

Mike, a college student, said, "My school told me to go to a psychologist. My shrink then told me to take these pills. This made me feel even worse about myself, so he gave me a higher dosage. This began a downward spiral for me that I wasn't sure I could stop."

Then, I stopped seeing my shrink, stopped taking the pills, and stopped telling my school about my problems. I discovered that friends could help me a lot better. I have been better ever since."

While counseling is vital to the recovery of the depression patient, the combination of anti-depressants and counseling sessions are considered to be the most effective treatment in some cases.

"If I had to choose one over the other, I would choose a treatment plan over the drug because it's more long-lasting and it teaches a person inner control, but usually the very best treatment is a combination of medication and a treatment system," Gadowski said.

"Drugs are certainly not the cure to all problems, but the drug might give a reprieve so that treatment of some kind can be very effective."

Liberty University offers counseling services to students suffering from depression through Light Medical, the Campus Pastors' Office and the Deans of Men and Women.

Liberty also offers a counseling lab, free of charge, where graduate counseling students counsel others as practical training.

One can arrange an appointment by calling ext. 7442.



MATT HJEMBO

"TAKE IT TO THE LORD IN PRAYER, IN HIS ARMS HE'LL TAKE AND SHIELD THEE" — Many depressed students turn to prayer and the scriptures for help.



MATT HJEMBO

"BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE" — The recent cold weather forces some to deal with unpleasant circumstances.

## Fighting the winter time blues

### LU finds ways to cope with cold weather and stay healthy

By Cindy Siegmund, reporter

Whether stuck in your room with the sniffles, developing a rare case of cabin fever or fighting windburn as you sail down the snowy slopes, winter means cold weather. According to the groundhog, it's here to stay.

As thermometers drop so do stamina levels and that means the winter blues hit full force. It's not a myth; weather does effect the body physiologically. During winter the hours of daylight decrease. This effects hormones in the human body, which can cause a form of depression known as Sunlight Adaptation Distress Disorder (SADD).

Dr. Richard Lane, of LIGHT medical and professor at Liberty, advises patients to schedule time in their day to be out in the sun.

"People need 20 minutes a day of sunlight," Lane said.

If people can't schedule time outside, Lane suggested purchasing a special light that provides healthy emissions similar to the sun's rays.

But having a special light won't combat the effects of cabin fever, known by doctors as an acute emotional state. When cooped up inside, the human body reacts with a chemically related response.

The individual becomes distressed, unable to realize that temperatures will inevitably rise and winter does end. Lane said that this condition is easily reversible.

The solution is as simple as getting out. It might seem cold, but Lane has the solution for that too.

"I tell people to layer their clothes," Lane said. "Then peel a layer if they sweat."

He suggested wearing woven materials such as wool, polypropylene and flannel since they hold in the heat. Always wear a hat and gloves he adds.

Those who resorted to shivering and teeth chattering to keep warm are actually in good shape in more ways than one since shivering not only warms the body but also burns 300 calories an hour.

Dr. Murray Hamlet, a cold-weather expert with the Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine in Natick, Mass., also knows how to dress for the cold.

In an interview with Yankee Magazine, Hamlet said "I like cotton indoors as much as anyone, but cotton will kill you out in the cold. That's because it holds almost 40 percent of its weight in water, and your body will lose heat trying to get rid of the water."

Of course Hamlet deals with dressing soldiers for Siberia and not sending students between classes, but even Hamlet conducts

lectures for "invincible" college students, teaching them techniques for surviving in the cold.

But for those who still refuse to brave the wintry weather there's more bad news. A lack of being outside means less vitamin D since the sun's rays provide the essential supplement. During the winter months, drinking plenty of milk will provide the needed vitamin D.

But don't believe the myth that more calories are needed in the winter. Lane said he believes that eating more and doing less only adds to depression. During the winter months people tend to eat more because of the holidays and be less active because of the cold.

Lane advises that students should get out and exercise, walk in the Vine Center or go skiing and of course eat their fruits and vegetables. This will help to combat both the winter blues and other sicknesses more common in the winter months such as the flu.

For those who are counting down the days until spring and wouldn't dream of being outside for more than five minutes here's the bad news: the Farmer's Almanac calls for cold spells into mid-March so bundle-up and beat the winter blues.

## Student Life's Valentine Coffee House shows some major improvements

By Cindy Siegmund and Lisa Cone

There she stood, a face separated from the crowd with her dark curly hair and masculine physique.

There he stood, trying to get her attention. Then their eyes met. It was boy meets girl—true love. "She Likes Me for Me," the song said—and he found it true.

And so the evening at the annual Valentine's Coffee House began. Friday night was not complete until boy got girl, lost girl and finally got her back.

Musical numbers such as "I Want It That Way" and "Sweet Child of Mine" carried the theme of the program. Humorous skits, popular songs and video clips of students kept the crowd rowdy and Coffee House going late into the night.

Colorful stage lights, Valentines candy flung into the audience and crowded tables adorned with long stemmed roses created the decor.

A "new do" seemed to mark this year's Valentines Coffee House. Director of Student Life Jeff Boyer hoped to improve the flow of things and attract more student involvement.

"This show we've really tried to get participation from the outside for promotion and planning," Boyer said.

Attracting participants through a contest that awarded front row seats to the winners, Student Life's supporters helped to pull together the evening of progressive love themes.

The National Geographic skit was the winner of

"Compete for the Seat" with their review of mating habits of the male and female species at Liberty.

Student Life hosted the contest for all participants in skits. The winners each received free tickets to the performance, front row seats on couches for themselves and their dates and free drinks.

"Zack, the writer of the skit was absolutely incredible. I thought it was brilliant. I had a lot of fun doing it," Shawn Mahan, professor in the National Geographic skit said.

Senior Todd Humrichouser served as the DJ for the evening, and said it went well.

"The crowd seemed into it during the show. I didn't see very many people leaving which means they liked the show," Humrichouser said.

The evening came complete with a piano serenade that ended in a surprise marriage proposal.

Freshman Linley Harrison found the proposal to be the highlight of the evening.

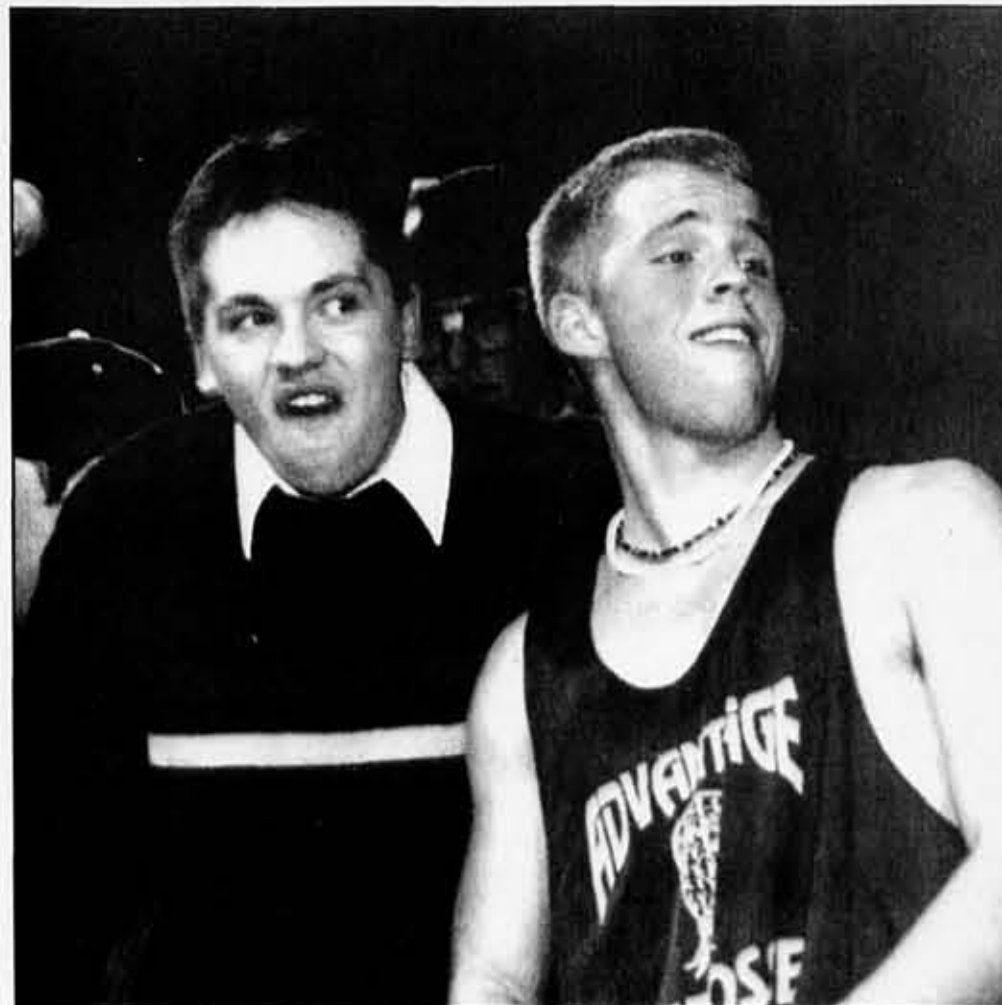
"(When) Dan from Michigan proposed to his girlfriend, I thought that was the sweetest way...the way he supposedly came up with it right on the spot," Harrison said.

Senior Matt Carroll found Coffee House 100 percent better from those of the past.

"Good job Student Life. Good job Jeff Boyer," Carroll said.

Anyone who has ideas for further improving Coffee Houses in the future, should contact Student Life at ext. 2131.

Student Life will host the next Coffee House, featuring an oldies theme, on April 28.



MATT HJEMBO

"WILD AMERICA" — Christian Emery (left) and Marcus Dillon (right) try to find dates during the "National Geographic" skit at Coffee House.



# Opinion

“A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”

—Sir Winston Churchill

## The Liberty Champion

### Liberty's marketing of athletics paying off

The recent boom of promotions, marketing and halftime entertainment by the Liberty Sports Marketing Office has been paying off. Attendance is up (in fact it's nationally ranked), morale is high and the fans are definitely buying into a little Flames pride.

The Marketing Office, headed up by Mickey Guridy, has been offering spectators of both the women's and men's basketball games many opportunities to get involved in the fun and win multiple prizes in the process. With contests like the "I'm Elena Kisseleva Contest", the "Mountain Dew Challenge" and the "Days Inn/Wingate Inn Airplane Toss", fans of LU basketball have had more than the basketball teams entertaining them.

Guridy and his marketing team's next project will be to finish constructing plans that will hopefully draw excited crowds to this spring's baseball games. So far, fans will be able to participate in "Dizzy Bat" contests and win prizes from area sponsors such as McDonalds and Outback.

### Get out there and vote

Now that the race for president is in full swing, it's time to start taking this whole voting process seriously. And, while many in the Liberty community seem to hold the belief that the political process will simply take care of itself without their personal involvement, it is the typical LU student especially who should be jumping at the opportunity to choose America's next leader.

The reason is simple: never—at least in recent years—has there been an election in which so many issues regarding faith and family will be decided upon. It's not only our duty as Americans to participate and make our voices heard, but, more importantly, it's our duty as Christians to stand up for the things we hold dear.

One issue that will become especially central to the political process this time around is abortion. While it usually comes up in each election cycle, our nation's next president will have an impact on this front that is far greater than any other president in the last two decades. Whether it be Al Gore, George W. Bush, John McCain or Bill Bradley, our next White House resident will choose anywhere from three to five Supreme Court justices.

His decision on who to nominate could, if done wisely, greatly impact the top court's standing on the constitutionality of an abortion ban. Clearly, Christians who believe abortion is murder need to carefully select their presidential choice, as it could greatly alter our nation's future.

Another issue that should drive all of us to the voting booths is education. Let alone the fact that we are all students and should therefore be concerned with the educational system of our country, decisions are being made now that will have enormous impact on the way our children will be educated. Issues such as the rights of parents in deciding which school to send their children to are central to this election.

Bottom line—we all need to get ourselves to the polls in support of a more conservative approach to government than President Clinton has been offering for the last seven years. Now is time for all of us to get our absentee ballots and vote in the primaries. That way when November comes, we can elect someone we will be proud to call our president.

### Quotes of the week:

"All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations."

Psalm 22:27-28

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## Feeding a "crazy" news diet

Those who love news depend on the Associated Press. The AP has the potential to send a reporter to cover any event, any time, anywhere. A quick scan of The Wire online can give anyone the heads up on anything happening in the world. I read the wire daily as news "food", to keep up with those news items you never know you might need until you are taking some dumb test to work at a newspaper somewhere.

Editors are the only people who would force you to know the leaders and population of every territory from the former USSR and make you sing the Canadian national anthem backwards. Just ask George W. Bush.

Sometimes, though, the stories are just plain ridiculous. But, there are people doing ignorant things out in the world. Somebody has to tell their story—even if it's dumb.

Unfortunately for society, these stories have real-world consequences. For every insane Austrian prime minister and presidential campaign story, there is a dispatch about a "newsworthy" moron like wrestler Ric Flair.

Flair, 50, planned to announce on Valentine's Day his intention to run for governor of North Carolina. The owner of nine Gold's Gyms in the Tarheel State, Flair feels the statehouse needs someone who can stand up and say "Whoo."

Flair, as you may recall, has been a professional wrestler all his life. He's been

around since the early days of WCW—back when the thing to do Saturday nights was watch him, Arn Anderson and the Four Horsemen rumble on TBS at 6:05 p.m., after a hearty dose of the Orlando Wilson fishing show. Ah yes, childhood memories.



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It seems Flair was inspired to follow his dreams in the wake of another famous wrestler turned politician—Gov. Jesse "The Body" Ventura of Minnesota—who we all know won't get re-elected in his state, especially after dumping on Christians for having a useless faith.

Flair better not pull any of those tricks in the buckle of the Bible Belt, and then pray he can raise some money as an independent with a tough road to even get on the ballot. Besides, America doesn't need another political sideshow (see: Hillary vs. Rudy in New York state) and many in the Liberty community probably wish he would take the Figure Four and go back to the ring.

Yet, the joy of wire stories doesn't just extend to crazy people. Take this example of productivity from the federal government that moved across the wire of the respected New York Times.

The Clinton administration has announced an initiative to protect the black-tailed prairie dog from becoming a threatened species.

Nation beware: the prairie dog is threatened.

Now, I know President Clinton is doing his best to impress the American people during his final year in office. He surely wants to be known as one of the best presidents in history. Sadly for Clinton, the prairie dog has no say in the recording of history.

The prairie dog is a rodent. And now, eight states must devote resources to developing plans to protect the little creature.

Clinton's crew has also joined the National Wildlife Federation in lobbying to have the little pest reclassified as "wildlife." Maybe this will make the pack of rodents feel better about themselves.

But, even the folks at the wire know the need for unusual news. Some stories they encounter each day make the "News to Us" section, reserved for those obscure, yet interesting "man bites dog" accounts.

Take the sad situation of Kansas State football player Dion Rayford. The senior 270-pound defensive end attempted to attack a Taco Bell employee early one Wednesday. The AP report said the employee forgot to include a chalupa with Rayford's order.

So, the big man decided he was going to get his chalupa, even if it meant coming through the drive-thru window. He tried. He got stuck.

His coach, Terry Allen, was concerned, yet sympathetic, with the behavior of his crazy lineman. "We can't tolerate that kind of behavior in our program," Allen said.

Hey, coach, everyone needs to eat.

## Keep cop restrictions in effect

If you're currently in the midst of planning your spring break and you'd like to go somewhere safe, here's a tip—stay away from major cities. According to new reports, if the city criminals don't get you, the police will.

First there was Rodney King, savagely beaten by Los Angeles Police officers. Then there was O.J. Simpson claiming the evidence against him was planted by racist cops. Now there are more allegations and the outlook for the LAPD—as well as many other police departments—doesn't look too bright.

Awhile back, when L.A. police officer Rafael Perez was caught stealing cocaine from a police evidence room, investigations were launched into the actions and procedures of the LAPD. The results of these studies are nothing short of explosive.

Many cases, which at the time of their trial appeared open and shut, now seem to have been partially or completely fabricated by the men in blue who pledge to "serve and protect." Consider for instance the story of Javier Ovando.

Ovando was for a long time suspected by the LAPD of being a trouble-making gang member. Then, during an altercation with police officers, Ovando was shot and paralyzed, arrested (on what was later found to be trumped-up charges) and imprisoned.

As a result of this and other unusual happenings, LAPD has been rocked by reports showing a conspiracy department-wide involving more than 70 police officers and some 300 cases. It is believed that there are staggering

amounts of people presently serving time in prison—and quite possibly death row—who were the victims of intentional set-ups by LAPD officers.

Unfortunately for those of us who don't call Los Angeles home, these problems appear to be nationwide. The cities of Chicago, Denver, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and New Orleans are also plagued by police conspiracies.

Still, only one other city has the largess of the L.A. problem—New York City. The Big Apple, while currently experiencing its lowest crime rate in decades—thanks especially to the nonsense policies of Mayor Rudy Giuliani—is also experiencing a surge in allegations of police brutality and corruption.

One case in particular is currently causing a flurry of demands for action against the NYPD. It's the case of Amadou Diallo, a New York City resident shot 19 times by police officers last February. While scouring Diallo's neighborhood for a rape suspect, four plain clothes NYPD officers opened fire on the unarmed man, shooting at him 41 times.

Diallo's death especially outraged his neighborhood because of the extent to which the officers went in shooting him. Some reports say that Diallo was shot 12

times while standing, shot again while he had his hands raised to the sky, and shot some more even after lying on the ground.



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The four police officers, now on trial in Albany, N.Y. for second-degree murder, claimed they ordered Diallo to stand still many times, but he refused. Then, they say, when it looked like he was reaching for a gun, they fired.

A situation such as this isn't particularly helpful at a time when the NYPD is trying desperately to re-build its

reputation following other recent altercations—including the beating and torturing of a Haitian immigrant and the killing of a Jewish man who was shot 12 times by officers.

Another facet to this tale of cops-gone-bad is the lawsuits. The city of Los Angeles alone is preparing to pay out approximately \$125 million in settlements, and that number could be magnified greatly by the time the other cities infected with bad officers tally up their legal losses.

Amazingly, these incidents are happening while some in Washington are seeking to remove certain requirements of police investigations (i.e. the reading of an arrestee's Miranda Rights). It would seem that instead of concentrating our efforts on giving police officers fewer guidelines in arrest situations, we should be weeding out the police forces we already have before another unarmed person gets shot at 41 times.

## SPEAKUP!

### Where would you want to go on a missions trip and why?



"Actually, I'm going to Brussels in May with my church."

—J-lee Wegner, Sr.  
Detroit, Mich.



"Danville, Va., because there are so many rednecks that need Jesus."

—Leslie Ranson, Sr.  
Danville, Va.



"Bangladesh, because it is a good opportunity to reach village people."

—Brian Lake, Sr.  
Charlotte, N.C.



"Athens, to tell them once again about the 'unknown God'."

—Havelyn Stogner, Jr.  
Atlanta, Ga.



"Africa, because I like the land."

—Summer Crosby, Jr.  
Charleston, S.C.

Photos by Jessica Peterson



## sportsupdate

Compiled from the Associated Press  
By Michael Dujon Jr.

### Legendary Landry dies from leukemia at 75

Tom Landry, the Dallas Cowboys coach who led "America's team" to five Super Bowls and paced the sidelines for three decades wearing a stone face, business suit and his famous fedora, died Saturday. He was 75.

Landry had been undergoing treatment since May for acute myelogenous leukemia.

Baylor University Medical Center called Landry's family earlier in the day. The hospital released a statement on behalf of the Landry family.

Landry, who coached the Cowboys for their first 29 years, won two Super Bowls with star quarterback Roger Staubach. His 270 victories are more than any NFL coach except Don Shula and George Halas.

"Tom Landry's familiar presence on the Dallas Cowboys' sideline for three decades represented the NFL at its best," NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said in his statement.

Landry is survived by Alicia Landry, his wife of 50 years a son, Tom Landry Jr. and a daughter, Kitty Phillips.

### Griffey signs with the Cincinnati Reds

Ken Griffey Jr. was reunited with his father, the bench coach for the Cincinnati Reds, and was traded Friday by the Seattle Mariners for four players from the Reds.

In the contract, Griffey agreed to a nine-year contract worth \$116.5 million. This deal was the richest package in baseball history.

The pact covers from 2000-2008, and the Reds even have an option for a 10th season.

"This is something I dreamed about as a little kid, being back in my hometown where I watched so many great players," Griffey said.

### Gwynn wants a contract extension from Padres

Tony Gwynn's contract will expire at the end of the season, and he is looking for an extension from the San Diego Padres prepared prior to Opening Day and at a considerable raise.

After becoming the 22nd member of the 3,000-hit club last season, Gwynn is going to make \$4.3 million in the last year of his deal.

"I hope they take care of me for taking care of them," Gwynn told the San Diego Union-Tribune.

## Sports Marketing: plans for the future

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attendance at the last four home games.

The Sport Marketing Office has announced that its goal is to get students and Lynchburg residents more involved with LU athletics. Guridy, a 1993 Liberty graduate, reflected on when he was a student. The exuberant LU fans filled the Vines Center with signs and painted faces at games.

"It's going to take time to build tradition. We aren't going to be like the Cameron Crazies at Duke overnight, but we do want everyone in the Big South to know that we have great fans," Guridy said.

The Sport Marketing Office has shown Liberty fans a good time through many contests involving interaction such as the "Mountain Dew Challenge", the "Days Inn/Wingate Inn Airplane Toss", the "I'm Elena Kisseleva Contest" and the "At the Hop Shootout".

The most recent promotional event was "Hawaiian Night" in the Vines Center at the men and women's basketball doubleheader.

Wachovia and Spirit FM will be sponsoring the remaining home games.

One of the most popular contests has been the "Sagebrush Musical Chairs."

Guridy came up with promos like these with the help of intern Dwayne Aagaard and Christian service worker Ryan Mick. They have managed to put together the promos with a low budget.

"We have a very limited budget. We don't have the marketing money for all of the contests and projects we want to do," Guridy said.

"We give restaurants and companies advertising in exchange for prizes."

The next home basketball game for the women is Feb. 17. The next home game for men is Feb. 26.

Guridy and his staff have put together a promotional plan for the LU baseball team as well. A competitive schedule has the Athletic Department looking forward to a successful baseball season.



HANGIN' LOOSE — Senior cheerleader Kelly Henry sports the Hawaiian look for Saturday night's basketball games.

## LU hockey splits weekend games in N.C.

By Richard Armstrong, reporter

The Liberty University hockey team took the battle axe to the opponents this weekend as they traveled south to face the University of North Carolina and North Carolina State.

Liberty began the trip tied with NC State for first place and needed both wins to secure a bye in the Feb. 25-27 ACCHL tournament.

Liberty made their first attack Friday night in Hillsborough for a match up with UNC. Penalties slowed the game, with more than 60 minutes of penalties given to each team.

"Duke (Cuneo) faced a lot of shots and played a very solid game," junior captain John Shubert said. Senior assistant captain Kirk Handy scored three goals to pace the

Flames offense in the 6-4 win.

The trip continued Saturday night as Liberty traveled to Raleigh for a match-up with N.C. State still tied for first place. N.C. State jumped on the Flames early as their offense claimed a 1-0 lead only 14 seconds into the game. Five minutes in, the Flames were down 2-0.

Captain Jeff Lowes, and freshmen Sy Holsinger and Roger Turner all contributed goals to put Liberty ahead 3-2 early in the third period.

With five minutes left in the third period Liberty skated five-on-three for two minutes and was unable to score a goal, but N.C. State scored with a power play to tie.

N.C. State went on to score the go-ahead

goal with 1:45 remaining on a shot from center ice that slipped through the LU defense.

The Flames fell 4-3.

Liberty will play Virginia Tech at the Ice Station in Roanoke Feb. 17 at 9 p.m., and will have home games at the Roanoke Civic Center Friday and Saturday night at 11 p.m. as they face Virginia Military Institute and the LU Alumni team.

"We need wins against Tech or UVA to clinch a bye in the first round of the playoffs in Maryland. Feb. 25-27," assistant coach Armand McGibbon said. Only the top six teams in the conference will compete in the playoffs, the top two receiving first round byes.

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### 1999-2000 Big South Conference Men's Basketball

Through games of February 10, 2000

#### Big South Standings

| Team                | Conference |   |      | Overall |    |      | Other |      |     |        |
|---------------------|------------|---|------|---------|----|------|-------|------|-----|--------|
|                     | W          | L | Pct. | W       | L  | Pct. | Home  | Road | Neu | Streak |
| Radford             | 7          | 2 | .778 | 13      | 9  | .591 | 7-2   | 6-7  | 1-1 | L1     |
| Winthrop            | 6          | 2 | .750 | 14      | 7  | .667 | 11-1  | 3-6  | 0-0 | W3     |
| Coastal Carolina    | 6          | 3 | .667 | 9       | 13 | .409 | 5-4   | 4-9  | 0-0 | L1     |
| Elon                | 4          | 4 | .500 | 10      | 12 | .455 | 8-1   | 2-11 | 0-0 | W1     |
| High Point          | 4          | 5 | .444 | 10      | 13 | .435 | 7-1   | 2-11 | 1-1 | W1     |
| UNC Asheville       | 4          | 5 | .444 | 6       | 16 | .273 | 6-3   | 0-13 | 0-0 | W1     |
| Liberty             | 2          | 7 | .222 | 12      | 10 | .545 | 8-3   | 4-7  | 0-0 | L2     |
| Charleston Southern | 2          | 7 | .222 | 6       | 16 | .273 | 6-5   | 0-11 | 0-2 | L1     |

#### Player of the Week

Brendon Rowell, Elon, Sophomore, G, Charlotte, NC

Rowell scored 34 points against Charleston Southern, hitting 9-of-15 from the field and 15-19 from the line. He also chipped in a three-pointer against the Bucs. Earlier in the week, Rowell scored 11 points to help lead Elon over Radford. Rowell shot 52.4 percent from the field and 84.6 percent from the foul line in two games last week.

#### Rookie of the Week

Peanut Arrington, Radford, Freshman, G, Bedford, Va.

Arrington continued his torrid play with a 17-point performance against UNC Asheville. He scored 16 points in the final 8:34 against UNC Asheville. He made 6-of-9 field goal attempts including 4-of-6 three-pointers against the Bulldogs. Arrington made three three-pointers and equaled his career high with seven rebounds in the loss at Elon.

#### Recent Results

2/5 Radford 80, UNC Asheville 74  
Winthrop 80, Liberty 63  
Charleston Southern 90, Elon 89 (OT)  
Coastal Carolina 75, High Point 67

2/7 Elon 57, Coastal Carolina 49  
High Point 59, Charleston So. 54

2/9 Winthrop 81, Radford 78  
UNC Asheville 82, Liberty 68

*Italics Denotes Home Team*  
*Bold denotes Conference game*

#### Upcoming Games

2/16 Elon at Winthrop 7:00 pm  
Liberty at High Point 7:00 pm

2/18 High Point at UNCA (TV-FSS) 9:00 pm

2/19 Winthrop at Charleston So. 4:00 pm  
Elon at Radford 7:00 pm

2/20 Coastal Carolina at UNCA 4:30 pm

*Bold denotes Conference game*

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### 1999-2000 Big South Conference Women's Basketball

Through games of February 10, 2000

#### Big South Standings

| Team             | Conference |   |      | Overall |    |      | Other |      |     |        |
|------------------|------------|---|------|---------|----|------|-------|------|-----|--------|
|                  | W          | L | Pct. | W       | L  | Pct. | Home  | Road | Neu | Streak |
| Liberty          | 7          | 2 | .778 | 15      | 7  | .682 | 8-3   | 6-2  | 1-2 | W3     |
| Radford          | 7          | 2 | .778 | 9       | 13 | .409 | 5-5   | 3-8  | 2-2 | W2     |
| Coastal Carolina | 5          | 4 | .556 | 14      | 8  | .636 | 8-2   | 5-6  | 1-0 | L2     |
| UNC Asheville    | 5          | 4 | .556 | 6       | 14 | .300 | 2-7   | 4-7  | 0-0 | W1     |
| Winthrop         | 4          | 5 | .444 | 8       | 14 | .364 | 5-6   | 2-7  | 1-1 | W3     |
| Elon             | 4          | 6 | .400 | 11      | 12 | .478 | 5-6   | 5-6  | 1-0 | L2     |
| High Point       | 2          | 6 | .250 | 5       | 16 | .238 | 2-8   | 3-7  | 0-1 | L5     |
| Charleston So.   | 2          | 7 | .222 | 6       | 14 | .300 | 3-6   | 3-8  | 1-2 | L2     |

#### Player of the Week

Jennifer Grant, Radford, Senior, C, Huntington, Quebec

Grant set a new Big South Conference record with 23 rebounds in Radford's win against Coastal Carolina. Eight of her 23 boards came on the offensive glass. She scored 12 points against the Chanticleers as well. Grant recorded a double-double against Elon, scoring 18 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. She finished the week averaging 15 points and 17 rpg.

#### Rookie of the Week

Michelle Fricke, Liberty, Freshman, F, Maple Grove, Minn.

Fricke led the squad with 16 points and nine rebounds against High Point on Tuesday night. She was 5-for-11 from the field, including 2-for-4 from three-point range and a perfect 4-for-4 from the free throw line. Fricke recorded 14 points and seven rebounds to help guide Liberty to a 70-52 victory over Charleston Southern on Saturday. She was 3-for-7 from the field and 7-for-10 from the charity stripe.



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## Clinic coaches locals

By John Farel, reporter

The Lady Flames Basketball team entertained its faithful fans by holding a clinic at River Ridge Mall on Saturday morning from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The team was stationed in front of the Value City Department Store near the food court. The clinic set up included two youth size basketball hoops and a table with rosters and gospel tracts.

The players shot baskets and dribbled with the kids, giving them pointers on the game of basketball. The team also autographed posters and talked to fans both young and old.

According to Liberty's Head Coach Carey Green, the clinic is all part of a team effort to give back to the community.

"We have young ladies who want to give back and want to become involved in the surrounding community," Green said.

"I love working with kids and talking to them. It gives us a chance to get them involved in our team," Liberty forward Elena Kisseleva said.

"This is an opportunity to be a positive example to the fans. An opportunity to show what God has done in our lives. We are more than just a basketball team, we are a Christian basketball team. God's basketball team," Kisseleva said.

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## Men's Basketball: LU picks up third BSC win

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to the three (guard), Mo back to the top and Nathan at the four. Nathan leads by a good example of leadership and example," Hankinson said.

Watkins led the Flames with a 13-point outing, hitting 4-of-9 attempts from the field and 5-of-5 from the free-throw line.

Chris Caldwell (So. G, Houston, Texas) came off the bench to score 12 points on 5-of-7

shooting, including 1-for-1 from three-point territory and 1-for-2 from the free-throw line.

As the game began to tighten up, the crowd of 3,900 faithful fans served its duty as the sixth man by cheering on the LU squad and disrupting the Coastal Carolina unit.

"I do not want to play here at the Vines Center when students are on holiday vacations," Hankinson said.

"It doesn't help our recruiting to see an empty arena. We need the crowd to pick us up emotionally."

"The student body can really help us to win the big games."

According to Hankinson, his team needs to and can get better both on and off the court.

"When players leave here I want them to have a philosophy of life which is anchored by Christ," Hankinson said.

The victory moved Liberty

out of the bottom of the Big South Conference and into the fifth position.

After playing Charleston Southern at the Vines Center on Feb. 14, the Flames now prepare to travel for another BSC matchup against High Point University on Feb. 16.

The Radford Highlanders (14-9) overall currently hold the top spot in the Big South with an (8-2) conference record.

## Ladies: tied with Radford for first place

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games," Green said.

Liberty was lead by Sharon Wilkerson (15 points), Sarah Farley (15) and Michelle Fricke (13). McNeil led the way for Coastal Carolina with 15 points as well.

The Lady Flames hoped lengthen its three game win streak to four against UNC Asheville on Saturday. UNCA came into the Vines Center hoping to avenge a 71-66 loss to LU on Jan. 15 in Asheville, N.C.

However, Liberty assured that it would be an uphill climb for UNCA from the start by jumping on top of the Lady Bulldogs early to post an impressive 83-49 win.

Liberty reeled off a 21-3 run to raise its lead to 31-7 with over eight minutes

left to play in the first half. Wilkerson and Fricke combined for 19 of the 21 points in the run.

According to Fricke, the quick start played a major role in the final score. "We knew they (UNCA) played with a lot of emotion. Because of that, we felt that it would be devastating to them if we could get a big lead early."

The Lady Flames got back in control in the second half with the shooting touch of Kisseleva. The senior forward made eight of her total 16 points in the first four minutes of the half.

The Lady Flames were lead by Wilkerson with 18 points. Fricke who completed her sixth double/double of the season, had 17 points and 11 rebounds. Kisseleva ended up with 16 points.

Green felt that this game was a complete role reversal from the last time his

team met UNC Asheville.

"When we played at Asheville, we had just lost to Elon and were down a bit. They were playing at home and they were up for us and almost beat us," Green said.

The win kept Liberty tied for the conference's top spot with Radford. With the two squads tied, the regular season finale against RU at the Vines Center on Feb. 26 could decide the top seed for the BSC tourney.

Coach Green expressed the importance of not looking ahead. "Looking forward could cause us to stub our toe," Green said. "I think this team realizes that we have four more games left to play and four more games to win."

The Lady Flames play at home on Feb. 17 against Winthrop at 7 p.m.

## Liberty fares well at Virginia Tech meet

By Shannon Benfield, reporter

The Liberty track and field teams competed at the annual Virginia Tech Kroger Invitational Indoor Track and Field meet this past weekend in Blacksburg, Va.

Thirty different collegiate teams competed in the competitive event including the host school Virginia Tech.

Some of the other universities that highlighted the meet were Duke, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

LU sophomores Mike Decker and Heather Sagan led the way for the Flames. Decker won the 500 meter race with a time of 1:02.30 and Sagan won the 100 meter race with a time of 2:59.53.

Decker also set a new

school record in the 200-meter race with a time of 21:47.

Sagan also continued to control her portion of the meet.

The sensational sophomore put up some impressive times by anchoring a school record setting distance medley relay team of freshman Rebecca Parsons, junior Kodi Pollard and senior Amy Teer that placed third with a time of 11:57.74.

Decker also anchored a 4x400-relay team that included senior Jon Debogory, freshman Chad Wilson and senior Jeremy Wagner with a time of 3:16.33.

LU junior Liz Robertson and sophomore Andrea Wildrick both set school records in the women's pole

vault with a height of 11'3".

Junior Bruce Kite placed fourth in the 3000 meter race with a time of 8:21.71.

The women's 4x400 relay team of sophomore Christina Schlesinger, senior Jaquay Reid, junior Robin Williams and Pollard placed sixth in the final relay with a time of 3:52:31.

Other Liberty finishers were freshman Katie Butler, who placed fifth in the 500 meter with a time of 1:18:05, freshman Sarah Pettit, who placed fourth in the 1000 meter with a time of 3:10:50, Sophomore Nick Anderson also had a strong showing by placing sixth in the long jump with a mark of 23'2".

Overall, both teams fought hard against fierce competitors and challenged their

competition with great intensity.

The Flames Track and Field Team returns to Blacksburg on Feb. 20 to compete in the Big South Championship meet.

Other dates on the Liberty University Track and Field Indoor schedule include the Virginia Commonwealth Pentathlon in Richmond, Va on Feb. 22, and the Virginia Tech Last Chance Invitational in Blacksburg on Feb. 25-26.

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**WHEELIN' AND DEALIN'** — Senior forward Carl Williams weaves through defenders in a Big South game against the Radford Highlanders.

## Williams brings spark to Flames

By Tarant Judge, reporter

Liberty Flames guard Carl Williams is making quite a name for himself in the Big South Conference. The 6-1 senior has been able to shut down opponents with relentless defensive pursuit and timely offensive outbursts.

Williams transferred from West Virginia University during his junior year. He wowed Mountaineer fans with his talent and was named the Big East defensive player of the year.

According to Williams, his reasoning behind deciding to attend Liberty was not so that he could become a superstar at a small division I program. Williams said he was motivated in making the decision by current LU head coach Mel Hankinson, who played a big role in recruiting Williams to West Virginia.

The second reason Williams said he chose LU because Coach Otis Hughley, his junior college coach, would also be a member of the coaching staff at Liberty. Hughley played a major role in Williams' life by leading him to Christ.

Williams is very vocal about why he shows up and plays his hardest in each and every game.

"First and foremost I play for the

Lord and second I play for my teammates," Williams said. "I just want people to know I am a Christian and a true believer. I want people to know that I am not a quitter and that I will never give up."

With both coaches being a spiritual encouragement and on staff at Liberty, Williams said he felt like he wanted to play for coaches that showed him love.

"God has given me the great ability to react to the ball," Williams said. "I know teams focus on me late in the game, but that's when I find my teammates open for big shots to win the games."

Throughout the history of Liberty basketball, only Peter Aluma and Julius Nwasu have gone on to play in the National Basketball Association. It is evident that Williams has the athletic ability to be the third.

Although his size could be a major obstacle for Williams to hurdle, he feels confident that he could size-up with the best players in the world.

"With my size, I probably would be a one guard, but many players have paved the way for small guards to play the shooting guard spot. For example, Allen Iverson has played and has showed what he can do at that particular posi-

tion. Whatever God has for me I will take it," Williams said.

The Flames 3-7 record in the conference really does not effect Williams. Williams looks at the five losses as part of what God has planned for this season and the team.

"We definitely need improvement. This team will definitely be a team to look out for in the Big South Tournament come the end of February," Williams said.

Williams will graduate this coming May with a degree in sport management. Williams chose the field of sport management so he can have the opportunity to give back to underprivileged kids who play basketball and other sports.

"If I don't go to the NBA then so be it, but I will show younger players how important defense is in basketball," Williams said.

"I want kids I teach to focus on their defense and realize the importance of a relationship with God. You can learn so much from being a defensive player. It takes heart to play defense. I want to instill that in kids hearts and minds."

## Corrections: reprints from the engagement issue

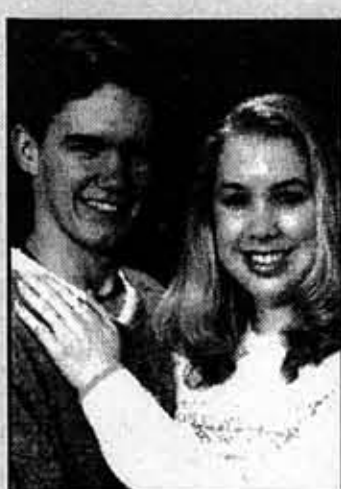


### Sonja Keith & Ryan Tackett

Mr. and Mrs. John Keith announce the engagement of their daughter, Sonja, to Mr. Ryan Tackett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Tackett.

The bride-elect graduated in 1999 with a degree in government. The groom-elect will graduate in 2001 with a biblical studies degree.

A wedding date is set for Aug. 12, 2000, in Geneva, N.Y.



### Jill Sorrenson & Aaron Coch

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sorenson announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill, to Mr. Aaron Coch, son of Mr. Andy Coch and Mrs. Donna Coch.

The bride-elect will graduate in May 2000, with a degree in nursing. The groom-elect will graduate in May from Colorado School of Mines.

A wedding date is set for July 29, 2000, in Clearwater, Fla.



### Lacey Osman & Ryan Trumbo

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Osmond announce the engagement of their daughter, Lacey, to Mr. Ryan Trumbo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Trumbo.

The bride-elect will graduate in May 2000, with a degree in business. The groom-elect graduated in 1998 and works for Centra Health.

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## Hang - Ten

Those of you who missed the basketball doubleheader on Saturday night not only missed out on two great games, but you also missed out on much, much more.

Don't worry, the men's basketball team didn't impersonate the WWF again. It was Hawaiian Night at the Vines Center. Both LU teams came away with Big South Conference wins to put an exclamation point on a fun-filled and overall colorful evening.

However, it was obvious to me that the LU basketball teams were not the only teams that won on Saturday night. In my opinion, Liberty's Sports Marketing Department, headed up by Mickey Guridy, earned a victory of its own by coming up with the successful Hawaiian theme night.

I know that most of you growl at the thought of promotional, and I feel the same way about most of them. I don't want to hop around blindfolded on one leg for five minutes to win a nickel or a ring pop.

Most promo's can be extremely juvenile to mature college students like ourselves. But Guridy and his crew came out with the full bag of tricks that kept the crowd of 4,000 people involved on Saturday.

I was actually interested in the things that went on during timeouts and at halftime. The cheerleaders, decked out in their Hawaiian gear, formed a human surfboard and let one of its members surf on them. It doesn't get any better than that.

Speaking of the cheerleaders, the Hawaiian shirt theme marked the first time all season that the cheering squad's uniforms actually matched.

Students didn't come out in full force with the Hawaiian look, but the majority had something on that made them look like they were ready to hit the beach.

One guy stopped me near DeMoss Hall in his car before the women's game and asked, "Where's the party?" I instantly knew that this guy was a visitor and responded by pointing to the Vines Center.

It really was a party — the Beach Boys' music was even played over the sound system between breaks in the action.

The only thing that Guridy left out was to cover all of the seats with sand so that we could layout and build sandcastles while we watched the games.

If two basketball games in a row wasn't enough action for you, Guridy and his crew made sure that you would get your fill. From shooting contests to the musical chairs game, fans didn't go away unhappy.

By the way, handing out let's at the entrances was a really cool idea.

Not only did the Hawaiian theme inspire the fans but it inspired the players as well. It was obvious that the combination of a strong, supportive fan base and Flames basketball created a chemistry that is tough to top.

I am not the type of guy that usually cares about stuff like this. I already had my Ken Griffey Jr. trade column all thought out and ready for print, but as I sat back and watched people at LU become active in the proms, I felt inspired to write a new column.

Congratulations to Mickey and his staff for a wonderful job. My game ball goes to you.

# Flames hold on to defeat Coastal

By Tarant Judge, reporter

The Liberty University men's basketball team (13-10, 3-7 BSC) watched a double-digit lead evaporate in the second half against Coastal Carolina (9-14, 6-4 BSC), but was able to hold on to a 58-52 victory on Saturday night.

In the first half, the Flames came out storming to a 21-9 lead with Maurice Watkins and Chris Caldwell leading the team in the first half with seven points a piece. Kenneth Anaebonam led the rebounding war for the Flames as he tallied six rebounds for the half.

The Flames offense shot an abnormally high 50 percent, while the defense held Coastal Carolina to 33 percent going into the half.

Liberty leads the conference in steals with an average of 14 per game. At the half, the Flames created nine steals and caused a total of 13 turnovers. Carl Williams, the nation's leader in the steal department, finished the first half with three take-aways of his own.

The second half caused problems for the Flames, as Coastal Carolina played a 2-3 zone in the begin-

ning, which caused a 15-5 run led by Derrick Robinson (Fr., G., Myrtle Beach, S. C.) who had eight of the 15 points.

However, Coastal Carolina took advantage of the Flames cold shooting to start the second period as Liberty was held scoreless until the 15:17 mark. The Chanticleers capped a 12-3 run with a layup by Torrey Butler (So. F., Baltimore, Md.) to pull within two with 11:59 remaining.

With 15:17 left in the game, Chris Caldwell provided a spark off the bench with a mid-range jumper to end the drought.

"We are not a good shooting team. And it is hard for us to break a zone down. Due to defense in the first-half is what gave us the easy baskets which caused a big lead early," Coach Mel Hankinson said.

"With Nathan Day coming in to the lineup, it showed how our big men can catch the ball and cut through the zone to score. Delawn Grandison saw what Day was doing and reacted to do the same thing during their zone coverage."

Day, who had been sidelined by a stress fracture in his right leg, scored all five of his points during the

stretch on two layups and a 1-for-2 performance at the free throw line.

In the final run of the game both teams put together a run in the remaining time of the contest to vie for the conference victory.

Liberty pushed its lead back to 12 points, with a 12-2 run with 7:02 remaining.

Watkins (Jr., G., Southfield, Mich.) was able to steal the ball from Cedric Davis (So. F., Dayton, Ohio) from behind to cause him to foul Watkins in return.

The Chanticleers mounted their final charge of the game, outscoring the Flames, 10-2, over the next four minutes of action to pull within three points, 53-50, with 2:10 remaining.

However Watkins was a perfect 4-for-4 from the charity stripe in the waning minutes of the game to seal the victory for the Flames.

"This game was a blessing, having Nathan come back into the lineup. It caused players to go back to their regular positions they play best. Delawn back

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## Lady Flames thrash UNCA

By Doug Stewart, sports editor

The Lady Flames basketball team is putting the phrase "timing is everything" to perfect use, as LU appears to be stepping up its play at the perfect time of the year.

Liberty (16-7, 8-2) entered the week fresh off of two key Big South Conference wins against High Point and Charleston Southern.

The Lady Flames controlled play against Big South Conference opponents Coastal Carolina (14-8, 5-4) and UNC Asheville (6-14, 5-4).

Coastal Carolina proved to be a worthy opponent as the Chanticleer's made the Lady Flames work hard for an evenly contested 56-51 LU victory. The first half proved to be a seesaw battle as the lead changed hands five times, while the score was tied on six separate occasions.

Neither team could pull away as the largest lead of the entire half was four points. The Lady Flames used a 4-0 run to close the half with a 27-24 lead.

The game remained close in the second frame as both squads could not find a way until Liberty grabbed a seven-point advantage at the 13:51 mark on a Sharon Wilkerson three-point play.

The Chanticleers found their way back into the game with consecutive three-pointers by Allison Bach with 6:16 to play in regulation.

Big South Rookie of the Week



JOHN FISHER

TURN AROUND "J"— Freshman center Meribeth Feenstra goes up and over a Coastal Carolina defender in Monday night's game.

Michelle Fricke scored four of Liberty's six unanswered points to stretch the lead back to seven with just over three minutes left.

Coastal mounted a late comeback with a 5-0 run of its own on a Cheri McNeil three-pointer and a jumper by Quatina Foster to cut the LU lead to two points with under a minute to play.

However, an Elena Kisseleva

jump shot and two Sarah Farley free throws sealed the conference win for the Lady Flames.

According to head coach Carey Green, the main ingredient to the win was defense.

"We played very well defensively. We have played well defensively in the past two

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## Attendance soars with promo help

By D.J. Jordan, reporter

Hawaiian Night, dizzy bat races, and musical basketball are just a few examples of the innovative Sport Marketing Office. It is no coincidence that Liberty consistently leads the Big South Conference in basketball attendance every year.

The average attendance for men's games is 3,500 and the women's attendance averages 1,000.

The Sport Marketing Office has put on a record number of promotions this basketball season. The halftime entertainment is catching the eyes of the students and is gaining more interest with each new idea.

Mickey Guridy, who is in his fourth year as the director of budget and marketing, said he hopes that the last four home basketball games will be just as entertaining as the first 25. Guridy said he feels that it is extremely important to finish out the last few games with a bang.

Under Guridy's leadership, the cumulative attendance for the 1998 Big South Tournament ranked 11th among NCAA Division I conferences with an average of over 5,300. The women's basketball home attendance records have shattered previous numbers over the past two years. The attendance average is currently ranked in the top 40 in the nation.

This year is the first that the Big South Conference will award the "Big South Fantastic Trophy". The trophy is awarded to the school with the largest attendance average percentage per arena capacity. Even though Liberty leads the Big South in attendance by far, the award is based on the average attendance compared to the arena seating capacity.

Since the capacity of the Vines Center holds 9,000, Liberty currently ranks third for the trophy. Winthrop Coliseum has the next largest arena capacity with 6,100, but only averages about 1,000 in attendance.

The Big South Conference is currently considering re-evaluating the overall qualifications that the trophy is based on. Liberty could still win the award with large

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## Liberty baseball team covers all the bases

By Brooke Hermann, asst. sports editor

Two years ago with eight seniors, they thought they were going. Last year, with seniors being sparse, they talked about going. This year, with eight seniors the baseball team banks on going to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Deep as the team has been in the history of the program the infield and outfield are stacked with talent. With a freshman at shortstop, a sophomore at third, two sophomores and senior at second, and a senior and two sophomores at first, the Flames are young again this year. Although young, they do have last season under their belt.

One of three seniors on the field, Scottie Scott plays a key role behind the plate as Liberty's starting catcher. Considered an "RBI guy" by Assistant Coach Jeff

Edwards, Scott is expected to drive them in.

Starting at first is the second of the three seniors, Jim Clinton. Also a power RBI hitter, Clinton led the team last season with a slugging percentage .628.

Covering second base will be senior Jay Sullenger, when he recovers from a broken hand that could put him out anywhere from one to four weeks. Sophomore Jeff Haines will fill that hole with experience behind him from last season. Freshman Larry York will also see time this year.

The pressure is on freshman Joey Monahan at shortstop.

"He's really seasoned as a hitter and a base runner," Edwards said. "He takes advantages of opportunities and runs them well." Senior Anthony Pennix will dominate as well with Monahan.

Sophomore Jon Bona returns to third

base this year, adding power to the bottom of the lineup. Behind Bona, Pennix could also steps into the role as third baseman.

Returning to the outfield, junior Trey Miller finds his home in left, as sophomore Steve Baker covers right.

"Miller's somewhere at the top of the lineup, capable of hitting eight to 12 home runs and stealing 20 to 40 bases," Edwards said. Baker showed better hitting skills in the fall than he did last spring.

"He may be the best outfielder Liberty has ever had," Edwards said.

"I'm looking forward to it this year, I feel that I'm seeing the ball better, and the year of experience really helped out a lot," Baker said.

Attempting to fill the void of graduated center fielder Tim Strong, freshman Keith Butler joins the Flames with confidence.

"He's got real pop in his bat and the power to drive balls in the gap," Edwards said.

Tonight the seniors put together a "team dinner" meeting, without coaches, at an undisclosed location. The topic will not be the exhausting day of practice behind them or the weather, but conversation will consist of the Flames season goals, and what they want to accomplish, as well as tomorrow's prophesied win against UNC Greensboro.

"The bottom line is winning. Our goal is when we step on the field we're gonna give it all we have to serve Him. At the same time He wouldn't have put that scoreboard out there for no reason. These guys know who they are playing for," Edwards said.

The Flames open their season Feb. 16 at UNC Greensboro at 3 p.m.