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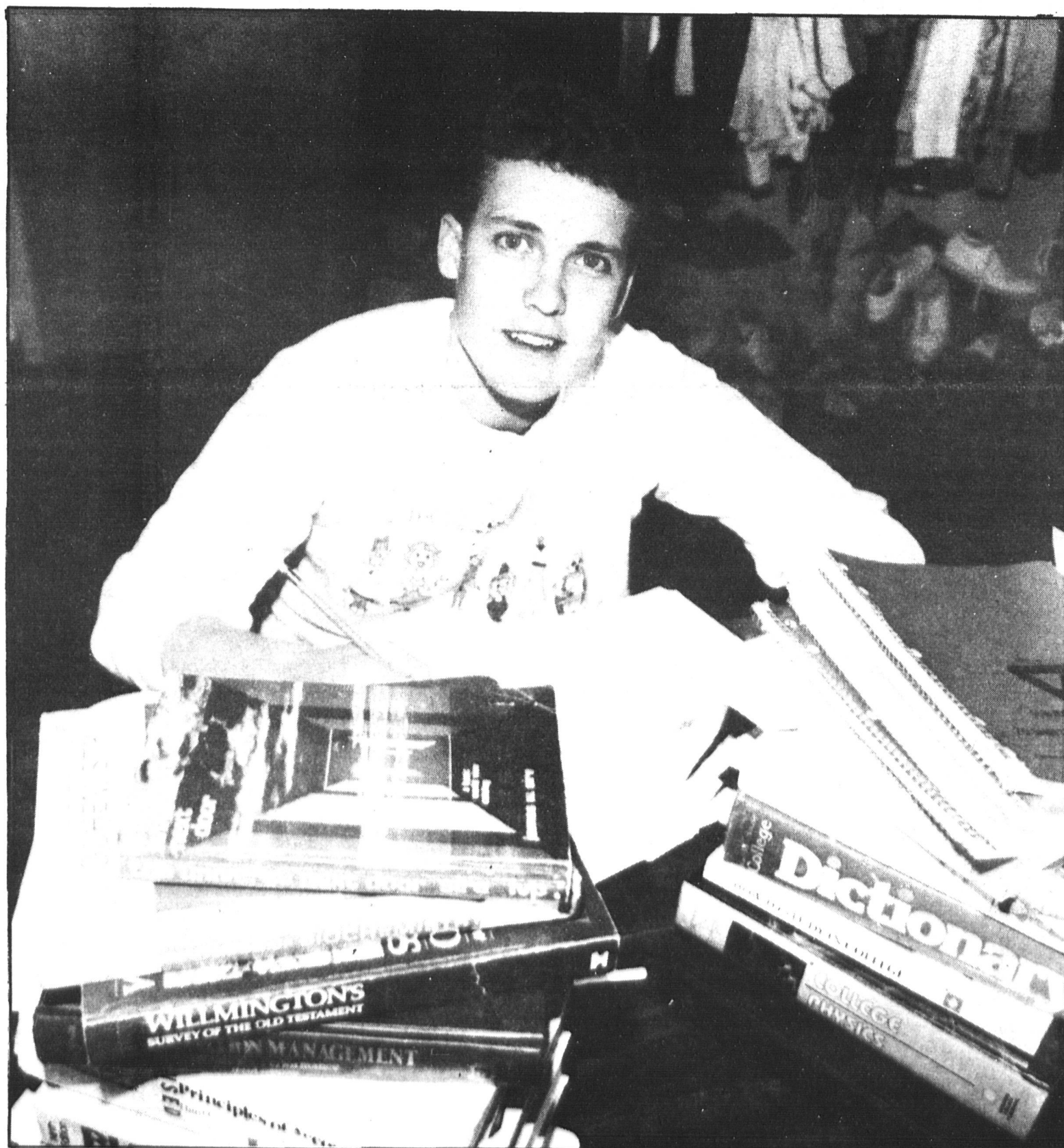
...where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty.—II Cor. 3:17

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Liberty anticipates mid-term exam arrival



STUDIOUS?—Dave Collins seems ready to face his upcoming mid-terms.—Photo by Donald Hayden.

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Political Issues

News Briefs:

By Steve Sitzai
From UPI Newswire

A Soviet newspaper (the *Komsomokskaya Pravda*) says dictator Josef Stalin was left dying from a massive stroke for up to four hours. Stalin's bodyguards were reportedly too frightened to enter his room without permission. His body was discovered by his cook.

Drug Enforcement Agency officials say six people were nabbed yesterday on drug charges. They say three of the six are leaders of a distribution ring that smuggled \$165 million in heroin into the U.S.

Israeli troops have shot and killed a 12-year-old boy in an occupied area. The Palestine Press Service says he was shot while playing near his home in a refugee camp.

Florence, Italy, officials have banned most traffic in the center of the city. Experts say polluted air is eroding Florence's priceless Renaissance art and architecture.

A 76-year-old Houston grandmother, Sally Hubbard, has been given a week to prepare to go to prison. A judge sentenced her to five years for peddling drugs. He told her she set a poor example for her 46 grandchildren.

Vice President Bush says he favors continued arms-control negotiations with the Soviet Union. But Bush said it will be decades before Western nations can trust the Soviets enough to agree to major reductions in the West's defensive strengths.

Secretary of State Shultz arrived in Moscow Sunday. Shultz will be preparing for a Moscow summit between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. U.S. officials say they do not expect any breakthrough on arms-control talks during the Secretary of State's two days of meetings with Soviet leaders. However, Shultz says he plans to discuss arms control. As soon as Shultz arrived in Moscow, he headed to a meeting with Soviet foreign minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

Experts and church officials say Jimmy Swaggart's admission of impropriety could seriously harm the religious broadcasting establishment. Swaggart helped cause the fall of two other television preachers with his accusations of adultery.

Kemp vs. Robertson

Which Should Be The Republican Nominee?



By Todd Sorenson and Kevin Allen

Congressman Jack Kemp has long been the standard-bearer for the conservative movement in this country. In fact, Kemp's conservative roots go way beyond the day in 1980 when Ronald Reagan was elected President and popularized the cause.

Since he was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1971, Kemp has pushed an agenda of pro-life, pro-family, pro-defense, pro-freedom and pro-economic growth policies.

Kemp is the only candidate who can boast a 100 percent pro-life voting record and is the only candidate who has always supported a constitutional amendment to ban abortion.

Kemp has a long record of strongly supporting this nation's

military. He has made his campaign a referendum for the deployment of the Strategic Defense Initiative.

Jack Kemp is not satisfied in having freedom for America alone, as he has sponsored legislation to support those around the world—whether they be in Nicaragua, Afghanistan, Angola, Mozambique and elsewhere—who are striving for the same freedoms given Americans.

Clear back in 1978, Jack Kemp was already preaching the gospel of supply-side economics and economic growth for America. He sponsored his first legislation for cuts in personal income taxes and later sold Ronald Reagan on this policy. Reagan made Kemp's economic policies the centerpiece of Reaganomics.

Kemp has led the way to once again make the dollar "as good as gold."

While many candidates are still talking of bitter medicine and austerity, Kemp still preaches growth and opportunity for all.

In 1980, George Bush and Bob Dole ran against Ronald Reagan, while Pat Robertson was still a member of the Democratic Party. Where was Jack Kemp? He was backing Ronald Reagan and leading the cause for life, freedom and justice.

The choice seems clear. Jack Kemp has led the Republican Party and the conservative movement to its pinnacle. Now, we owe Jack

Kemp our support and the Republican nomination.

By Martin Fisher

He says, "I am stretching forth my hand to all Americans. This will not be a campaign of a small, well organized minority. It will be a campaign to capture the hearts of the American people."

Who is leading the way for this crusade of spirited people? A believer, a man tested and tried in the service of God—Pat Robertson.

Where did Pat Robertson come from?

When the nation's education system was declining through the '70s and '80s, Pat Robertson was organizing "Sing, Spell, Read and Write," a literacy program that radically changed the lives of multiplied thousands.

"Operation Blessing" brought financial and housing help for the needy nationwide.

The Christian Broadcasting Network ministers family-centered religious broadcasting for millions of homes.

On that show Pat Robertson took an unashamed stand for godly values denouncing humanism in churches, schools and both political parties; he accused Senator Ted Kennedy of corruption, former President Jimmy Carter of betrayal of Christian values and Senator Lowell Weicker of Connecticut of compromising Republicans.

He founded a university; a legal foundation; a library that is con-

sulted by congress and heads of state; the largest broadcasting network reaching the Middle-East and ministries in Europe, Africa, and Central America that aid anti-communist freedom fighters and other victims of Soviet oppression.

These are a few of the achievements due to this man's leadership and his willingness to allow God to bless him and his \$150.00.

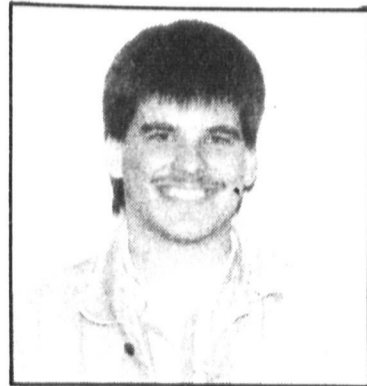
Pat Robertson is an example of godly leadership. He's done more for America than any single congressman or senator. His achievements are all bi-partisan (as a Democrat or a Republican, though always with firm biblical convictions). His achievements never cost you or your parents a dime in taxes.

Getting to know Pat Robertson is getting to know what "Christ in you, the hope of glory" means. He can do all things through Christ who strengthens him. We can count this an example of what our potential can be.

Pat Robertson is seeking the presidency of the United States, because he knows a deeper dimension to life and because he's sold on the same values, convictions and hopes we share.

I recommend that we sing this song and join what could be a great victory for God's truth, still marching on!

Which candidate do you think should be the next U.S. President?



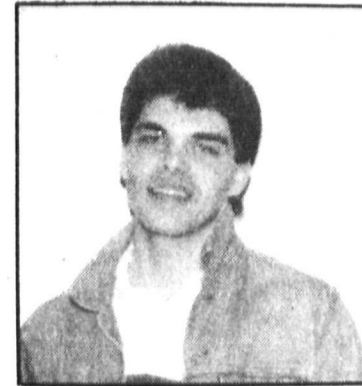
David Thompson—"I really want Reagan to run again. I don't like either candidate. But when the time comes, I guess I'll vote for Kemp."



Matt Martin—"I'm really for Bush because of the experience he has. He has more knowledge. I'd vote for Bush or Robertson, but I don't agree with all that Robertson stands for. He does, however, have a good moral standard."



Oliver Ghitea—"I'm for Jack Kemp because of his stand against abortion and on all the other moral issues and because of his experience in the Congress. He also has a well-balanced program for controlling the deficit and for dealing with the Soviet Union."



Steve Bonar—"I'd have to go with Kemp because he's more like Reagan. Reagan has done a good job the last eight years, and Kemp has the same ideas and philosophies. I think he'd do a good job. Why is Robertson stepping down a notch to run for president Dr. Falwell could run just as easily, but he has his priorities in order."

Editorial



Not Really Relevant

By Ivan

There is a popular television talk show host that often gives his "Top Ten List" on various subjects. Not to be outdone, I've come up with my own lists about things here at Liberty.

10 Women Who Will Never Host The Miss Liberty Pageant.

- 1) Amy Carter
- 2) Cher
- 3) Jeanne Dixon (she could predict the winner)
- 4) Bella Abzug
- 5) Geraldine Ferraro
- 6) Joan Rivers
- 7) Raisa Gorbachev
- 8) Phyllis Diller
- 9) Jessica Hahn
- 10) Charo

9 Things You Will Never Hear Spoken At Liberty.

- 1) "I've requested the co-ed dorm for next year."
- 2) "I heard that Boy George is singing in chapel next week!"

3) "That was really good - I wonder if I could get the recipe"

4) "Can you believe we're playing in the Rose Bowl?"

5) "I saw Sumner Wemp getting his hair cut the other day."

6) "I can't believe it! It's 9:30 and I found a parking spot!"

7) "I saw 'All In The Family' on LBN the other day."

8) "I didn't know this dorm came with a fireplace!"

9) "You have to admit it - the new campus subway system is really great!"

10) "The dorm is on fire and Security is here already?"

10 Classes (and the professor) Which Will Never Be Taught At Liberty.

- 1) History Of The World - From Someone Who Was There (Shirley Maclean)
- 2) Make Your Stock Portfolio Work

For You

(Ivan Boesky)

3) Shoes Can Be Fun (Imelda Marcos)

4) The Big Bang To The Big Dipper - Understanding The Cosmos (Carl Sagan)

5) Creative Accounting (Jim Bakker)

6) Today's Woman (Eleanor Smeal)

7) Choosing The Right Rolls Royce For You (Bagwan Rajneesh)

8) Law And Government (Ted Kennedy)

9) How To Win Friends And Influence People (Moammar Khadaffi)

10) Writing The Creative Research Paper (Joseph Biden)

The Liberty Champion wants to remind you where to park and when you can park there to avoid getting parking tickets. Below is a guide to the campus parking system by type of permit.

Silver Executives
Red Administrators
Green Official Vehicles
Blue Faculty/Staff
Purple Commuting Students
Orange Sophomores
Yellow Juniors/Seniors

Silver, Red, and Green Diamonds are NO PARKING AT ANY TIME. This includes fire lanes.

Blue Diamonds are open for parking from 5 p.m. - 12 midnight daily and on weekends from 5 p.m. Friday to 12 midnight on Sunday.



Bruce On Weekenders

By Bruce A. Stanton

"You going to the games this weekend?" I said to George Cannon during New Testament Survey I on Friday afternoon.

"No way, man. I'm going home."

"Why?"

"I'm not gonna be here with them weekenders running wild," he said.

"What's so bad about them?"

"Last time they were in, they played with my computer. They ate all my food and used all my shaving cream in a fight."

"Did they replace anything?"

"Oh, yeah. They gave me five dollars and a thankful heart when they went home."

Sound familiar?

Yes, it was another thrilling episode of "College-for-a-Weekend" at LU last Friday through Sunday.

Now before we start cracking on weekenders for their childish pranks, let us examine ourselves.

Let you who are without reprimands cast the first stone. (The rest of you are free to throw.)

I know people on my floor who have pulled acts that weekenders don't even dream of creating.

I have witnessed water fights, shaving cream fights, spitting fights, yelling fights, name-calling fights, spoon fights and fight fights.

How can we set examples for high school students with this kind of activ-



ity?

How can we set examples for weekenders when there are more of us in the game room than in the prayer room (and video games are OUT)?

Obviously the weekenders were not too overjoyed with our youth oriented activities, seeing as only five or six showed up at YouthQuest's "Big Chill."

We need to encourage Christian high school students to enroll at Liberty, not make them want to go somewhere else.

Even if some of them are weird and hang out in the halls at 5:00 a.m. and use up all the hot water in the dorm, we need to realize that we were there once, too (although I must admit that I took great enjoyment in telling a weekender there was warm water in the shower, and then hearing him scream when the cold, cold water hit him).

There is one more "College-for-a-Weekend" scheduled for 1988. Why not make an effort to encourage a weekender to come to LU?

After all, we can never have enough of "Jerry's Kids."

The Way I See It

By Robin Brooks, Editor

I hate irresponsibility.

It's the one thing I just can't put up with.

When someone tells me that he'll do something, then he'd better do it. I'd rather have him tell me he won't or can't do it so I can do it myself, and not have to wait around for him.

Of course, that doesn't always work.

Sometimes the people who make the promises aren't doing anything for me specifically, but for a lot of people in general. Then, I don't have much say in the matter. I just have to put up with their lack of responsibility.

I don't mean to come across as if I don't care what these people go through. I really do understand what it means to be busy, and I know from first-hand experience that sometimes things slip your mind. After all, we're only human and there are only so many hours in a day.

But, sometimes people promise

to do things and then don't do anything about those promises. That's what I can't stand -- empty promises.

I always wonder how these people do this without feeling guilty. People are depending on them, and they're letting those people down. Doesn't that mean anything to anybody anymore?

Is there anyone left with any sense of responsibility?

Maybe I'm making too much out of nothing.

Maybe I'm the only one that gets ticked off when I can't trust somebody else. But, honestly, I don't think I am.

I'd like to think I'm voicing the opinion of other people who hate to put up with apathetic leaders and their irresponsibility.

Responsibility and trust... things you have to work at. Make people work for them.

Remember, even people you know can let you down.

Didn't Christ know Judas?

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News

Prospective Champions check out LU campus

By **Scotta Morris**

Liberty University hosted about 600 high school students here last weekend for its thrice-yearly recruitment bash, College for a Weekend.

The opinion of the visitors, in general, seemed to be a good one. David Landrum, a senior from Peachtree High School in Atlanta, Ga., said, "The people here are really nice. It seems like a smaller school. You're definitely not a number here. There is a lot of spirit with the sports. I was impressed with the turn out."

Kim Kovach, a freshman from West

Virginia State, said, "Basically, I liked the school. I liked the campus and the people. It has a very good Christian atmosphere. I hope to come here next year."

Some had their doubts when they first arrived. Landon Payne, a senior from Ontario, Canada, said, "My first impression of the room was that these aren't my type of people, but once I got to know them, they were alright."

Most Liberty students tried to give the prospective champions a good im-

pression of the school. Confirming this, Kathryn Winson, a psychology major from Cleveland, Ohio, says, "I think college for a weekend is good because they get a chance to see the college, and to see what it's like. We should be nice to our weekenders, because it's hard enough coming to a new place, and it's even worse when people are mean to you."

However, the members of one particular room seem to have a different opinion. They felt the only way they

would be able to have two to a room next year was by taking matters into their own hands. Meaning, not to have all the estimated 2,000 new students next year.

These gentlemen went to work on their room. They hung pictures of Jerry Falwell and Billy Graham, replacing the other somewhat less "religious" posters on their walls. Then, they borrowed, stole, and used quartet album flats, hanging them at various places around the room, and, of course, play-

ing the music, so the incoming weekender would be sure to hear.

They also placed concordances around the room and hung up a sign with posted hours for responsive readings and prayer meetings. They turned their heater into an altar, and had candles and incense burning in their room.

The weekender made his stay in that room one of the shortest on campus. He took a quick look around, and within 10 minutes, he had found another room.

Cast gears up for opening

By **Allison Troy**

Work! Work! Work! That is what the students involved in "Oklahoma!" have been doing for the past two months. Practices sometimes last after curfew.

Repetition of scenes not done just right causes frustration and sometimes boredom.

Eric Ellis, one of the cast members, said, "You're tired. You've done the scene hundreds of times already, you've got a million other things to do after practice, and the director wants more energy!"

The performers have been eat-

ing, sleeping and breathing this musical.

It seems no time is left for other schoolwork and activities, Caren Sharpe, another member of the cast, said.

So, why do they do it? Perhaps for the enjoyment of performing the musical that has become so much a part of their lives. The pieces all seem to fit when opening night comes. Everything is set in motion.

Each one is at the right place at the right time. They've become a team.

Selah staff thrives on pressure

By **Robert Pitts**

"It's a love that I have, and I can't explain it. If I could explain it, maybe I would understand better why I do what I do," "Selah" editor Dan Dombak said.

But what Dombak and his staff love to do can be a high-pressure, nerve-racking endeavor much of the time.

To publish "Selah," the yearbook of Liberty University, is normally a three-semester affair. The small staff, however, is trying to finish the work in two semesters this year.

A normal work load for any of the five editorial staff members is at least 20 hours a week, Dombak, a business/journalism double major, said. But as the Christmas break production deadline approached, 40 to 60 hours a week was not uncommon.

The difference between working a high school yearbook and a university yearbook is the location of the pressure. In high school, most of the production pressure rests on the advisor, Dombak said.

But the university advisor acts as a supervisor and final editor. The university yearbook, Dombak said, is truly student published.

This responsibility puts added pressure on the staff, making it difficult keep experienced staff members from year to year.

"Our yearbook has always had a problem with retaining staff members because it's a lot of hard work, and the money is not enough to draw them," Dombak said.

Only two staff members, Dombak and assistant editor Mary Ellen Siegfried, continued working for Selah

after the production of the 1987 book. The remaining eight staff members are new to the yearbook this year, although about six of them have had prior yearbook experience.

The work for this small staff, which Dombak said should have a core of at least 12 to 15 members, begins with ideas for a theme and decisions about the content of the pages.

Once pictures are taken, text is written and layouts are drawn, editors for these three areas review the work. Layout sheets are then sent to Jostens of America, where the first proofs are printed.

The staff and the advisor, Prof. Dick Bohrer, examine the proofs for errors and make corrections. Prof. Mikie Survant considers the quality of the pictures. The pages then go to Mrs. Mavis Hinton for administrative review. Final approval is given by the office of the president.

The corrected proofs are returned to the plant, and a second set of proofs, called a brownline, is printed.

Activities Calendar Feb. 21-27

Thurs., Feb. 25--SGA Senate meetg., 3:05pm DH 133

Drama: "Oklahoma!"

8pm FA 134

Student Aerobics Class, 9pm

Fri., Feb. 26--Film Festival: "Native Son"

"Lilies of the Field"

7/9:30pm DeMoss

160&161

Basketball vs. Ferrum College, 7:30pm

Drama: "Oklahoma!"

8pm FA 134

Late Skate, 10:30pm-1am Skateland

Bowling at Fort Hill

Village, 11-1am

Sat., Feb. 27--Film Festival: "Native Son"

"Lilies of the Field"

7pm/9:30pm DeMoss 160

Drama: "Oklahoma!"

8pm FA 134

Faculty Recital: Dr. Lo,

8pm FA 101

Study begins for mid-terms

By **Scotta Morris**

It's midnight. Tomorrow you have three tests, all of which make a big impression on your final grade.

You passed your first two tests in your 9 a.m. class, so you've decided to blow it off. The other two tests are another story.

You went out tonight with your special someone, and you were sad because you're going away for spring break. You won't get to see her for at least nine days.

And so, you stay up all night. You miss your 9 a.m. class and flunk the other two tests because you couldn't think clearly....

Sound familiar?

And on top of all that, all your clothes are dirty, and you don't have time to wash them.

Sick! You have to pack dirty clothes!

There's a solution to this problem of the mid-semester blahs.

First of all, think of that well-deserved vacation and realize there are only three weeks left.

God made you a wonderful resilient human being, and you are capable of holding out—no matter how hard the trials are you face—for three more weeks.

And second of all, God gave you a verse—"Wherefore seeing we also are

compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Romans 12:1-2

"Looking unto Jesus." Imagine the intense suffering He endured. Here we complain about the studying we have to do.

So let's look at Jesus, who loved us and gave His life for us and praise God for the great privilege we have in taking mid-terms!

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News

Reagan highlights Liberty Federation Summit

By Catherine Maentanis

More than 120 pastors and Christian leaders representing 22 states attended the Liberty Federation/Moral Majority Annual Leadership Summit Feb. 10 and 11 at the Washington Omni Shoreham.

Liberty Federation President Jerry C. Nims quoted Mathew 5 from the Bible and told the group that it was their moral obligation to get involved in the political process.

"It is our responsibility as Christian leaders to affect public policy," Nims

declared. "We must get involved in conservative legal activism and work to return the country's social and political policies back to our Judeo-Christian heritage."

Nims warned against liberal organizations such as People for the American Way and the A.C.L.U. which he said are working to censor religious references from school textbooks and public life. He charged them with attempting to establish a godless, elitist-run society.

Nims cited abortion on demand, re-

moval of prayer in public schools and the preferential treatment given to homosexuals as examples of what happens to public policy when Christians remain apathetic and avoid political involvement.

Nims introduced key speakers John Whitehead, constitutional attorney, author and founder of the Rutherford Institute (a non-profit legal firm organized for the protection of religious liberties); Dan Dreisbach, a law student, author and intern at the Rutherford Institute; George Grant, an author

and lecturer; and H. L. Richardson, a California state senator.

Each speaker affirmed his commitment to a common cause—to inspire, motivate and inform Christian leaders and laymen about the necessity of political activism.

Topics included an update on civil rights, equal rights and gay rights, pornography, abortion, the Grove City, Bill and its effect on religious liberties, and the deception behind the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Following the Summit, the leaders joined forces with 1,100 conservatives, representing 50 organizations, for the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) which lasted three days. Included in its program were speakers Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations; Beverly LaHaye, founder of Concerned Women for America; Phyllis Schlafly, president of Eagle Forum; Rep. Jack Kemp (R-NY), a Republican presidential nominee; Morton Blackwell, president of the Leadership Institute, and a host of others.

The highlight of the conference was a dinner reception in honor of President Ronald Reagan. Addressing a crowd of more than 1100 conservatives, Reagan restated his commitment to supporting freedom fighters across the globe, a strong defense and deploy-

ment of SDI, protection of the unborn, prayer in public schools and the free enterprise system.

Commenting on the conservative vision, the President said, "I say to you tonight that the vision and record that we will take aggressively to the American people this November is a vision of a nation that believes in the heroism of ordinary people; of tough courts and safe streets; of a drug-free America, where schools teach honesty, respect, love of learning and, yes, love of country."

"A vision of a land where families can grow in love and safety and where dreams are made with opportunity. This is the vision; this is the agenda for victory this year."

The Liberty Federation, a co-sponsor of CPAC, hosted an "I LOVE AMERICA" luncheon with 250 attending. A patriotic fervor filled the room which was decorated with flags and red, white and blue balloons.

Following the pledge of allegiance and 30 minutes of entertainment by the Sounds of Liberty singers, the Rev. Jerry Falwell spoke and reaffirmed the necessity for Christian participation in politics.

The conference concluded with a debate between Robert Novak, a syndicated columnist and author, and Sam Donaldson, ABC's White House correspondent.

Students travel with LU graduate

By Frank Banfill

Evangelist Johnny Wilson, a 1979 graduate of Liberty, is making an impact on people's lives world-wide.

He is also impacting current LU students by giving them first-hand experience in traveling evangelism.

In 1986 he attended the International Conference for Itinerant Evangelists in Amsterdam.

Being in the midst of thousands of evangelists from around the world impacted him greatly.

"After Amsterdam '86, I was encouraged to get students to travel with me.

"I want to train people in evangelism. I want to try to help students who are going into evangelism and encourage them and to show them what they are up against," he says.

He did not have anyone go out of

their way to help him develop, but he wants to do it for others.

"When I learned, I learned because I went after it," he says.

Some evangelists may be fearful of having students work with them. Wilson isn't because he knows Liberty.

"I trust Liberty. I know that the type of people who would search me out, I could trust. I know I can trust the institution."

"Some pastors are a little afraid, if they don't know Liberty. I tell them I'm going to bring a college student with me, and they are leery at first. Once they've seen the students, there's no problem," he says.

Wilson enjoys taking college students with him. He feels their testimony really helps the churches.

There is more, however, to training students than many would realize.

"There is a price for deep ministry, and that's the price of exposure. I am exposing my own short-comings, problems, failures and personal situations.

"I feel, however, it is well worth the investment. It is an investment in lives," he says.

Wilson announced in LU's Ministry Chapel last week a new approach he's taking to help students.

"We're looking now at something a little different. Instead of taking one student for a weekend, we're taking ten. They will get personal time with me, as well as involvement.

"Anybody who wants to win souls, I'll take them. I am looking, however, for people who want to be a support to an evangelistic team."

He is planning two of these weekend trips for each semester.

The first, this weekend, will go to Pennsylvania. The last for the semester will be April 29-May 1 in Richmond, Va.

Interested students should sign up with Gerry White in the Christian Service Office.

Also, students contemplating full-time evangelism can travel with Wilson individually as well. They should contact him at: Johnny Wilson Evangelistic Association, P.O. Box 456, Morganton, N.C., 28655.

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Dear Liberty Champion,

In my opinion, your pro and con column needs to be a bit more reasonable. Case in point is last week's answer to why rock music is so popular.

Don't get me wrong, I think that Mike is earnest, intelligent and really cares about the issues; but can he think that we are naive enough to think that rock music is merely a "language of despair"?

Common knowledge tells us that music has become increasingly abstract over the centuries. Gregorian chants gave way to baroque forms, then to classical, followed by jazz. Now the popular form is rock. Call this degeneration, culture-adaptation, narcissism -- anything you want -- but don't snow us with a "language of despair."

Editor, have you really listened to the lyrics of (Debbie) Gibson, Tiffany, or Bryan Adams All three have recorded songs with hidden, or not so hidden, messages of sex, and these are three of the mellowest "top 40" artists! If I might rewrite your conclusion: Take each category and examine the lyrics, then make your choice.

Sincerely,
John Knaus

Sports

Seven wrestlers qualify for Nationals in Omaha

By Bruce A. Stanton

Seven LU wrestlers qualified for Division 2 Nationals last weekend at the Regional Tournament at Pembroke State.

The National Tournament is scheduled for March 4 and 5 in Omaha, Neb. Region winners will be the only wrestlers in this competition.

Making the trip for LU will be Loren Baum (118 lbs.), Warren Stewart (142 lbs.), Rod Fisher (150 lbs.), Bob Good (158 lbs.), Kevin Frame (167 lbs.), Kip Fennelly (177 lbs.) and Ron Young (Heavyweight).

Stewart was named the Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament.

"This is the most people we have ever had at nationals," Coach Don Shuler said. "We were real pleased with the way everybody wrestled."

Liberty won the team scoring with 105 points, easily outdistancing Pembroke State (74) and Longwood (50).

Not qualifying for nationals were Jeff Lester (126 lbs.), Roy Roberts (134 lbs.) and Rusty DeVos (190 lbs.). DeVos and Lester each finished second at Regionals.

Liberty will be in a field of 45 teams at the national tournament, and Shuler expects the competition to be tough.

"There will be a lot of tough schools that we haven't seen. I'd say the top four will be South Dakota State, Omaha, Pitt-Johnstown and the University of Nebraska," Shuler said.

"We need three of our returning All-Americans to get into the finals and have someone else to do very well to have a shot at winning," he said.

LU lacrosse is building with new players and encouraging schedule

By Bruce A. Stanton

Some teams want to win them all. The LU lacrosse team wants just one.

The team is in its third year of existence as a club sport, and even though it is winless in 26 attempts, the players are optimistic about winning this season.

"Most of the guys we have are new, but I think we can win a few games this year," says third year player Jerry Wages.

The team returns only six players, meaning that the 15 new ones must produce immediately.

"The new guys are coming together pretty well. We've got about 15 guys

that could start in the first game," midfielder Eddie Hill said.

Starting on defense for the Flames will be Mark Tatko, Doug Mitchell and Mike Schiriko. Brent Staul will be playing goalie.

The starting attackers will be Scott Hawkins, Rich Brennan and either Darren Malone or Wages.

The team will have two midfield lines. The first one will consist of Eddie Hill, Ron Wright and Jerry Padgett, while the second one will be H.B. Atkinson, Tim Wright and Brian Summerville.

While inexperience is evident, the strength of the team might be its de-

fense.

"Our defense has been practicing well, and our goalie is looking good," Hill said.

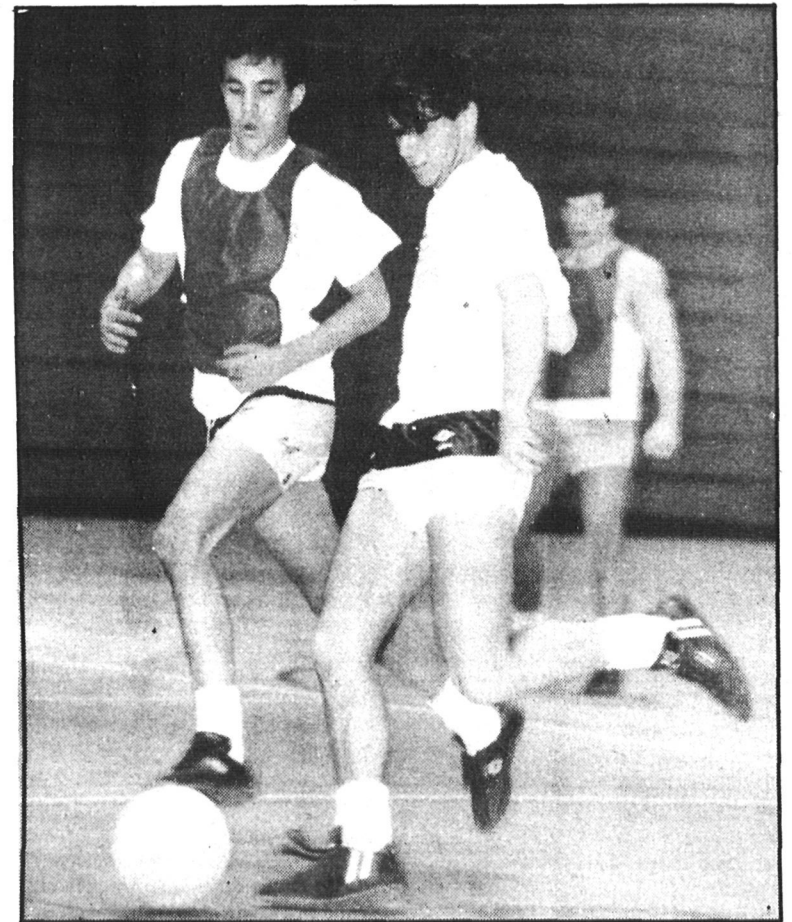
The lacrosse players also take on a great deal of personal sacrifice to play since it is not a school sanctioned sport.

"We have to raise all our own money to pay for uniforms, referees, lining the fields and travel expenses," Hill said. "And we don't charge admission."

Liberty students can catch their first glimpse of the lacrosse team on Saturday, Feb. 24 as the Flames take on North Carolina State at 2 p.m.

The game will be played at either the 29 South field or at the Craddock-Terry field, depending on if the shoe outlet moves out in time.

The schedule includes 16 games this season, eight of which will be played at home.



INDOOR SOCCER- John Clunas dribbles down the court during intramural action last Thursday.-Photo by Don Hayden.

Flames

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final comeback. Going back inside, LU cut the lead to 90-87 on two Eric Cunningham free throws. But three straight turnovers put the Flames down by seven with two minutes left. Even two late three-pointers by Jim Pearce

couldn't stop the Flames from dropping to 11-13.

"It was a disappointing loss," said Coach Jeff Meyer, "We didn't do the job defensively. When a team averages 91 a game and we allow 61 in the second half alone, that tells the story."

"We're more humble now that we know we can lose here at home," Cunningham said. "It's tough losing two in a row here at home but now we know we can't lose anymore here with the (Mason-Dixon) tournament coming up."

The Flames last regular season home game will nationally televised on the LBN network, Friday, Feb. 26 against Ferrum College at Liberty. Tip-off is 7:30 p.m.

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SEASON OPENER- The LU lacrosse club starts its season on Saturday against N.C. State at 2:00 p.m.-File Photo

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Sports

Lady Flames take one from NC-Greensboro

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro women's team invaded the LU Multi-Purpose building Feb. 16 and was ambushed by the Lady Flames in a wild shootout 96-90.

UNC-Greensboro couldn't keep up with the Lady Flames, who were coming off a road win the night before at West Chester. Liberty shot a sizzling 55.6 percent for the game, including 57.1 percent in the second half.

Tracey LaRose led the LU bombardment with 27 points on 12 of 15 shooting from the floor and nine rebounds. Overall five LU women scored in double figures.

Besides LaRose, Annetta Paraham had 18 points and led the Lady Flames in rebounding with 12. Kristi Mercer added 13 along with seven assists. Sandra Bridges chipped in 12 with a team-leading 11 assists and Stephanie

Cox had 10 points.

With the win the Lady Flames improved their record to 11-12.

The Lady Flames will be back in action Friday, Feb. 26 at Randolph-Macon.

UNC-GREENSBORO (90)- Tompkins 3-9-2-4 8, Whithurst 0-0-0-0, Durrill 4-11-0-0-9, Carter 1-4-0-0-2, Seufert 0-1-0-0-0, Johnson 2-9-0-1-5, Weaver 4-10-4-4-12, Jordan 7-7-1-2-15, Polk 9-13-6-8-24, Snead 5-8-2-2-13, Mannon 0-0-0-0-0. Totals 35-72 15-21 90.

LIBERTY (96)- Bridges 5-13-2-2-12, Attwood 3-3-2-2-8, Mercer 3-7-5-8-13, Cox 5-10-0-0-10, Paraham 6-9-6-8-18, White 0-0-2-2-2, Ensing 0-0-0-0-0, LaRose 12-15-3-5-27, Stanfield 1-4-4-4-6, Vestal 0-0-0-0-0. Totals 35-61 24-31 96.

Halftime - LU 48, NCG 33. Three-point goals - NCG 3-12 (Durrill 1-6, Johnson 1-4, Snead 1-2), LU 2-4 (Bridges 0-2, Mercer 2-2). Fouled out - none. Rebounds - NCG 42 (Polk 9), LU 35 (Paraham 12, LaRose 9). Assists - NCG 21 (Johnson 5), LU 26 (Bridges 11, Mercer 7). Total fouls - NCG 22, LU 15. A-200.

West Chester falls to LU

The Lady Flames basketball team traveled to Pennsylvania February 15 to take on West Chester on its home court and came away with a 71-64 victory.

Kristi Mercer led the Lady Flames with 21 points with a perfect 15 for 15 night at the charity stripe. Mercer set school records for free throws made and free throw percentage with this feat.

"I have a lot of confidence at the line," Mercer said. "They had to keep fouling."

Mercer also dished out 10 assists in her 36 minutes of action.

Annetta Paraham had 19 points and seven boards while Tracey LaRose added nine rebounds, six blocks and 11 points.

The Lady Flames hit 21 of 23 free throws for the game and held West Chester to under 40 percent shooting

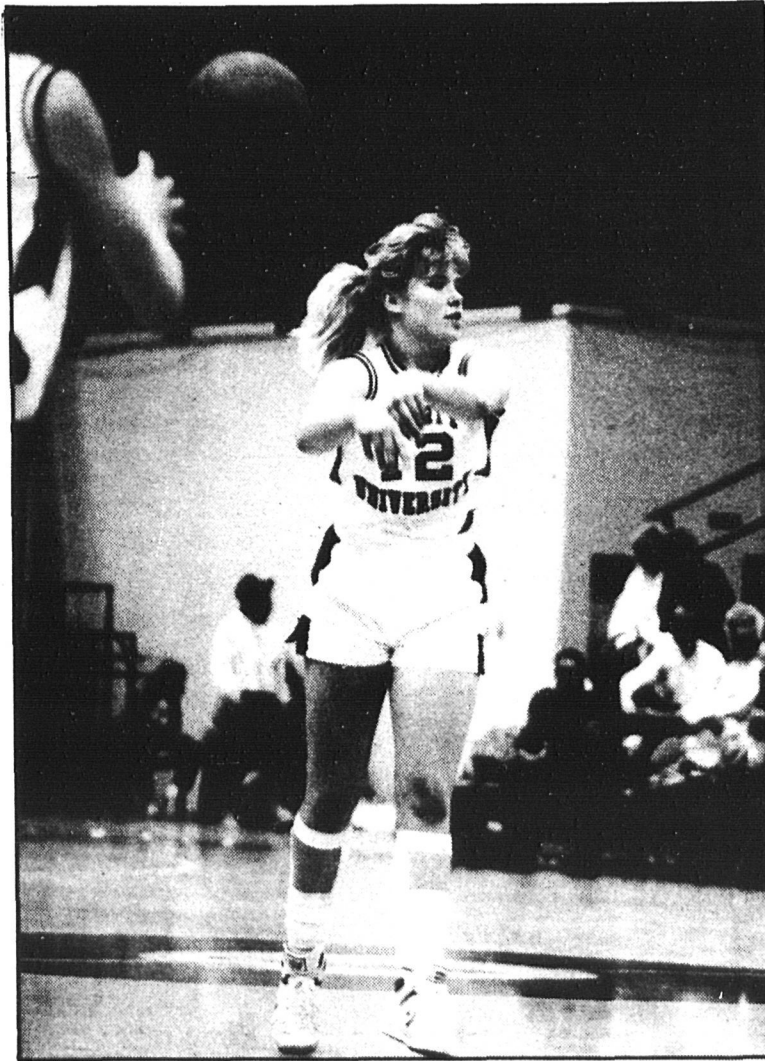
for the game.

The women improved their record to 10-12 while West Chester dropped to 11-12. Linda Vidovich led the losers with 21 points and 14 rebounds before fouling out.

LIBERTY (71)- Bridges 2-3-0-0-4, Mercer 3-7-15-15-21, Attwood 0-2-2-2-2, Cox 5-14-0-0-12, Paraham 8-14-3-4-19, White 0-1-0-0-0, Ensing 1-2-0-0-2, LaRose 5-12-1-2-9, Stanfield 0-3-0-0-0, Vestal 0-0-0-0-0. Totals 24-58 21-23 71.

WEST CHESTER (64)- Scott 7-18-3-4-17, Dougherty 2-5-2-3-6, Parrish 0-0-0-0-0, McNamara 3-5-1-3-7, Patrick 0-5-0-0-0, Mensch 4-9-0-0-8, Rogers 0-3-2-4-2, Markley 1-4-1-2-3, Vidovich 8-14-5-6-21, Lomax 0-0-0-0-0, Cornelius 0-0-0-0-0. Totals 25-64 14-22 64.

Halftime - Liberty 28, West Chester 23. Three-point goals - LU 2-4 (Cox 2-4), WC 0-0. Fouled out - Patrick, Vidovich. Rebounds - LU 34 (LaRose 9, Paraham 7), WC 46 (Vidovich 14). Assists - LU 17 (Mercer 10), WC 15 (McNamara 7). Total fouls - LU 18, WC 20. A-175.



PLAYER OF THE WEEK- Kristi Mercer was honored by the Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference for her performance last week.-Photo by Aaron Hamrick.

Mercer honored by M-DAC

By Bruce A. Stanton

Kristi Mercer has been named the Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference Player of the Week for the week ending Feb. 21.

"I was really surprised," Mercer said. "I couldn't believe it. I just did my part, and everybody else did what they did best."

In two games last week against West Chester and UNC-Greensboro, Mercer averaged 17 points, 8.5 assists, 3.5 steals and 3.0 rebounds.

The freshman guard from Alpena, Mich., also set school records for the most free throws made in one game and best free throw percentage in one game with a 15 for 15 performance against West Chester.

Mercer was 20-23 at the line for the week and shot 6-14 from the field.

She ranks fourth nationally with a free throw percentage of 87.2 percent and leads the M-DAC in that category.

Mercer also leads the conference in assists at 8.5 per game and is second on the team with a 13.3 scoring average.

With 198 assists for the season, Mercer needs only two more to break the single season assist record set by Sheila Ford (199) in 1983.

"Assists are two-person play and my teammates came through," Mercer said.

Lady Flame track members qualify for Nationals

By Keith Miller

Highlighting this year's Lady Flame track team have been three women who have qualified for nationals in four events.

Annie Fairchild is the Division 2 national leader in both the mile (4:56.6) and the 3000 meter run

(10:07.4). Delethea Quarles is ranked fourth in the 55 meter hurdles and Lori Lingenfelter is also ranked fourth nationally in the 800 meter run.

On Feb. 20, the Lady Flames track team traveled to Virginia Tech in Blacksburg for the Marriott Indoor Invitational and came away with four first place finishes, two individual and two team.

Leading the way, was the 4 x 400 meter relay team of Besty Saelens, Lori Lingenfelter, Jamie Logan and Annie Fairchild that set a new school record with a time of 4:02.13.

Lingenfelter also placed first in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:16.7, while Chris Swanson won the shot put with a toss of 38'2".

The 4 x 800 meter relay team of Robin Currie, Gayle Fauber, Monica

Carmona and Traci Tidwell took first with a time of 8:52.52.

Second place finishers in the meet were Fairchild in the 3000 meter run at 10:14.86 and Fauber in the mile at 5:24.2.

Placing third was Tidwell in the mile in 5:25.06 and Susette Saelens in the shot put with a throw of 35'2".

"In this meet we had many of our team members show good improvement," said Coach Ron Hopkins. "It was a very positive meet with which to go into next week's conference meet."

The next meet for the Lady Flames track team is the Mason-Dixon Conference Championships at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. Liberty will be the host school.

Men finish fourth at state track

The Liberty University men's track team placed fourth at the Virginia Intercollegiate Men's Track Championship at Virginia Tech on Feb. 13.

The meet was composed of state Division 1, 2 and 3 schools. LU finished behind Division 1 schools Virginia Tech, Virginia and Virginia Military Institute.

Ray McClanahan claimed the Flame's only first place award by run-

ning the 1000 meters in 2:30.3.

A second place finisher for Liberty was Gerald Swann (48.2 in the 400 meters which qualified him for Nationals).

Also qualifying for Nationals was the 4 x 400 meter team of Scott Queen, Henry Elliot, Trevor Strachen and Swann.

Nationals will be held March 11 and 12 at Vermillion, S.D.



LET'S GET ROWDY!- Chip Peterson and Matt Owen, part of the section K crew, show off their new makeover and "rowdy towels."-Photo by Tim Lyons.

Sports

Meyer stands tall above most in coaching field

"A ROPE! A TREE! HANG THE REFEREE!" Some student cheers at LU are acceptable and sometimes even appropriate. But...

"FIRE MEYER! FIRE MEYER!"

Some cheers are stupid and unprecedented.

True, the Flames have not played up to all of our wildest expectations, but does calling for the firing of Coach Jeff Meyer solve any of our problems?

Liberty has just come to the end of its toughest college basketball schedule in school history and still has a chance to finish above .500.

Meyer is by far the winningest coach in LU history with a 123-77 record. He was also an assistant coach under Lee Rose at Purdue during the consecutive NIT and NCAA Final Four seasons in 1979-80.

Coach Meyer has brought talented transfer players such as Bailey Alston, Jim Pearce, Eric Cunningham and Charles Richardson to the LU program.

Plus, the Flames do not have to play a first round game in the M-DAC Tournament for the first time in school history. Does that not count for anything?

If on-court accomplishments are not enough, how does Coach Meyer stack up against other college coaches.

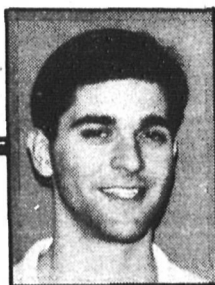
First of all, Meyer is a born-again Christian. He believes in recruiting Christian young men to LU to play basketball and will not sacrifice Christian principles for talent.

Secondly, Meyer sets an example for his players AND student body to live by.

If you are not impressed by Meyer, look at just a

Bruce Stanton

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few of the things that other top coaches are doing.

●Just two hours south of here in Blacksburg, Virginia Tech's basketball coach was arrested for drunk driving last week. What kind of example is that for college-age men?

●Think of Bobby Knight's players. They not only have to put up with being cursed harshly, but have to live with the embarrassment of having their coach throw a chair on the court during a game a few years ago and his walking out of a game against the Russians this summer. (Who ever thought that basketball might be the cause of Armageddon?)

●Look at last year's mudslinging match between Tennessee Coach Don DeVoe and LSU's Dale Brown. Brown hired the father of a great high school player to insure his enrollment at Louisiana State. DeVoe said that this was "unethical." Brown shot back through the media that "divorce was unethical." DeVoe was recently divorced.

●And finally, look at the corruption of college basketball as a whole. It starts with the coaches. Basketball programs such as Oral Roberts and Virginia Tech have been investigated and put on probation by the NCAA for illegal recruiting. Others like Memphis State and Tulane have been penalized for gambling.

Are these the types of coaches and principles we want at LU?

Obviously not. Support Coach Meyer. And support him and our team at the M-DAC Tournament this weekend.

Liberty inherits M-DAC tourney

By Bruce A. Stanton

The Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference Tournament, originally scheduled to be played at Pitt-Johnstown, will be hosted by Liberty University next weekend.

The semi-final games will be played on Friday, March 4 at 7 and 9 p.m. The championship game will be played on Saturday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Admission will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Students will have to pay to comply with conference rules.

Advance tickets go on sale this week at the Hancock Athletics Building.

"We are very pleased with the opportunity to host the tournament," LU Coach Jeff Meyer said.

"I would have to credit the administration at UPJ for having the best interest of all of the schools in the conference in making a decision to pass on hosting this tournament."

Pitt-Johnstown finished last in the M-DAC with a 1-7 record. With

dwindling home attendance marks, the school decided that it could not put on a financially successful tournament.

"From a financial standpoint, the conference stands a much better chance to make money because of the outstanding fan support we receive," Meyer said.

"We should also have some Randolph-Macon and Longwood fans make the trip. The conference definitely stands to benefit."

This will be the first time LU has hosted the M-DAC Tournament. LU leads the conference in attendance this season, averaging more than 3,200 in M-DAC games.

"Randolph-Macon, Longwood and Mount Saint Mary's have all run quality post-season tournaments. We are looking forward to making the M-DAC tournament a positive experience for the players and everyone involved," Meyer said.

Rams buck LU 100-97

By Keith Miller

When a team averages 91 points a game, the idea for the opposing team is to stop that team from getting their average. If you do, you usually win. But if you don't, watch out.

The Flames found that out the hard

way Saturday night when the Bluefield College Rams stormed into Liberty and took a 100-97 win in front of 2,450 partisan LU fans.

It looked like a rout early on as the Flames used its superior height advantage inside to pull out a 10-2 lead at the 16:12 mark of the first half.

But the Flames could never quite put the Rams from West Virginia away. Everytime the LU would charge ahead, Bluefield would put on a little charge of its own and stay in the game.

With 6:45 left in the first half, the Flames had just taken their first ten point lead on a steal and dunk by Bailey Alston. Then, due to turnovers and cold shooting, Bluefield pulled to within four at half, 43-39.

The key to the game was the start of the second half. Bluefield outscored the Flames (8-2) to take its first lead of the game, 47-45. LU was never in control again as the game tottered back and forth until the last five minutes.

With 3:30 left in the game and down by seven, the Flames mounted their

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VUU destroys Flames

By Frank Banfill

Bruised and bloodied, the LU Flames basketball team lost 64-85 to NCAA Division 2 10th-ranked Virginia Union Friday in the Liberty Gym.

The Flames' Brad Hamersley probably got the worst of it.

He was taken to the hospital after the game to get stitches for his left eye. It was swollen and bleeding at the end of the game.

The Panthers' size advantage helped them defeat the Flames.

Center Terry Davis (6'10") racked up 28 points, 12 rebounds and three blocked shots. Tim Price (6'9" forward) had 11 rebounds for VU.

"Our game plan was to force the inside," Davis said.

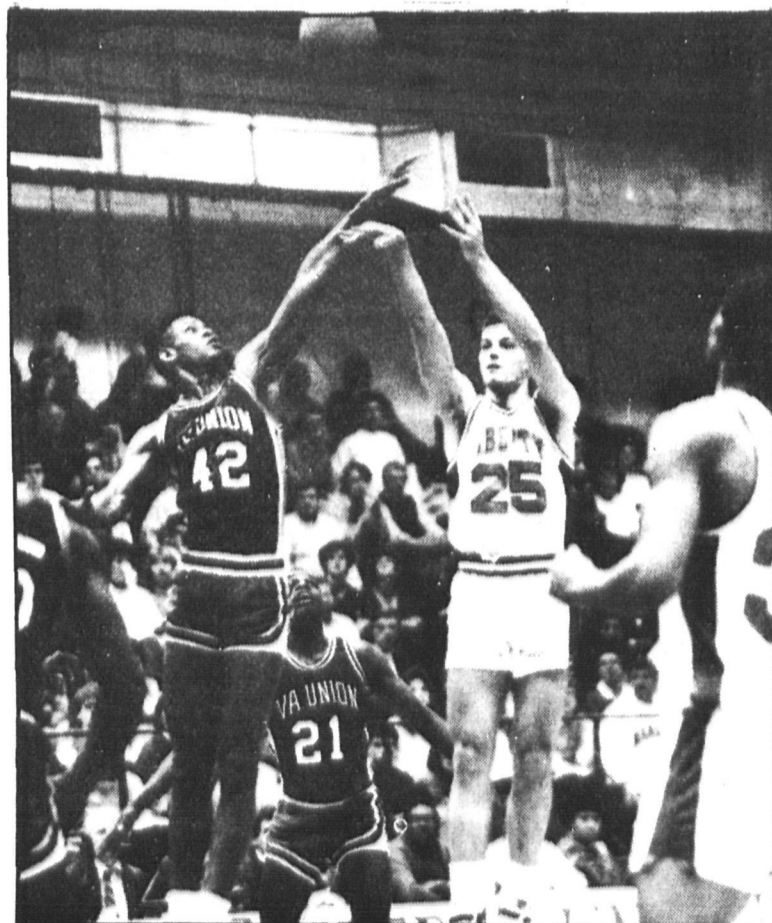
Flames coach Jeff Meyer knew the only way to win would be to prevent VU from getting inside.

"We needed to shoot the ball quickly and try to keep it off the glass.

"We felt going in we would be limited to one shot per possession," Meyer said.

The Flames managed to stay close during the first half, hitting four three-pointers.

The lead changed five times in the first seven minutes.



SWAT!- Brad Hamersley gets a shot off before VUU's 6'10" Terry Davis (42) can smack the ball away.-Photo by Tim Lyons.

LU battled back with Tim Scarborough sinking a three-pointer and Bailey Alston hitting a jumper at the buzzer to pull the Flames within six.

Alston's team-leading 22 points and 10 rebounds was the only real punch Liberty had.

Charles Richardson scored 13 points, and Eric Cunningham pulled down six rebounds.

With 5:30 left and the Panthers holding an 11-point lead, the usually noisy Flames' fans began to quiet until Alston woke them with an electrifying dunk.

VIRGINIA UNION (85)- Walker 4-11 1-2 9, English 8-14 1-2 21, V. Price 7-10 1-1 16, Davis 11-21 6-11 28, T. Price 2-4 1-2 5, Smiley 0-0 0-0 0, Edmonds 0-0 0-0 0, Byrd 0-0 0-0 0, Wallace 1-1 0-0 2, Williamson 1-1 0-0 2, Martin 0-0 0-0 0, Gosa 0-0 2-2 0, Honore 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-63 12-20 85.

LIBERTY (64)- Alston 11-22 0-0 22, Scarborough 3-8 1-4 7, Richardson 4-11 2-2 13, Leary 2-5 0-0 6, Hamersley 3-9 0-0 6, Pearce 0-1 0-0 0, Cunningham 4-11 0-0 8, Tellechea 1-2 0-0 2, Soldesi 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 28-72 2-2 64.

Halftime: VUU 36, LU 30. Three-point goals - VUU 4-11 (Walker 1-3, Honore 0-1, English 2-5, V. Price 1-2), LU 6-20 (Alston 0-2, Scarborough 1-4, Richardson 3-10, Leary 2-4). Fouled out - Hamersley. Rebounds - VUU 49 (Davis, V. Price 12), LU 30 (Alston 10). Assists - VUU 14 (Walker, English 5), LU 15 (Richardson 7). Total fouls - VUU 10, LU 18. A-3500.

BLUEFIELD COLLEGE (100)- Stoval 8-19 10-10 27, Milbro 3-9 2-4 8, Phillips 6-9 7-8 21, Martin 4-5 0-1 8, Payton 0-0 0-0 0, Hopkins 9-22 4-8 22, Brown 4-7 6-10 14. Totals 34-71 29-41 100.

LIBERTY (97)- Alston 11-21 6-6 28, Scarborough 4-7 1-2 9, Richardson 4-6 0-0 9, Leary 1-6 0-0 2, Hamersley 7-11 3-3 17, Pearce 4-7 2-3 11, Cunningham 3-6 2-2 8, Nazigan 0-0 1-2 1, Perry 1-1 2-2 4, Tellechea 2-5 2-3 6, Soldesi 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 38-72 18-23 97.

Halftime - LU 43, BC 39. Three-point goals - BC 2-10 (Stoval 2-5, Phillips 2-5), LU 4-14 (Alston 0-2, Scarborough 1-1, Richardson 1-3, Leary 0-4, Pearce 2-4). Fouled out - Hamersley, Pearce, Cunningham. Rebounds - BC 41 (Hopkins 16), LU 41 (Scarborough, Hamersley 6). Assists - BC 15 (Phillips 5), LU 21 (Scarborough 5). Total fouls - BC 20, LU 31. A-2450.