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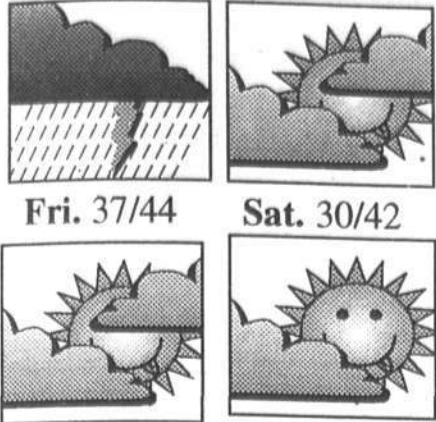
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# The Liberty Champion

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## Senate plans to become 2 houses

By SARAH K. POLLAK  
Champion Reporter

The Senate's Rules & Judiciary Committee is currently researching proposals possibly to create a bicameral (two-house) legislature involving the class officers. They might take effect next year.

"This year, SGA has had to lay a lot of groundwork for SGA as a whole," Student Government Association President James Beck said. "Specifically, Craig Long in his positions (vice president and chairman of the Senate) sees a specific need for improvement in the Senate."

Long sees the possible restructuring of the Senate as an opportunity to aid the student body because he feels that it will lead to legislation of better quality and create more guidelines for the class officers.

There are basically two proposed changes that are being researched and planned:

### BICAMERAL LEGISLATURE

The proposed restructuring of the Senate would entail creating two houses of legislature, much like the U.S. Congress. The tentative plans are such that there would be a Senate and a House of Representatives.

According to Long, creating another legislative body would increase the research and study of bills that come before the Senate as well as integrate the class officers far more efficiently into the full legislative process.

"A lot (of bills) have been written, but (the bills) still lack quality of research. I think that a whole restructured system, with more criteria and a better structure, would provide more scrutiny for the bills, and that's where the quality will come from," Long said.

Dean of Student Life Mike Stewart and Chairman of the Rules & Judiciary Committee Adam Callawn agreed with Long that it is time to involve the class officers in student government.

Long said that the class officers are technically senators on a larger scale because they represent their class, yet they are not required to go to Senate meetings. He also mentioned that there are no clear guidelines on class officer responsibilities.

According to the Callawn, under the new restructuring plan, the 16 class officers would comprise the Senate; hall and club representatives would then become the new house.

"I think that the restructuring would create better quality in the legislation because it would create more guidelines, more responsibilities and criteria for people like the class officers and for the whole legislative body itself to follow," Long said.

AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION  
Long expects critical changes to the Constitution and the Senate rules because of the rearranging of the SGA.

With such new proposals as limiting the number of senators, setting a firm date for class officer elections and doing away with the class officer election convocation, Long has not completely ruled out the possibility of needing to "rewrite the whole constitution."

"I don't know or guarantee an outcome from all of this, because these are just ideas," Long said. "Our main goal is to earn the respect of our peers and the administration."

From the initial information that Stewart has received, he believes that the plans for this restructuring would diversify and get more students involved.

Stewart said, "Anything that helps the students with more input is seen by the administration as a positive thing."

Time will tell how much of these ideas actually get enacted. Long said that it could take as long as a year for LU to start see-

## Hill says yes to lab bill

By KEITH LUDLOW  
Champion Reporter

The administration approved a bill last week extending the academic computing lab hours, and Senate sent two more up the hill for LU President Pierre Guillermine's approval.

The recently implemented bill, which originally passed through Senate Feb. 8, calls for the academic computing lab to remain open until curfew on Friday and Saturday nights. Previously the lab was only open until 6 p.m. both evenings.

Students feel this will greatly aid their efforts to complete homework, bill proponents said, especially since the lab can become busy at times throughout the semester.

However, according to the Assistant Lab Director Ted Cunningham, there is not a need for the lab to remain open late on weekend evenings. "Last semester when the lab was open until 8 p.m. only one or two students were in there on Friday and Saturday nights."

This change will require lab assistants to work additional weekend hours, increasing the cost of running the lab by \$600 per year.

The bill will now be moved to the implementation committee, which is responsible for dealing with the academic computer lab in putting the recommended changes into effect.

Of the two bills passed by Senate last Thursday, the first (Senate bill SRF-9521) is aimed at deregulating the senior hall meetings. Student Senator Katie Mulhammer, who authored the bill, recommended that seniors, as defined by academic status, be required to attend only one hall meeting per month.

Mary Beth Johnston, the bill's co-author, said the bill is designed to "reward the students who have put in a lot of work and have been at Liberty a long time."

If the bill gains administrative approval, seniors will still have a 10 p.m. curfew, but will not have to attend the hall meetings.

The other bill approved by Senate proposes that the rear entrance not be closed until curfew each night.

Student Senator Mark Peto-grasso, who authored this second bill (Senate bill SRS-9603), believes the opening of the rear entrance during evening hours will ease traffic flow and offer more convenience to students leaving campus.

Currently, the back entrance remains open until 7 p.m., with exceptions being special events on campus such as basketball games, when it is left open to prevent traffic problems.

Also discussed during committee reports in last Thursday's Senate meeting were proposals to add a courtesy phone in the Reber-Thomas Dining Hall, Religion Hall, Teacher Education Hall and Science Hall.

Additional research is being conducted to determine the feasibility of installing emergency phones in the ravine, the pit and the parking lots.



A SPECIAL EVENING — Claudia Pollard (above) sings while Larry Weaver, Joan Taylor and Sterling Wilder (left) eat during Saturday's Minority Achievement banquet.

## Fête honors minorities

By CYNTHIA L. TATUM  
Champion Reporter

The Minority Student Achievement Awards banquet was held Saturday at the Lynchburg Hilton with more than 100 in attendance. The formal ballroom was the site of a full agenda, including the presentation of the Minority Student Award.

The elegance of the evening was praised by attendees.

"It is really wonderful to see Liberty progressing in such a manner," said Darnella Cunningham, the principal of Lynchburg's Heritage Elementary School. "When I graduated in 1990, they had nothing as elegant as this."

The Minority Student Award

was given to a senior minority student with strong leadership and activity skills. Four students were nominated: Daniel Woldehanna, Ingrid Laurent, Lloyd Darien and Larry Weaver. Weaver, from Waco, Texas, was selected for the award.

"It was a tough decision," said Greg Dowell, dean of Minority and International Student Affairs.

Weaver was presented with a plaque that read, "In appreciation of your dedication to classroom excellence, student leadership and participation in minority concerns."

"I feel honored to be a member of such an elite group of nominees," Weaver said after receiving the plaque.

"I do not think that my accom-

plishments were any better than those of any other nominees, but I just thank the Lord for this award."

Weaver is an education major and a member of Kappa Delta Pi, the Big South Academic Team and Who's Who in American Colleges. His name appears on the National Dean's List and Presidential Honor Roll. Weaver has played football for the Flames since 1991.

The speaker at the awards banquet was Dr. Allen McFarland, who spoke about unifying race relations and the importance of dreams.

"His message taught me to hold on to my dreams and to

work hard," LU student Larry Buchanan said.

Representatives from Lynchburg College, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Virginia, and Prayer of Faith Temple Church of God in Christ also had the opportunity to present awards to individuals who contributed and dedicated time toward excellence in their fields.

Mark Hine, vice president of Student Development, said that he became "misty-eyed seeing this event."

He said his goals are to "impact the school, then Lynchburg; and by impacting the students, we hope to one day impact the world."



IN THE SPOTLIGHT — Jason Ruiz and Loren Allbaugh perform during "The Mikado" Friday. See related story on Page 7.

## 100 march to celebrate campus unity

By BETSY SEARS  
Champion Reporter

Students were awakened Saturday morning by screaming and joyful singing as the 1996 March for Unity was conducted by the Office of Minority and International Student Affairs.

Greg Dowell, the dean of Minority and International Student Affairs, said more than 100 LU students attended the March for Unity.

Dowell said more people attended the march this year than last year, including prayer leaders, spiritual life directors Student Government Association members.

Dowell said both black and white students were more unified this year as they marched.

Several people felt that the march should extend into the community instead of staying

within the limits of LU.

"I think it would be nice if they did hit the community a little bit, so everybody can see what we are doing as a campus," Christel Spears, an LU freshman, said.

Dowell noted, "If we can't be more unified on campus, then we can't really expect to unify the rest of the world."

The march began in the cafeteria parking lot, proceeded to the dorms in the Circle and ended at David's Place.

A small float was made by several students who rode in front of the marchers, threw confetti and held "March for Unity 1996" signs.

Mark Hine, vice president of Student Development, said unity is expressed at LU by holding the march every year.

"It's our way of saying that we want the whole campus of Liberty to be unified. I think it's important to keep up the tradition every year," he said.

The students and leaders shared the same reasoning for their participation in the 1996 March for Unity.

"I just want to support everybody at LU, and the march seems to bring everyone closer," Spears said.

Rev. Allen McFarland supported the idea of a close-knit campus.

"We are making a public display of unity on our campus. We want to show the students that we can have fun and come together in the name of the Lord and march for unity," she said.



SOME WALKED, SOME DIDN'T — Students from dorm 29 chose to ride rather than walk in Saturday's March for Unity.



# the Ear

**Late-Night Activities** — Friday, March 1, the late-night activities will be skating and bowling.

Off-campus skating will be at Skateland on Graves Mill Road. The cost of \$3.50 includes skates. For more information, call the Student Life Office at 2131.

The cost for unlimited bowling is \$6.25, and shoe rental is free. Use your LU I.D. to buy tickets at AMF Lynchburg Bowl.

**Delays and Closings** — In case of inclement weather, the following stations will announce any delays or closings for Liberty University:

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WWMC C91 (campus station)  
WVTF 89 Public Radio

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WLSL TV  
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WDBJ TV

**Career Workshops** — The following workshops will be taught by Glen Belden, whose career includes work as a corporate management consultant, university administrator, teacher and business owner.

**Preparing an effective résumé**  
Monday, March 25, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in DH 125.

**Presenting yourself well during an interview**  
Monday, April 1, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in DH 125.

**Strategies for getting the job you want**  
Monday, April 8, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in DH 125.

**Making wise career decisions**  
Monday, April 8, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in DH 125.

**Understanding your talents in making career decisions**  
Monday, March 4, and Thursday, March 28, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in DH 125.

**Knowing the will of God for your career**  
Monday, March 18, and Thursday, April 4, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in DH 125.

**Coffee House** — Auditions for Coffee House will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 2-3, in David's Place.

Coffee House will be held Friday, March 22, at 10 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the Schilling Multi-Purpose Center. Tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Student Life Office at 2131.

**Aerobics** — Student Life will sponsor aerobics classes in the multi-purpose room in David's Place Monday through Friday at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The cost is \$1 per person/per class. Only women are permitted to take the class.

For more information, call the Student Life Office at 2131.

**D.C. Talk** — The Student Life Office is now offering tickets to the D.C. Talk concert. Cost will range from \$18.50 to \$25.

D.C. Talk performs Friday, April 5, at 7:30 in the Vines Center. For more information, call the Student Life Office at 2131.

**"The Mikado"** — The Liberty University Department of Fine Arts will present Gilbert and Sullivan's musical comedy, "The Mikado," Feb. 29 and March 1-2 in the Lloyd Auditorium.

All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. All tickets are \$5.50. For more information, call the Theater Box Office at 582-2085.

**SGA Decision '96** — The following Student Government Association positions are available: president, executive vice president, vice president of student services and secretary.

Applications and information will be available in the Student Life Office. Deadline for applications for all positions except secretary is Wednesday, March 6, at noon. Applications for secretary are due Friday, April 19, at 4 p.m.

**Convocation Schedule** —  
—Wednesday, Feb. 28: No convocation (Big South Tournament)  
—Friday, March 1: No convocation (Big South Tournament)  
—Monday, March 4: Cal Thomas

To place information in the Ear, drop notices off at the *Champion* office, DeMoss Hall 113. All information should be in an envelope marked "The Ear, c/o Van Gogh, *Liberty Champion*." Please submit information at least two weeks in advance of an event.



**THE HORSEY GOES WHERE?** — Curtis Johnson makes a crucial move at the chess tournament last week.

# Chess nuts fight it out

By GINGER GILLENWATER  
Champion Reporter

Knights, kings, pawns and queens are battling it out in David's Place during a chess tournament that started Wednesday, Feb. 21, and may run until Feb. 28.

Fourteen players signed up in three categories: beginning, intermediate and advanced.

The tournament follows a double elimination format — each player has to lose two matches to be disqualified.

Wednesday's first match was between beginners Jim Proffit and William Kelly. Kelly won that round.

Thursday's match was between advanced players Ryan Massey and Jason Dumos, David Lamb and Bernard Craft, Arthur Robinson and Matt Aenolp, and Harold Rojas and Brian Triplett.

Dumos, Lamb, Robinson and Triplett won the first rounds.

Lamb said his game was a roller coaster of emotion. "Chess is like life. Every move you make you have to think

about," Lamb said.

Robinson said, "I usually play chess on my computer. It was fun to play a human that is vulnerable, unlike the computer."

On Saturday, Rojas beat Dumos, Triplett beat Massey, Aenolp beat Craft, and Robinson beat Lamb.

Dumos and Craft were eliminated from the tournament after losing Saturday.

Others who will play include intermediate players Fred Future and Amy Hetrick and beginners Terri Stephenson and Jon Moloney.

The tournament was initiated by senior Jim Proffit and is being conducted by Student Life.

The tournament's entry fee was \$1. All proceeds will go toward the trophies.

Jeff Smyth, director of Student Life, said, "We charged a dollar due to past experience when students were not paying for anything and they didn't feel they were getting anything good."

The schedule for the rest of the matches in the tournament is available from the Student Life Office, which can be reached at extension 2131.

# Espressway Cafe expands menu, offers brunch

"Breaking away from the ordinary coffee-and-muffins menu, Espressway Cafe now offers several new lunch items, including sandwiches, salads and soups.

According to Espressway Cafe owner Lisa Steele, the lunch items were added in order to attract more faculty, off-campus and evening commuting students.

Night manager Carla Allen said the lunch menu will give hungry students a chance to purchase a lunch item after the Fast Break snack bar closes at 1 p.m.

According to Steele, all items will be made fresh daily by Magnolias, a deli on Rivermont Avenue.

The following is a list of the lunch items that are available throughout the week:

- Garden salad
- Soup of the Day
- Red potato salad
- Cole slaw

Espressway will also offer a Saturday-morning brunch "for stu-

dents who sleep late for breakfast and yet find that it's too early to go to lunch," Steele said.

During the brunch, Espressway will offer bagels, muffins and hot and cold cereal. "Tables will be set up and newspapers will be available so people can come in and relax," Steele said. "Depending on how well it goes, we'll increase the menu."

The Espressway Cafe has offered specialty drinks such as flavored coffees, hot chocolates, espressos and soft drinks since it opened last October.

— by Andrew Lyons

# Yummy!



**TOO MANY CORN DOGS AND NOT ENOUGH TIME** — Students devour large quantities of food supplied by Marriot at the Beach Party Friday. During the party, Marriot gave out free water bottles.

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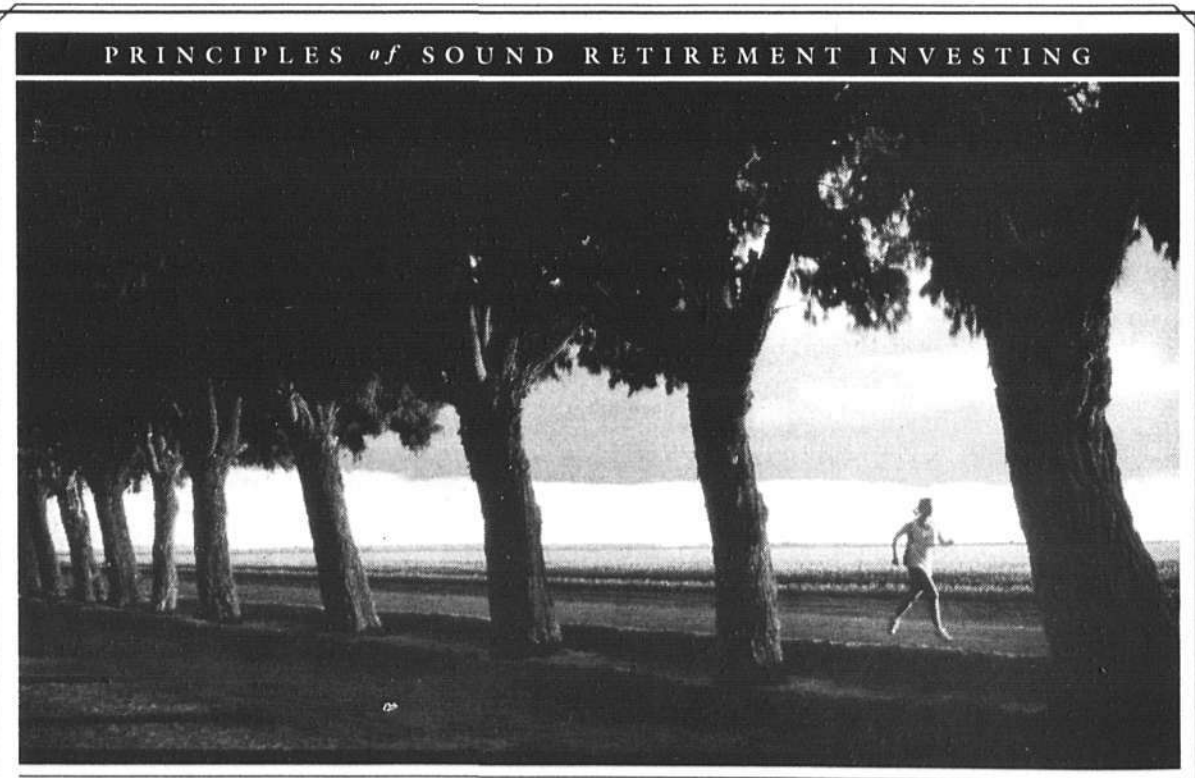
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# Students dress crazily

By **TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS**  
Editor in Chief

No, the rules of fashion have not changed. Stripes do not mix with plaid, and orange and green still don't go together.

That doesn't mean the horribly dressed students roaming campus Monday have lost all sense of fashion.

They might just have been taking part in Liberty's second official Spirit Week.

"It's a positive solution to some of the everyday routine," said James Beck, Student Government Association president. "The purpose is to gain momentum (for the Big South Conference)."

The SGA-sponsored Spirit

Week is designed to engender school spirit before the Big South basketball tournament, scheduled to take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Organizers hoped for a high level of participation, Beck said. "A good 90 percent of those who remember will take part," the president said. "I'll participate."

The only problem Beck anticipated was students who "go too far" in their dress.

"You have to be in the casual dress code," the president said. "Some people get a little too crazy, a little too excited."

Students are required to be dressed in "spirit dress" and in accordance with the Liberty Way's casual dress code.

The idea of Spirit Week was

developed by the SGA two years ago, but ran into trouble when it was not approved by the administration.

"The significant difference this year is that the administration has approved it and is in favor of it," Beck said.

This administrative approval is vital to the success of Spirit Week. "For the administration to say it is more important for the student body to have school spirit than to adhere to the dress code is a big thing," the president said.

The future of Spirit Week is still uncertain, Beck said, and depends on how well this year's attempt goes. "This is a trial run," he said. "If it goes well, we'll try it again next year."

## SPIRIT DRESS FOR THIS WEEK

**Wednesday** '70s Day  
**Thursday** Class colors  
**Friday** School colors

Class colors are as follows:  
**Freshmen** Brown and/or Orange

**Sophomores** Pink and/or Yellow

**Juniors** Blue and/or Green

**Seniors** Black and/or Red



Matt Cook/Liberty Champion

**WHATEVER GOES IN ON A FORK MUST COME OUT ON A FORK** — Ten students attended an etiquette workshop last Thursday sponsored by the Minority and International Student Affairs.

The workshop, led by Assistant Dean of Women **Patty Weaver**, discussed the proper behavior of men and women.

## Ad club plans v-ball tourney

By **GREGORY MORRIS**  
Champion Reporter

The Liberty Business Communications Alliance will present an all-night co-ed volleyball tournament March 1, beginning at 11 p.m. in the Schilling Multi-Purpose Center.

The tournament will help fund LBC's trip to the American Advertising Federation Regional Competition in Norfolk, Va., on April 11.

Kirstin Simpson, an ad team member, said, "We are hoping to generate enough money from this function to help fund the trip to Norfolk. In the past, we have done a lot of car washes. This time, we want to do some-



photo courtesy of "noise"

**PROMOTING THE ALBUM** — Campus band "noise" will be releasing its debut album, "Flaberghasted," Friday, March 1, at the all-night co-ed volleyball tournament.

thing more fun, not only for us, but for the student body."

LBC is a communications practicum designed to allow advertising majors a chance to practice skills.

For the competition they design and present an advertising program. This year's client is the American Red Cross.

The team will be judged on presen-

tation and a book.

Campus band "noise" will perform at the tournament in support of its new CD, "Flaberghasted."

This is the first time a campus band has performed publicly on campus in the past two years, "noise" member Micah Gaudio said.

The cost of the tournament is \$12 for a team and \$1 for spectators.

## Campus anticipates Smith's May 4 visit

By **CHANNING SCHNEIDER**  
Champion Reporter

Contemporary Christian artist Michael W. Smith brings his concert tour of "I'll Lead You Home" to the Liberty Vines Center May 4.

According to Word Music, Michael W. Smith is the best-selling male artist in the history of contemporary Christian music.

"I'll Lead You Home," his most recent project, released in August 1995, entered the Billboard Pop Album Chart at No. 16 and the Contemporary Christian Album Chart at No. 1. The album was Billboard's highest debut of the week and its highest debut ever for a contemporary Christian album. "Cry For Love," the first single from the "I'll Lead You Home" album, stayed at the top the Christian singles chart for four

straight weeks.

In a recent newsletter, Smith said his album was about living in a stressful world of confusion — one that can break you down and leave you little hope or peace of mind. "The Cry For Love" that we send out to the Lord is where we find our hope — in God. Our prayers to God are heard, and our cries are returned with comfort, love and a peace that only the Lord can give," Smith commented.

Smith's concert at Liberty will wind down his 1995 "I'll Lead You Home" tour, which was promoted by Atlanta-Fest Productions. Three Crosses and Jars of Clay

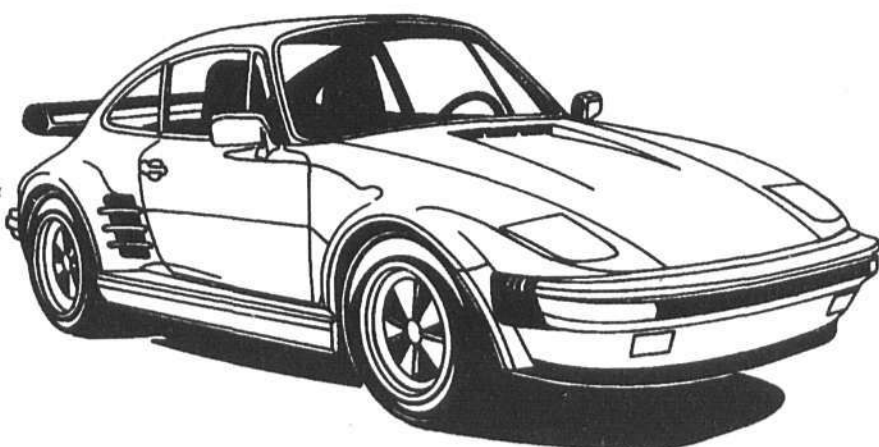
will be opening the concert tour.

According to Jeff Smyth, Student Life coordinator of student activities, the biggest draw of having Michael W. Smith in concert is that the artist has never been to Liberty before.

"I'm pretty sure this concert will be a sell-out," Smyth added. "The cost of the tickets will probably be the same as that of DC Talk's."

"I think it's great," Dean Parker, student co-director of Student Life, commented. "Having a big-name concert in a school where we once wouldn't have been considered to host such an event is quite an honor for Liberty."

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# World News

## Crude tanker spills oil

A tanker ran ashore on the Welsh coast Feb. 15, spilling more than 65,000 tons of crude oil into one of Britain's most environmentally sensitive areas.

The tanker, the *Sea Empress*, spilled more oil than the Exxon *Valdez* did when it ran aground on the Alaskan coast in 1989.

However, the damage is considerably less than that of the *Valdez*, whose oil was more concentrated and did not dilute much because of

the tide conditions. Although the damage should not be as bad, it will still have a significant effect on the islands surrounding the Welsh Coast.

Judy Phillips, a conservation group's spokeswoman quoted in the *New York Times*, said, "The lives of 500,000 migratory birds are now seriously at risk."

This could have been prevented. In 1993, a tanker ran aground off the Shetland coast, spilling 80,000

tons of crude oil. A commission recommended that the British government provide tugboats near oil ports to keep the accident from happening again. No tugboats were put in place.

The Labor Party leaders have joined the Environmentalists in insisting that the government do more to keep this from happening again.

—Gregory Morris

## Virginia passes bill requiring photo I.D. to buy cigarettes

A bill requiring Virginians to present photo identification to purchase cigarettes was approved Friday by the Virginia House of Delegates.

Kurt Gregory Erickson, executive director of the American Lung Association of Northern Virginia, said, "It's a pretty landmark if you can get any tobacco control in a tobacco-growing state such as Virginia. If you're a 14-year-old smoker, your world's going to be turned around."

The House of Delegates approved the bill 28-10, with most opposers representing the state's tobacco-growing region. The Senate also voted 30-9 to approve a bill restricting youth access to cigarette vending machines.

Del. Charles R. Hawkins, R-Pittsylvania, opposed the bill, saying the measures were impractical and almost impossible to enforce.

The photo identification bill requires store clerks to ask anyone buying cig-

arettes to show I.D. if he looks under the age of 18. Under the bill, retailers or their employees face civil fines of \$50 if they disobey the law.

The bill's sponsor, Del. William C. Mims, said lowering the age provision to 18 weakens the bill and will allow many 16- and 17-year-olds who look older to continue to illegally buy cigarettes.

—Betsy Sears

## Two segregated churches merge because of shrinking memberships

Two segregated Methodist churches in Beaumont, Texas, are taking a dramatic step toward mutual reconciliation.

In an attempt to curb shrinking memberships and over-stretched budgets, the two churches, one black and one white, have decided to merge.

Although the original congregations were only a mile apart, many members at first resisted the change because of racial differences. Also, the black McCabe members didn't

want to leave their 92-year-old church building.

A total of 100 members from both churches went elsewhere as a result of the black McCabe church joining the white Roberts Avenue Church.

The new McCabe Roberts Avenue United Methodist Church's two services and choirs are still largely segregated, but 20 people have joined the church since the merge in December.

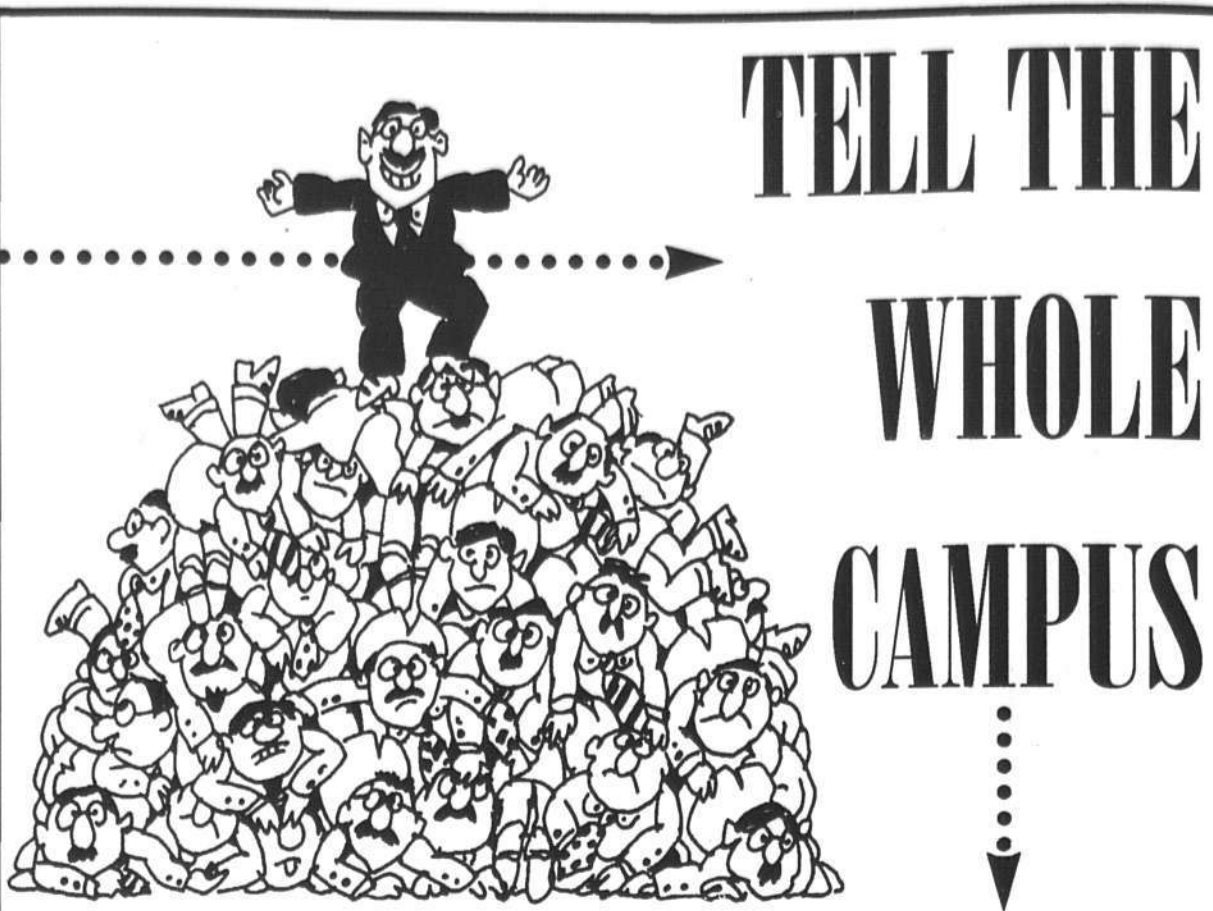
"We were literally a dying

church," said Henry Harper, a white member who grew up a block from the newly unified church.

"My feeling is, my God, we should have done this sooner," Tom Abbage, the new church's business manager, said.

It is the first time something like this happened in Beaumont. Some say that this may be a preview of what is to come for other small segregated churches.

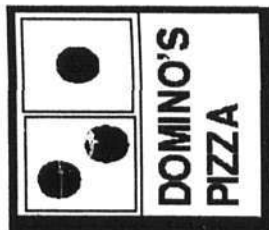
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# OPINION

## The Liberty Champion

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... Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty. II Corinthians 3:17

### BHM serves as a reminder, teaches valuable lessons

Black History Month 1996 is winding down, but we hope that the lessons learned during February will continue throughout the rest of the year.

First of all, taking the time to recognize and appreciate personal differences is important for members of every race. We all share the same world, the same country, the same campus. In order to relate to those around us, we first have to understand who our neighbors are and what makes them unique.

After all, a different point of view can be a valuable thing. Especially when it comes from someone with experiences that you don't have.

Second, recognizing the achievements of an integral community within America should help strengthen the morale of the entire nation. Black Americans have made numerous, significant contributions throughout our nation's history. As we encounter these contributions on a day-to-day basis, we should remember to appreciate them.

Finally, Black History Month reminds us all that the principle of brotherly love should be practiced on a day-to-day basis (see Commentary, Page 6). It isn't enough to know someone's background and way of life. We have a responsibility to treat everyone, no matter what color his skin, with compassion and respect. If we don't, we're not only being racist — we're not being Christians.

BHM should be a time of self-evaluation for us all. We should examine our attitudes, beliefs and actions when dealing with students and professors of a different race or culture.

After all, racial tension will not disappear by simply rubbing a lamp and making a wish. Creating unity will take more than that. But it can begin with you and me.

### Out-of-state LU students — get ready to vote absentee

Calling all students — have you registered to vote? And, if so, are planning to vote absentee during the presidential primaries?

Come on people. We can complain all we want about the current administration. We can criticize the Republican nominees and hope our choice wins. But, if we don't put forth the effort to actually vote, we have no right to gripe.

Even at this point in the campaigns, the stage is being set for the next four years. Most of us will be out trying to earn a buck and raise a family by then.

It's time we start thinking of our futures.

It's time we start being responsible, concerned citizens.

It's time to vote.

### Passage of the week ...

"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereon.

"For other foundation can no man lay, than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 3:9-11).



### Hello, LU students — do you care?

I love my hat. I like having a beard. I've been seen juggling in DeMoss. As one *Champion* staff member said recently, I'm "a little quirky and sometimes weird."

Nevertheless, I have never considered myself a freak. And despite the rash of students who have written to the *Champion* to glory in their self-described freakiness, I have no interest in doing so.



TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS

Still, I must ask: what's the big deal about people's hair? Why does a student's clothing generate such heat?

Yes, gentle reader, as you might suppose, this column results from the letter to the editor that the *Champion* published two weeks ago. Actually, to be more specific, I'm addressing the tumult that resulted from our publication of said letter.

Since we published the diatribe by S. Daniel Kidder, our office has been flooded with letters from students of every stripe. From fake Ku Klux Klan members to self-described freaks — they've all voiced their opinions.

Quick note, gentle reader. There are two things I am not doing.

First, I am not agreeing with either camp of letter-writers. While I have my opinions on the subject, I'm leaving the voicing of them to others. I don't consider myself a freak — nor do I care if others do. If you think I fall into that category, fine. Just don't let me know.

Second, I'm not complaining about the letters we've received. In fact, I greatly appreciate them. Letters show you are reading the paper — and that you care enough to respond. Part of my job as editor is to ensure the *Champion* is communicating with our audience, the students. When we receive letters from you, I know we are communicating.

My only problem is the subject of the letters we're getting.

The *Champion* has received such a deluge of letters twice this year; the first time was following the PFR concert last semester. The subject then: how could the group be Christian when it had funky hair and clothes?

Am I the only one who thinks this sounds like a one-note band? Is hair length really the only thing this campus cares about?

In the past few weeks:

- radical xenophobe Pat Buchanan won the New Hampshire primary;
- innocent people have been killed by IRA bombings in London;
- Congress has passed a bill to radically restrict First Amendment rights on the Internet.

Meanwhile, on campus:

- SGA has announced plans to take \$10 from students' bills;
- Black History Month has pointed out the great contribution of black Americans;
- the Red Cross bloodmobile reported low turnout during its most recent blood drive.

We haven't received a single expression of thought on any of these happenings. As far as one can tell from the Liberty Forum, students haven't even thought about such issues.

Christians often seem to have a reputation as brain-dead individuals. While such a reputation may not be deserved, focusing on trivial topics helps to engender it.

How can we expect people to view us as intelligent when our main focus is on what color hair our neighbor has?

### Pat Buchanan's victory = the Republican voters' SOS

Pat Buchanan has taken New Hampshire. Now we can start praying that he won't take the GOP, too.

As of last Saturday, Buchanan still held 10 more delegates than the nearest GOP contender. And although I realize that his success in New England sent a strong message to the rest of the nation — I'm not exactly certain that this message was a good thing.

An ABC exit poll showed this win means voters want a nominee who takes a strong stand on the issues.

Others have said this vote has ensured that the GOP will keep its pro-life platform.

Several political columnists have written that Republican voters must want to re-elect Clinton and are too chicken to change parties.

As for me, I believe that Buchanan's success in New Hampshire was a Republican SOS. In other words, many GOP voters are floundering in a tide of negative campaigning, inarticulate candidates, and out-and-out confusion.

They were looking for a lifeboat of leadership. So they mistakenly scrambled into the promised safety of Buchanan's platform.

After all, Pat was there, going strong and talking loud. He stands for many of the right values. He debates with the best of them. He makes "the liberal press" squirm and cough.

Of course Bob Dole was there, too, but as Arianna Huffington noted in *The Washington Times*, "Bob Dole left in his wake a vacuum of passion and belief into which stepped Pat Buchanan."

That sounds about right. Buchanan definitely defends his ideas with passion. Voters aren't left to wonder what he really believes.

There's just one problem. Buchanan can't overtake Clinton in the race for president — which basically nullifies the whole GOP nomination process.

I understand the desperation of the Republican voter. It's really quite frustrating.



MICHELLE FANNIN

We need a nominee who will stand up for the issues. Yet we don't need someone who sounds like a bigot or a racist. We need a candidate with charisma and fervor. Yet we don't need someone who will move America right out of the global community. We need a visionary who can lead our nation. But we also need a nominee who can win the big one.

So why are we voting for Buchanan? Come on, Republicans. We're smarter than this. Let us not become so desperate for leadership that we fail to vote responsibly.

I'll give you an example. One of Buchanan's prize planks is isolationism. He wants America to become an inaccessible fortress. No foreign invader should be allowed to compete in our nation's marketplace without considerable taxation. No influx of immigrants will be allowed inside our borders.

Now if Buchanan weren't a Republican, this idea might make some sense. But his protectionist views directly contradict the GOP's limited government ideal. For years, big government has been the target of Republicanism — the bane of progress and economic success.

Now I ask you, if Buchanan is elected, who will set the tariffs? Who will regulate the trade? Who will count the immigrants?

You guessed it — big government. Ironic, isn't it?

I hate to say this and I wish it wasn't true, but the perfect candidate will probably never come along.

In the meantime, however, we can at least support someone who stands for our values.

We can at least vote for a candidate who communicates ideas in a non-abrasive manner. We can at least choose a nominee who understands the benefits of foreign competition in the marketplace.

We can at least nominate a person who can win.

### Sports fans shouldn't shame the LU name; being rude, obnoxious doesn't help teams

Liberty University will always be known for its sports teams. Not only have certain teams earned national attention, but some of Liberty's strongest Christian young people play for these squads. LU is proud of its competitive, Christian teams.

But are we as proud of our fans? Sports demand supporters: interested, involved, even passionate fans. Liberty teams have a growing core of these dedicated fans, people who show up to all the home games and cheer in good times and bad. This is good. But who are some of these people I now see in the Vines during our home games and at Radford during our hockey games?

I see one small gang parked behind the opponents' bench, using our every point on the basketball court to razz the opposing coach and players. I listen to the stories of fights from some of our hockey games. I watch the school mascot make himself obnoxious in my name. And I wonder: have we lost the spirit of Christian success in our fan support?



TOM INKEL

I doubt I'd find any source that gives us guidelines to "politically correct" team support. But I know I'm not the only one who is irritated about the attitude of some LU "irregulars."

There are a number of you out there who show up at our basketball and hockey games for the sole purpose of blowing off some testosterone. You wouldn't show up if the Flames were 0-6, but the success of some hard-working basketball players has earned you the right to heckle visitors and cut down our Christian testimony.

I'm not talking about dressing up or yelling and screaming. Liberty needs its enthusiastic fans. I'm talking about making these secular schools and fans "feel at home." If you find yourself watching the Event Staff out of the corner of your eye to make sure you aren't about to get in trouble, you are probably not a constructive fan.

I also wouldn't mind having a personal talk with the guy acting as our mascot. Our bird

has been possessed this year by a student who seems to think that his Christian service credit depends on seeing how far he can go without getting fired. He has been suspended for testing the patience of the administration. His past antics have included dumping bags of confetti on the visiting section and beating the ref in effigy. Does he think this is the image the basketball team wants?

The Flames have earned nationwide recognition and deserves wild fan support, especially with their recent performances against the best teams in the Big South. But if some students want to take advantage of this, steps ought to be taken to prevent the wildness from getting out of hand. Before it becomes a real problem, more security could be assigned to the stands, particularly near the visitors' section and their bench. RAS could sit in strategic areas, even at hockey games, and Event Staff can be given more leeway to kick out rowdy players.

We have few easy chances to prove directly to the outside world that Christians are different, but these competitions give us one of those chances. Why ruin it?

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# COMMENTARY

## The heart is more important than the appearance

By WARREN TILLMAN  
Champion Reporter

The dress code of *The Liberty Way* has a perfectly legitimate reason to exist; it's simply house rules. However, personal appearance, in reality, does not say all that much about the state of a person's spiritual or moral life.

Yes, in some respects, personal appearance does reflect on the uniqueness of the individual's soul or personal taste. Yet, unless the individual is unkempt, personal appearance does not matter.

There are more important matters on which to attend than questions of personal preference. Styles and trends are only temporal; they are of no lasting value.

Liberty's administration has the authority to ban or promote a given style of dress.

And if their decision offends another student, both the offended student and the one who offended must make an evaluation of their own hearts. Who is the one being intolerant?

Is the person with the "offensive hair style" in the wrong? Or is the person who resorts to

name-calling and petty childish behavior wrong?

What kind of student would superimpose his will over the apparent will of the administration? Would he like to standardize a hair style for everyone?

If the deans do not rule certain hairstyles as counter-cultural, then the students shouldn't take offense. If people with unusual hair styles are violating the dress code according to the deans, then the appropriate action will be taken. If these people are not in violation, then students need to get over it.

In some circles, Christians are called "counter culture." Does anyone remember ancient Rome? What about Islamic countries? Just fill in the blanks: religions and foreign country.

Granted, there are odd hair styles in the world today, but people should not be judged by their outward appearances.

Christians are not called to go into the secular world to judge the outside looks of those who are not saved, but to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto your

(fleshly concerns) or to God, judge ye," (Acts 4:19).

Judging by externals is a classic error that can be dangerous.

Jeffrey Dahmer looked a perfect gentleman, but he was really a snake in disguise. With everything else to worry about in the world today, why are we so concerned with appearances?

Jesus did not say to the Samaritan woman that she had to change her personal appearance to be saved. Instead, Christ realized that it is not what is without that destroys the man, but what lies within — such as childish attitudes — that destroys.

Honest criticism can be beneficial, but it can become evil when it is tempered with petty wrath over something that really doesn't matter. Anything else is squabbling. Who art thou, Jesus asked, who judgest another man's servant?

If there is a problem with styles, then it is between the Lord and the individual in question. Unless such a style is determined by the university's official authority to be a dress-code violation, then get a life! Can one manage his own life while meddling with another's?



## The Liberty FORUM

### Students still upset; respond to Kidder's attitude, namecalling

Editor:

This letter is in response to the now infamous piece of misguided refuse submitted by S. Daniel Kidder.

How incredibly ignorant of you, Kidder, to assume that a person's worth to our university is in any way related to something so obviously trivial as their choice in neckwear.

Using a label like "freak" is an immature display of arrogance that is an embarrassment to all those who can intelligently look beyond the superficial. To call someone a "freak" you would have to have quite a grasp on what normal is. And, frankly, who are you to determine that?

Is normal having nothing better to do than put down fellow students? Is it normal to be so self-righteous and close-minded that you can no longer appreciate differences? Is it normal to be so shallow as to judge a person's worth and goodness by anything but the size of his heart? If this is what normal is, then please, Kidder, call me a freak.

Amy Leach

Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the letter to the editor written by S. Daniel Kidder.

To begin, I would like to respond in a positive manner to his opinion. I agree with him when he says the rule on "counter-culture" dressing should be addressed. This rule within *The Liberty Way* is vague in its wording and is open to many different interpretations. So I have no problem with Kidder's suggestions.

However, I strongly disagree with Kidder's attitude toward his fellow believers, which he names "freaks."

My friends and I were shocked and surprised at his brash remarks. Nonetheless, we were not angered and outraged at him, but rather disappointed in his attitude. We feel disappointed that Kidder seems to put so much emphasis on appearance, rather than what is on the heart.

Might I remind Kidder that Jesus kept the company of the "freaks" of his day. Also, Matthew 7 is a wonderful guideline for us to use when we judge others.

Kidder overlooked not only these two principles, but also the principle of causing dissension among the brethren.

In Ephesians, Paul says that we are part of a family, together in God. He says we are to stay together as a family and to have a sense of peace and unity among ourselves. These remarks can easily cause disunity within our family, which is what Paul warns us about.

As a personal note, my friends and I fall under the banner of being "freaks," by Kidder's definition. I know these people personally, and know where they are mentally, academically and spiritually.

Based upon my personal experience, I am happy to say the "freaks" are the most genuine, kind, loving friends I have ever had. And I thank God for them.

This personal example indicates to me that a person's character is not based on whether or not he wears shoestrings around his neck. (This young man is a straight-A student, by the way.)

In closing, I extend my hand to Kidder in Christian brotherly love. Although we differ in opinions, we are still brothers in the Lord. I hope this does not hinder the cause of Christ, but rather strengthens it.

Jeffrey Tuthill

Editor:

While perusing your journal, I was disturbed to read the comments of S. Daniel Kidder in Liberty Forum last week.

Having met Kidder and having read his writing in this paper before, I am well familiar with Kidder's penchant for arrogance and pretension. Now, however, I hear he has crossed the fine line between mere nuisance and out-and-out blowhard.

First, while *The Liberty Way* is accurately quoted by Kidder, what he seems to forget is who is to interpret this regulation. That task has been rightly assigned to the deans and other administration of the university, not some synchophantic scribe with a chip on his shoulder and no first name.

I might also suggest that the reason that this rule is not so strictly enforced is because the deans and other responsible parties perhaps realize that Liberty's present population of counter-culturalists (or "freaks" as Kidder so eloquently put) does not present a problem large enough for the administration to concern itself with.

However, I must say that the attitude of Kidder's argument is what perturbed me the most. As at all Christian colleges and universities, there is a certain element of self-righteousness here at Liberty. Kidder sees those who are not like him (i.e. people with colored hair, people with longish hair, people with braids, people with shoelaces around their necks, people without Indiana Jones hats, etc.) and labels them "freaks."

Therefore, Kidder has apparently aligned himself with such an element so convinced of their own morality and overall hygiene that they themselves have become the "freaks."

Danny Wenger

## People need to practice racial sensitivity, fairness

By CYNTHIA TATUM  
Champion Reporter

While attempting to write this article, my intentions were to discuss forms of racial prejudice, that I, a Black American woman have experienced. As I pondered and began to put my thoughts into words, I came to a strong realization. Every form of racism I thought I experienced may not be considered racism by others. Some may think the incidents that occurred were purely circumstantial. Others may think I am simply being paranoid. So I will discuss ordeals that occurred in my life and allow you to decide.

The first example is one very common in the black American community. I walked into a department store and believed that I was being closely watched. I tried to ignore the strong feeling that someone was staring at me. When I did glance at the cashier, I watched him observe me through an oversized mirror. Once he noticed that I was watching him, he quickly turned away. He later walked to the same aisle as I and pretended to put away clothes that had already been shelved.

Though I was not the only customer, I was the only black American and the only one being followed. If I were to ask the worker if he were following me because I am a black American, do you think his answer would be yes? Why was I the only customer being watched? You decide.

I could never completely judge that this man is, in his self-inflicted ignorance, a racist, but when this scenario is repeated often, I begin to wonder.

Another example is a recent one. One of my professors passed back tests and began to praise and acknowledge everyone with high

marks — except me. On three tests in a row I made a "93," "96," and a "100," and no one knew it but my teacher and me. The first time I counted it as an error, the second time, maybe a mistake, but three strikes and you're out!

My problem was not that I wanted to be acknowledged but that I wanted to be treated the same as every other student.

The last example is one that really hurt me to my heart. I stood in line at the grocery store awaiting my turn. Noticing a small child behind me, I turned back, smiled and said "Hi." She said nothing. The look on her face made me wonder if she was frightened because I was a stranger. I turned around, only to hear her ask, "Mommy, why is her skin so dirty?"

I said nothing, but out of shock, turned around to see her mother's reaction. Her mother responded, "Awe, Jen," chuckled and then smiled at me.

If this mother had any racial sensitivity at all, she would have not only corrected her child on the spot, but also apologized for her daughter's comment.

Many people reading this article may be able to relate to the experiences explored, while others may laugh and make excuses for the incidents that occurred.

Unfortunately, racism in America will continue to exist as long as we make excuses and claim these incidents to be merely circumstantial.

It has only been 32 years since black Americans were integrated

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into mainstream society. It is not logical to think that in 1964, when the Civil Rights Acts was passed that racism was passed, along with it. Though circumstances have improved, they need to continue to do so.

First and foremost, as Christians, we need to seek the Lord regarding racism.

The good thing about it is that we do not have to wait for an answer; he has already given it to us. The Bible says in John 13:34-35, "love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this ye shall know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

If we really are disciples of Christ, we will show love to everyone regardless of race.

Education can begin to bring the races together.

If others are educated about black Americans more than just one month in a year, they will begin to understand that our ancestors, though forced to come to America, had and still have many contributions to offer society.

As Christians we need to have racial compassion and sensitivity to our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

Live your life, not in ignorance, but seeking to be educated.

Walk the walk, not in hatred, but in love.

Talk the talk, in sensitivity, not in callousness.

How can you not love your brother whom you see every day, but claim to love your Heavenly Father whom you have never seen?

## SPEAK

### How do you feel about Spirit Week?



"I think Spirit Week is a much-needed break for all of us students this semester."  
—Chris Gordon, Soph.  
Chesapeake, Va.



"I'm not looking forward to class colors day because I'm going to look like a giant peanut butter cup."  
—Keri Reiz, Fr.  
Virginia Beach, Va.



"Spirit Week is an excellent opportunity for LU students to be unified in the common cause of supporting our team."  
—Hilton Harrell, Jr.  
Elmira, N.Y.



"I think it's a great way to support the basketball team, to have fun and show our LU spirit."  
—Amy Blackney, Jr.  
Robbinsville, N.C.



# Life!

## IMAGES OF THE ORIENT



KIRSTIN SIMPSON

### Overcoming the hurdles of dorm life

Last night I had the most wonderful dream. I was lying on my bed, in my own room, in my own apartment, reading a book.

The wonderful part of the dream wasn't that the book was so great. The book was good, but I was happy because I had my own room in an apartment decorated to my liking.

Now don't get me wrong, solitude isn't always bliss. Sometimes it can be quite lonely. However, the thought of having my own room and not having to share a bathroom with 20 other girls brings me sheer joy.

Ah, the thrill of dorm life. How exciting dorm life was when I was a freshman. The first semester was great when I was homesick and everywhere I turned somebody was around to keep my mind off home.

Unfortunately, my love for dorm life was short-lived. The first hurdle of dorm life to overcome is living with strangers. Sometimes a person gets lucky and ends up with three very nice, normal roommates. Let's remember the key word is "sometimes."

More often, a dorm room is filled with four very different people from all corners of the earth, who have very different views about life.

One of the good things about Liberty is, for the most part, students have one very important aspect in common that helps them overcome any problem: a love for God.

Despite that common bond, problems still exist. For example, with four people in one room, there are bound to be problems because of different sleep patterns. One roommate goes to bed at 9 p.m. and the others like to stay up past curfew. Or worse, one roommate has Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and is always sleeping. This actually happened to me.

I roomed with a friend for two years who, during the second year, suddenly developed this syndrome. It was very frustrating. The room was always dark.

I can't count how many times I walked out of the room with one navy shoe and one black shoe — a major fashion faux pas. It was very embarrassing.

Now thankfully, I have a roommate who brought a night-light from home so the room is never completely dark. Supposedly the night-light was from her childhood days. Makes a person wonder though. I don't think my mother saved any of my night-lights. Oh well, at least it's not a Snoopy or Ninja Turtle night-light.

Moving on. Besides sleep patterns, there's the issue of cleanliness. I'd like to think I'm a neat person, although occupying the top bunk means many days without my bed made, mainly for safety reasons.

Also, some people like to believe the middle of the room is a clothing hamper, and their clothes always end up landing there. Then, when you complain, instead of picking up their clothes and putting them away, they just move the pile to another spot on the floor. At this point, you give up and start adding your clothes to the pile. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em.

Moving on to bathroom cleanliness — or lack thereof, I want to thank God for the person who created flip flops. Without them I'm sure by now I would have some horrible foot disease.

Beyond bathroom cleanliness, another problem faced by students living in the senior dorms is unauthorized borrowing of pots and pans. Usually students don't mind others borrowing the pots and pans, it's the not cleaning them afterward that's a problem.

Picture this: Molly comes back after a long day and wants to cook some Ramen noodles. Unfortunately for Molly, someone used her sauce pan, so she must stop everything to clean it. At this point, Molly is very unhappy.

While I could go on about the many frustrations of dorm life, let me leave one last thought: what if God designed dorm life to prepare people for living with their future mates? Frightening, isn't it?

By STARLET SHOUP  
Champion Reporter

Perhaps the names Ko-Ko, Nanki-Poo and Pitti-Sing conjure up images of the Orient. So they should. Some of you might be wondering — is this an article discussing the next International Club meeting?

No, try again. Instead, this past weekend the Department of Fine Arts opened its adaptation of William Schwenck Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan's "The Mikado," a 19th-century musical comedy about the struggle between love and death.

While not the strongest of plays ever performed at Liberty's Lloyd Auditorium, the play did have good points, such as the quality of the singers voices and some of the acting.

### Play Review

The play began with the strong voices of the male chorus, which filled the entire room with rich sounds.

A highlight from this beginning scene was the solo performed by Christopher Good, playing the part of Pish-Tush. Not only was his voice a pleasure to the ears, but his expression matched the words to his song.

Dan Laws (Pooh-Bah) and Loren Allbaugh (Ko-Ko, the Lord High Executioner) also demonstrated their talents by wooing the audience with their splendid voices.

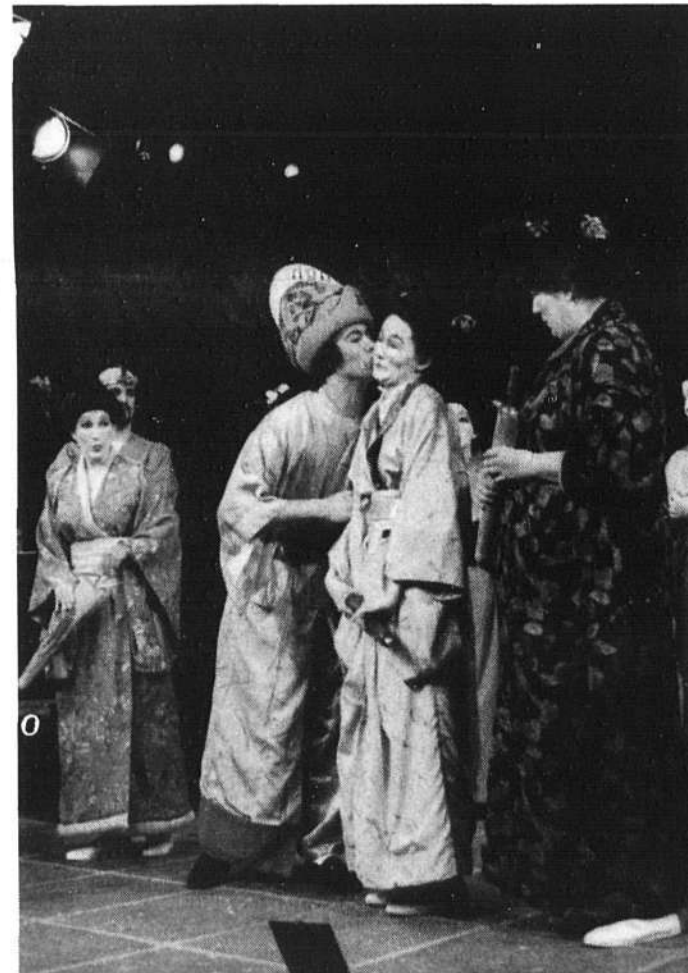
As for the female talent in the cast, special attention should be paid to Laura Layne (Yum-Yum) and Kristine Biller (Pitti-sing). It is obvious to see why Layne was given one of the leading roles; her voice was sweet and strong. Biller also carried her part with several solos and sang every note flawlessly.

The acting was a secondary point of consideration. There were those who played their roles perfectly — such as Dan Laws, who portrayed the proud, stuffy Pooh-Bah without once stepping out of character. His expressions were authentic and well-timed.

Allbaugh came alive in the second act with his comical attempt to woo Katisha, an old and undesirable woman. Kera O'Bryon, who played the part of Katisha, was a bright spot in the play with her great voice, hilarious antics and ridiculous make-up.

The humor in the play was somewhat amusing, but not quite witty. Highlights were found in singular individuals who livened their character by their own interpretation of their parts.

Yet, despite this talent, the ambiance of the moment was somehow lacking. Granted, this is the Lloyd Auditorium in Lynchburg and not Broadway. The play could have been better, but since it was



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HOW ABOUT A LITTLE 19TH CENTURY JAPAN? — Nanki-Poo, played by Jason Ruiz, the son of Mikado, the emperor of Japan, defies his father when he runs away from home and falls in love with a beautiful girl named Yum-Yum, played by Laura Layne. The fun starts when Nanki-Poo finds out Yum-Yum is already promised in marriage to someone else.

only the second night, there's still time to improve.

The production's strength was found in the individual talent of its actors rather than in the play as a whole.

While the play was more interesting than going to David's Place for another night of

fun and excitement, the Big South is threatening to take away some of "The Mikado's" audience next week.

So if next week, students are debating what to participate in with their significant others — culture vs. BASKETBALL — my advice is to take only those who

already have an appreciation for the "finer things of life."

Only the trained (and previously exposed) eye and ear can adequately appreciate the almost hidden talent. The novice would surely never make the attempt again.

## Join in service with Christ

Joining in service with Christ is a great opportunity.

We can start to do this by studying the earthly ministry of Christ. Learning about Christ's ministry on earth helps us establish for ourselves the attributes leading toward a full and abundant life.

Last time, we looked at the attributes of assurance, patience and compassion. In this study, we will focus on how Christ possessed the attributes of service, forgiveness and humility.

When Jesus washed the disciples' feet, he set an example that all who claim his name should follow. This is probably one of the most difficult applications modern-day Christians must face.

First, we see that Jesus took on the role of a servant:



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"The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;

"So he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him" (John 13:2-5 NIV).

Usually the washing of the feet was reserved for the servant of the house. Here, Jesus took on that role to show the disciples that they were to serve one another no matter what status they had.

This left many of the disciples, especially Peter, in awe. He is the one Scripture says did not want Christ to wash his feet:

"He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus replied, 'You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.'

"No," said Peter, 'you shall never wash my feet'" (John 13:6-8 NIV).

Jesus knew Peter, one of his trusted followers, would soon betray him. We see that Christ not only took on the role of a servant, but he did it with a forgiving heart.

Jesus also made reference to the fact that some among his followers were not clean. However, that realization did not keep Christ from serving his disciples.

As Christians, we should follow Christ's example of humbling ourselves as servants to others. We should also practice a forgiving heart by serving those who have hurt or betrayed us. Holding grudges against others will only lead to bitterness and, eventually, loneliness. We must remember that the only one we can ever count on is God.

Finally, we need to focus on the humility that Christ portrayed and then practice it in our own lives:

"When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?'"

"You call me "Teacher" and "Lord,"

and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

"I tell you through the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them'" (John 13:12-17 NIV).

Today, we need to practice that which Christ has established in this passage. Serving others will place a burden in our hearts for the true calling of God, even if it means forgiving another person as you are serving him.

Humility is a tough attribute to practice. We often let our pride dominate our lives by titles, positions and honor. We seem to never live our lives according to biblical teaching.

Too many of us spend a lifetime seeking glory and honor from men. Instead, we should be serving men and receiving glory and blessing from God.



# RAs overcome the misconceptions They talk frankly about their job

By LISETTE FLORES  
Champion Reporter

*Attention students: Make sure all hemlines are below the knee, all ties are tightened, and no clothing out of dress code is worn in DeMoss before 4:30 p.m. — or risk being issued a reprimand by an RA.*

While some may think RAs are drill sergeants whose favorite hobby is handing out reprimands, most RAs claim they are just trying to serve.

For Rita Mills, 22, who has always been shy and prefers to follow rather than to lead, accepting the RA position was not an easy decision. Furthermore, she did not think she could handle all the pressures.

However, she soon discovered her interpersonal skills were assets to the ministry aspect of the job.

Resident Assistant Loren Albaugh, 21, wanted to go a step further in serving the student body. He had been a prayer leader and a spiritual life director, but he was ready to give more of himself to help others.

As he looked back on his life, he wished there would have been someone there to help him. Consequently, he made the choice to become an RA.

Unfortunately, both said, most students think of discipline rather than ministry when they think about the role of an RA.

The RAs responsibility to make sure students abide by the rules in the *Liberty Way* give the impression that "RAs are more concerned about what (students) do wrong," Mary Beth Johnson, resident of dorm 28-1, said.

In addition, Rita realizes not everyone has good feelings about RAs, but she assures students that "most RAs are concerned about people." She seems to be accomplishing her goal because several girls on her hall said they viewed their

RAs as friends.

While the possibility of a friendship with an RA is good, at times friendships must be tested. Rita said it must be tested by seeking the other person's well-being even if it requires confrontation.

This area was especially challenging for Rita because her nature is more of mercy. At first, she was very scared, but eventually she realized sometimes confrontations and giving reprimands are the only method of discipline that can help people to confront their problems.

Before Rita arrived at that conclusion, she faced difficult confrontations such as having ID cards thrown at her. In another case she was confronted by a male student who became very angry and began yelling at her.

Loren, RA for dorm 10, has encountered similar situations. In one particular instance, a male student tried to hit him after writing him up.

Despite the bad times, Loren still believes "when students are confronted in love, their wall will break."

Rita has had first-hand experience in this area. In one situation, she confronted a girl who asked her if she could "give her a break." She refused. Then the girl thanked her for being consistent and doing her job, unlike some RAs who back down on their decisions.

Loren and Rita agreed that through the ups and downs, they would be unable to perform their duties without the strength and guidance they have found in the Lord.

Loren said the RA position is not only difficult because of the amount of responsibility it requires, but also because RAs "learn about their own insecurities and faults," through correction of other students.

For Loren and Rita, prayer has been the answer. Rita said she realizes that "it was the only thing left to do." Loren has seen

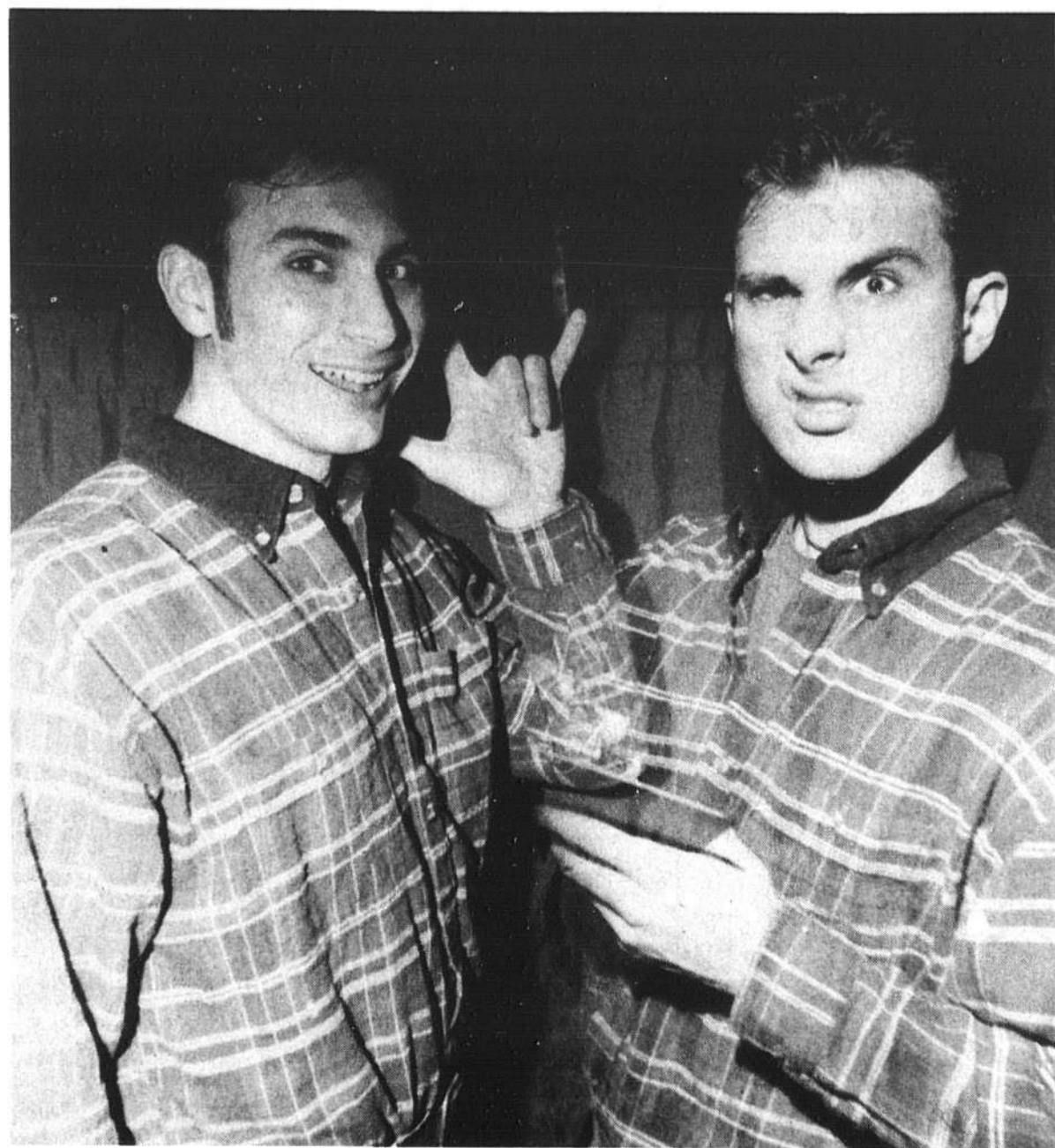


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**CLOWNING AROUND** — It's not an easy job, but someone has to do it. No matter what impression students have of RAs, the supervisors of residence halls provide assistance to students in many different situations.

the correlation between prayer and the attitude of the students on his floor.

"When I let prayer go down, the spiritual attitude of the hall goes down," he said.

Despite the hard work Loren and Rita invest into the lives of the people on their halls, their desire is not to be remembered

for who they are. Their wish is for others not just to remember the reprimands, room checks, hall meetings, etc.

Instead, the RAs want others to remember what they did to help foster a closer relationship with God through their leadership.

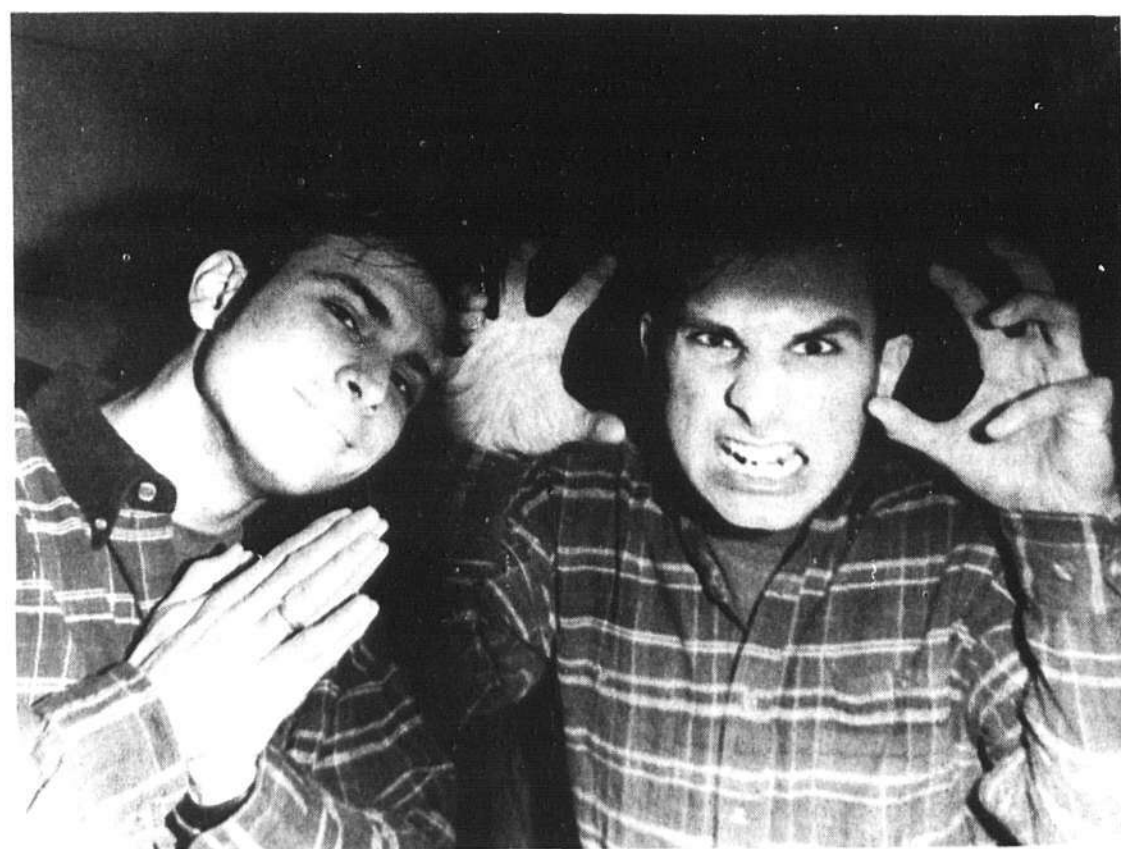


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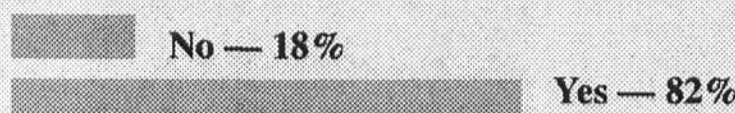
**THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO EVERY PERSON** — Resident Assistant Nathan Long demonstrates the way students perceive RAs. According to the survey (right), an overwhelming majority believes most RAs care about students.

## What does an RA's job entail?

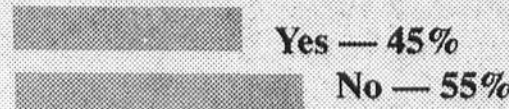
1. Conduct weekly room checks.
2. Take convocation attendance for their halls.
3. Check rooms each night at midnight, 12:30 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.
4. Conduct weekly hall meetings.
5. Provide referrals in the area of discipline and counseling.
6. Attend weekly meetings with resident directors.
7. Attend weekly meetings with spiritual life directors and prayer leaders.
8. Monthly meetings with other RAs.
9. Help students in spiritual, social, academic areas, etc.

## What do the students think?

1. Do you have a good impression of your resident assistant?



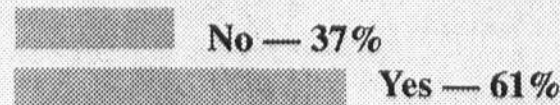
2. Have you ever received a reprimand from your resident assistant?



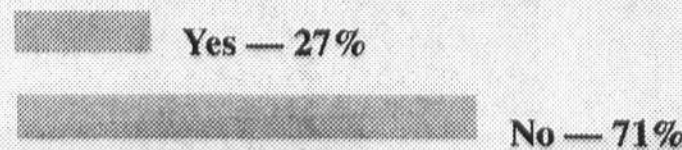
2a. If you've received a reprimand, did you feel you deserved it?



3. Do you believe the majority of the resident assistants care about the students?



4. Do you believe many resident assistants are just out to give as many reprimands as they can?



— Survey was given to 140 on-campus students



# McArdle finds his niche on LU hockey team

By KEITH SAVOIE  
Champion Reporter

As a roller hockey competitor since he was 15, Jason McArdle has always dreamed of one day capering on ice. This year, as a junior, Jason has gotten the chance to play for the Liberty University Hockey Club. In only his second season on the ice McArdle has grappled the back-up net-minder position behind starter Corey Walyuchow.

Growing up in New Jersey, Jason sur-

rounded himself with friends who were avid ice hockey sportsmen.

"I've always wanted to play and my friends kept encouraging me to step out on the ice," McArdle said.

With his burning desire to step closer towards his fantasies as well as his performance on the rink, McArdle has succeeded in impressing upon many his determination to play.

McArdle commented on what the transition from the roller hockey floors to the ice has been like.

"It has been very tough, each sport is so unlike the other with regards to skating," he said. McArdle does feel that he

*"I've always wanted to play and my friends kept encouraging me to step out on the ice."*

—Jason McArdle  
LU Goalie

is getting a good feel for the ice at the present time.

Although he is feeling more comfortable on the ice, Jason is not too sure of his exact role on the team, nor can he anticipate what kind of playing time he will assume. McArdle does expect more ice time in the future, because he has at least one more season with the Flames.

Flames Head Coach Corrado Puglisi spoke briefly about Jason: "Jason has improved his game in the net dramatically — it is unfortunate that he has to stand in Corey's shadow," Puglisi said.

With regards to McArdle's future,

Puglisi is not certain at this point. "Corey is planning on returning for next season, but I make no guarantees to anyone; we could have six new goalies trying out next season — but Jason does have a fair shot at starting."

As the Liberty Flames stick-handlers prepare in an exhibition season for next year, Jason McArdle is content with his current standing. With possibly only one game left this season, McArdle looks forward to a saturated schedule next year veering what was once a reverie into authenticity.

## Big South leaders

Men		
Scoring		
Latson, T.L.	CSU	19.3
Aluma, Peter	LU	18.7
Avery, Ben	CCU	16.8
Lansdown, Jason	RU	16.5
Thompson, Tony	UMBC	16.3
Larrick, Brett	CSU	14.8
McMahan, David	WU	14.4
Kohn, Josh	UNCA	14.1
Walker, Anthony	RU	13.9
Pittman, Josh	UNCA	13.4
Rebounding		
Ingram, M.	CCU	9.3
Cuthrell, Eric	UNCG	9.1
Bellinger, K.	UMBC	8.3
Coley, William	UNCA	7.1
Latson, T.L.	CSU	7.0
Aluma, Peter	LU	6.9
Thompson, T.	UMBC	6.7
Steele, Chad	WU	6.3
Daniels, Jeff	CSU	6.0
Robinson, Kevin	RU	6.0
Blocks		
Aluma, Peter	LU	4.2
Cuthrell, E.	UNCG	1.7
Stevenson, R.	UNCA	1.6
Lassitter, Todd	WU	1.4
Kartchner, C	CSU	1.4
Parker, Eric	RU	1.2
Clifton, J.	UNCG	1.0
Horruiener, R.	CSU	0.9
Williams, J.	RU	0.8
Belliner, K.	UMBC	0.8
Assists		
Hartzell, Scott	UNCG	5.1
Krieger, Vincent	UNCA	4.9
Walker, Anthony	RU	4.8
McPherson, E.	CSU	4.8
White, Marcus	LU	3.7
Larrick, Brett	CSU	3.6
Nix, Derric	UNCG	3.5
Smith, Greg	CCU	3.3
Kohn, Josh	UNCA	3.2
Jackson, Larry	LU	3.2
Steals		
Avery, Ben	CCU	2.1
Walker, Anthony	RU	2.0
Williamson, M.	RU	1.8
McPherson, Errol	CSU	1.8
White, Marcus	LU	1.6
Krieger, Vincent	UNCA	1.6
Larrick, Brett	CSU	1.6
Pittman, Josh	UNCA	1.6
Waterman, Tyson	WU	1.5
Thompson, Tony	UMBC	1.5
Women		
Scoring		
Giffin, Vicki	UNCA	16.9
Hairston, Kim	RU	15.5
Kelly, Chrissy	CSU	15.3
Cerny, Sam	CCU	14.2
Tender, Tameka	CCU	14.1
Moore, Alisa	UNCG	13.7
Lisa, Howard	RU	13.6
Churchill, Jenn	WU	13.0
Boester, Tina	CCU	12.4
DeLong, Tracey	CSU	12.4
Rebounding		
Moore, Alisa	UNCG	9.1
Moore, Julie	UNCG	8.5
Tender, Tameka	CCU	8.0
Logan, Monica	UMBC	8.0
Steadman, Jenn	CSU	7.8
Luebbers, M.	CCU	7.1
Churchill, Jenn	WU	7.0
Kitchin, Katherine	WU	7.0
Logemann, Dede	RU	6.4
Cicak, Lisa	UMBC	6.1
Blocks		
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Cruise, Kim	RU	1.0
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Logan, Monica	UMBC	0.7
Greene, Amy	UMBC	0.8
Fisher, Patti	RU	0.6
Greene, Amy	UMBC	0.6
Wyms, Michelle	LU	0.6
Viverette, Rebecca	UNCG	0.6
Luebbers, M.	CCU	0.5
Assists		
Luebbers, M.	CCU	5.5
Howard, Lisa	RU	4.6
Moten, Tori	UMBC	4.5
Kelly, Chrissy	CSU	4.5
Hairston, Kim	RU	4.4
Edwards, Amanda	UNCA	3.9
Giffin, Vicki	UNCA	3.6
Ferguson, Sam	UNCG	3.6
Motta, Deana	CCU	3.5
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Fisher, Patti	RU	2.3
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Luebbers, M.	CCU	1.8
Moore, Julie	UNCG	1.8
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Castle, Jenn	WU	1.7
Pursfull, L.A.	WU	1.5



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# Burch sets sights on Olympics

By MARTY CLARK  
Champion Reporter

Hosein Burch eyes the gold medal like every other track-and-field runner does. His lifelong goal is to reach the Olympic games. This year, when the Olympic games roll into Atlanta, Ga., it will be extra special for Burch if he is a member of the U.S. team.

A 23-year-old junior at Liberty University, Burch is a native of Stone Mountain, Ga., which is a scant 25 miles from downtown Atlanta. He hopes to make that 30-minute trip this summer.

"It would be accomplishing one of my biggest goals. To be in my own backyard, winning the gold in front of my own home crowd — that would be really special," said Burch, who runs the 400- and 800-meter and has now added the 400-meter hurdles.

To win this gold medal, however, Burch has some pretty stiff competition to cope with at the Olympic trials. With competitors from both the amateur and the professional ranks, he may have to face big names such as Quincy Watts, Derek Mills, Butch Reynolds and Michael Johnson.

"I would have to say that Michael (Johnson) is my role model. It was always a goal when I was a kid to run against him, and now I might have that chance," Burch said.

These players are not Burch's only barriers. To him, discipline is the key ingredient to success, something he has just begun to take seriously.

"The coaching staff and Carlton McDuffie showed me the discipline I needed. They all knew my goal, and they were on me the most to push past the pain and reach the goal I set for myself," he said.

Burch knows about pain, but unlike other runners, he does not thrive on it. He would just as soon do without it, he said.

"I hate pain, but when you get that pain, you have to work harder. As the old proverb says, 'No pain, no gain,'" he said.

Burch knows that to gain a spot on the Olympic team will take hard work and a positive attitude.

"I think I have that chance. Track is not like other sports. Johnson could have a bad day. The gold medal is always up for grabs. It comes down to who is the fittest and who wants it the most, and I want it the most," he stressed.

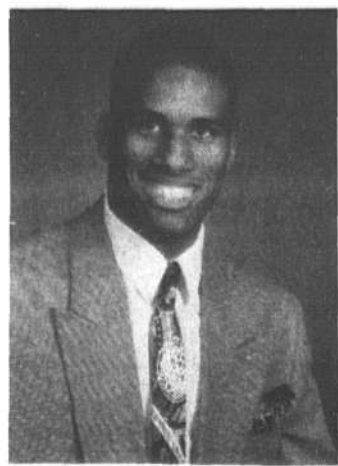
Before Burch can even think about a gold medal, he has to qualify for one of three spots or the alternate spot. Burch believes Liberty has prepared him for his quest to make one of these four spots.

Liberty was not Burch's first choice, though. A car accident that caused minor injuries to his legs discouraged coaches from other schools from recruiting him.

"Other schools did not want to take the chance. My youth pastor graduated from Liberty, and he talked to the coaches down here and told them I wanted to run," the runner explained.

Now the middle distance runner, who has added the 400-meter hurdles to his résumé, looks to dash his way into the largest athletic event in the world.

One mission is all he has in mind, and the light at the end of the tunnel is Atlanta. A mere 800 meters away.



Burch

## Flames fall short in OT

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with 22, and Jackson added 20.

Despite the disappointment, Meyer was optimistic about the team's position for the tournament.

"This game might actually serve as a positive for the tournament," he said. "All the marbles will be on the table on Thursday. Six teams have a legitimate shot at winning it. We've played well at home as of late and our students should come out and support us as they have before. We'll be ready Thursday night; it should be a good tournament."

Monday night, the Flames overcame a slow start to defeat the visiting Coastal Carolina Chants 71-57.

Despite the slow start, with the first point of the game not coming until 17:25, Liberty finally got on track offensively and took a huge 31-19 score into the half. In the second period, the Flames overcame rebounding troubles at both ends of the court and took advantage of poor Chanticleer shooting to lead by as many as 17.

Coastal Carolina fought back with consistent shooting, but

could not get any closer than eight points before succumbing to a 14-point loss.

The contest was an emotional one, as seniors Barry Taylor and Eric Pothoven played in their final home game. Both were honored before the game and both contributed well as players. Pothoven had nine points and Taylor had eight. Peter Aluma led all scorers with 28 points.

"Our schedule caught up with us tonight," Meyer said. "We needed all eight guys because we were so drained. Our bench was a major key to us being successful against these guys."

"We came out flat tonight," Aluma said. "I don't know why we didn't play the way we needed to play. We have to get rest and come out and play harder in the future if we want to continue to be successful."

In regard to their final regular-season home game, Pothoven said, "I haven't really thought about my last couple games as a Flame. I guess I'm looking more toward the tournament than anything else."

Taylor said, "It really hasn't hit me yet. It will probably hit me later, maybe after the tournament."

## Two-sport athlete signs on to play hoops, v-ball

By BRIAN HAGERMAN  
Champion Reporter

Liberty University's women's athletic teams continue to catch prized recruits. A standout at South Adam's High School (Berne, Ind.) in volleyball and basketball, Athena Sherwood is headed to Liberty University next year to participate in both sports. She has received a scholarship to play volleyball and plans to walk on to the basketball team.

Sherwood has led both her basketball and volleyball teams to county championships.

According to LU Volleyball Coach Chris Fletcher she is a tremendous athlete. Fletcher also said that Sherwood is valuable because she is a left-handed hitter.

In volleyball she made honorable mention as a freshman and made all-conference in her sophomore, junior and senior years at South Adams.

Sherwood also played on an Amateur Athletic Union volleyball team that travels countrywide, playing in tournaments in order to qualify for the AAU Nationals.

Each year Sherwood plays for the AAU volleyball team, she has to out-duel about 60 other contestants in the tryouts.

In her junior season she led the team in digs with 224 and had 234 kills, helping her team win a share of the Allen County Athletic Conference championship.

Sherwood set a school record for digs in a season with 96 during her sophomore season. She also won the H.E.A.R.T. award during her sophomore season. The letters stand for hustle, enthusiasm, attitude, responsibility and team.

On the hardwood she has been a standout. Sherwood was named to the all-conference team while becoming the first at her school ever to score 1,000 points.

As a junior she averaged over 16 points per game and led the Starfires to their best record since 1981 with nine wins.

Also, during her junior season she was invited to try out for the

United States Olympic team at Purdue University.

Sherwood may have also had one other variable in her decision to play for LU. She is the granddaughter of Liberty Communication Studies Professor Ann Wharton.



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2. Liberty	15-11	9-5	2
2. UNC Asheville	17-9	9-5	2
2. Charleston Southern	14-12	9-5	2
5. Radford	14-12	8-6	3
6. Winthrop	7-18	6-8	5
7. UMBC	5-21	3-11	8
8. Coastal Carolina	5-20	1-13	10

**Women's Basketball Standings**

1. UNC Greensboro	14-9	10-2	—
1. Radford	13-10	9-3	1
3. UMBC	10-13	7-5	3
4. Coastal Carolina	9-14	7-5	3
5. Winthrop	10-14	5-7	5
6. Charleston Southern	9-14	4-7	5.5
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# The Champion Sports

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## LU backs into 2nd seed

### UNC Greensboro grabs top spot

By RICH MACLONE  
Sports Editor

The seeds are set. Now it is time to settle things on the basketball court.

The UNC Greensboro Spartans (17-9 overall, 11-3 Big South) won their second consecutive Big South regular-season crown Saturday night when the team dismissed Charleston Southern (14-12, 9-5) 70-59 in Charleston, S.C.

Greensboro will meet the No. 8 seed,

Coastal Carolina (5-20, 1-13), in the first round of the tournament Thursday at the Vines Center at noon. Coastal Carolina lost to UMBC 80-75 Saturday. Greensboro defeated Coastal Carolina 85-60 Jan. 13 at home and 75-62 Feb. 10.

Liberty (15-11, 9-5) will take the No. 2 seed thanks to losses by Charleston Southern and UNC Asheville. The Flames lost the chance to take the top seed when they lost to the Winthrop Eagles in overtime 78-77. The Flames needed to beat Winthrop (7-18, 6-8) Saturday and have UNC Greensboro lose to

obtain the top seed.

LU will meet University of Maryland-Baltimore County (5-21, 3-11) on Thursday at 8 p.m. LU defeated UMBC 79-63 Jan. 10 in Baltimore and 51-48 Feb. 5 at the Vines Center.

Liberty is the host school of the Big South Conference Tournament.

The Flames finished in a three-way tie for second place with both UNC Asheville and Charleston Southern. All three teams had 9-5 conference records.

Charleston falls to the fourth seed because the team was swept by both Liberty and

Greensboro in the regular season.

UNC Asheville will be the third seed as they split with both UNC Greensboro and Liberty. UNC Asheville (17-9, 9-5) will meet the sixth seed, Winthrop, in the first round.

The Bulldogs would have been the tournament's second seed had they not lost to Radford 77-74 Saturday. UNCA swept the season series with Winthrop. The Bulldogs won 83-65 on Jan. 24 and 89-70 on Feb. 21. The two teams play at 6 p.m.

Charleston Southern and Radford (14-12, 8-6) will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday in a battle between the fourth and fifth seeds. Charleston Southern swept both regular-season games versus Radford. The Bucs won 80-75 Jan. 22 and 87-85 Feb. 19.



RICH  
MACLONE

## Just one of those days

Have you ever had one of those days when you wish that life had a rewind button? One of those days when you wish you had never gotten out of bed in the first place?

I'm sure you have.

Who hasn't?

Well, my friends, I had one of those days Friday. In retrospect though, it wasn't the worst day of my life or even one I should have freaked out about. It was just one of those days.

As a way to unwind, I thought about some days that athletes have had that were even worse than my day.

Think of how bad Neil O'Donnell must have felt after letting that pass float against the Cowboys in Super Bowl XXX.

I know O'Donnell must have wanted to hit that rewind button the second Larry Brown hauled in that throw and took off down the sidelines.

Imagine the despair Bill Buckner felt after that simple ground ball made it through his legs and into right field. His blunder cost Boston a World Series title. I'm sure old Bill would love one more shot at the '86 Series.

What about the heartbreak that the UNC Greensboro Spartans had during the 1995 Big South championship game at the Vines Center?

The team had to watch Eric Burks' jump shot fall through the hole as the time ran off the clock. The Spartans were ousted from a chance at a NIT bid on that shot.

How about the Phoenix Suns in 1993? Sir Charles and Co. had a chance to get a game from the Bulls in the Finals and keep their championship dreams alive.

It was not to be, though. John Paxson nailed a three-pointer that won the Bulls a title and sent the Phoenix Suns to the golf courses.

Perhaps the worst day of all had to be the 1994 New Jersey Devils' bad day. Game seven of the Eastern Conference Finals was being played and the game went into overtime.

I can still see the dismayed looks on all of the Devils' faces as the New York Rangers' Stephan Matteau slipped a shot past Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur.

I can still hear the haunting voice of the announcer, "Matteau, Matteau, Matteau."

I like to hope that my day is comparable to the day the Devils had. Although they lost that game, they learned from their mistakes and redeemed themselves by winning the Stanley Cup in 1995.

Hopefully I will do the same. So I apologize to anyone I snapped at. I hopefully won't make the same mistakes again.

I can hear the announcer in my head now, "MacLone, MacLone, MacLone."

You lose some, you win some.

## Spring football set to hit gridiron

By JOSH HOWE  
Champion Reporter

The early bird gets the worm.

The LU Flames' football playoff aspirations were snubbed last season, so the team has decided to get an early spring start in order to see exactly where the team is personnel-wise. The early start will also allow the Flames to finish up earlier than usual.

"We are going to finish April 13 and give us a little more opportunity for (the players) to get better preparation academically and for us to get some loose ends tied together," Head Coach Sam Rutigliano said.

Those loose ends will be crucial to the season that lies ahead.

"The quarterback position is obviously the No. 1 area (of importance)," Rutigliano said.

Junior Ben Anderson and red-shirt freshman Glennwood Ferebee will compete for the starting job. Anderson carries with him three years of experience in the back-up role. His understanding of the offense is a big plus after being tutored under Antwan Chiles and Travis Wilemon.

Ferebee's strength is that he is a great athlete. Speed and quickness are two of his strong suits. He was clocked running the 100-meter dash at 10.7 seconds. He is also a good passer.

Ferebee could open up new facets to the Flames offense, such as the option offense, Rutigliano said. "We've never had that before — a guy who can sit back there and put so much pressure on the defense," the coach said.

"If he learns our offense, he opens it up for us to do the same thing that Florida State did with Charlie Ward," Rutigliano said of Ferebee. "Ben could be a great guy to go to five or six (games)."

After running the scout team in practice last season, learning may come faster than expected. "Our defensive coaches in 11 games worked against him every week and said (Ferebee) was the best quarterback we faced last year, counting all the 1-AA schools that we played," Rutigliano said.

While Ferebee may be the quarterback of the future, Rutigliano is not discounting the importance Anderson has to the Flames.

"Ben is going to get a great shot. Ben is going to be a big, big part of what we are doing, but we're really excited about this young kid Glennwood Ferebee," Rutigliano said.

Also high on the list of priorities for next fall is finding a tight end. "The void really is (there) for the first time we've been here," Rutigliano said. Former LU tight ends Eric Green, Mark Thomas, Dwayne Carswell and Tony Dews were steady anchors on the end of the Flames' line in past seasons.

However, the situation is looking up. The Flames signed Dwayne Galmon, a 6-3, 275-pounder from Charlotte, N.C., who will be available to play in the spring. Liberty landed two other big prospects at tight end this spring: Peter Foy (6-4, 240 pounds) from Los Angeles and Brian Nash from Georgia, will both be ready this fall. Foy was recruited by Oklahoma, Arizona State and Harvard. "It's not as big of a gap (now) as it was at the end of the season," Rutigliano said.

Backfield stars Lawrence Worthington and Pete McFadden are returning to the Flames, and five starters are returning to the offensive line as well.

Courtney Freeman, Robert Butz, Tony Covington and Lance Duncan all return also, solidifying the receiving corps.

Next week the *Champion* will offer a look at the defensive side of the football.

## Eagles nip LU

By BEN DONAHUE  
Champion Reporter

In a game largely reminiscent of their earlier contest, the Winthrop Eagles (7-18 overall, 6-8 Big South) defeated the Liberty men's basketball team (15-11, 9-5) 78-77 in overtime Saturday night at Winthrop.

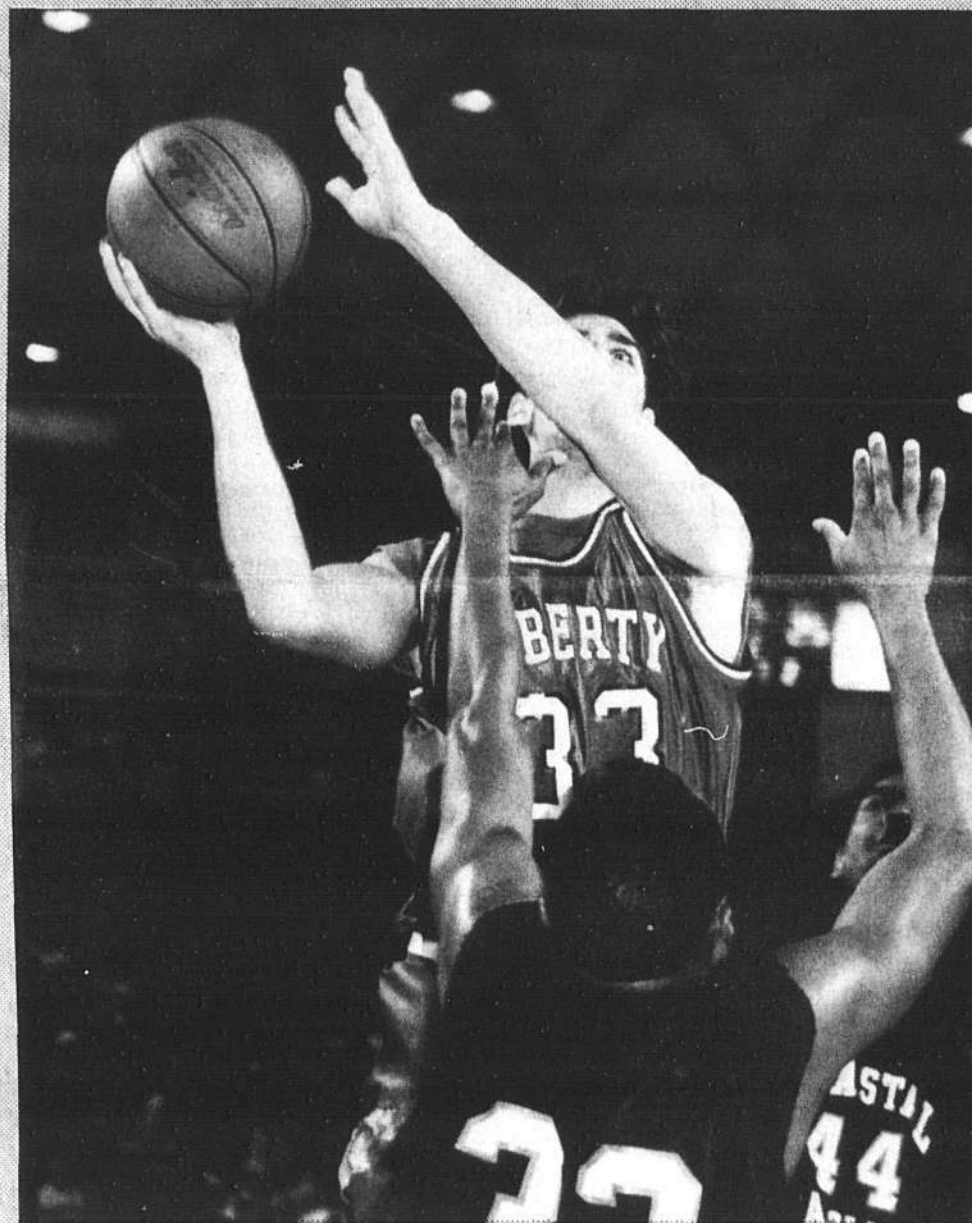
The game had huge tournament implications, as a Flames victory would have given them a chance at the No. 1 seed. With the loss, however, the Flames slid into the No. 2 spot, aided by losses to UNC Asheville and Charleston Southern.

"Tonight's loss was tough," Head Coach Jeff Meyer said. "We fought hard for possessions, but for whatever reason, we didn't make the plays we needed to make. We just didn't do what we needed to do to win. We didn't contain or stop their outside shots, and turnovers really hurt us. The team will be fine, however, we'll be tougher as a result of the loss."

In the extra period, Peter Aluma scored once before fouling out with 4:21 remaining. The score went back and forth again until Winthrop took a 78-75 lead with 41 seconds to play. The Flames converted two free throws on their next trip down the court to move within one and had a chance to win with 12 seconds left.

The Eagles' Chad Steele missed two free throws, and the Flames brought it back up the court, needing only a bucket to win the game. Guard Larry Jackson and forward Barry Taylor each had a shot for the victory but both their attempts fell short, and Winthrop successfully put an end to Liberty's six-game conference win streak.

The second half was marked by several lead changes, as both teams struggled to control the game offensively. Liberty finally built an eight-point lead, 62-54, with 4:06 left to play, but was unable to keep it. Winthrop came storming back to tie the game at 68 with 15 seconds remaining to



EYE ON THE PRIZE — Adam Hopkins goes to the hole against Coastal Carolina. Liberty is the second seed in the Big South tournament.

send the game into overtime. This marked the second time this season that both teams have gone into overtime to decide the outcome, the first being another one-point Liberty loss at home Jan. 27.

The Flames used tough defense and consistent outside shooting to take a 39-36

lead with them into the locker-room at the half. Aluma spent most of the time on the bench in the first half with foul trouble, but still had 12 points.

Aluma was the game's leading scorer

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## Turnovers, WU cause senior night-mare

By LAURELEI MILLER  
Champion Reporter

The Lady Flames (5-20 overall, 2-11 conference) finalized this season's home play with a disappointing performance Saturday. Despite a great defensive effort, Winthrop's Lady Eagles (9-14, 6-7) soared above LU 55-46.

After a tight first half, Winthrop racked up

eight points and flew off with an 18-2 run, creating a deficit from which Liberty could not recuperate.

"We get shots ... but we go through spurts where we just can't score," Head Coach Rick Reeves said.

"We can't have defense and not offense, or

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offense and no defense; it has got to be a total team effort," said Flames guard Erin Wall, who led the scoring with 12 points.

Multiple fouls and turnovers by Liberty in the game's closing minutes dashed any hopes of a Flames comeback.

"We're a young team ... and we made a lot of critical mistakes at the end," Reeves said. The defeat was more disheartening because it was the last home game for LU's seniors.

Reeves was pleased with senior Dena Freeman's final home outing. "She really stepped up and played well for us," he said.

Freeman believes that she has not been playing as well as she can, and she said there was a lot of pressure heading into the matchup. "I've never gotten my confidence back after my injuries," she said.

The Lady Flames' senior Angie McDaniel started the game and displayed her unique style throughout the first half. However, 12 minutes into the second, she suffered a knee injury and left the game.

"It happened really fast," McDaniel said. "I heard a pop and it felt like somebody kicked my knee right out from under me."



UP AND AWAY — Julie Bintz looks to score versus Winthrop on Saturday.

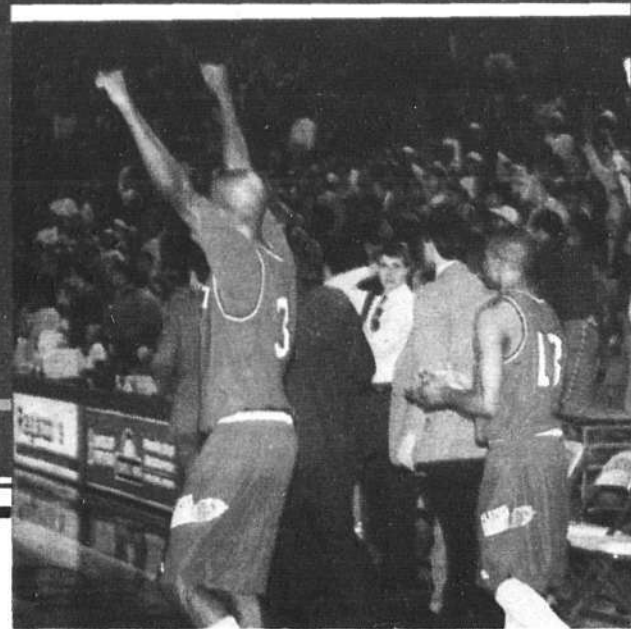


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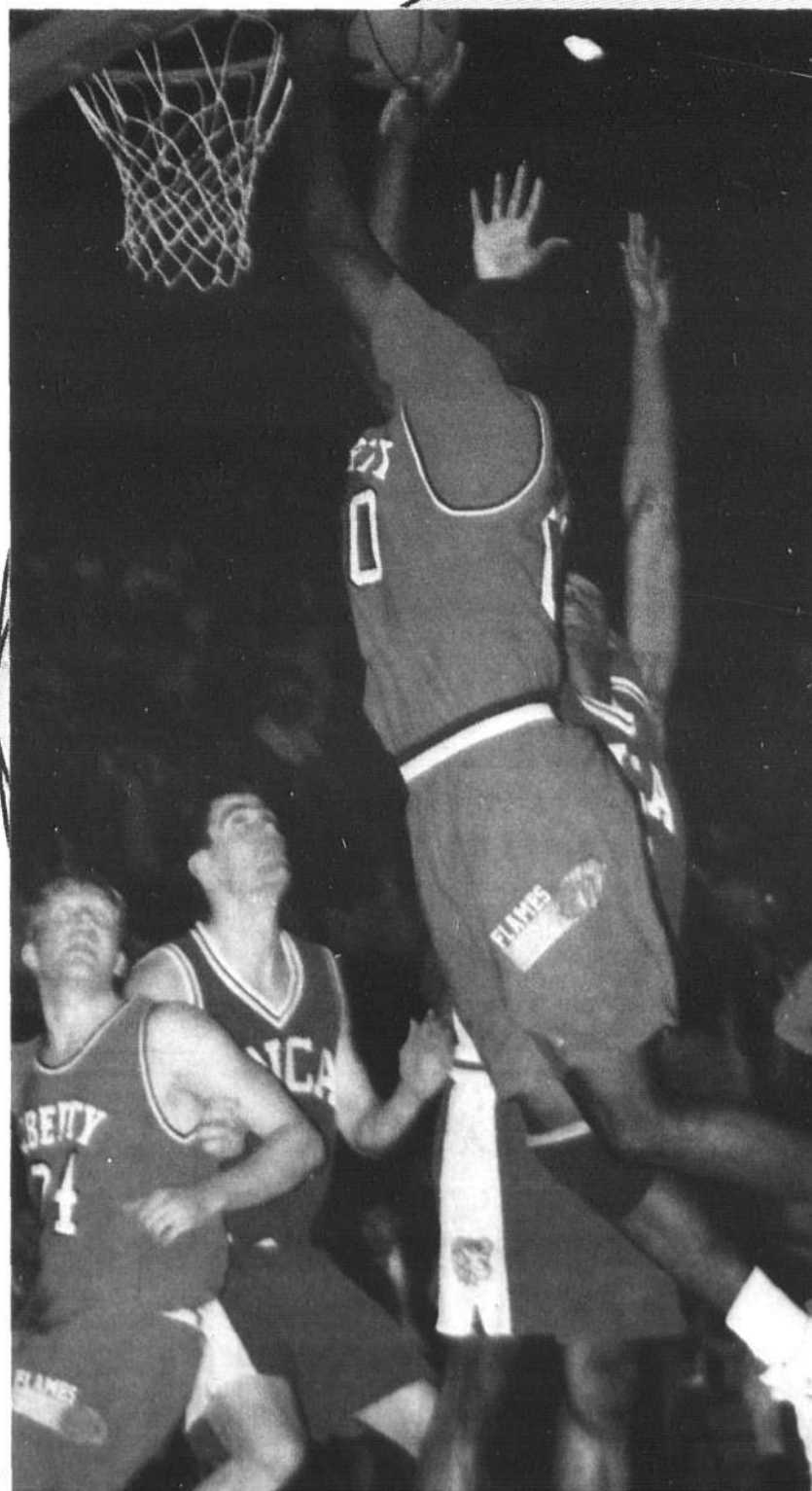
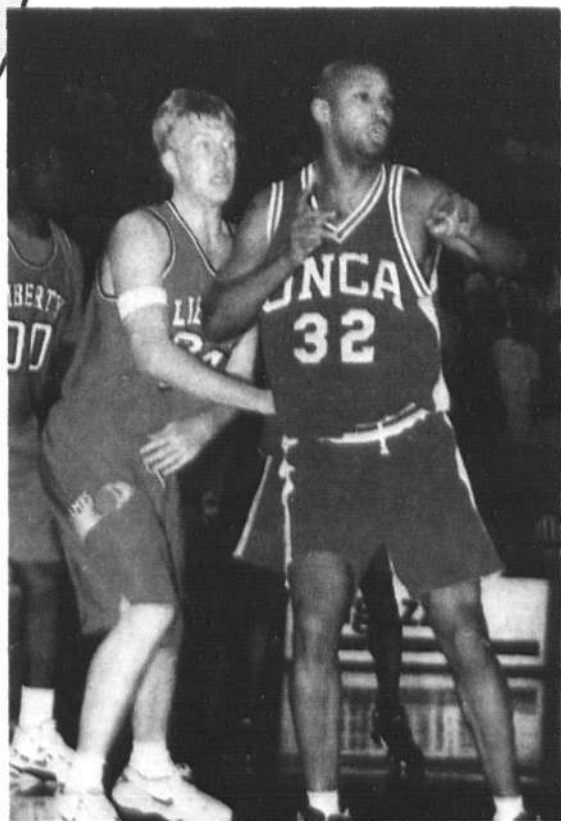
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# Champion selects All-Big South team

By RICH MACLONE and JOSH HOWE

All the shots have gone in, the rebounds have been grabbed and the assists have been dished out. All that is left is to sort through the stats and see who's been named to the basketball world's most prestigious team — the *Liberty Champion's* 1995-96 All-Big South team (as chosen by *Champion* college basketball gurus Rich Maclone and Josh Howe).

**Point guard:** Anthony Walker, 6-0, junior, Radford University — Walker is the Big South's most productive point guard, bar none. Walker finished the season in the top 10 in scoring with more than 13 points per game, and dished out nearly five assists per contest.

Walker displays two intangibles that are very desirable when it comes to point guards; he is lightning quick and has the ability to find the open man. When a teammate is not open, he is able to spot up for the jumper.

**Shooting Guard:** Brett Larrick, 6-4, junior, Charleston Southern — Larrick picked up where he left off after making last season's All-tournament Team as a sophomore. He fin-

ished the '95-96 season in the top 10 in scoring with 15 points per game.

Larrick is the type of player who can knock it down when it counts the most. He displayed this talent in last season's thrilling semifinal game against Liberty when he knocked down the game-winner with less than five seconds left on the clock.

**Small Forward:** Ben Avery, 6-4, junior, Coastal Carolina — Avery busted onto the Big South scene in a big way. The junior college transfer averaged in the top five in scoring at more than 16 points per game, in addition to hauling down six boards per outing.

Avery is the best thing that happened to the Chanticleers this season. He definitely lived up to his billing as a Junior College All-American at S.W. Missouri State-West Plains. Ben Avery is the *Champion's* Newcomer of the Year.

**Power Forward:** T.L. Latson, 6-7, senior, Charleston Southern — Latson emerged from the shadow of teammate Eric Burks, last season's Player of the Year. His numbers speak for themselves. Latson scored more than 18 points per game and averaged in the top 10 in rebounding and free-throw percentage. He proved to the Big

South that he is a scoring force.

**Center:** Peter Aluma, 6-10, junior, Liberty — Aluma has done nothing more than improve each season since he entered the Big South. He finished as the conference's premier inside scorer. He led the conference far and away in blocked shots while setting a conference record in all-time blocked shots and finishing in the top 10 in rebounding and free-throw percentage.

Aluma may be the Big South's best all-around player. Not only can he score from under the basket, but has also added a nice baseline turnaround jumper to his offensive arsenal.

The "Nigerian Nightmare" was named the MVP of the tournament in his rookie season. During that campaign, he blocked 59 shots, swatting 97 in his sophomore year and topping the century mark this year. Aluma is the *Champion's* 1995-96 Big South Player of the Year.

**Coach:** Randy Wiel, third season, UNC Asheville — Randy Wiel showed in his third season at the helm at UNCA that there was some bite in those Bulldogs after all.

After going 14-40 in his first two seasons on the bench, Wiel had his team at the top of the heap, gnawing at the conference championship. The *Champion* applauds his efforts and names him Coach of the Year.



The regular season has come to an end, and it's finally time to take a look at whom the *Champion* believes will take home the Big South crown and go dancing in the NCAA tournament.

Liberty has the best chance to take home the title because it has the best player in the conference — Peter Aluma. Throw in the fact that the Flames are playing the best ball in the league right now, and you have to consider of LU the favorite.

UNC-Greensboro should take the title if Liberty falters. The Spartans have the same five starters on the floor as they did last season when they lost in the championship game to Charleston Southern by a bucket at the buzzer.

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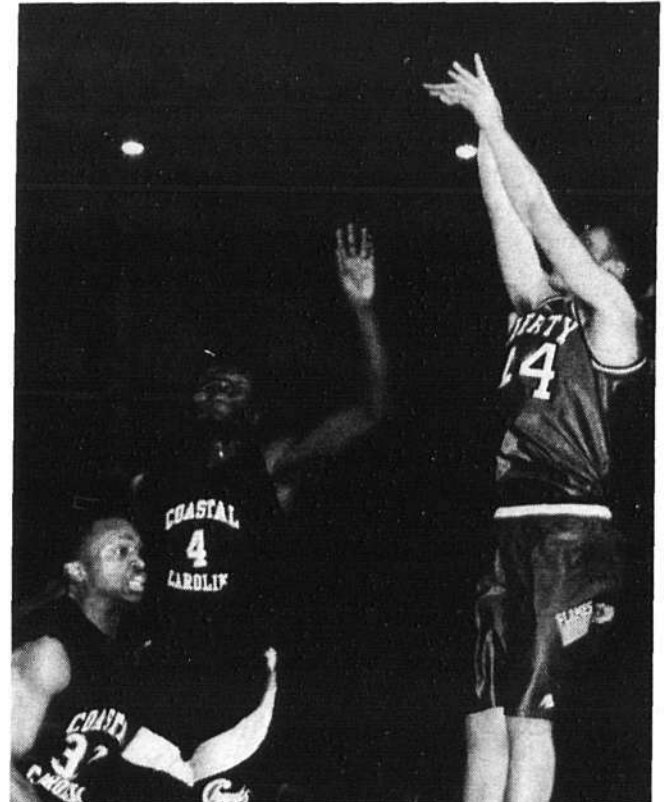
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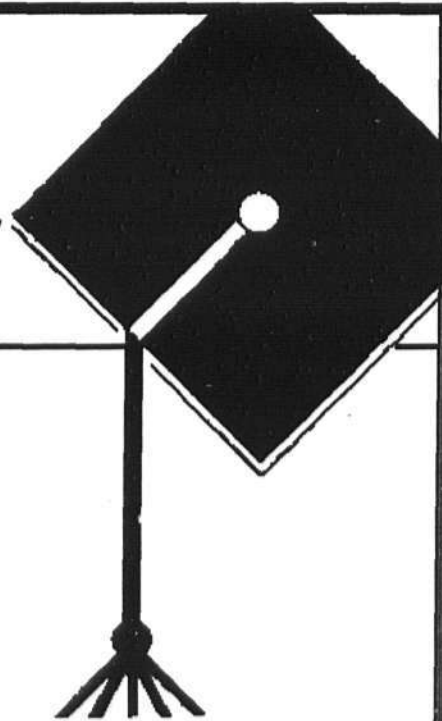
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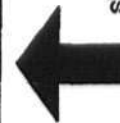
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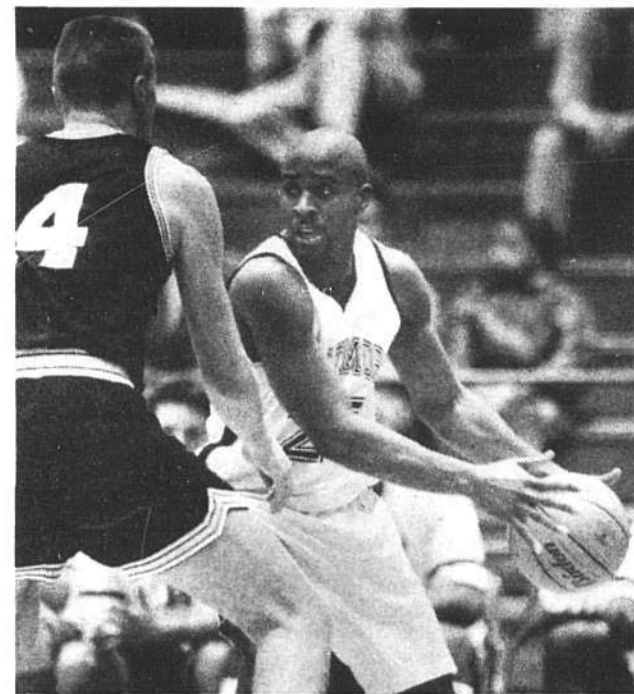


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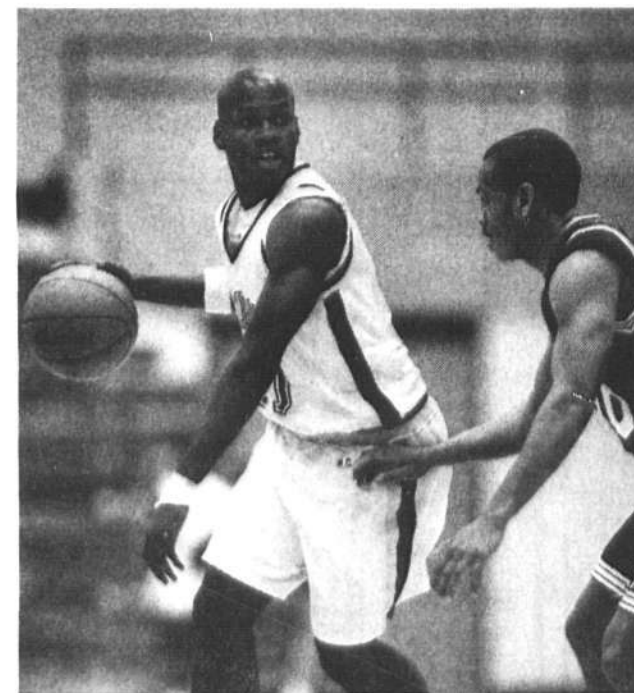
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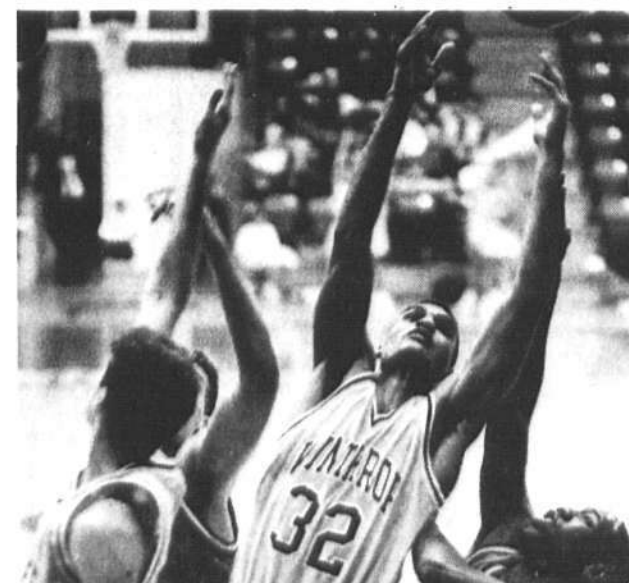
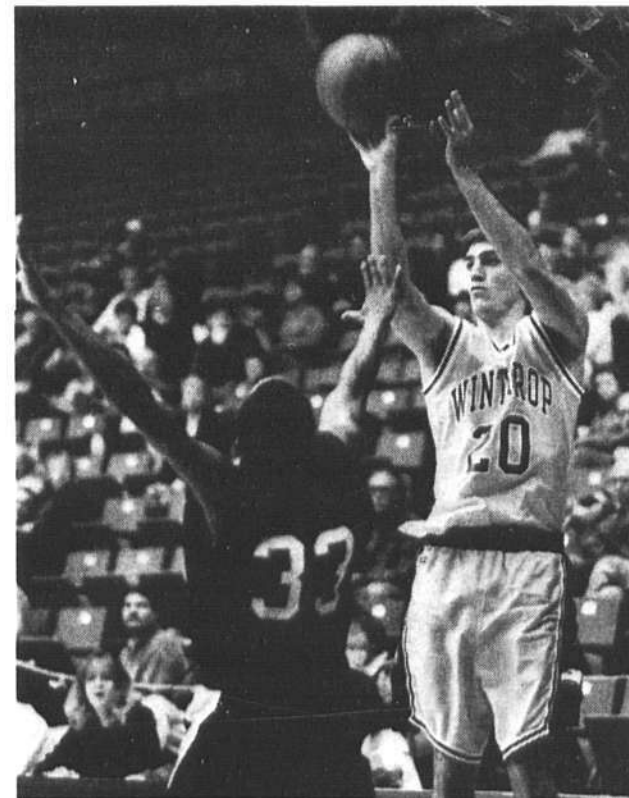
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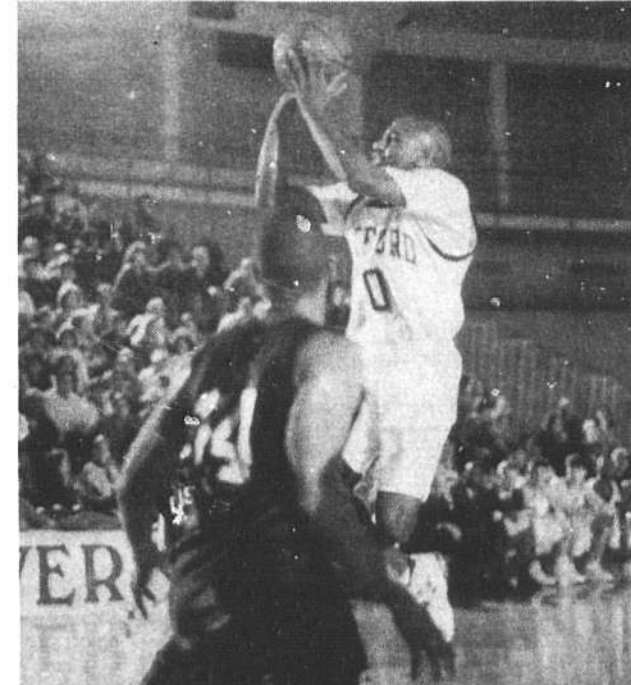
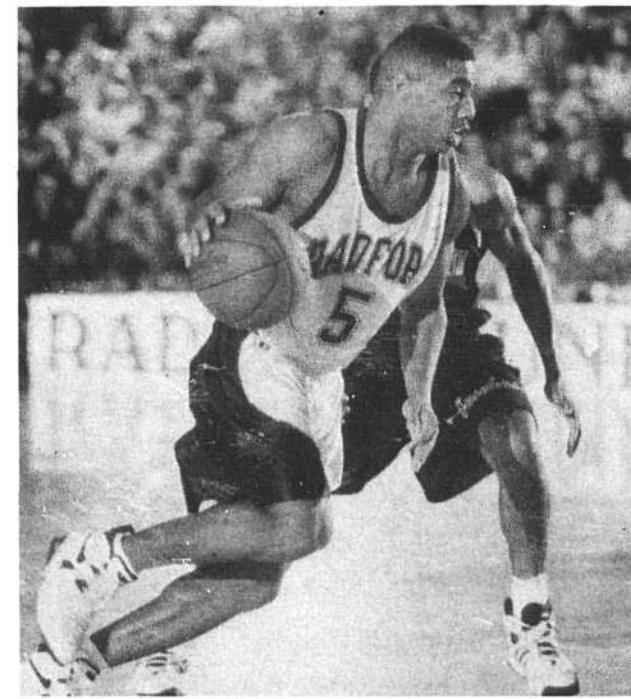
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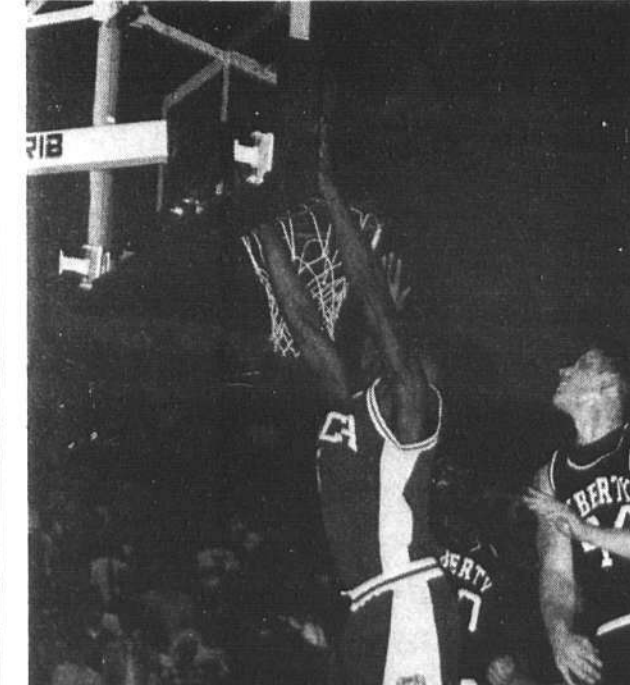
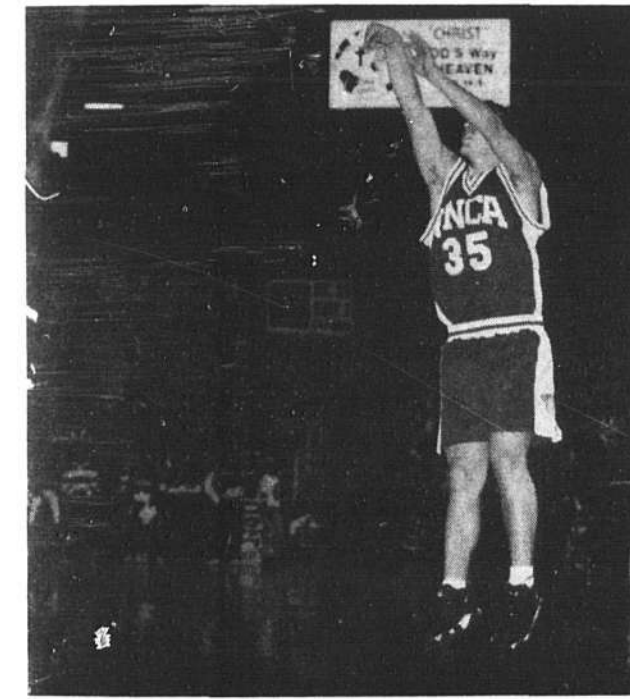
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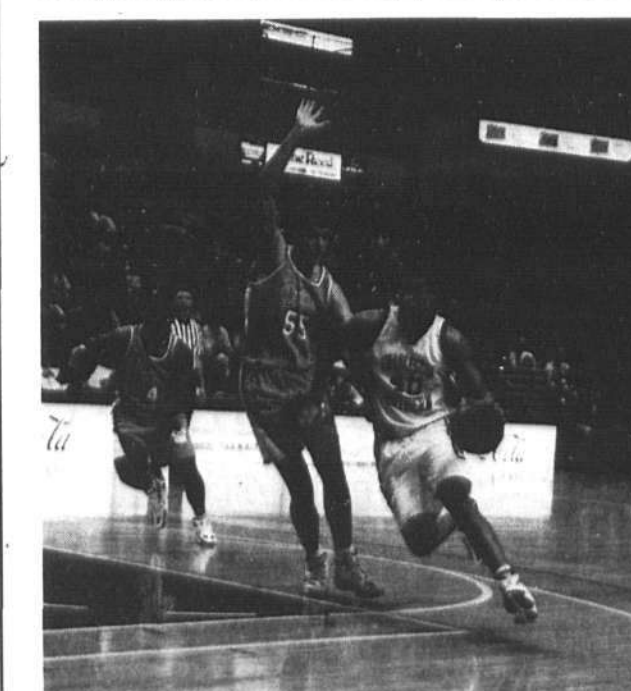
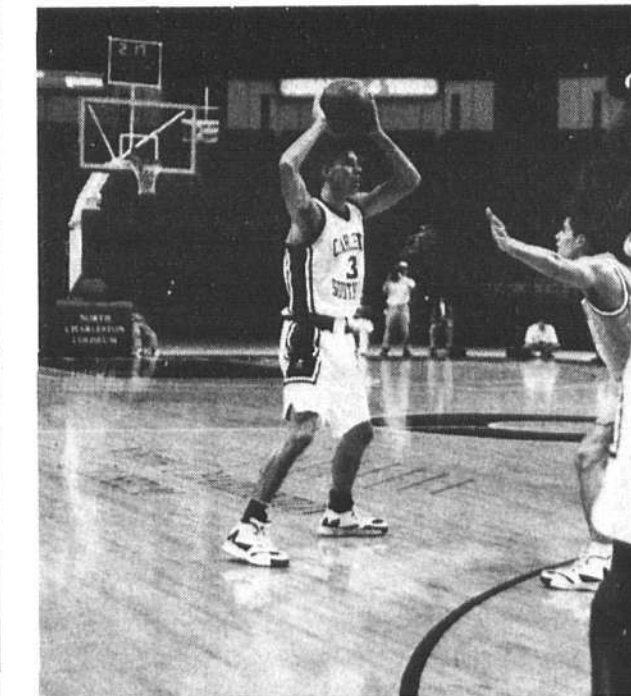
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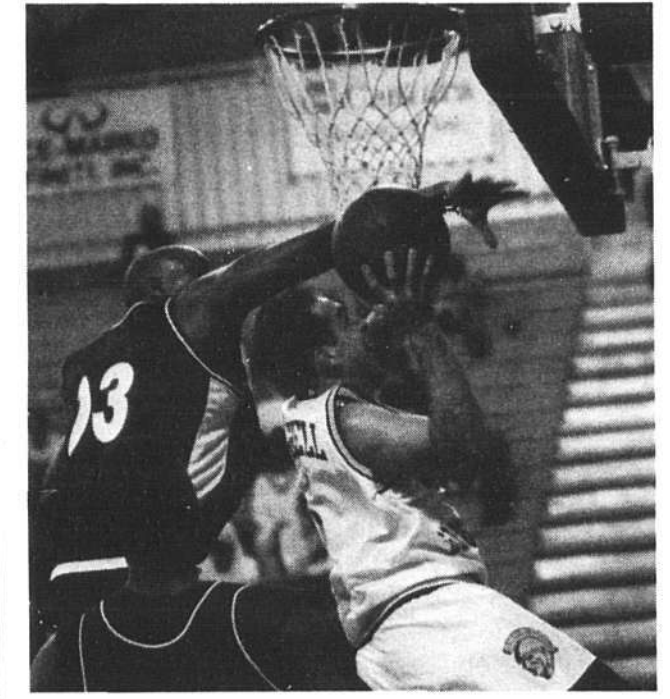
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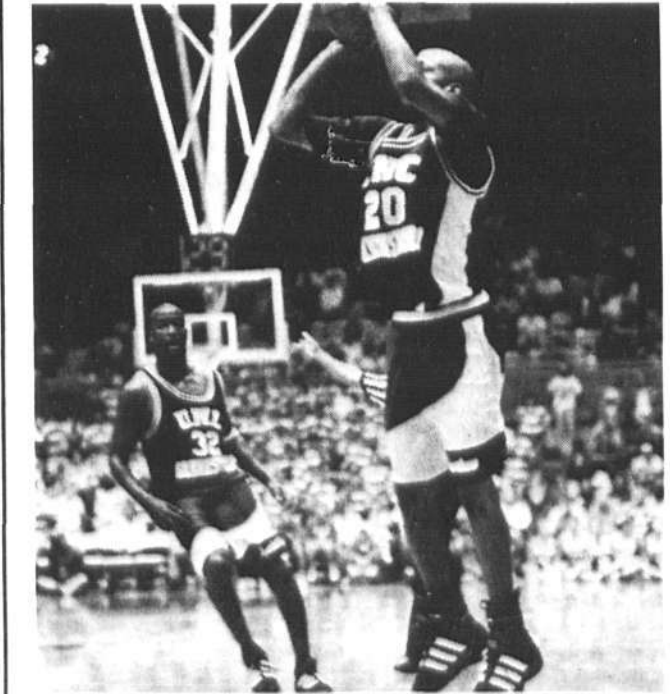
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**Important stat:** The Spartans shoot .466 from the field as a team.

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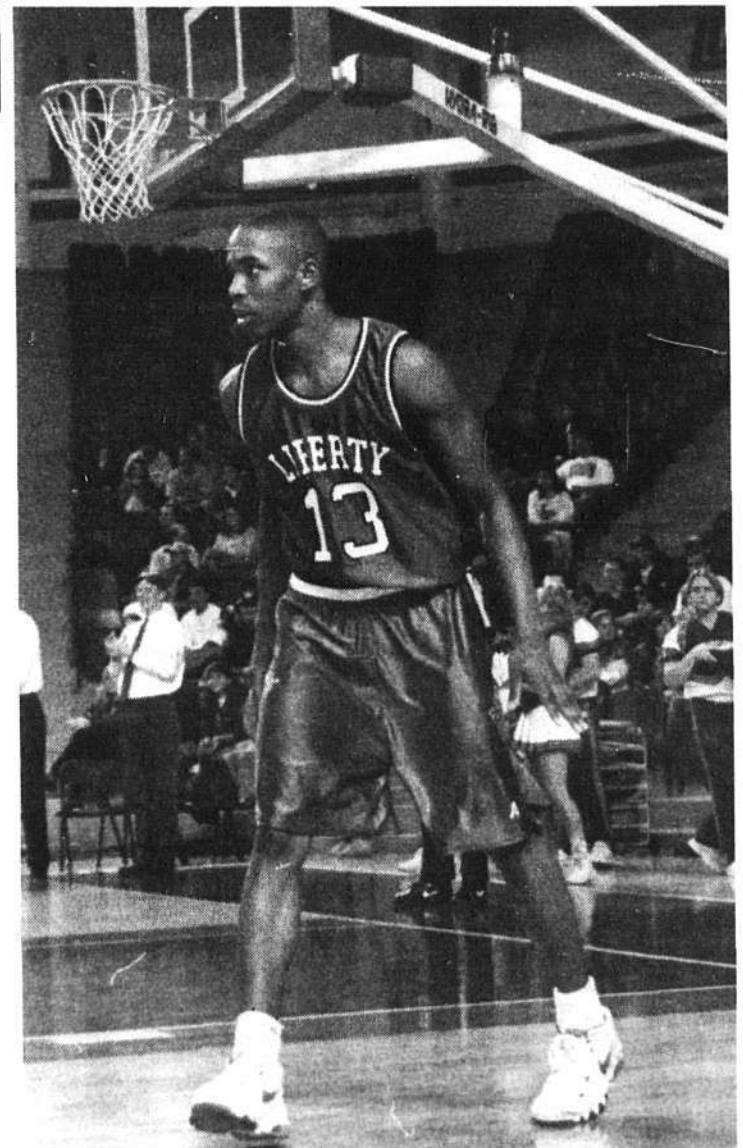
**Working against them:** They may be under a lot of pressure in front of the home crowd. They will need to put any disturbances behind them and concentrate on the task at hand.

**Important stat:** Aluma alone has more blocks than any other team in the conference.

**LU wins if** the Flames are able to keep playing as well as they have been of late.

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## Keep tourney in L'burg

It's that time of year again. Time to wipe the dust off of that old basketball that you turned into a neat hat. Time to break out the paints and sneer your face with non-toxic colors.

In short, it is time for the Big South tournament.

In my short time at ol' LU (two-and-a-half years), I have learned that while I can't depend on many things (ie. the Lynchburg meteorologists), I can count on one thing: The Big South tourney will be exciting.

This is even more true since the tourney moved to the campus of Liberty University.

Basketball was created to be played in front of hysterical fans, and that is exactly what the Big South got when it decided to move on up to the Hill City. Last year's tourney was a success and was played in front of capacity crowds.

The Big South set records for attendance last year and had its most exciting championship game ever, viewed by thousands on ESPN2. All in all, Lynchburg showed that it can support and host a tournament quite well.

With this said, a question comes to my mind "Why in the world would the Big South even consider leaving?"

You don't break up with your girlfriend because another woman flirts with you. And you don't leave a tournament site because another city might do a good job, when the city you are in is doing a great job.

The tournament site selection process for next season is going on as I write, and the other site besides Lynchburg that is being considered is Asheville, N.C.

I don't doubt Asheville could do the job of hosting the tourney; however, I don't believe it could do better than Lynchburg.

Show the Big South that Lynchburg means business. I challenge you, the fan, to get out and go to the games. Buy food, buy t-shirts and make noise. Show the committee you want to keep this shin-dig where it is.

The ball is in your court, fans. Don't drop it.

# Big South on the move?

By **KEITH SAVOIE**  
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Although Liberty closes out a two-year contract with the Big South Conference by hosting the tournament this year, the players may be back in Lynchburg next season.

According to basketball Head Coach Jeff Meyer, the two leading cities vying to host next season's tournament are Lynchburg and Asheville, N.C. Asheville is the home of the University of North Carolina-Asheville.

Big South Commissioner Buddy Sasser said the selection committee has yet to make a decision regarding the whereabouts of next season's tournament. A formal decision is expected by May.

Asheville formerly hosted the Southern Conference tournament, but lost those privileges recently. The commissioner

said he does think there is a good chance the tournament could come back to Lynchburg next year. "I think their chances are very strong," Sasser said. "The big test will be this year's (tournament success). We won't make a decision, though, until after the basketball season, probably around May 1."

Liberty originally bid for the tournament four years ago but lost the bid to Charleston Southern. After going through the process a second time, Liberty was given the chance to prove

its ability to host a championship last year.

"Our bid was more attractive financially and was one that the Big South could not resist," Liberty Athletic Director Chuck Burch said.

The conference also appreciated the fan turnout at the games. "What impressed the (selection) group about Lynchburg was the past support the community had shown," Sasser said.

Burch spoke of the enthusiasm of LU fans when the school went to the 1994 championship game in Charleston, S.C. "The Big South was impressed with the

LU fans driving seven-and-a-half hours to Charleston to support their school," Burch said.

In the eyes of the Liberty tournament committee, last year's tournament had a great turnout as well. "I think everyone liked the atmosphere: 7,000 screaming fans and exciting games going down to the wire," Burch said.

One reason Liberty was chosen as the site is it has some of the finest facilities among the conference members. "With the Vines Center, there isn't a bad seat in the house," Burch said.



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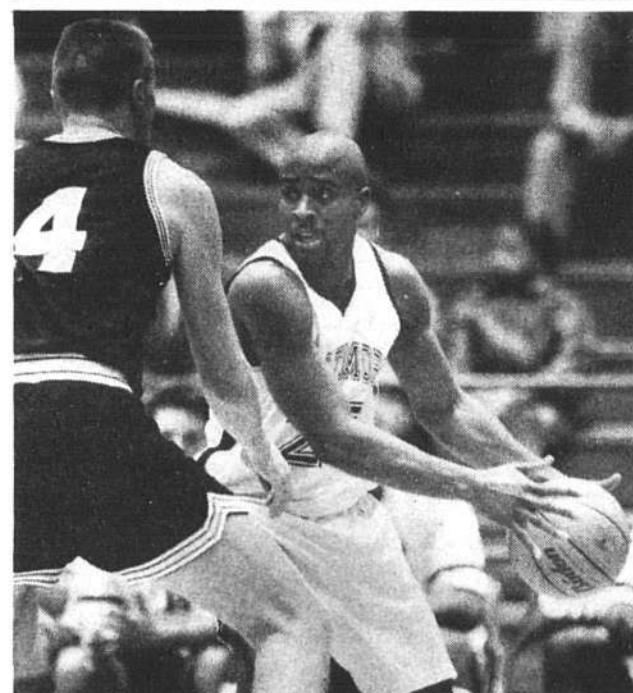
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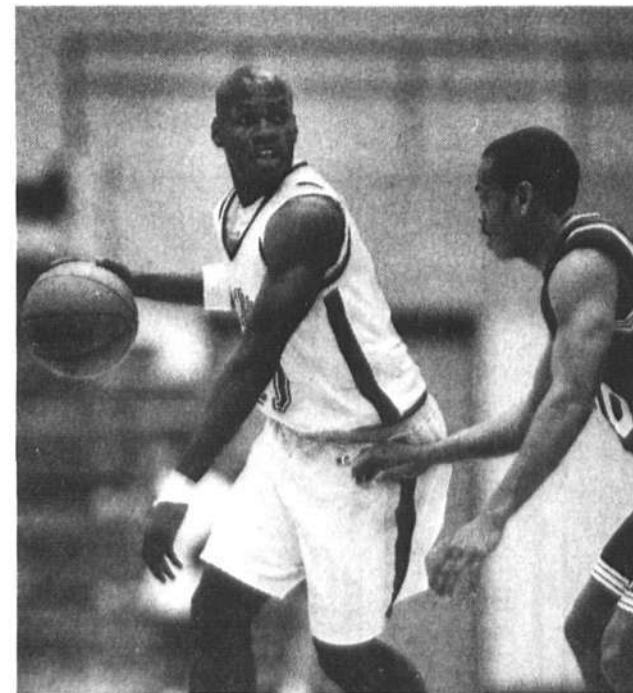
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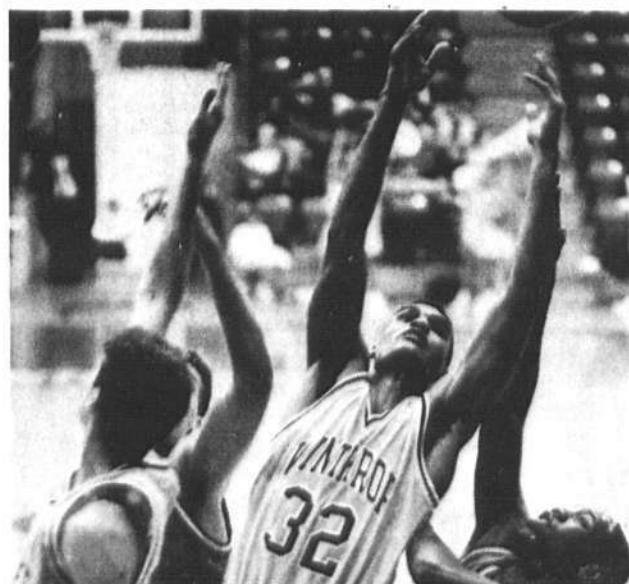
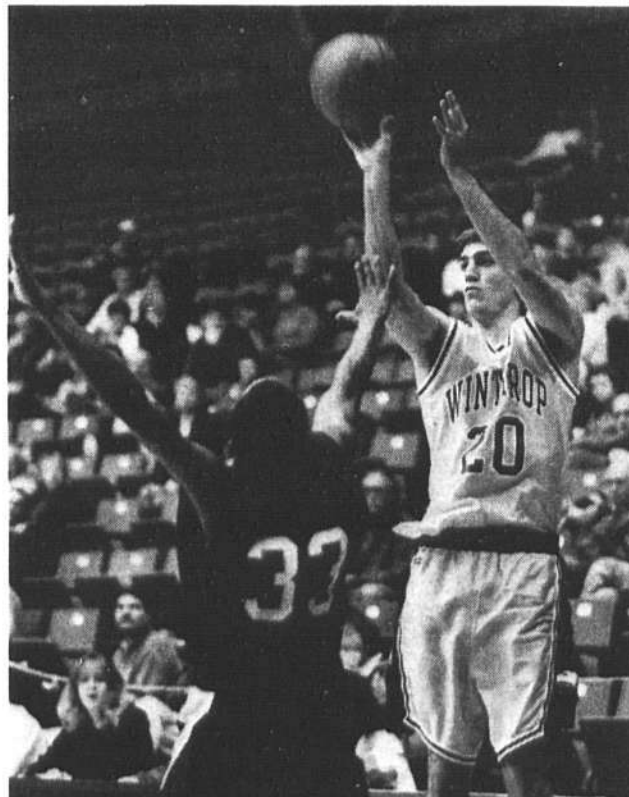
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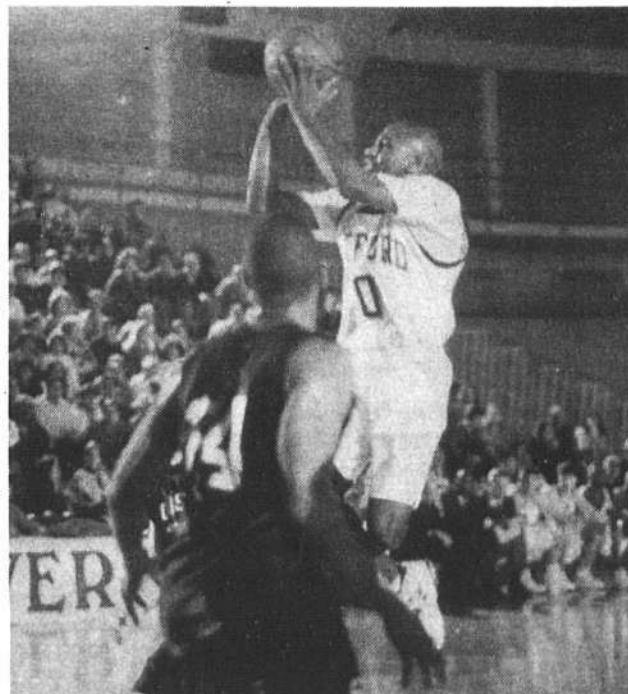
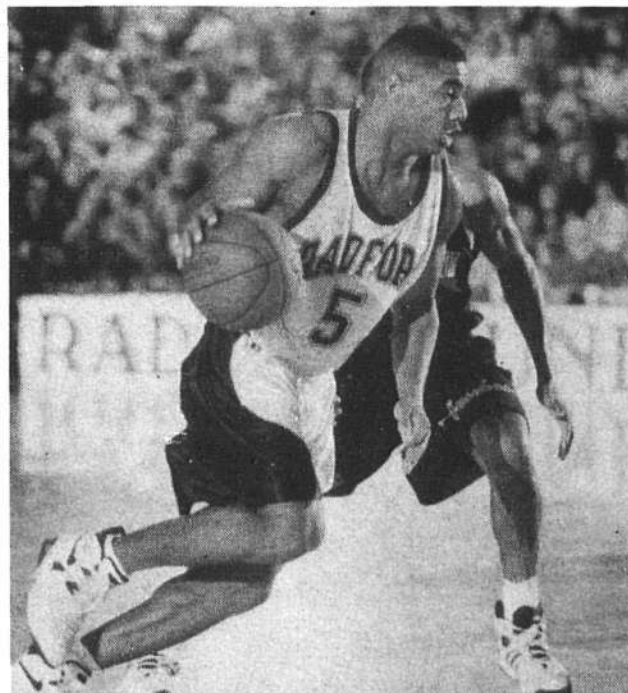
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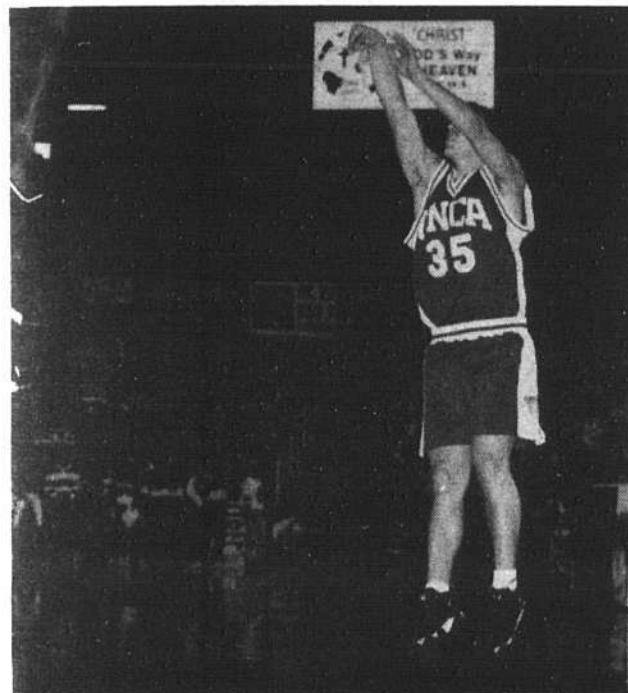
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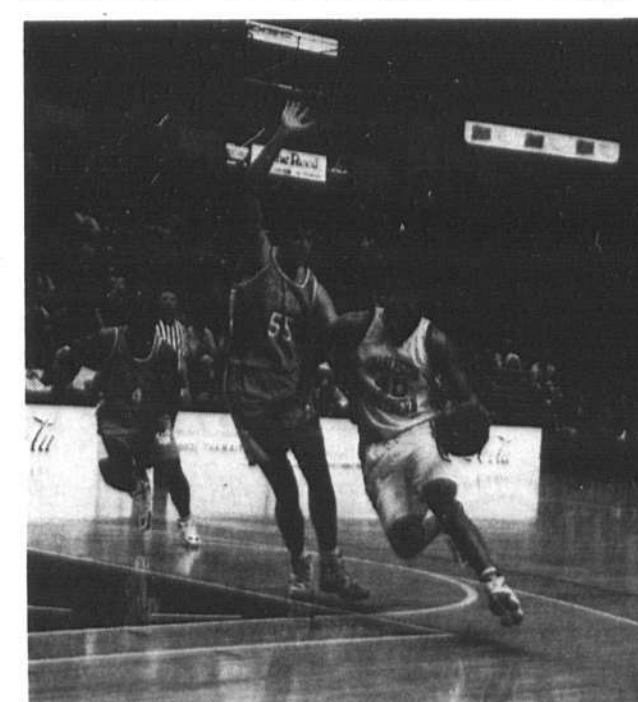
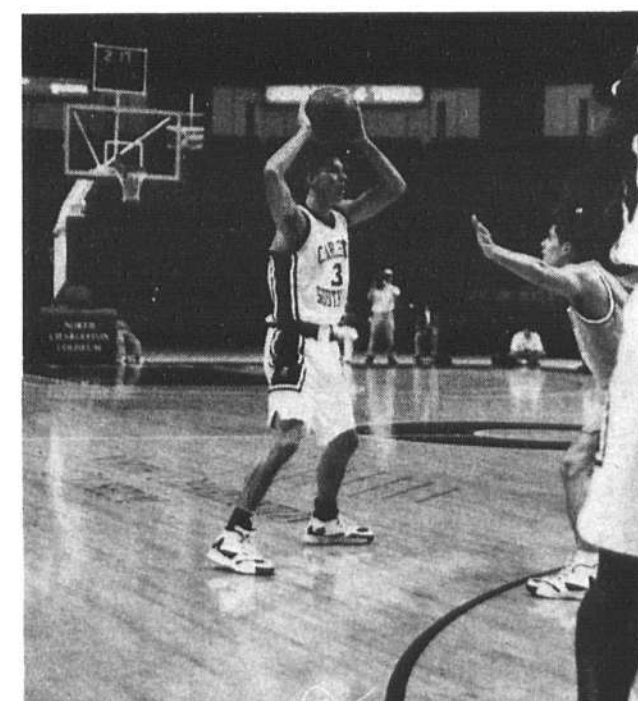
**Important stat:** Larrick averages 37 minutes per game. In a three-day tournament he'll need rest.

**CSU wins if** they don't have to play both Liberty and UNC Greensboro in the tournament.

Otherwise, they are the champions.

**Biggest win of season:** 63-55 win over UNLV in Las Vegas in December.

**Worst loss:** Home game to LU in overtime. The loss causes them to lose the tie-breaker.



**ONE, TWO PUNCH** — Brett Larrick (top) and T.L. Latson (bottom) are two of the premier players in the Big South Conference. They helped lead CSU to the championship last year.

## #2 UNCG



**Who's the man?** Eric Cuthrell, 10.2 ppg, 9.0 rpg. Cuthrell averages nearly a double-double and is a menace to opponents.

**Who needs to play like he's the man?** Scott Hartzell, 11.8 ppg. He has had a down season and needs to prove he can get it done when it counts most.

**Working in their favor:** Experience and revenge. Came within seconds of winning Big South last year.

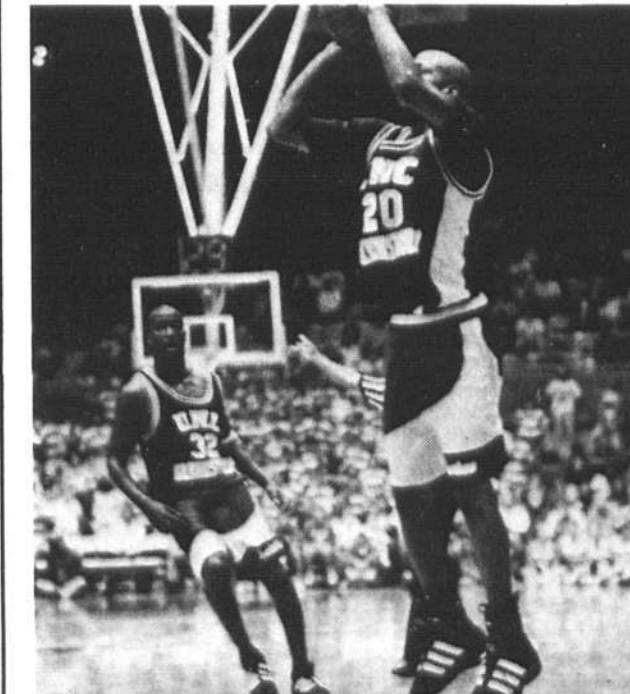
**Working against them:** The team has lost five of its last eight games and have plummeted back to earth.

**Important stat:** The Spartans shoot .466 from the field as a team.

**UNCG wins if** they play like they did when they started Big South play with a 7-0 record.

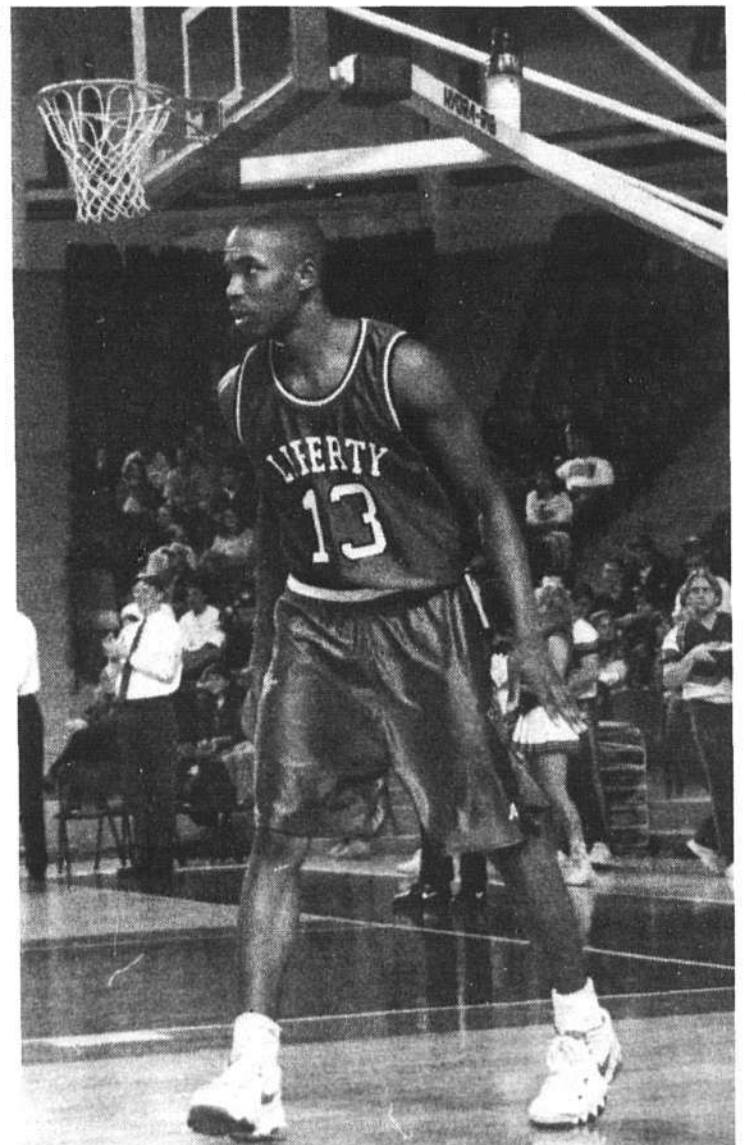
**Biggest win:** 90-64 humbling of CSU at home. UNCG got its first taste of revenge in that game.

**Worst loss:** 74-48 smashing at the hands of Virginia Tech. UNCG didn't show that it could hang with the big boys in that one.



**THIS TIME?** — Scott Hartzell (top) and Derrick Nix (bottom) want to revenge last year's loss.





## #1 Liberty

**Who's the man?** Peter Aluma, 18.3 ppg, 4.2 bpg. Aluma makes foes wish they did not get on the bus.

**Who needs to play like he's the man?** Larry Jackson, 13.5 ppg. Jackson has had a good season, but needs to show up when it counts most. Jackson's defense will be vital, as will be his outside shooting.

**Working in their favor:** The Flames are playing the best basketball of any team in the second half of the conference schedule. LU has peaked at the right time.

**Working against them:** They may be under a lot of pressure in front of the home crowd. They will need to put any disturbances behind them and concentrate on the task at hand.

**Important stat:** Aluma alone has more blocks than any other team in the conference.

**LU wins if** the Flames are able to keep playing as well as they have been of late.

**Biggest win of season:** 53-50 win over Radford at home. The win set the team off on its current tear.

**Worst loss:** 77-76 loss to Winthrop in front of the home crowd in overtime was the season's low point.

**THE ALUMA-NATOR** — Peter Aluma hopes to lead the Flames on to a Big South title.

**INTIMIDATOR** — Larry Jackson will need all his defensive prowess to bring home the Big South crown.

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### Keep tourney in L'burg

It's that time of year again. Time to wipe the dust off of that old basketball that you turned into a neat hat. Time to break out the paints and sneer your face with non-toxic colors.

In short, it is time for the Big South tournament.

In my short time at ol' LU (two-and-a-half years), I have learned that while I can't depend on many things (ie. the Lynchburg meteorologists), I can count on one thing: The Big South tourney will be exciting.

This is even more true since the tourney moved to the campus of Liberty University.

Basketball was created to be played in front of hysterical fans, and that is exactly what the Big South got when it decided to move on up to the Hill City. Last year's tourney was a success and was played in front of capacity crowds.

The Big South set records for attendance last year and had its most exciting championship game ever, viewed by thousands on ESPN2. All in all, Lynchburg showed that it can support and host a tournament quite well.

With this said, a question comes to my mind "Why in the world would the Big South even consider leaving?"

You don't break up with your girlfriend because another woman flirts with you. And you don't leave a tournament site because another city might do a good job, when the city you are in is doing a great job.

The tournament site selection process for next season is going on as I write, and the other site besides Lynchburg that is being considered is Asheville, N.C.

I don't doubt Asheville could do the job of hosting the tourney; however, I don't believe it could do better than Lynchburg.

Show the Big South that Lynchburg means business. I challenge you, the fan, to get out and go to the games. Buy food, buy t-shirts and make noise. Show the committee you want to keep this shin-dig where it is.

The ball is in your court, fans. Don't drop it.

# Big South on the move?

By KEITH SAVOIE  
Champion Reporter

Although Liberty closes out a two-year contract with the Big South Conference by hosting the tournament this year, the players may be back in Lynchburg next season.

According to basketball Head Coach Jeff Meyer, the two leading cities vying to host next season's tournament are Lynchburg and Asheville, N.C. Asheville is the home of the University of North Carolina-Asheville.

Big South Commissioner Buddy Sasser said the selection committee has yet to make a decision regarding the whereabouts of next season's tournament. A formal decision is expected by May.

Asheville formerly hosted the Southern Conference tournament, but lost those privileges recently. The commissioner

said he does think there is a good chance the tournament could come back to Lynchburg next year. "I think their chances are very strong," Sasser said. "The big test will be this year's (tournament success). We won't make a decision, though, until after the basketball season, probably around May 1."

Liberty originally bid for the tournament four years ago but lost the bid to Charleston Southern. After going through the process a second time, Liberty was given the chance to prove

its ability to host a championship last year.

"Our bid was more attractive financially and was one that the Big South could not resist," Liberty Athletic Director Chuck Burch said.

The conference also appreciated the fan turnout at the games.

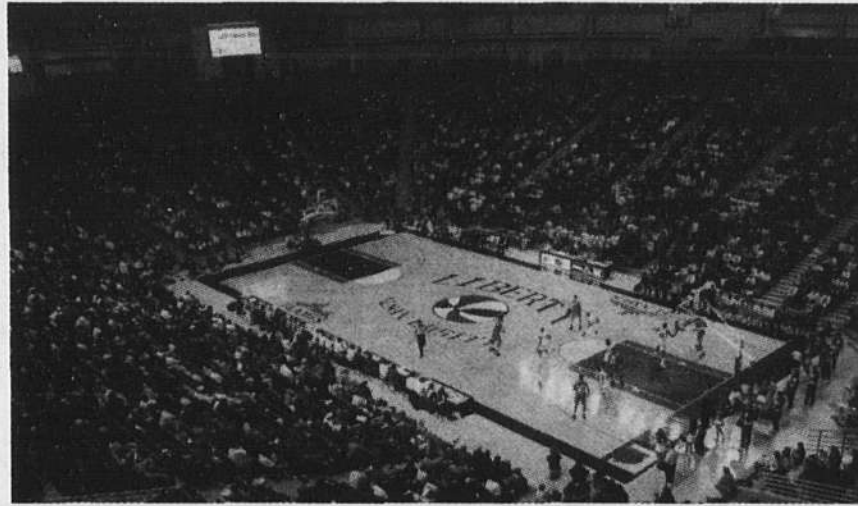
"What impressed the (selection) group about Lynchburg was the past support the community had shown," Sasser said.

Burch spoke of the enthusiasm of LU fans when the school went to the 1994 championship game in Charleston, S.C. "The Big South was impressed with the

LU fans driving seven-and-a-half hours to Charleston to support their school," Burch said.

In the eyes of the Liberty tournament committee, last year's tournament had a great turnout as well. "I think everyone liked the atmosphere: 7,000 screaming fans and exciting games going down to the wire," Burch said.

One reason Liberty was chosen as the site it has some of the finest facilities among the conference members. "With the Vines Center, there isn't a bad seat in the house," Burch said.



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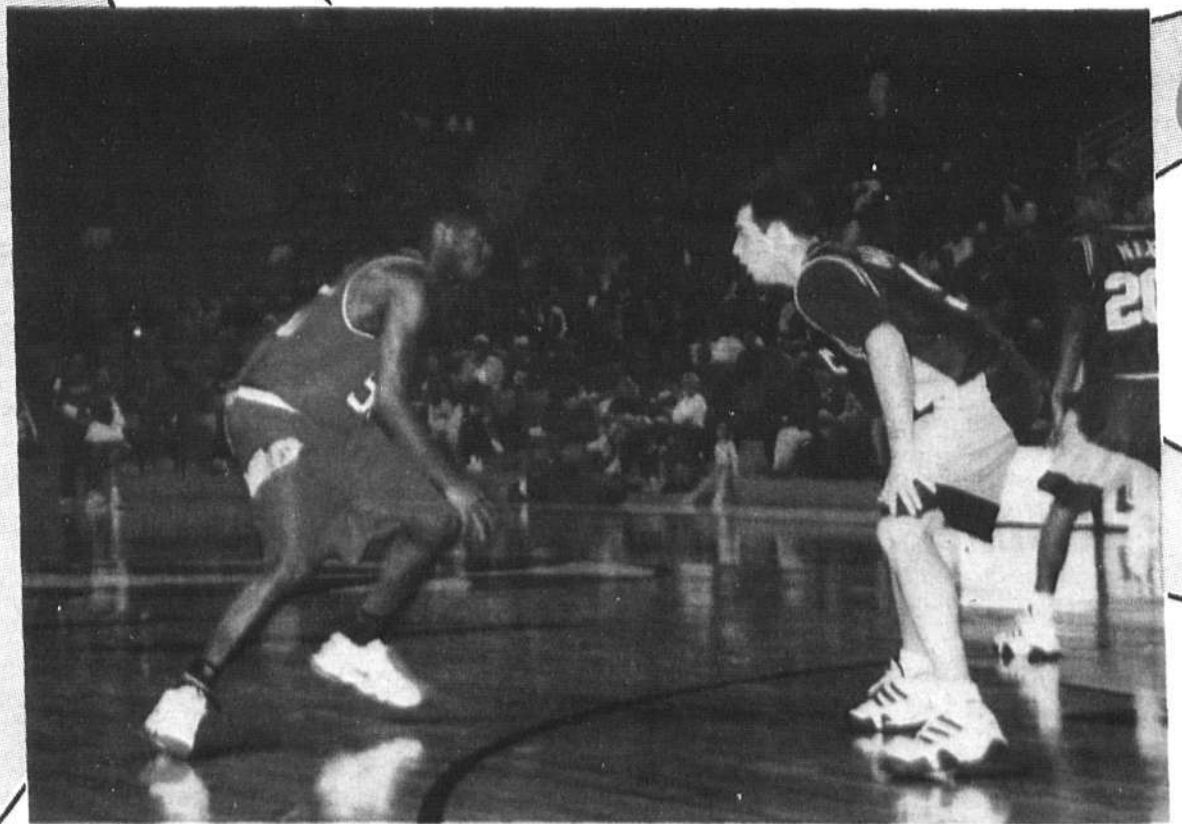
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\* Since Liberty is host to the Big South Tournament, the 8:00 game will feature the Flames regardless of what seed they receive.

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