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The Liberty Champion

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2001

INSIDE

COFFEE HOUSE: Student Life

hosted the annual Valentine's Day Coffee House Feb. 16. Check out the photo spread on page 5 and read about the night on page 9.



NECKTIE BONFIRE: Now that ties are a thing of the past, Chris Price offers you his advice on what to do with all those useless fashion items in your closet. Read his thoughts on page 2.

ON THEIR WAY TO THE TOP:

After beating Winthrop the Flames basketball team has shown they are the new team to beat. Read about their big win on page 12.



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TUESDAY
Partly cloudy.
High 58, Low 38.



WEDNESDAY
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High 55, Low 27.



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ABOUT

BLOODMOBILE: Donate blood at the Vines Center Feb. 20-21 12:30-6 p.m. Please bring some form of ID and eat before donating.

CPR TRAINING: Feb. 24 is HeartSaver Saturday at Lynchburg General Hospital and Liberty High School. Two classes are being offered for free at each site from 8-10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call Centra Health at 846-6559 for more information.

SKI TRIP: Student Life is taking students to Wintergreen Feb. 27. Departure time is 3:30 p.m. from David's Place. Lift tickets are \$15 and ski/snowboard rentals are \$15. Expected return is around midnight. Call ext. 2131 for more info.

12 ANGRY MEN: Play dates are Feb. 22-24, March 1-3 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

Spreading the Great Commission

By Angela Nelson, news editor

Special speakers Bill Harding, III, and his son Bill Harding, IV, along with about 80 other missionaries, challenged Liberty students to follow God in the Great Commission during Ministry Emphasis Week Feb. 18-23.

"My heart beats as Christ's heart beat on that cross — that global idea that Christ had when he first came to bring a people to himself," Bill Harding, IV, said.

Bill Harding, III, first went over to Ethiopia as a missionary on July 4, 1954. As a true patriot, he grieved to be leaving his home country on the celebration of its independence, but he and his family ministered in Ethiopia for two terms, and he does not regret any part of the experience. Now the elder Harding is a spunky and passionate spokesman for SIM (Serving in Missions).

His son, Bill Harding, IV, and his family went over to Ethiopia as missionaries in 1983 and stayed for 16 years. Bill Harding, IV, said that the only reason he was allowed in the country was because of a former plumbing job he had while in South Carolina. At the time, Ethiopia was suffering a drought and they needed his skills.

According to Bill Harding, IV, 80 percent of the diseases in Ethiopia are water-borne. He misses pumping the fresh water, which the people need to live, and then bringing them the living water of God's Word.

"There is nothing that delights my heart more than to know that we are being used as a broken vessel, and yet can share the living water," Bill Harding, IV, said.

During campus church on Sunday, Bill Harding, III, spoke about leaving,



ANGELA NELSON

HEARTBEAT FOR THE NATIONS — Bill Harding, IV, speaks to students during Ministry Emphasis Week Feb. 18-21.

learning, living and loving in the mission field.

"To participate in something that cost us nothing is worth little," Bill Harding, III, said. "It's tough to think about leaving because we like closeness and

togetherness. We like our comfort zones, but openness and availability to leave is a part of God's strategy for spreading his blessing throughout the earth."

Bill Harding, III, explained that everyone cannot go to the mission field, but that those who do not go overseas are still responsible to help send someone in their place through such things as prayer and financial support.

"Before the message Sunday morning, I was really nervous about going to the mission field, but God totally encouraged me, and now I'm ready to go," senior Tricia Wilson said. "It was great to hear the testimony of what God was doing around the world."

During the week, missionaries from 40 different agencies had booths set up to discuss long and short-term mission

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DeMoss opens up

The Library/ITRC — As the third in a series, the Champion looks at DeMoss features.

By LeeAnn Livesay, reporter

DeMoss looks very different now as Kodiak Constructors, Inc. have knocked significant holes in three large areas of the building — opening it up to the outside world.

Students cannot help but notice the jack-hammering, drilling and various other noises that permeate through the walls during some classes.

Besides the noise, students can see other evidences of construction all over campus. Red clay covers the sidewalks. Workers toil to remove the bricks from the sides of the building. Plastic covers numerous holes in the roof. All of these things point to the ongoing construction.

When construction is finished, the A. Pierre Guillermin Library will be twice the size it is now. It will then span two floors, having about the same layout on the second floor that it now does on the first. The main entrance will move from the existing floor of DeMoss to the second floor.

According to Dave Barnett, Dean of the Library, the completed library will house the ITRC, the Curriculum Library and the Media Services Library. The administrative offices for the University's Information Services division will also be located in the library.

The first floor of the library



ANGELA NELSON

SPRING CLEANING — Kodiak Constructors, Inc. has knocked out three large portions of the walls in DeMoss in order to add stairwells.

will house all of the book stacks, the Curriculum Library, the Media Services Library, Periodicals, Reference Collection, offices and some student study space. The main entrance, the main circulation desk, computers and computer labs, along with student seating will be on the second floor once it is completed.

All of the university's ITRC labs will be moving to the second story of DeMoss above the library. "This new facility will be more than a traditional library where books are 'stacked' and studied," Aaron Mathes, director

of the ITRC said.

"We trust that having these facilities in the same space will enhance student use of both resources," Barnett said. "Many of the services that are offered in the two areas are similar to each another. Having them in close proximity will improve ease of use, as well as assist in the consolidation of the services required to support the facilities."

"I suspect that the inclusion of labs and academic classrooms the ITRC provides into

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Snively to speak at Women's Conference

By Mariel Williams, reporter

Christian inspirational speaker Sandy Snively will be speaking at the fifth annual Central Virginia Women's Conference at Thomas Road Baptist Church March 3. Her theme will be "Called To Rebellion," which is also the title of her latest book.

Snively will be speaking on a number of topics at the conference, according to promotional literature. Using her book as a basis, she will try to teach the audience to see their lives from God's perspective, and to find a deeper relationship with God. She will also be discussing the nature of godly friendship and the personality and character of Jesus.

Snively lives in Gresham, Ore., with her husband, Bud Snively. She has worked in a variety of fields, as a businesswoman, radio talk-show host, artist, author and speaker. Jim Hislop, Snively's pastor at Grace Community Church in Gresham, describes her as "a vivacious lady who loves the Lord with her whole being and who impacts the lives of everyone she touches with her enthusiasm."

Snively draws from her childhood experience with hardship — abuse and alcoholism — to encourage her listeners to follow God. "She is what she says and writes . . . what she writes comes from life experience," Hislop said.

In her new book, Called To Rebellion, Snively



SNIVELY

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Debate fourth in new rankings after JV win

By Angela Nelson, news editor

Freshmen Zach Gautier and Jay Scott won first place in JV debate at the West Virginia University tournament Feb. 9-11. The win moved Liberty up to fourth place in the National Debate Tournament (NDT) rankings.

With 425 points, Liberty is eight points behind the University of Texas in Austin — the school in third place — and 52 points behind the top school — Catholic University. Emory University is in second place.

Liberty took three JV teams and one novice team to the WVU tournament. Freshmen Elisha Nix and Jeremy Samek have debated in the novice division all year, but moved up to the JV ranks for one tour-



ALEXANDER HARPER

SPEAK UP — Freshmen Zach Gautier and Jay Scott won first place in the JV division of the West Virginia University tournament held Feb. 9-11.

namment. After earning a 3-3 preliminary record, the team went on to the elimination rounds, losing to Catholic in the quarterfinals; however, Nix was given the second place speaker award — right behind top speaker Gautier.

"I was floored and totally surprised to get second," Nix said. "I would have been surprised with 10th — we were just praying we would make it to the out rounds."

Gautier and Scott won four out of six preliminary rounds during the tournament. They then locked out with the other JV team of Scott Jones and Steve Trask in quarterfinals, beat George Mason University in semifinals and in the final round they defeated the same Catholic team that Nix and Samek lost to in quarterfinals.

"Jay and I work well as debate partners," Gautier said. "Our laid-back approach helped us pull out the win and have fun." Gautier also mentioned that their final round was filmed by a local television station.

Scott was sixth JV speaker and Trask was eighth.

The novice team of Amber House and Lynne Johnson went 5-1 in the preliminary rounds and debated in three out-rounds — losing in semifinals to John Carroll University on a 2-1 decision. House was awarded sixth-place novice speaker.

The varsity teams did not go to the West Virginia tournament because they have

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TOUCHING LIVES — Several Liberty students minister to children in the Lynchburg area as part of the Touch of God ministries.

Ministering to those in need

By Julieanna Outten, reporter

You may have noticed a little girl with curly, light brown hair playing around in the Schilling Center just before campus church on a Wednesday or Sunday night. She is 8-year-old Christin Palmer and those playing with her are Liberty students that are a part of the Touch of God Ministries.

Touch of God Ministries is a group of students who go out to witness and build relationships with the people of Lynchburg. Philip Vander Ploeg, a senior biblical studies major and leader and founder of the ministry, said the purpose of the ministry is "touching the untouchable people" as Jesus did in Matthew 8.

The group of about 30 students meets in DeMoss every Saturday morning. Half the group goes to Greenfield Apartments, recently renamed James Landing, to minister to families there, while the other half witnesses in downtown Lynchburg.

According to Vander Ploeg, at least 75 people have been saved as a result of this ministry — 37 in this school year alone.

"It's all about serving others and loving the kids," sophomore Linley Harrison said.

"I think they're nice," Christin Palmer said. "They taught me you need to get your life straight with God."

"We have a good time. They come over and play with the kids," Christin's mother, Michelle Palmer, said. She, her husband and Christin regularly attend campus church.

Last semester social services threatened to take Christin away from the Palmers because their apartment had almost no furniture in it. The ministry was able to help them by raising over \$900 from donations and take them shopping.

God has been faithful in providing for the needs of the ministry. "Whenever we ask for something, He just gives it to us," Vander Ploeg said.

Vander Ploeg got the name for the ministry from Max Lucado's book, *Just Like Jesus*, in which Lucado talks about how the man with leprosy must have felt when Jesus touched and healed him.

Vander Ploeg is graduating this year and planning to go to Amsterdam as a missionary in the fall. He said the greatest thing that God has taught him through this ministry is His faithfulness. "When I go on the mission field I will take that with me," he said.

The ministry will continue under the leadership of sophomore Shahryar Iqbal.

Iqbal currently leads the downtown ministry. He said one of the most important things they do is follow-up ministry. Iqbal said while giving a recently saved girl a Bible, he ministered to the girl's mother's boyfriend and he accepted Christ.

Junior Robin Snyder is the leader of the women's ministry at Greenfield. "I have seen the ones that are saved become strengthened in their faith and more encouraged. And I have seen many saved leave their old lifestyle and get excited about the newness of walking in God," she said.

Snyder said there are about 10 women that she and her group are ministering to regularly.

Sophomore Courtney Padgett helps with the children's ministry at Greenfield.

What she enjoys most is that she can be like a child while she is there — playing football and kickball with the children and talking with them.

Besides the weekly ministry, the group has taken two trips for the purpose of witnessing and feeding the homeless. On all those occasions God provided miraculously for the group in many areas.

"The biggest thing that I can say is to expect great things from God. Don't be afraid to step out and let God do exceedingly and abundantly more than we ask or imagine," Vander Ploeg said.

Library: going vertical

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the current facility with our Library's recent growth in multimedia services and online data services will make this new library a leading-edge, academic facility," Mathes said.

"Along with the obvious excitement about bringing facilities together it should be recognized that bringing computer support staff and library staff together will provide a new opportunity for a well-rounded, quality service."

Mathes also said that following the relocation of the ITRC labs to the library, there would be more labs and more computers available for student use.

Barnett explained that one of the major benefits of the new facility would be longer hours in parts of the library. Incorporated into the design of the new facility, will be the opportunity to have much of the upper floor of the new library, including the section that would compare to the current ITRC, open for extended hours similar to the hours that ITRC now maintains.

"This way students will have access to electronic resources, as well as study space during the late

evening hours," Barnett said.

The construction on DeMoss has also effected the library hours. This results in inaccessibility that students will have to endure for a few more weeks.

The library will close at 10 p.m. on weeknights and at 9 p.m. on weekends through March 1, 2001. The library will still close for church on Sunday and Wednesday nights.

Junior Betsy Reigstad said that she can live with the library closing early. "I'm a science lab assistant, so I have keys to the rooms in the science hall. That way, if I need to, I can study in one of the rooms in there."

She does think that the change could hurt some students studying. "It's not so easy to study in the dorms and I think that it could cause people to not be quite so diligent in their studies," Reigstad said.

Kodiak will begin heavy work adjacent to the library from 10 p.m. until 7 a.m. This change will allow Kodiak to work longer hours during this critical time. They are currently working on getting this area excavated and making it possible to pour footers, preventing holdup of construction of the steel framework.

Snavely: coming to TRBC

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teaches that Christian women must see life as a rebellion against Satan. In addition to *Called To Rebellion*, she has contributed to the *Stories for the Heart* book series and *Progressive Woman Magazine*.

Alice Gray, compiler of *Stories for the Heart*, describes her writing and speaking style as "warm, refreshing, and candid—you can't miss the fact that she is a woman with a single-hearted love for Christ."

Snavely encourages women to "stand out in a crowd" and "stand up for what is right." Cheri Fuller, author of *When Mothers Pray*, calls *Called To Rebellion* "a wake-up call to women who find themselves entwined in the world's way of thinking instead of God's." More information about the speaker can be found at Snavely's Web site, www.sandy.snavely.homepage.com.

Professor Beverly Lowry is responsible for organizing the conference. Lowry expects the conference to be a great success. "I think she will give us a wonderful message about living

close to God... We get so much help from listening to women who've been through things."

Lowry hopes that many LU students will come to the conference, and that the discounted student price will encourage them to come.

"There's so many things in life that we spend money for that are not going to give us what this is going to give us," she said.

Lowry said she believes it is important for younger women (such as college students) to try to learn from older women, like Snavely. "They may hear something there that's going to help them later in life. We... think we've heard it all (but then we may) hear a speaker who says something we've never thought of before."

Anyone interested in attending the conference should call 239-6242 to register. The conference costs \$25 per person. LU faculty and staff (or their wives) pay \$20; students, \$15. Those who register early may reserve seats. Latecomers will be able to register at 8 a.m. on the day of the conference. Lunch will be provided.

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The Price is Right

Dear Price,
All the construction going on in DeMoss is driving me crazy. What can I do to stay sane?

Sincerely,
Construction Crazy



CHRIS PRICE

Dear Construction Crazy,

After months of hearing the rumors, having plans changed and waiting patiently, the construction has finally begun. And there is some inconvenience. The roads on roughly 75 percent of the campus have been covered in clay. No longer do students with four-wheel drive have to go off campus to go mudding, we have an off road course right on site. And it is true that the front of DeMoss looks like it belongs in some war-torn Middle Eastern country. As you walk along the inside of the building take a look at all the walls, because there is a good chance that they won't be there the next day. Class discussions are sometimes interrupted by a voice from above telling Frank to fetch his hammer.

But while it would be easy to be negative on the inconveniences that this is bringing, I would rather focus on the positive. Things could be a whole lot worse. Last semester at this time, we all thought we would be having class in locker rooms, movie theatres, dorm lounges, beds of trucks, the woods, telephone booths, public restrooms and all sorts of other places you could set up a projector and a black board. However, we are still using most of the same facilities that we always have. And while I am not ruling out the possibility, there hasn't been any major injuries or deaths to report yet. So let me encourage you to look past the annoyance and look at the future. The new DeMoss building is going to be a first class "academic nerve center." (I love that phrase). -Price

Dear Price,
Now that we don't have to wear ties, what should I do with them?
Sincerely,
Bye Bye Tie

Dear Bye Bye Tie,

Dr. Falwell's surprise announcement last week has sent shock waves through the school. His decision has made him even more of my hero. If he never would have started that Sunday School with the one 11-year-old boy which grew to 56 11-year-old boys, or even if he hadn't embarrassed every one that debates him on television, getting rid of the ties is still enough reason for him to be my hero.

However, most guys on campus are stuck with a surplus of those choking instruments of neck torture. So I have come up with a few things to do with them. First of all, you can give it to those guys who were crushed that the rule changed. One guy even said he chose Liberty because of the ties. That is the worst reason ever to pick a school. Most people look at the spiritual side, the academics, the facilities and the college as a whole. This guy said, "find me a school with neckties." Some guys have made it their mission to get the tie back. These guys need a swirlie. There is nothing a good old fashioned swirlie wouldn't fix.

We could also sell our ties to other Christian college students who are still required to wear them. We could box them up and ship the ties and the bill to Pensacola.

Finally, we could have a nice memorial service for them, then let them burn. What a beautiful sight a couple thousand devices of strangulation burning in the night would be. If you still want to wear your ties, more power to you. You won't hear me say a thing. Just leave us alone who like the option of letting our necks breathe. -Price

Chris Price is an advice columnist for the Liberty Champion. To submit questions, students should type out their question, name and phone number and drop it off in the Letter to the Editor box next to the Champion office in DeMoss 110. The Champion reserves the right to accept, reject or edit any questions.

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Senate regains Christian service

By Rachel Coleman, reporter

After much discussion, Student Senate regained its Christian service credit. Senators who have dropped senate as their Christian service may sign up again for the service, but those senators who will be using senate as their CSER will have to meet some new requirements.

The regular Christian service requirements for senators include mandatory attendance to all respective senate and committee meetings (with two exceptions for excused absences), and mandatory attendance at the weekly RHLM meeting in their respective dorms.

They must also report to their dorm during Focus/Hall meeting, concerning the prior week's legislation. A report, "The Senate Minute" is distributed to each senator before the senate session to use as a report to his/her hall for Focus that evening.

The senators should also post a "Senate Bill Proposals" form on their door. This will allow the constituents of their hall to convey their concerns and requests at their convenience.

In addition to the regular requirements for Christian service, to receive a C

in CSER senators must lobby five students every week and keep a lobbying sheet of the students and their concerns.

To receive a B in CSER, senators must do the regular requirements, lobby five students and sponsor at least one bill. To receive an A senators must do all of these things in addition to authoring or co-authoring at least one bill.

SGA's Web site, www.liberty.edu/sga allows a student to directly e-mail a senator on their hall with a concern or request. Should a student send a senator a concern

via e-mail through SGA's Web site, the senator must report to them within three days of what action has been taken.

"The requirements aren't that hard," Senator Dan Brown said. "If you are a baseball player, you'll do what you have to to meet all the requirements because it's what you love and want to do. Senate is the same way."

SGA has begun to get stricter and more focused as the semester progresses. Following the announcement of these new requirements for CSER, senate has passed numerous bills through senate, with many more to come.

SGA
Senate

ROTC looking to start in Fall 2001

By Matthew Trick, reporter

Liberty may be getting an Army Reserve Officer's Training Corp (ROTC) in the fall of 2001. ROTC is an extension of the United States Army that trains young high school and college students in different aspects of military instruction.

The program was started over 165 years ago by Captain Alden Partridge and since then has spread to more than 1,300 colleges and universities.

If the program comes to Liberty, it will be an extension of the University of Virginia's ROTC. Liberty will be called the Eagle Company and will fall under UVA's Cavalier Battalion. While Liberty will have its own leadership, the two programs will have a lot of interaction with each other. UVA will especially help Liberty during the beginning months of the program.

Lieutenant Jonathan Truitt, one of the representatives from

UVA's ROTC program, is very interested to see the program come to Liberty. Truitt calls it an "outstanding program where young men and women can learn more about themselves."

He believes that this program will especially benefit Liberty because of the positive influences that it has on the community.

"Liberty already has impacted this community in a great way. The ROTC program will further this impact," Truitt said.

Cadet Ed Park, a senior in UVA's ROTC said, "All types of people are needed in the program. The Christian students from Liberty will provide diversity, especially with the students from UVA."

The ROTC program offers a variety of benefits to cadets. It offers a number of scholarships worth up to \$60,000. It also looks great on a resumé. Employers place high regard on the management and leadership skills that

ROTC instructors stress.

Cadet John Lane, a sophomore from UVA, said that the program has given him confidence in himself. "I had never even held a gun before ROTC. On the first day I shot an M16. That's just an example of how (ROTC) gives you confidence," Lane explained.

Lane said that the main thing he has learned is how to be a leader. His leadership experience is what he says will help him become a more mature person.

In order to bring the ROTC program to Liberty there have to be a certain number of people interested. Truitt said he will come to Liberty about once a week to talk to Liberty students who are interested in the program. He will set up a booth at the exit of Marriott for anyone who wants to come by.

To get more information or to support the ROTC coming to Liberty, you can e-mail Lt. Truitt at rotc@liberty.edu.



ANGELA NELSON

THEY'RE BACK — The ROTC group from UVA. is trying to recruit enough students to start a program at LU.

Debate: Preparing for district tournament

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been travelling every weekend since the semester started. Travis Ausland and John Ross have earned 5-3 records at their national tournaments. It is important that they win at least 50 percent of their rounds in order to apply for a second-round bid to the NDT if they do not qualify in the district tournament.

At the Baylor University tournament, which was held at Trinity University Jan. 20-22, the team broke to double octofinals and lost to UT-Austin. Ausland and Ross also qualified for the out-rounds of the Northwestern tournament Feb. 3-5. They lost in their double octofinal round to the University of Iowa.

Laura Gall debated at Baylor with

Will Hauptfear and at Northwestern with Trask — earning a 3-5 record at each tournament.

The entire team went to a tournament at the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis Jan. 26-28. The varsity teams did not make it past the octofinal rounds; however, Ross received the sixth place speaker award.

In JV, Gautier and Scott were the top team coming out of the preliminary rounds after being undefeated. They then made it to the semifinal round and lost to Boston College. Gautier was awarded fourth speaker and Scott placed 10th. "I just want to thank Brett O'Donnell for all that he's done to drive us to success," Scott said.

Jones and Trask went 4-2 and lost in the first outround.

Nix and Samek were also undefeated in the novice preliminary rounds. They placed second in the tournament after losing to Catholic in the final round.

House and Johnson went 4-2 in novice and lost in the first outround. Johnson was the seventh novice speaker.

Now, the team has one month of their hardest debating yet. In addition to preparing for the district tournament, Ausland and Ross will also be participating in a public debate in the Schilling Center at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20.

They will debate whether there should be a moratorium on the death penalty, and their opponents will be former partners Heather Hall and Bill Lawrence. The event is part

of the Lynchburg community Death Penalty Awareness Week.

The district-qualifying tournament will be held at James Madison University Feb. 24-25. Ausland and Ross have been busily researching in order to be one of the top teams in their district so they can debate at the NDT at the end of the season.

Previous JV'er Gautier has also been moved to the varsity ranks to debate with Gall at districts, as Liberty will attempt to qualify two teams for the NDT.

After the district tournament, the team will go to JV Nationals at Towson State University, the American Debate Association National tournament at Clarion University and, hopefully, to the NDT at Baylor University.

Career Center offers resources

By Tim Asimos, reporter

Whether you are a graduating senior or a first-year student, the Career Center offers important help and advice.

According to Sharon Minard, director of the center, one of the more popular ways the Career Center helps students is with choosing a major. A test called "Career Direct" can be taken to determine a student's best potential occupation.

The test is approximately one hour and uses a Christian-oriented computer survey to find a student's interests and strengths. The test results will give a student a list of jobs that could suit their interests.

The Career Center also offers resources to help students find local jobs in their prospective fields.

The Career Center is also there to help students build a strong and impressive resume as well as eye-catching portfolios that will be the key to getting a job.

For those interested in continuing their education, there is information on graduate schools available in the Career Center as well.

Another great resource the Career Center offers is the Internship and Externship programs. The internships are valid for college credit and some even pay. The Externship Program allows students to experience the daily activities of a job related to their field first hand by spending time with a professional. It also helps to test interest in a particular career field.

There are many helpful books located in the Career Center resource library. Students can find books on the following topics: jobs applicable to various majors and personalities; salary and future outlooks of career fields; internship opportunities; grad school opportunities and requirements; resume tips and interviewing techniques.

The Career Center Web site is an extremely valuable tool available right in a student's own room.

Online job searches, resume builders, job research and many more resources can be found with just the click of a mouse.

The Career Center holds many workshops for students to attend. On March 1, Jennifer Mastrapasqua with Alpha Omega Resources, Inc. will teach a workshop titled "Resume Writing."

There are more workshops in April. There will be a Career Fair on March 28 held in the Vines Center. Students may stop by booths of companies and get information and ask questions regarding jobs and internships. As of now there are 17 companies registered to be at the Career Fair.

The Career Center is located in TE 128B. It is open Monday through Friday until 5 p.m., and students may call them at ext. 2791, visit their Web site at <http://www.liberty.edu/resources/career> or email them at careers@liberty.edu.

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Seminary students increase in number

By Diana Bell, asst. news editor

Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary (LBTS) has seen tremendous growth in numbers of students in the past year.

According to Dr. Daniel Mitchell, associate dean of the seminary, 91 new students enrolled in LBTS this spring. That is more than double the number enrolled last spring. The previous record for the spring semester was 25.

Last fall's enrollment of 61 jumped to 143 new enrollments this fall.

"Our new enrollments in the residential program have consistently doubled beyond anything we had ever seen before," Mitchell said.

The seminary has 267 residential M.A.R., M.R.E. and M.Div. students.

The seminary has also seen a large increase in its EDP program with 722 people currently in the program.

Dr. Danny Lovett, dean of LBTS, believes there are two major reasons enrollment has increased. One reason is that undergraduate students have the opportunity to receive up to 15 hours of advanced standing towards their Masters.

"A student can come to LU and in five years graduate with their Masters. It can't be done anywhere else," Lovett explained.

Another reason for the increase is that students see the passion and vision it has to

assist in the building of the local church. He believes the seminary is a complement of the church.

The mission of the seminary, according to its Web site, is "to come alongside the church and help it fulfill the Great Commission."

LBTS offers things many seminaries do not. The advanced standing incentive is one. Required internships and ministry in a church are two others.

LBTS believes that "a large percentage of seminary students' training should take place in the laboratory of the local church...allowing students to learn in real-life settings versus the classroom."

Andrew Wooddell, a Liberty graduate now working on his M.A.R. (Master of Arts in Religion) in Worship Studies, was able to take advantage of the advanced standing program.

Nine hours is full-time status for a seminary student, so he was able to have almost two full semesters of credit toward his degree before actually taking classes.

Wooddell did check into other seminaries, but decided on LBTS.

"I believe God brought me back here for a reason," Wooddell said.

Wooddell thinks that a required internship is good preparation for ministry. "It's not them asking me to do more; they're training you so you'll be more successful in ministry," Wooddell said.

Missions: MEW brings 80 missionaries to LU

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opportunities with students.

The missions department took an offering for the Uduk people in Ethiopia during Monday convocation.

"The purpose of this project is to assist the approximately 13,500 Uduk refugees from south Sudan, who have migrated to the refugee camp in Ethiopia. Through cooperation with the UN and the Ethiopian government, SIM has established a work to train Uduks to teach their children in the camp school.

Secondly, SIM is involved in leadership training, translation, children's work, serving classes and general assisting and encouraging the church," Joy Cook, the

stewardship relations assistant with SIM, said.

Anyone interested in giving to the Uduk Relief Project should contact the Center for World Missions at ext. 2590.

On Monday night, several missionaries participated in five panel discussions about various missions topics — spiritual warfare, women's roles, Eastern religions, training cross-cultural leaders and unreached people groups.

Students were given the opportunity to ask missionaries about the topics they were most interested in.

A Ladies' Tea will be held on Feb. 20 in David's Place at 3 p.m. Grace Harding, the wife of Bill Harding, IV, will be speaking along with several other missionary women. Refresh-



ANGELA NELSON

FOCUS ON MISSIONS — Members of the Ministry Emphasis Week Committee met with the Hardings (special speakers for the conference) Feb. 17 to fellowship, worship and pray that God would call students to the mission field.

ments will be served.

On Feb. 21, David Burnham will speak in convocation about youth ministries. Jerry Spencer,

the pastor of Faith Baptist Church, will speak in campus church on Feb. 21 and in convocation Feb. 23.

Dressing for success — and extra credit

By Bill Murray, editor in chief

While many of Liberty's students have been quick to adapt to the new, more lenient dress code options available to them, there is at least one group that continues to wear ties and skirts.

Professor Robert Mateer, department chairman of finance, economics and MIS, has offered his students a deal most view as too good to turn down.

Mateer, whose classes are considered among the toughest in the business major, is now offering his students final grade incentives to dress according to the dress code LU previously had in place.

"Men who wear a properly tied tie will receive five extra points on their final grade. Further, by request of the students, I have offered one additional point if they choose to wear a coat or suit," Mateer said.

Never one to leave out the other half of his class, Mateer has made a

similar option available to the women he instructs. "To be fair to the women, I have offered five additional points if, throughout the entire year, they wear a skirt or dress rather than the optional pants. The extra one point is also available to the women if they wear either a bow or ribbon in their hair," Mateer said.

Since instituting the new policy, Mateer has seen overwhelming compliance among students who are eager to earn the extra points. "Out of my 100 odd students, I have currently observed that, perhaps, 98 percent or so have chosen the tie/skirt option," Mateer said.

"Every student knows that to earn the points they will have to dress correctly during every class period in the semester. In economic terms, incentives matter."

Mateer's reasoning for allowing his students the opportunity to dress their way to a higher final grade came in light of the recent

change in LU's policy regarding student dress. Having taught at LU for 18 years, Mateer has seen LU go through many changes, and the dress code was something he wishes would not have been relaxed.

"The older dress code drastically set LU apart from 99 percent of the nation's colleges and universities. It was a distinctive, and I have also assumed an attractive one to most parents of LU students; and, hopefully, a source of positive pride for most students," Mateer said.

Mateer says he was surprised by the change in dress code and is hopeful that it will have a positive impact on Liberty.

So far, Mateer has not only received positive support from his students for the extra credit, but he has also received full backing from Dr. Bruce Bell, dean of the School of Business and Government.

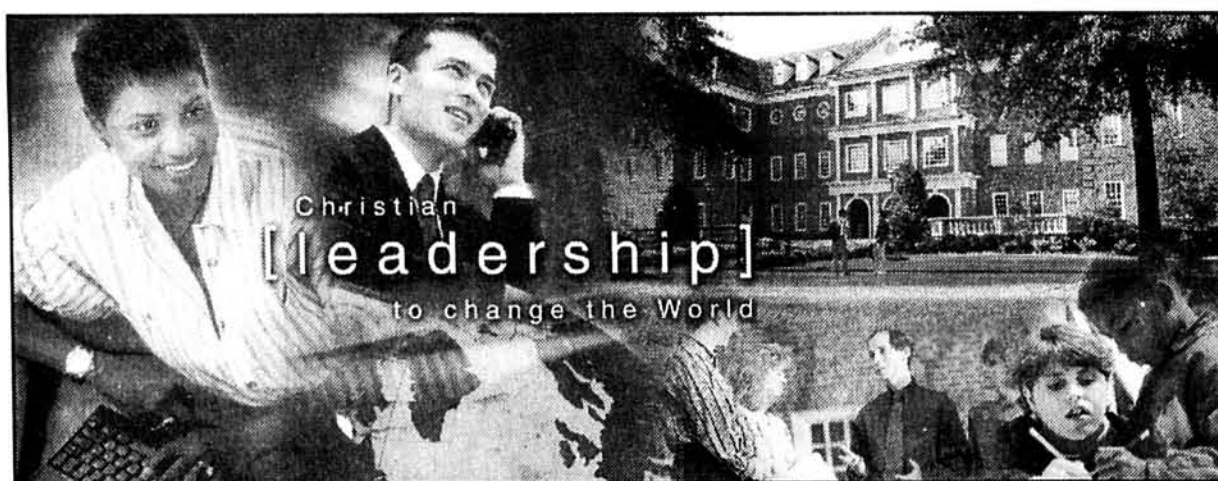
"Faculty have a lot of latitude about the conduct of their classes, and I would not want to interfere

with a faculty member's efforts to award extra credit to his or her students," Bell said.

"Because of his experience in many professional organizations, Mr. Mateer is especially eager to allow his students to earn extra credit by dressing in a manner that more closely reflects his view of the modern workplace."

Bell, too, awards extra credit to students for reasons not directly pursuant to their class performance. He gives students 10 points toward their final exam if they either give blood or volunteer two hours at the Red Cross.

So while many in LU's student body have wasted little time taking advantage of the new dress code options, about 100 students have decided that wearing a polo shirt instead of a suit and pants instead of a dress simply cannot compare to an extra five or six points in one of Mateer's classes.



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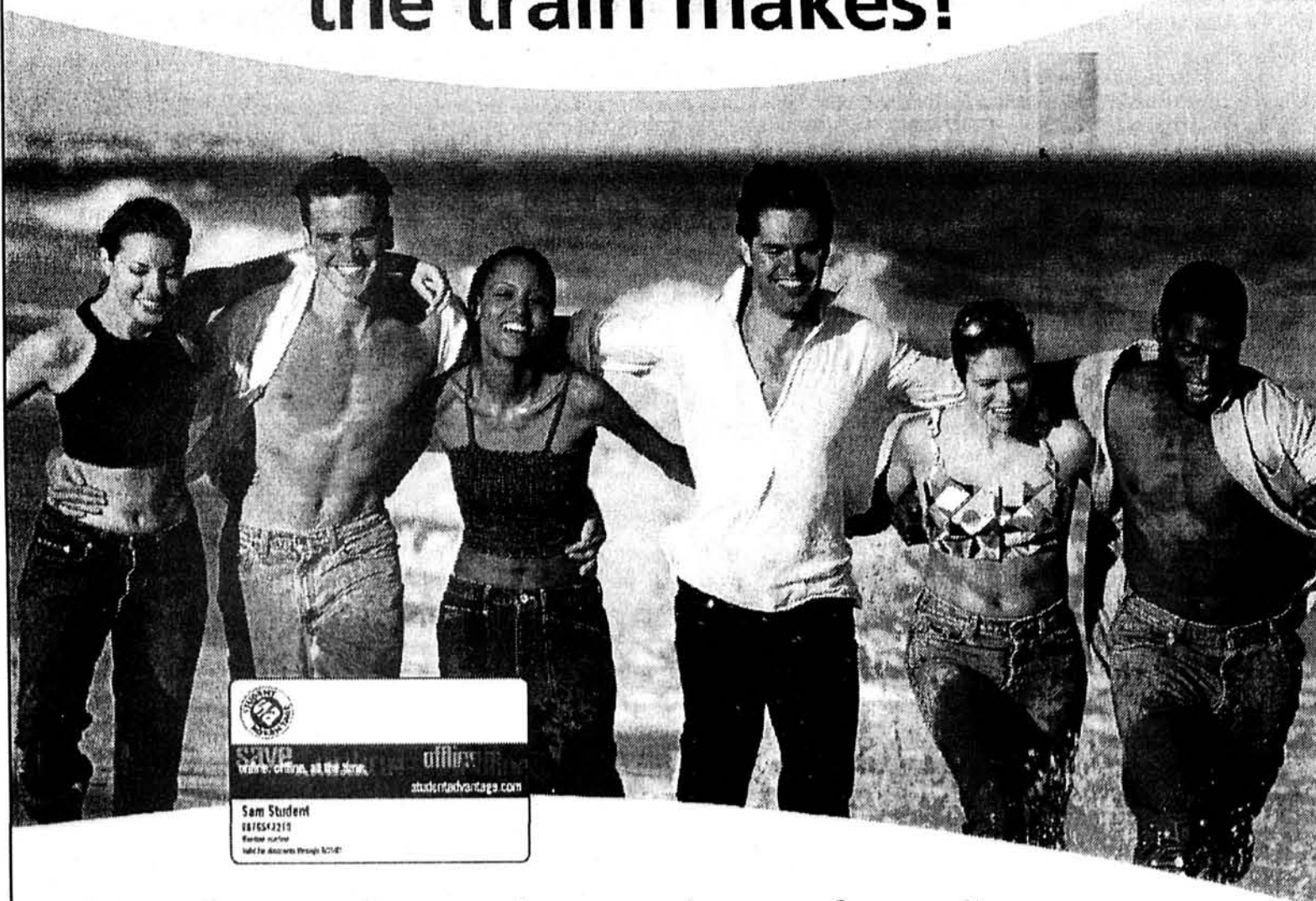


A TIME FOR ROMANCE — Student Life hosted a Valentine's Coffee House Feb. 16 in the Schilling Center. Aside from musical numbers, some of the evening's highlights included a caveman skit of the first Valentine, a Britney Spears imitation, a re-enactment of a Top Gun scene, Hawaiian hula dancing, a video entitled "The Temptation Mole" and a special appearance by Dean Gomes.



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The Liberty Champion Napster violates copyright

Last week a federal court judge handed down a ruling that appears to have the effect of a death sentence against Internet music trading company Napster. The court ruled that the Internet music company had in fact violated U.S. copyright laws by allowing their users to access, download, trade and post copyrighted material through Napster's own licensed software in a format known as an MP3 file. The ruling was filed by leaders in the music industry in an attempt to stifle the growing trend of online "piracy" of their products.

The lawyers for the music industry said that Napster constituted an ongoing violation of the record industry artists' "intellectual capital rights", or those rights of creativity that each artist puts into their respective work. Yet even though the various companies that make up the record industry are fairly set on the issue, the artists they represent are very divided on the topic, with some in support of Napster and some opposed.

With such a rift running through the music world, the consequences from the ruling, though having little effect on artists themselves, surely will continue to stir up controversy from the artists on either side of the issue. Going with the ruling as it stands, once Napster completes its appeals (and more than likely lose them), it will eventually have to impose a system of fees or simply shutdown.

Despite consumer outrage from Napster's 20 million registered users, Congress seems destined to have to step in and find an amicable legislative solution. At the forefront of that debate will inevitably be Lynchburg's congressman, Rep. Bob Goodlatte, who heads up the House Committee on the Internet.

When asked about the ruling Goodlatte responded by saying that currently the Internet is moving too fast for any legislation to have an effect on it and "would be like having to hit a very fast moving target." It appears that no matter the legislative agenda or possible further legal proceedings, Napster's final days have come.

"Screamin' Eagles" to land

The same day that LU Chancellor Dr. Falwell announced that LU men would no longer be relegated to wearing a tie, he also announced a new step that LU is taking to expand its current offerings. Through working out a deal with the U.S. Army, LU will be able to offer Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) starting next fall. The LU branch will be known as the "Screamin' Eagles" and be partnered up with the UVa. branch of the Army ROTC program.

This is an excellent opportunity for LU students to develop their leadership skills, increase their physical fitness level, serve their country and college, and have a chance at additional scholarship money. The ROTC group at LU will offer an assortment of activities and training that will not only help those involved in improving themselves but will also offer to those who are so inclined (and have met the proper criterion), the option of a military commission once they graduate. Having a program like ROTC available at a university like LU will not only aid in recruitment, but will also begin to foster a sense of tradition within the school. The participants in ROTC will be able to serve their fellow students in many different ways and gain a multitude of internal rewards that they can carry with them for years to come.

Hopefully all returning students will give serious thought to joining up with the ROTC group at LU. What you will get out of serving your country and fellow students will far outweigh what you put into the program.

Quote of the week

"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith."

—Hebrews 12:1-2

Bombs from Bush and my tennis racket

What a week it has been. The past seven days have included Valentine's Day, a nice tennis match and the bombing of Iraq. What more could a guy ask for? Get ready, here's come a few random thoughts.

Anyone who has read almost any of my past columns will not be surprised to hear that I am in full support of an action recently taken by President George W. Bush.

Beside the fact that I am positive that Republicans truly are the anointed party of Jesus Himself (or so I've heard), I could not be more pleased with how our president has conducted himself over the course of his first few weeks in office.

When the United States decided to bomb Iraq this past Friday, I could not help but feel a certain sense of nostalgia.

I was in my room Friday afternoon when I heard the music signaling an ABC News Special Report. I instantly felt my heart sink as over the past few months I had been trained to hear that and go directly into prayer because a major election-related court decision was usually about to be handed down

(yes, I actually do know that it probably isn't very healthy to be so obsessed, but it's something I just have to live with).

When I learned that the U.S. had bombed Iraq due to its latest attempts to thwart our military's patrol of the no-fly zone, I was immediately thankful to God that we have a Bush dealing with Saddam Hussein again. It's hard to believe we are actually embarking on four years—and possibly eight—of this paradise.

But Bush is good for things other than just bombing the wackos of the world. I for one, after recently receiving my W-2 tax forms in the mail, am very eager to see Bush get his \$1.6 trillion tax cut bill passed.

Mind you, I work for Liberty and am therefore not exactly living high on the hog. But I get by, and I would surely get by a lot easier if I was paying a little less in taxes each week.

All the democrats are complaining that the tax cut will only go only to the richest of Americans, but that simply is not true. Even somebody making just a few thousand dollars a year (like yours truly) stands to gain some cash back

from the government.

I think I may have even found the best way for me to spend my refund—tennis lessons. I was recently asked by a friend to pick up a racket and start playing with some frequency.

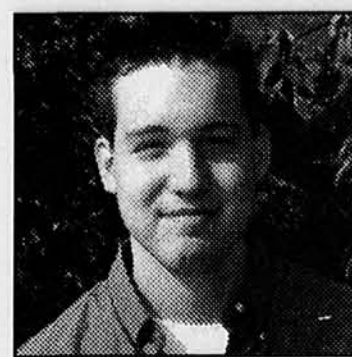
When I said yes, I could not have known how difficult this would actually be.

Unfortunately, I seem to have found a way to play every sport other than tennis while holding my racket. My serves are more like baseball in that I will inevitably hit what amounts to a tennis homerun at least one out of every five times I serve.

Anyone I have played with has complained that playing me is more like a track meet because they are always running about a mile away to retrieve what I meant to be a simple return to their serve. And believe it or not, I even put a little soccer and golf into my game, but that's just to throw off my opponent.

The moral here? I just want to give much props to all the tennis players here who are actually able to hit the ball back and forth and keep it in one court.

As you can see it doesn't take much to make this guy happy. A few bombs in Iraq and a few more on the tennis court, I can call it a successful week.



billmurray

Curiosity killed the cat and the audience

The anticipation exhibited by movie audiences at the Feb. 9 release of "Hannibal", the sequel to Thomas Harris's fiction novel "Silence of the Lambs", opened my eyes to a disturbing realization about American culture.

Sure, I have always been aware that there is an increasing number of horror film and novel fans, but the death grip that serial killers has on the American imagination is ridiculously frightening. In its first three days, "Hannibal" grossed \$58 million in the U.S. and Canada. Even the film's producer was shocked at the audience's fascination with gratuitous violence, gore and terror.

What draws millions of people to voluntarily witness and read about a killer who makes gourmet meals out of his victims? Anthony Hopkins, who plays Hannibal Lecter, attributes people's interest in his character to a fascination with our own potential for evil. So what Americans are doing is feeding that potential—real smart!

This bizarre fascination was perhaps exemplified when, in 1996, eight families of serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer's victims held an auction of his estate which included the vat in which he boiled his victims' bodies, the refrigerator where he stored their skulls, the hypodermic needles he used and the tools he used to separate the skin and dismember bodies. Two sisters of the victims said that they were not motivated by greed but rather by painful memories still vividly recalled.

I guess they and the other families that participated in the auction are resting easy now that Dahmer's tools of the trade are resting safely in the hands of the kind of sick people that would buy such objects.

Why are people so stupid? Joseph Gritli, a senior lecturer in the School of Humanities, Queensland University of Technology, said that while Americans understand their

society is increasingly disconnected and violent, they refuse to believe that these extremes could be embodied in one person, particularly them. He explained, "By creating a fictional aura around serial killers, Americans ignore the destructive segments of modern society acting upon them."

We are integrating evil and the serial killer image into the fabric of everyday life. Doesn't Christ tell us to abstain from even the appearance of evil (1 Thess. 5:22)? There is a good reason.

Look at how hard it is to decide whether it's movies and novels making people evil or whether people are making movies and novels evil.

The Hannibal Lecter that the world is so fascinated with is not a fictional character. He is worse, he is a combination of qualities found in other real serial killers. It is not enough to simply dismiss the seriousness of the glorification of evil by the movie industry and fiction writers by saying it isn't real, because it is very real especially to the victims and their families.

I wonder if the family of Konek Sinthasomphone, the 14-year-old Laotian boy who escaped from Dahmer's apartment in May 1991 only to be sent back to his death by two police officers, will enjoy the way in which Lecter is portrayed as a just killer. Why is he just? Because movie makers say that the people he kills deserve it. I wonder if real victims will agree.

Yes, these killers are human and it's normal for us to be curious, but our curiosity can sometimes get the best of us, especially when the entertainment business makes them superstars. Jason Moss knows what it's like to get pulled into the obsession.

Moss was 18 when his obsession with serial killers began. He wanted to know the secrets of their murders so he decided to assume carefully constructed identities and become their prison pen pal. For example,

after discovering that John Gacy had raped and murdered 33 young men who were Moss's age, he wrote Gacy a letter casting himself as one of Gacy's ideal victims. He was eventually corresponding to six killers, assuming a different personality for each.

Moss welcomed an invitation by Gacy to visit him in prison. Little did Moss know, that Gacy would pay off the prison guard to leave the two alone. He was saved at the last minute when a prison guard

knocked on the door. Moss was so traumatized by his experience that he cut off all contact with his serial killer pen pals. He said he has told his story in a book in an attempt to cleanse himself. "Although he's [Gacy] been executed, he's always going to be a part of my mind", Moss said.

If curiosity is so innocent, then why did Moss need to cleanse himself and why was he left so scarred? God has a reason for all of his commandments. When He said to stay away from all forms of evil, including even the appearance, He knew that we weren't capable of handling it. This is evident in our blood thirsty culture.



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'Acting' as a light for Christ

In the musical version of the comic strip Peanuts—'You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown', Sally discovers new philosophies to live by. These philosophies are childlike and are expressed in fun song and dance. I will spare you the song and dance and tell you of a new philosophy I live by—be the best at your profession and the world will want to know you personally.

As I near the finish line we call graduation, I feel led to pursue my interest in the theater. In fact my new philosophy was conceived while doing a secular drama over the summer.

Some of you are saying to yourself in honor of the Church Lady and with the pursing of your lips, "S-A-T-A-N?" After all, the acting world is filled with drugs, homosexuality and promiscuity.

Many times segments of our faith steer young Christians away from the utter darkness of theater. The advice to the called young actor is usually to ask God again because you must have heard wrong.

When is it Christ-like to indirectly or directly deem a part of our society as hopeless? I need not remind you of the rest of fallen mankind in numerous other professions. I will not mention the spiritual advisor of our 42nd president or even our 42nd president by name.

Sin and darkness are not unique to the theater; they are universal. In fact, Christians are to be lights in every crevice of society. My life verse is Matthew 5:16, "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Two prime examples of professionals with whom God has used in mighty ways include our chancellor Dr. Jerry Falwell and soon-to-be-Dr., Mrs. Linda Nell

Cooper, associate English professor. Like you, I have nervously watched Dr. Falwell on the late night talk shows standing up for truth even when the guests outnumber him 3-1. Why do these talk show hosts invite our chancellor to join them?

Simply because he is a professional in his job. Because of that and the respect he gives, people desire his thoughts on the issues of today—which coincidentally always lead to the presentation of Christ.

Similarly, Cooper, director and writer, has seen the presence of God in the secular theater world. She earned an award for her drama "April Morning". The play, which was entered into the American College

Theatre Festival, placed in the top six out of 232. In other words, she is pursuing excellence.

I have witnessed strangers approach Cooper and ask her about redemption and salvation based upon her works. Lost people respect figures like Cooper and Falwell professionally and desire to know them personally. Under her direction, I have experienced first-hand the power of my new philosophy at work.

The bulk of our personal evangelism and opportunities to witness will come through our various professions. So, who will reach Broadway, Hollywood and the countless tribes across the world?

Liberty students must find the passion that God has placed in their hearts and pursue it for His glory. However, do not merely pursue—excel. When you grab that diploma and walk down this mountain of righteousness, carry that righteousness into your profession and be ready to give an answer for the hope that you hold.



chrisnelson

Science is creating a Babel

Scientists have recently claimed that they are very close to being able to read the human genetic code. They say that they are surprised by the number of genes that we have. Supposedly, we have 13,000 more genes than a common fruit fly. Scientists are hopeful that one day they may be able to predict diseases that each one of us may contract during our lifetime.

I don't know about you, but this type of tampering with human life scares me. These scientists sound like the disobedient people of Genesis 11 when they tried to build a tower to the heavens so they could "make a name for themselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth" (v. 4).

The men realized how foolish they were when God came down and confused their language. As a result, they were to suffer from the one thing that they did not want—they were scattered all over the earth.

The progression of technology today is very similar to the people from Babel. First the people from Babel made bricks and baked them. Then they wanted to build a city from the new bricks that they had so brilliantly made.

They didn't stop there though. After they started the city, they wanted to build a tower to prove how smart they were. That's when God stepped in and stopped them.

Today our bricks are genes. We started by cloning a sheep named Dolly. Then we cloned a sheep named Polly that had a human gene added into the mix. After that, the scientist wanted to clone a human. Fortunately, President Clinton said no, but only for five years.

Now we want to read the human genetic code to predict diseases. Sounds like some kind of psychic scientific adviser. There is even talk of eventually creating a superior human race that supposedly will not be susceptible to cancer and other diseases.

I believe that if the scientists of today continue to degrade the human race by attempting to play God with our genes, the same consequences that came down on the people trying to build the tower of Babel will come down on us.

These scientists are trying to make a name for themselves just like the people in Genesis. God is definitely not getting the glory from all of the research that they are doing.

The Bible always stresses how precious human life is. I don't think Jesus would have died on that cross for us if He didn't think there was something in us worth saving.

Scientists continually degrade the value of the human race by proclaiming that we aren't much better than a common fruit fly or that our long lost relatives were gorillas. I do not think it is very pleasing to God to see His people treating life like one big science experiment.

If God wanted us to know the diseases that we are going to get in our lifetime I think He would have told us. We are building our tower right now and before long God is going to have to come in and scatter us like the people of Genesis 11.

I hope it doesn't come to that consequence, but when you play with fire, sometimes you get burned.



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Departing from our comfort zones

By Chris Nelson, columnist

College represents a newfound independence for many of us. For most students it will be the first time away from mom and dad and the town in which they grew up. However, like many high school graduates, some college graduates fail to expand on this independence.

When I graduated from high school in rural Minnesota I discovered that my best friend and I were attending a college farther away than anyone else. I was shocked when I found out how many of my friends and classmates stuck around in the same small town.

Not only did most stick around locally, but also practically everyone stayed in Minnesota. The fact that Minnesota is a glacier for eight months of the year should inspire any of its arctic residents to travel elsewhere to attend college, but few take the plunge.

However, this is not a unique story. My guess is that it is an all too familiar story for young people. I have moved many times in my life, touring many states in the process. I learned from an early age that there is more to this country than any one town or state.

Each state and community I lived in brought new understanding of this world and the people God created. For instance, people in Minnesota conduct themselves differently than people in Ohio 'don't ya know'.

I know very confidently that the people of Ohio would never

have elected a former wrestler to be the governor of the state, but in Minnesota anything is possible.

My point is simple; people need to escape their states and hometowns for at least a time of their life. Choosing a college out of state is only one step in escaping our comfort zone. Get out from under the safe environment of mom and dad's umbrella and view the vast array of people that live in this country.

There are many advantages to living independently, apart from people we already know. First, it forces us to interact and create conversation with strangers. This sounds frightening until we realize that many times such awkward meetings

can come to bear life-long friendships.

Secondly, people must see the different cultures that exist even within America. People work different, talk differently and eat differently and experiencing these differences only helps in expanding our knowledge and frame of reference.

Finally, part of our job, as the salt and light of the world is to understand the world before we start lighting. Perhaps you will find out that God can use you anywhere you go to spread the Truth.

Graduation should be a doorway to new experiences. Therefore, refrain from heading back home and think about forging ahead. In the words of campus pastor Dr. Danny Lovett, "just a thought."

Part of our job, as salt and light of the world, is to understand the world before we start lighting.

The gloves are off in D.C.

John Ashcroft is now the attorney general of the United States, and thankfully so, since he was definitely a highly qualified person to fill the post. Throughout the entire confirmation hearing (or as I prefer, "the senate inquisition") Mr. Ashcroft's character, beliefs, integrity, record and practices were not only called into question but were also subsequently trashed.

The committee, some of whom were Democratic members, spent the majority of their time not questioning Mr. Ashcroft based on his merits, but rather they began a running diatribe against him on a personal level. Yet these attacks cannot simply be labeled as personal, for these attacks came from a purely political motive. It was not that Mr. Ashcroft was not worthy of the position, for as mentioned before he was definitely qualified. It was instead because of his beliefs and what party he was a part of that he received his biting criticisms.

In Washington D.C. there is a war going on between the two dominant parties, the Democrats and Republicans, that has, for the most part, been kept hush-hush by the media. This is a war of positioning, repositioning, fortifying, manipulating and the spinning of ideologies, platforms, pundits, issues and public officials. This goes on in both parties, and frankly is the name of the game.

To look in from the outside one may easily say this is about the good guys and bad guys; one party being the good the other being evil. But any Washington insider that has been on the scene for more than a summer internship will tell you that there are good guys in both parties and there are also bad guys in both parties.

Over the last eight years, the jockeying for position has at times been intense and cutthroat over certain issues. Now with the emergence of a slim (yet still viable) Republican majority in both the White House and the Capitol the fighting is about to intensify.

The sordid episode with Attorney General Ashcroft was but a timely testing of the waters by some very liberal special interest groups. Now, unfortunately comes the real offensive.

Since Jennifer Flowers (hopefully we remember her), many liberal special interest groups like the National Organization of Women (NOW) have suddenly lost foot-

ing in the U.S., and once Miss Lewinsky came on the scene they were put aside by the Democrats for that time so President Clinton could be seen as remaining legitimate.

Watch now, for quickly coming is the time when we will see NOW and other extremist liberal groups begin to once again attempt to dominate the national discourse. This is possible due to two main factors; the first being the caving in of the Dems to these group's every whim

and demand and secondly, the Democratic party is now facing a very extreme identity crisis.

The identity crisis comes from President Clinton's last weeks of infamy where he and his staff stole everything in sight at the White House and on Air Force One, demolished the West Wing and put dangerous criminals on the streets (most of whom are large contributors to the Democratic Party).

To fill the gap of the identity crisis, the Dems are being forced to again cater to these liberal groups to find footing. Yet as they do so they not only delegitimize their party, but they also bring back to the national scene a Pandora's box of geeks, freaks and fools that have the single goal of completely moving this country away from its Judeo-Christian roots and intents of the founders.

This is going to be a very long four years for anyone who believes in Jesus Christ as sole Savior of this world. For any conservative who believes in a literal interpretation of the Constitution, the right to life, the right to freedom of religion and knows that we are actually a federal constitutional republic. Notice I did not say that belief in God is going to be a problem, for I predict that we will see an emergence of a movement that acknowledges God, but forgets His Son.

Be on the lookout for these extremist groups as they pop up throughout the media and come back into view. A strong base of conservatives who know how these groups operate can effectively combat their guerrilla tactics.

Once Christians and people who enjoy their individual liberties as given by the Bill of Rights stand up to these groups and have their voices and votes heard we will see them fade back into the black abyss of media insignificance.



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Student Life sponsors a ski trip to Wintergreen Ski Area. Ride is free. Lift tickets \$15. Ski/snowboard rentals \$15. Leave David's Place 3:30 p.m. Return midnight. (804) 582-2131.

Wilkinson teaches readers to ask for miracles

By Carolyn Bass, reporter

As I would plop in front of the television set or spend time at some unheroic task, I would hear, "Carolyn, you need to read more!" My mother had a love for reading and educating herself. She desperately tried to make us inherit this noble trait, but her attempts were to no avail.

The sitcoms and the cartoons had seized the victory once again. However, as I approached college, my attitude had somewhat changed. As much as I hated to admit it, she was right once again. I knew that I needed to read and so I began my pursuit of wisdom and influence. One book in particular, I would like to share with every person who is interested in seeing miracles happen in their life. Entitled "The Prayer of Jabez," it is written by Bruce Wilkinson. The book is published by Multnomah Publisher's Inc., 2000 and costs \$9.99.

Jabez is a biblical character buried in chapter four of the book of Chronicles. Before and after the mention of this man are a host of all kinds of people from Ahuzzam to Ziphah. Not much is said about any of these people with the exception of Jabez in verse nine and 10.

It says that Jabez was honorable and that his name meant "pain." He was given this name because he caused his mother much pain during his birth. In biblical times people were usually given names that reflected something about who they were. Apparently, Jabez did not wish to be a reflection of pain, so in verse 10 he cries a prayer out to God. He says:

"Oh that you will bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that your hand would be with me, and that you would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain."

Following this simple but sincere prayer are found the most promising words, "So, God granted his request."

This book highlights Jabez's entire story in detail and Wilkinson tells

about personal life experiences and how the hand of God can be placed on a person's life if only they would ask. Wilkinson notes that many are scared to even ask that God would bless them, thinking those words can only be spoken out of selfishness. What they neglect to realize is that the very nature of God is to bless His children.

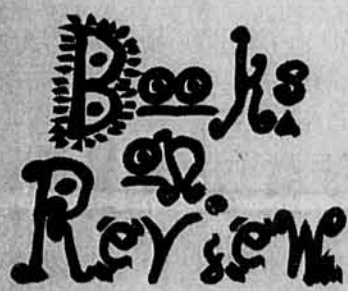
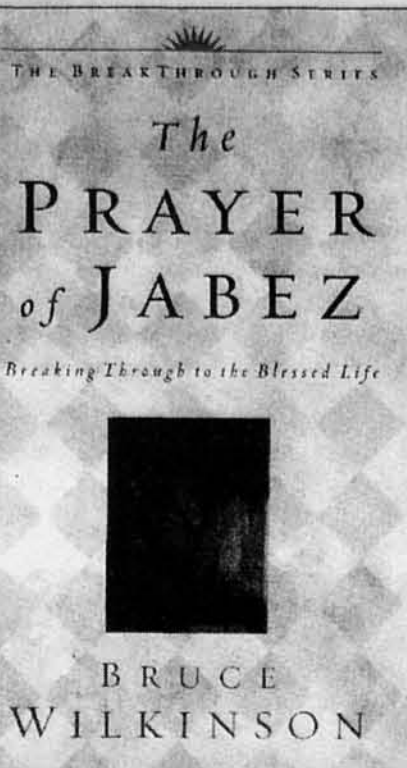
Wilkinson also explains that people ask God to enlarge their territory but the dimensions for that territory are based on the wrong thing. Many base their territory on things like abilities, experience, training, personality and past, when in reality, territory is based on only two things — willingness and weakness. It is then that the God's supernatural power is able to work.

Wilkinson writes that the third request, that God's hand would be with us, many times leaves the believer with this feeling of inadequacy and fear that makes them want to give up. He has learned that the "fear" that makes you want to throw in the towel is actually called "dependence." In other words, God gives us more than we can handle because His desire for us is complete dependence on Him. That is a frightful road to walk at times, but His promise is His steady hand.

Wilkinson reminds believers, "You do not become great; you become dependent on the strong hand of God. Your surrendered need turns into His unlimited opportunity. And He becomes great through you."

The fourth part of the prayer is perhaps the most difficult, "Oh, that you would keep me from evil." Some Christians are not too concerned about this one because temptation is not a stronghold on their life. Wilkinson has found that this is one of the most difficult places to be. Satan has left that person alone because they are no threat to him. How could they be if they are living in complacency?

The conclusion of this book shares how God has not only granted the request of Jabez but longs to grant the request of each of His children. Wilkinson says that "The only thing holding back a miracle in your life is you."



JASON NALDRETT

MOVING UP IN THE WORLD — Senior G.W. Hall runs his own car detailing business out of a trailer he hooks up to the back of his truck.

Entrepreneurs at LU escalate

By Bruce Kite and Neal McDonald

Get up. Go to class. Go back to the dorm. Go to work. Study. And if there is time left at the end of the day — sleep. Now repeat.

There is also a repetitive question that drives everyone crazy. It is the one question that everyone seems to ask, but can never answer. The question that seems to loom over the heads of graduating seniors — "What are you going to do after graduation?" This question hits some students hard when graduation is their primary focus.

For many students, this is how day in and day out they wander through their college career, but for a few students, instead of going to work for someone, people go to work for them.

Young people owning their own business is becoming more commonplace. In fact, don't look any further than Liberty University to find students who have already started their own business.

As a 16-year-old, Senior G.W. Hall got his first job detailing cars. A couple of years later, he decided that instead of making money for someone else, it was time to have people make money for him. As a result, he started his own car detailing business called Advantage Detailing Services.

Advantage Detailing Services is a self-contained door-to-door auto detailing service. Hall has a trailer that he pulls

behind his truck that contains everything required to take care of his customer's needs. The trailer has its own generator and water and is completely mobile.

All of his advertising is by word of mouth. When asked what sort of advice that he had to give for students looking to start their own business, Hall said, "Basically, just take the initiative and do it."

Another Liberty student who has begun to gain experience in the working world by running a small business, is junior Gary Young. Young is the West Virginia branch manager for Ultra Quest Sports Training Inc., an outfit that runs strength and conditioning camps over the summer for middle and high school athletes.

As branch manager, Young contacts the high school coaches and then gives presentations to promote the camps. He also works to train the athletes, assisting the physical trainers that work under him.

"I do all the training with them to earn their respect. I show them that I can do it better," Young said.

The camps were founded initially by Young's brother-in-law in Texas. "I worked a summer there, and I worked very hard at it. After that summer, I was asked if I wanted to start the West Virginia branch of the camps," Young said.

Young learned that persistence is essential in starting a small business. Two weeks before the camps started, Young had just one athlete signed up for all the camps to be held across the state.

"I just prayed about it a whole lot, pushed the starting date for the camps back a week, and I called kids and their parents all day," Young said. Young had over 50 athletes signed up before the opening week, for the six-week long camps.

The Christian-based camps provide more than an opportunity to make money for Young. "I see kids come in with low self esteem and no athletic ability. For most of them, it's a miracle that they get the money to come. After a week, they come in with their heads up high and smiles on their faces. We make a positive impact on their lives," Young said.

Each training session starts with a prayer and a devotional time called "ten-minute motivation." This provides an opportunity for the gospel of Christ to be shared with the children who often have not heard the message of Christ in their classrooms.

"This isn't just about making money or physical training or winning, but about serving the Lord," Young said.

Owning your own business has many advantages. First, it will look great on a resume later in life. Also, it makes school easier to handle. No need to beg your boss for days off to study because you are your own boss. Most importantly, owning your own business can not only be profitable, it can teach you invaluable lessons that can't be experienced in a classroom setting.

jessicabrophy

New Jersey — So you think you can handle us? Think again.

I once heard the statement "Write what you know." This is what I know — that if you haven't ever been to New Jersey, or Jersey for short, you won't understand. You'll just pass it off as some dirty, ugly oil refinery, infested with unhappy rude humans who don't know the meaning of small talk.

Or you probably think that all New Jerseyans really want to claim New York City as their own, or that New Jersey is really an extension of the Big Apple. You are amazed that tolls are a part of our everyday life, and we haven't revolted against them yet. You think that the whole state is either one big ghetto or has one too many ghettos. You are amazed that the inhabitants of New Jer-

sey haven't all killed each other yet because of all the gang violence you hear about.

Let me clue you in. How shall I say this nicely without offending all those ahem, southerners. I'll get right to the point then, something that Jerseyans have made an art out of — you're wrong.

I should clarify, however, before I go on, that most of the knowledge about my Jersey experience has been from the bias of growing up in north Jersey, (Rahway — Exit 131 on the parkway, for all you who know what I am talking about). While I respect all you South Jersey people, I would have to propose that North Jersey and South

Jersey are really two different states.

To set the record straight, New Jersey isn't all landfills, oil refineries, incinerators and chemical factories. I'll give you the lowdown on Jersey's more "natural" attributes:

- Jersey is 40 percent forested land.
- It has 18.1 percent farm land.
- It has 127 miles of Atlantic coastline.
- It is home to 11 state forests.
- It holds 42 natural areas.
- It contains 8,500 farms (as of 1992).
- It is second in production of cultivated blueberries.
- It is third in production of cranberries.
- The Gateway region in the northeast region holds the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.
- The Skylands region in the



northwest region is filled with mountains, forests and historic towns.

The Delaware region in central Jersey holds historic Princeton University, Revolutionary War battlefields, Trenton — the state capital — and the Pine Barrens national wilderness preserve.

The Shore region along Jersey's coast features the first boardwalk in the world, Six Flags (or just Great Adventure to us,) and the Garden State Arts Center.

The Greater Atlantic City region is the home of Atlantic City, the U.S. Miss America pageant, wildlife refuges and restored colonial towns.

The Southern Shore region is a resort area known for its lighthouses, quaint shops and bed-and-breakfast inns. Enough said?

I'll continue. New Jersey is the home of the first incandescent lamp and phonograph, invented by Thomas A. Edison at Menlo Park. The first saltwater taffy was produced at the Jersey shore in the 1870s. The first organized baseball game was played in Hoboken

in 1846. The first drive-in movie theater was built in Camden County. The first motion picture was invented in West Orange. The first professional basketball game was played in Trenton in 1896.

O.K., so maybe you're not impressed by what New Jersey has to offer, never mind that Lauryn Hill and Frank Sinatra have roots in Jersey or that the state epitomizes the term cultural diversity. You're just wondering why the seven million inhabitants of tiny New Jersey have such big attitudes.

Really, it's all a big misunderstanding. Let's decipher. Being frank and to the point is not being rude. Being fast-paced is not a tell-tale sign of being spiritually depraved. Being confident is not arrogant. Being proud of your roots is not egotistical.

If you can't handle the Jersey attitude, then stay in Virginia. No one ever said New Jersey was for lovers.

But seriously, what other state can you take away the "New" from its title and still sound hip?

Do You Know



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Dave Storrett

Hometown: Staunton, Va.

Major: Biblical Studies.

Favorite Past times: Free-style rapping, playing basketball and eating.

Favorite food: Chicken.

Words you live by: God gives the best to those who leave the choice up to Him.

What do you do when no one is watching? Flex my muscles in front of the mirror.

Favorite movie: Rocky IV. My brother, Ivan Drago plays in it.

If you were going to be stranded on a desert island, whom would you want to be with and why? Tom Hanks and Wilson; they could get me off in four years.

What would your roommate say about your living habits? I won't let him press the snooze more than once, and I sing too much.

If you could meet anyone in the world, whom would that be? President George W. Bush. I would pray with him and give him spiritual advice.

The best thing your parents ever taught you: Keep Jesus Christ Number 1 in my life, learn to wait on Him and be content in every situation.

Where do you see yourself in the next ten years? Preaching somewhere, married to a Liberty graduate, driving a blue mini-van and having one kid with another on the way.

Worst habit: Bad manners at the Marriott or forgetting people's names.

If you could have lunch with anyone, whom would it be? Jerry Falwell.

— Compiled by Kimberly McCarrick

12 men set the stage for an evening of anger

By Ben Hawks, reporter

Weeks before the lights begin to dim in our world and the anticipation of the new one turns the air heavy in our lungs; the magic of the stage is being created which will seize our hearts and minds.

Linda Nell Cooper who directed "Big River", "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat", and last semester's "Fiddler on the Roof" is setting another drama into motion. In "Twelve Angry Men," written by Reginald Rose, 12 men bring their lives into a juror room and set down to agree on the fate of a boy who has been accused of murdering his father. "To me it's more of a psychological drama than a courtroom drama," Cooper said. Each man, identified only by their juror number, brings positive and negative traits to the table.

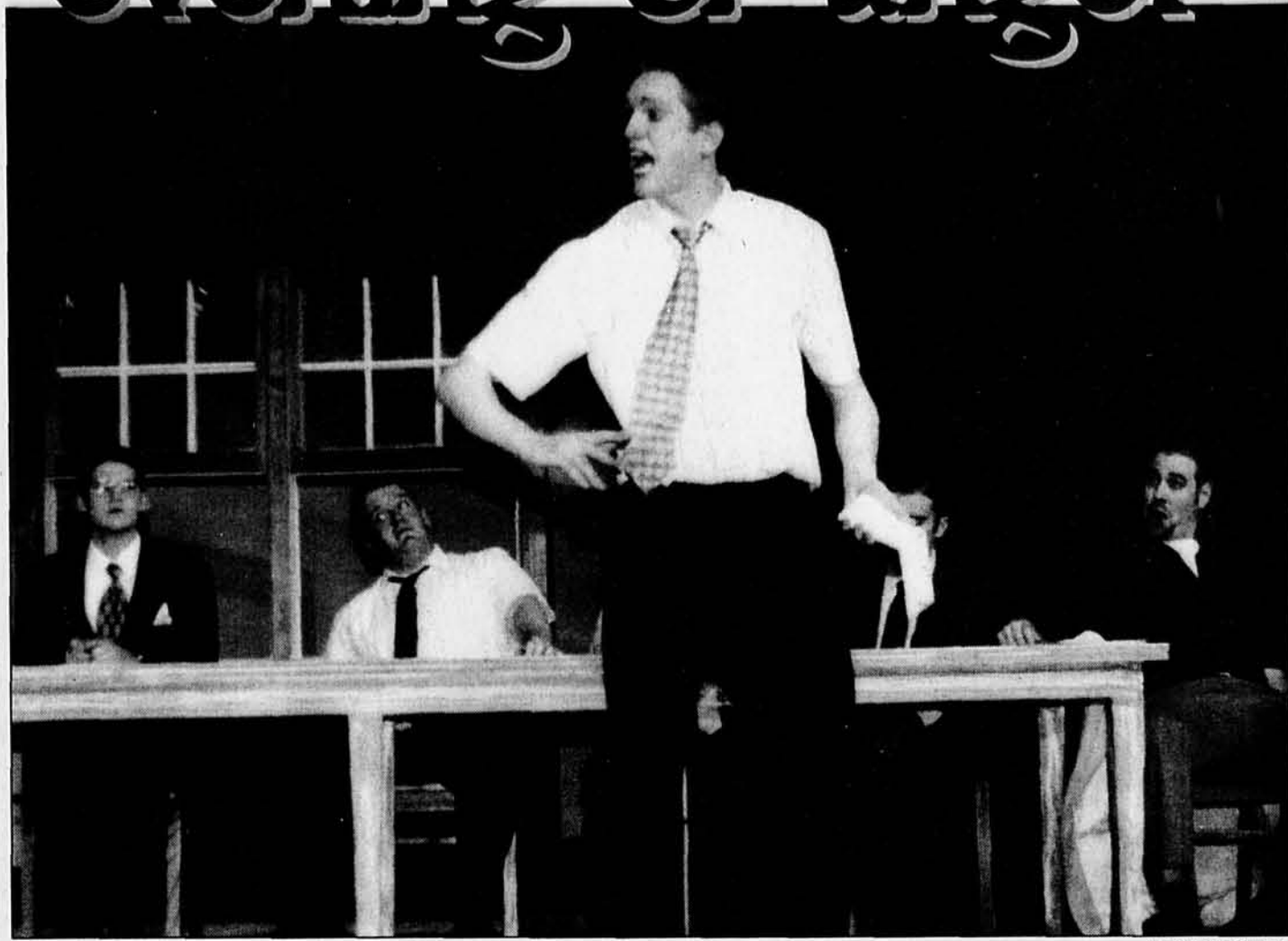
The 12 men entered the room and sat down at the table. The summer heat seemed to be the only unifying factor of the completely different men. For six days the facts were presented. The case appeared to be cut and dry. Boy fights with father, has history of violence, threatens he'll kill his father, and father ends up with a knife in his chest. The simplicity of it all left the jurors with nothing left to do but vote. The foreman, played by sophomore Jonathan Robertson, conducted the vote and it was "Guilty, guilty, guilty all the way to Juror Number Eight and then, 'not guilty.'" The others continued, "guilty," 11 guilty and one acquittal. Tempers flared challenging the summer air, as some of the men pressed Eight, played by senior Jeff Hodges, for meaning behind his madness. Juror Eight thrust the words reasonable doubt into the mix and no one else but him could reasonable doubt.

Will you see it? Is it so clear? Where was the switch knife between the time it fell out of the kid's pocket and ended up in his father's chest? Did it fall out of his pocket?

An old man testified he heard the kid yell, "I'll kill you!" Was he lying and did he see the kid running down the hall seconds after the murder? What kind of kid is he? What did the woman see from her apartment window? What is reasonable doubt anyway? Guilty or not guilty what will it be? Don't be so hasty; the decision may put a murderer back on the streets or an innocent young man in the electric chair.

Scott Windham, a junior, plays Juror Number Ten. "He sees with a tainted view point," Windham said. "He is considered a racist." Windham ranks Number Ten as his most challenging character to portray because of the character's strong factor of hate. Windham was involved with church drama in his home state Texas. He made his Liberty debut in "Big River."

Chris Nelson, a senior, portrays Juror



ALEXANDREA HARPER

TILTING THE SCALES — Senior Chris Nelson, who has acted in LU's "April Morning", "Big River" and "Fiddler on the Roof" among other theatrical presentations, plays the aggressive Juror Number Three in the play "Twelve Angry Men".

Number Three. Nelson finds his character troubled. "I'm aggressive, very aggressive. I want to put this guy in the chair," Nelson said.

In all of his acting experience, Nelson identified Shane McPherson to be his most challenging character to play. McPherson is one of three characters found in Cooper's original drama, "April Morning." Nelson's acting career started in high school and has landed at LU where he's acted in "Big River" and "Fiddler On the Roof" just to name a few.

Rick Clark, a senior, and new to the LU stage, plays Juror Number 11. "Number 11 is a refugee from a European country. He desires to find the truth," Clark said. "I want to see the true form of democracy played out." Clark has found Number 11 to be his most challenging role. He not only has to focus on the character's mannerisms themselves but also must combine them with a believable European accent. Clark's past acting experience has been church drama and the role of Charlie Brown in "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown."

Justin Carter, a junior, takes on the character of Juror Number Seven. "I'm a jock," Carter said about his character. "I'm kinda loud, I'll tell you what I'm feeling." Carter also portrayed his most difficult character in Cooper's "April Morning" in which he was an abusive husband

named Jake. Carter's acting career has its roots in a traveling drama group based out of a private school he attended.

While "Twelve Angry Men" is set on a stage, the actors share their thoughts on what makes them angry on the stage of life. "People that talk about what's wrong but never attempt to fix it" Windham said. "People that aren't up-front," Nelson said. Many can share in Clark's little red anger button, which is "being stuck behind

somebody that's not even going the speed limit." Carter is simply angered by disrespect. Lastly, Cooper, the director of all this angry energy, is angered "when someone is quick to judge without any knowledge and that quick judgment causes others to treat that person unfairly."

"Twelve Angry Men" plays Feb. 22, 23, 24 and March 1, 2 and 3. Show times are at 7:30 and tickets cost \$5.



ALEXANDREA HARPER

TEMPERS FLARE — When a jury of 12 men have to decide on the fate of a 19-year-old boy accused of stabbing his father, Liberty's Lloyd Auditorium becomes alive with the heated action of the play, "Twelve Angry Men".



JOHN FISHER

"SNL" INSPIRED — Billy tries to calm down Mr. Peepers by feeding him an apple during a skit at the Valentine's Coffee House on Friday night.

Love is in the air at Coffee House

By Laura Kanzler and Lindsay Bryan

Students endured cold rain, crowded seating, slippery floors and stifling heat, all in an effort to watch Student Life's annual Valentine's Day Coffee House last Friday night.

While the rain and uncomfortable seating situation discouraged some, most students remained undaunted.

"It was really crowded," Polly Parman, a freshman English major said. "Some people didn't even have seats."

Yet most students felt the Coffee House was worth the squeeze and didn't have a problem shelling out \$2 for a night of entertainment.

"There were good parts like the 'I Love Me' song," Stacie Davis, a senior communications major said. "I think that guy was everybody's favorite because he was good, short, sweet and to the point."

Student Life employee Carolyn Queck was asked by boss Jeff Paul to help out with this year's Coffee House. She worked with Phil Harrison and others to organize, decorate and oversee Liberty's largest Coffee House ever.

"We wanted to use love as the primary theme without failing to accommodate both singles and couples. It's not a competition between the two really, just a way to show we're thinking of both groups," Queck said.

Freshman Adriana Perry, majoring in interior design, was impressed with the effort. "I thought the decorations were cute and the TV cuts were funnier," Perry said. "I liked how they threw the stuffed animals into the crowd."

Although many of the acts were well practiced and performed, some students believe there is room for improvement.

Macayla Kirkendall, a freshman communications major, said that while the acts were funny, some of them needed a little more practice.

Davis agreed and said that though some of the skits were humorous, they dragged on a bit.

Nevertheless, there is something admirable about exhibitionists willing to get up in front of their peers in the name of Student Life's theme of singles vs. couples.

"With nearly 50 tryouts, we had a difficult time narrowing it down to 18, but I believe our staff is doing a wonderful job," Jeff Paul said.

Focusing their energy on completing one quality Coffee House, Student Life was happy with the pre-show duties and the actual show. "This year has been the best turnout for tryouts and there is a lot of talent," Queck said.

This year the talented treated the student body to some great memories:

- The caveman skit featuring Dwayne Carson
- Dean Gomes' Special Appearance
- Britney Spears' second visit
- Yet another Mr. Peepers skit
- An all-girl band singing "I Want You to Want Me"
- "Only in Dreams" a classic Weezer ballad, perfectly played

Of course, the list could go on. With 18 acts to choose from, there was something to please every audience member. And even the hard to impress cynics at Liberty had a good time as long as they came with friends.

"It's a tradition every semester to go to the Coffee House," Kirkendall said.

And the Coffee House tradition will continue despite rain, bad seating and other obstacles.

Soccer signs new recruits

By Chris Humphreys, reporter

Recently, the men's and women's soccer teams added to their rosters by signing players for next season. Women's Head soccer Coach James Price and men's Head soccer Coach Jeff Alder seemed pleased with their new recruits and how those recruits will fit in at Liberty.

The women's team signed two midfielders, Elizabeth Rudolph and Kimberly Hawkins, and Price expects both players to compete for minutes next season. Price also said that his team is still looking to add a few more players for next season. Price described the left-footed Rudolph as a "ball-winner" and "good tackler". Price described Hawkins as a strong "technical" player with "good vision."

Both Hawkins and Rudolph are from North Carolina and played for a club team named the Charlotte Ladies. According to Price "the Charlotte Ladies are one of the better club teams in the country." Rudolph also played for the North Carolina's state team, which is a select group of players from the state.

The men's team signed three players: David Guinn, Adam Godwin and Jonathan Streets. Alder is still looking to add a few more players, including

an "impact goal-scorer." Guinn is a midfielder from New Smyrna Beach, Fla., who Alder described as a "distributor." Guinn was designated an Olympic Development Player and is expected to immediately compete for a starting position.

Alder described Godwin as a "soccer savvy" defender from Hereford, England, who will bring with him the edge of having competed at the higher level of English soccer. According to Alder, Godwin is also expected to compete for a starting job next season.

The third player Jonathan Streets is the brother of current team member and one of four team captains, Jason Streets. Unlike his goal-scoring brother, Jason, Jonathan is described as a defensive minded midfielder who is expected to compete for minutes next season.

Good depth, according to Price and Alder is important to have on their teams due to several reasons, one of them being injuries, and as Price said, "there is no point in complaining about injuries." Alder wants to have good depth so that he can have "players pushing each other for playing time."

Both coaches seemed satisfied that their new recruits would be more than capable of providing that depth that they are seeking.



HERE'S THE PITCH — Freshman Jason Jones delivers a pitch in the sixth inning of the Flames 19-2 win over Iona on Saturday afternoon. Jones struck out two in his inning of work.

Baseball opens with two wins

By Brooke Hermann, sports editor

After two rain outs this week, one against Wake Forest and one with Iona, the Liberty University baseball team opened its season at home on Feb. 16 against Iona from New York.

Liberty blew out Iona 19-2 on Friday. The Flames pitching staff held the Gaels batters to only five hits on the day.

Sophomore, shortstop Joey Monahan hit a double to start the day off in the first inning. The hit drove in Anthony Pennix who walked with the bases loaded to score the first run of the game for the Flames. Pennix's walk was followed by a Steve Baker bases-clearing triple, who then scored on Matt Hagen's single to give LU a five run lead.

Liberty then scored five runs in the second inning, emphasized by home runs from Pennix and junior first baseman Kelly Knouse. The Flames then scored three runs in the third and four in the fourth before Iona began to play some defense and only allowed a run in both the fifth and sixth innings.

Dan Valentin pitched five innings giving up only two runs and earning eight strikeouts to pick up his first win of the season.

"It was a nice way to open up the season," Monahan said.

Sunday's game against Iona put the Flames record to 2-0 after earning a 5-3 victory.

"We didn't hit as well on Sunday, but we played just as intense," Monahan said. With the score tied at 3-3

with no outs and two runners on base in the bottom of the eighth inning, Pennix hammered a two-run double to left center field giving the Flames a 5-3 lead and an eventual win.

Offensively it wasn't as high scoring as the day before, but that could have been due to a few different offensive factors.

"We weren't patient at the plate," sophomore Keith Butler said.

Junior Steve Horstman picked up his first career win pitching two innings of perfect ball with one strikeout. Junior Josh Brey earned his first save of the season pitching in the ninth inning for the Flames.

The Flames finished their three-game series with Iona on Monday.

Hockey demolishes VCU

By Jimmi Clifton, reporter

The Liberty Flames hockey game on Friday against VCU became the icing on their season, as they finished the game with a score of 13-1.

"We knew we'd win the game," said Head Coach Paul Bloomfield, but winning was not the focus of this game. With only seven points remaining to give Senior Jeff Lowes the ACC Scoring Champ title, the team played the puck into his hands whenever possible. "The guys helped me out," said Lowes, who clinched the title after the VCU game. Kirk Handy, now the assistant coach for the Flames, received the title last year.

Jeff Lowes scored four of the thirteen points, while Chris White, Josh Smith and Jim Bellew each scored two, and J.T. Turner, Miles Gelatt and Ben Wilson each contributed one.

With the offense working hard to score, goalie Duke Cuneo and his defense concentrated on keeping the

puck out of their own goal, leaving VCU's single goal to the first period.

The LU hockey alumni showed up to play this year's team on Saturday. Names like Baron, Handy, and Nickelson might bring back the past hockey days.

The alumni started out strong, allowing the Flames only three goals in the first two periods, but the Flames struck back with four unanswered goals in the third period, giving them a 7-5 victory. Ben Wilson was the leading scorer with three goals, Chris Lowes scored two and J.T. and Roger Turner scored one.

The Flames are scheduled to play Duke in the first round of the tournament in Laurel, Md. at 9:45 p.m. next weekend. Bloomfield is anticipating the best for next weekend as he said, "We have beat all the teams ahead of us."

The team, however, will possibly have to play without their captain, John Shubert. Shubert broke his fibula in last week's game against Maryland, but he hopes to play in the finals.

With their eyes on what they have been working for

Lady Flames host clinic

By Kate Boylan, reporter

After their game against High Point, the Lady Flames hosted a basketball clinic for children of all ages on Saturday afternoon in the Vines Center. Children who attended ranged from seven, to 13 years of age; however, the majority of them were between the ages of eight and 10.

This clinic was for the Lady Flames booster club, the Sparks. "It was pretty much open to the public. This is the first one. I hope we will do this every year," Coach Autumn Sam said when asked about the clinic.

The children were divided into four groups that rotated among four stations taught by the Lady Flames. The stations were, a footwork station, a ball-handling station, a shooting station, and a passing station. Each station was set up to work with the children in a different aspect of basketball fundamentals.

"It's really fun to teach them what we learn every day in practice. All these kids come to all of our games, so it's kind of nice to give back to them and kind of say thank you and work with them," said Mary Beth Feenstra, a sophomore Lady Flame.

The Lady Flames strive to be good role models for the girls in the community. "To encourage young kids — especially girls — to work on their basketball skills and show them how fun it can be," said Coach Sam when asked about the purpose for this clinic.

The children went through the various drills in passing and shooting, as well as many jumping exercises and drills in learning control of the basketball. The event turned into a family affair, as many parents attended the clinic with their children.

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W'tennis opens season

By Matt Scott, reporter

It was a historical day at LU's Esbenschade-Hershey Tennis center as the Lady Flames encountered the experienced GWU Bulldogs in the first official Division I match for both teams.

The Lady Flames were coming into the match lacking real match experience, but balanced by hard work and determination, they have been drastically improving since the fall season.

The GWU Bulldogs came into Saturday's match with a 21-6 record from last season

in the NCAA Division II level.

The Flames started off strong with a doubles performance from the top seeded duo of Allison Cho and Bethany Allen. Despite losing 8-4 to the overpowering force of Courtney McInnis and Lisa Handzous, they showed great heart and determination.

The second seeded duo of Brooke Garmann and Myrlam Martin met an equally challenging GWU opponent of Angie Hendricks and Brandy Borders who swept through the Flames with a slightly closer score of 8-5.

Going into singles play

down 1-0, the Lady Flames were hoping to stir up some wins and turn the match around.

Unfortunately for the Lady Flames the only thing that seemed to be stirring was the wind outside and the hot chocolate from the fans.

Despite losing all six singles matches in similar fashion, Coach Larry Hubbard was still impressed with the teams play and poise under pressure.

He is excited about next weeks home match against North Carolina A&T starting at 1 p.m.



JULIE ROSENBAUM

ACE — LU tennis player Ricardo Shinozaki serves up an ace in Saturday's match against Gardner-Webb. Shinozaki defeated his opponent 4-6, 6-0, 6-0.

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LU led for much of the first half, but trailed by one at the break. Winthrop started the second half on a 10-2 run to take 40-31 lead. But over the next nine minutes the Flames went on a 19-3 run of their own to take over the game. Winthrop would not threaten until the final seconds.

Tywan Harris hit a three with 54 seconds to go to cut the Flames lead to 54-50. Winthrop then stole the ball but missed a three and Beau Wallace sealed the game for the Flames at the free throw line.

"This was a big win for us. It ranks up there," Hankinson said.

On Saturday night the Flames extended their winning streak to two games with a 77-72 win over High Point, in the Vines Center.

LU led by six with 4:00 to play but High Point ral-

lied to take a one point lead on Dustin VanWeerd-huizen's driving layup with 2:00 to play.

Still trailing by one with a minute to play, Beau Wallace knocked down two foul shots and assisted Kenneth Anasobam in the post to push the lead to three. Chris Caldwell, who led the Flames with 20 points, made it 77-72 with two foul shots in the closing seconds.

"They dug down to make the stops when they had to make them," Hankinson said.

High Point was kept in the game largely by the play of junior, center, Jermaine Wallace, who scored 27 points. "(Against Wallace) We didn't think we had to do anything special, and I was wrong," Hankinson said.

"We have six players. We're trying to find a seventh and eighth. If Ward and Sneed can get there, we will be someone to reckon with," Hankinson said.

M'tennis tops G'Webb

By Josh Campbell, reporter

The Liberty University men's tennis team opened their season against the Gardner Webb Runnin' Bulldogs on campus at the Hershey-Esbenschade tennis courts.

In men's doubles the Flames Ricardo Shinozaki and Bruno Coelho fell behind early.

On the next court Matt "Big Dawg" Scott and Andrea Cotuna began a tough match.

Finally, on the third court, Joel Moylan and Luke Burden, struck quickly to claim an 8-3 victory over their opponents.

With the pressure mounting for the number one and two doubles teams, the Flames swung into action. Shinozaki and Coelho went from being severely down, 4-0, to

tie the game. Down again match point, two consecutive times, Shinozaki and Coelho battled back for the win. Cotuna and Scott eventually won their match 8-5 also. The result: across-the-board victory for the Flames going into the singles round of the competition.

The singles competition heated up with the Bulldogs attacking to a characteristic early lead. In the number-one seeded match Shinozaki began with a 4-6 first set loss. Coelho, the number two seed began his match with a first set loss 4-6, and it looked like an uphill climb, as loud and angry Portuguese vernacular echoed through center court. But Shinozaki proved resilient with a quick 6-0 second set strike back. Coelho, Ricardo's long time friend and part-

ner in doubles said, "Ricardo lost the first set, this is true, but when he wants to turn it on it's like lightning." Ricardo won the third set 6-0 also, making it a lopsided win for number one.

Coelho took the second set 6-1, and finished the third set 7-5, putting another "W" in the number-two column. Andrea Cotuna, the Flames number-three player won his match 6-3, 6-3. Luke Burden had a tough match at number four, and lost in the second 5-7. Joel Moylan worked to get a 6-1, 7-6, (12-10 tiebreaker) win. Matt Scott had a tough match that ended 2-6, 6-1, with a hard loss in the game deciding tiebreaker (12-9). Josh Campbell rounded it off with a win, 6-0, 6-1.

atch against Gardner-Webb as

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through in the clutch offensively going 2-2 from the plate with 2 RBI's.

Liberty broke a 2-2 tie in the 5th inning when senior first baseman Meredith Hollyfield reached on an error and was later knocked in by way of a Lauren Hahn double. The Lady Flames stretched its lead to 4-2 with a Wyrick RBI single that scored Hahn.

Liberty then turned its attention to the Youngstown State Lady Penguins. LU immediately turned on its offensive potential and built a 4-0 lead after two innings. The Lady Flames once again received an excellent performance on the mound as Alison Thompson pitched a complete game shutout, allowing only 6 hits. Liberty Coach Paul Wetmore was adamant about his team's pitching. "Carrie and Ali pitched so well in the first two games. We got going early and that was good to see. Those two wins were good,

solid wins for our squad," said Wetmore.

LU then moved into the last game of bracket play with a match-up against Wright State. The Lady Flames were plagued by defensive mistakes throughout the 4-2 loss, finishing the game with six errors. Liberty could not overcome the defensive problems as the team errors led to three unearned Wright State runs.

The Lady Flames advanced to the Gold Bracket where they were defeated 2-0 by Tennessee. According to Wetmore, the Lady Flames had squandered several chances in the Tennessee game. "Both offensively and defensively, we just could not get over the hump in that game. UT is a very good team and we played them tough, which is always good," said Wetmore.

The Lady Flames were defeated in their final game, 4-1, by Purdue on Sunday.

Golf swings into action

By Pete Tokar, reporter

The LU golf team is getting back into the swing of things as spring training for the up coming golf season approaches. With five of the six top players returning this season to LU, the golf team has the potential to make an appearance in the Regional championships.

"Our team has the talent to surprise a few people this year," LU golf Coach Frank Landry said. The 2001 team is returning with five of the six top players from last season. Leading team this year is captain Yong Joo, a senior whose last season's average was an incredible 71.8 strokes for 19 rounds. Joo's teammates include junior Alan Hill from Brisbane, Australia, who has had several top ten finishes last season, sophomore James Yoo from Calgary Alberta, Canada, where he was

the Alberta Jr. Champion, sophomore Rob McClellan who is looking to become the fifth scholastic All-American with excellent tournament play and GPA of 3.5, and senior Ryan Ferguson from Lynchburg, Va.

"Alan is a strong team leader. James has a solid golf game in the program, I'm looking for some good things out of him this year," Landry said.

In addition the five returning players, there are a couple of new comers to the LU team. One of the brightest prospects this year is freshman Paul Carey from Dublin, Ireland. Josh Mullins, a walk-on from Salisbury, N.C. hopes to make positive contributions to this year's team.

With so much talent this year, the LU team will be competing in seven season tournaments starting in March and ending in April.

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NASCAR loses a star...

"...Gentlemen start your engines," was heard world-wide as the Daytona 500 got into gear on Sunday. The stands were filled with a variety of spectators from tobacco-chewing hillbillies to khaki's and t-shirt college prep students.

So what is it that draws people to the National Association of Stock Car Automobile Racing? Is it the speed, the cool colored cars, or culture of a fun-loving and free atmosphere?

Am I a fan? Well since this is my column and I get to share my thoughts of a random amount of sport centered topics, today I share with you my thoughts on NASCAR.

Since the Daytona 500 is fresh in our mind and the open wound of NASCAR loosing the great Dale Earnhardt is still a painful subject to some, today I honor the master of the tracks.

Earnhardt was an amazing racer having 76 Winston Cup victories.

After what didn't seem to be a life threatening crash Earnhardt was rushed to the hospital, doctors who rode with him in the ambulance said the injuries to his head were life ending and there was nothing they could do for Earnhardt.

Although a tough guy, Earnhardt was one of those guys who made the sport of stock car racing, a sport.

Sure to some of you think NASCAR is a bunch of rednecks going around a track a million times, but to others, including Earnhardt's family it has been a sport for as long as they can remember.

I respect those who have racing down pat, the strategy and skill that it takes to operate, master and win these high speed races.

Earnhardt's aggressive driving earned him the nickname "Intimidator". He won his first title in 1980 which was only his second season on the Winston Cup ranks, that is extremely impressive. Since that time he has been the sports most decorated driver finishing among the top 10 in the series' final points standings in all but two seasons in the past two decades.

As one of racing greatest's passes away, his son Dale Earnhardt Jr. has claimed that he will either take his father's car or it will be retired.

According to NASCAR president, Mike Helton announcing Earnhardt's death was the toughest announcement Helton has ever made.

There was a quote in the News and Advance this morning that caught my eye, it said that no one actually thinks a driver is going to die, especially not Dale Earnhardt Sr.

Track earns fourth Big South title

By Devon Parks, asst. sports editor

There were no surprises as the Flames track and field team battled the Big South Conference at Virginia Tech Sunday. From the first firing of the gun, the Flames took off and never looked back, extending its consecutive Big South title streak to four in four years.

Heather Sagan got the ball rolling for the Lady Flames, winning both the mile and 800-meter runs in 4:52.47 and 2:15.77, respectively.

Senior Panthera Seymour won the 200-meter dash in 25.07, while Kodi Pollard took the 400-meter dash in 57.51.

Andrea Wildrick, who won the pole vault with 13'-1, qualified for indoor nationals.

The 4x400-meter relay team of

Christina Schlesinger, Da'Nelle DeKrey, Robin Williams and Pollard won convincingly over second place Radford in a time of 3:52.58.

When the final scores were tabulated, the Lady Flames outscored runner-up Radford 176 to 118.

On the men's side, the story is much the same. The Flames outscored Charleston Southern 178 to 112 for the championship.

Michael Decker was a double winner for the Flames. Decker won the 200 and 400-meter dashes in times of 21.52 and 46.92, respectively, and qualified for indoor nationals in the 400-meter.

Josh Zealand took the 5,000-meter run for the Flames in 15:25.71, while senior Jeremy Brewer picked up his first ever conference championship in the 60-meter high hurdles with 8.54.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Decker, Brannan Duncan, Chad Wilson and Jordan Crawford charged to victory in 3:20.02.

In the field events, Wilson won the long jump with a leap of 24'-5, while freshman Adam Williams picked up his first Big South win in the pole vault with 13'-4.

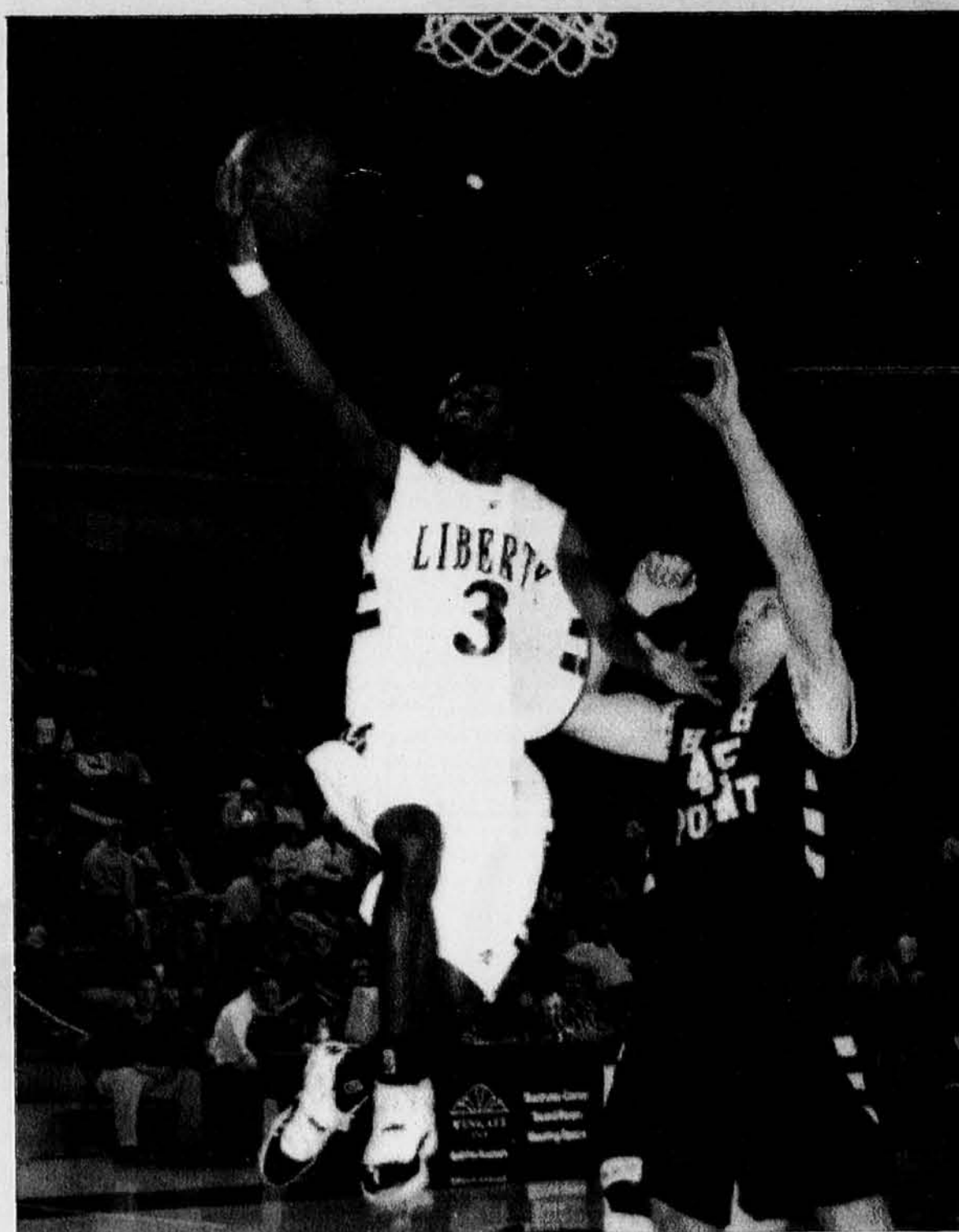
"The conference looked tougher this year," Head Coach Brant Tolsma said. "Our athletes did what they needed to do (but) we need to keep getting better."

Bruce Kite and Sagan were named Academic Athletes of the Year. Sagan and Wilson earned Athlete of the Year.

The Flames will compete at the Virginia Tech Last Chance meet this week before traveling to Boston for the ECAC/IC4A Championships on March 2-3.



MOVIN' ON UP —Marianne Mulkey gives it her all in the 60-meter dash finals



FLY LIKE AN EAGLE — Chris Caldwell soars in for two of his team high 20 points against High Point

Men upset number one Winthrop

By John Farel, asst. sports editor

The injury-riddled Liberty Flames proved that they are capable of beating any team in the conference, as they knocked off Winthrop, the top team in the Big South, 57-50, Thursday night in the Vines Center.

The Flames shutdown one of the best inside-outside combinations in the conference. The Eagles have four players who shoot better than 40 percent from beyond the arc, but it was their big man, Marcus Stewart who dominated the Flames in the teams' first meeting, scoring 24 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

Thursday night that was the Flames' focus, as they held Stewart to just six points on 1-6 shooting. "We didn't want Stewart to catch the ball because he's the main part of their game," said Flames' point guard Beau Wallace.

The Flames perimeter defense held Winthrop to 26-percent from three-point.

"The game plan number one was to take Stewart out of the game. The second problem was they have three players that average shooting 40 or 50 percent. We wanted to run at those shooters. The third part of our plan was to stop their penetration," Flames' Coach Mel Hankinson said.

The Flames' plan worked to perfection and that was especially evident in the second half as the Winthrop was held to just 22 percent from the field.

"This was one of those nights when what you drew up on the board you performed" Hankinson said.

LU's focus was evident from the start; they pounded the ball inside and attacked Winthrop with dribble penetration.

Nathan Day, who led all scorers with 21 points, hit 13 of 14 from the free throw line. As a team the Flames converted 23 of their 32 foul shots in the game.

"We took control of the game early and had control throughout," Hankinson said.

Lady Flames fall to High Point

By Justin Ridge, reporter

The Lady Flames lost a physical game to High Point University 58-53 Saturday afternoon in the Vines Center. Michelle Fricke led the Lady Flames with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Crystal Peace chipped in 16 and Rachel Young scored 14.

The Lady Panthers stole the ball 22 times and forced a total of 27 Lady Flame's turnovers. Eight players scored for the Lady Panthers. Nicki Fauntleroy led High Point with 17 points. High Point used physical play, quickness and a deep bench to negate Liberty's inside size advantage.

"This game was a lot of pushing inside and calls that could go either way," Fricke said.

In the first half, the Lady Panthers came out hot and set the tempo for the rest of the game with steals and easy transition baskets. On defense, the Lady Panthers limited the Lady Flames to one shot per possession and kept Liberty off the glass.

"We didn't finish our shots very well," Head Coach Carey Green said. "We had some good looks at the basket and we didn't finish the easy shots."

High Point out hustled the Lady Flames in the second half and caused more steals for easy points.

LU softball opens season

By Doug Stewart, reporter

Liberty's Softball team kicked off its spring season by participating in the highly competitive tournament Triangle Classic hosted by the University of North Carolina in Walnut Creek, N.C.

The Lady Flames jumped out of the gates early as they made short work of Boston University (4-2) and Youngstown State (5-0) during bracket play on Friday. Liberty used solid pitching by Carrie VanArtsdalen, who finished with a 7-inning complete game in her first start in an LU uniform. The Lady Flames' Cheryl Wyrick came

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