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Senate vetoes nomination:

Executive Committee appoints Carroll treasurer

By DOUGLAS R. DEMPSEY
Champion Reporter

The student senate refused to confirm the choice of the Executive Committee for treasurer of the Student Government Association during the April 12 session because senators did not meet the candidate prior to the vote.

According to Bev Buffington, director of student activities, the senate vote will not matter. "Chris Carroll is the new treasurer," Buffington said. "The senate gave up their right to a say so in the meeting (when they rejected the nomination)."

The Executive Committee submitted its nomination for the office to the student senate during the meeting but did not require the nominee to appear before the senate.

Buffington, a non-voting member of the Executive Committee, said she didn't realize the senate would want to meet the nominee. "If I had known the senate wanted to see him we could have arranged it," she said.

Several senators were upset at having to vote without having the opportunity to meet Carroll. Requests to postpone the vote were denied, however, because a decision had to be made before the senate adjourned.

Executive Vice-President Melondee Newby continually stated, "A decision has to be made today." Buffington explained that new officers were required to take the position one month before the end of the year. "We're already one week behind," she said.

Another reason to select the new treasurer was the Gaither concert Saturday night. "It's so important for the treasurer to know how to work concerts," Buffington said.

The senate refused, however, to consider the vote until they met the appointee.

"It seems silly to say we can't wait one week to decide," Sen. Michael Hall said. "If we have to vote today we'll just have to vote him down. If we didn't need to see him, we could just pass around flyers on all the candidates and forego speeches," he added.

"There is no reason for him to appear before the senate," SGA President Dave Coy said.

Coy added that because the SGA constitution does not specifically address this particular situation the Executive Committee could have bypassed the senate and simply appointed a treasurer.

"As a formality it was brought before the senate to seek their acceptance of the Executive Committee's nomination," Newby said. Buffington added that the nomination was brought before the senate simply to get its stamp of approval.

While a majority of the senate voiced disgust with the entire process, a few gave support to the Executive Committee's handling of the situation.

"We need to have a little good faith in our executive officers," Sen. Douglas Felton said in explaining why the senate should confirm the nominee.

"You're rejecting the most qualified candidate because you're being stubborn," Sen. Christy Hoyt said.

In other business, the senate considered five bills during the session. A bill banning the confederate flag from campus was sponsored by Sen. Rick Morris. According to the bill the confederate flag is a "symbol of rebellion

against the United States" and "an oppressive and immoral symbol of slavery."

Several senators expressed concern about limiting freedom of speech on campus. The bill was eventually defeated by an overwhelming majority.

A second bill, sponsored by Morris called for the university to consider academic qualifications before admitting incoming students.

"This (Liberty) will never be a Christian Harvard if we keep going the way we're going (open admissions)," Sen. Anthony Perrone said.

The bill was passed by the senate.

Perrone sponsored a bill which would allow campus media to report all senate business without fear of censorship.

"We need free speech on campus," Perrone said. This bill passed the senate and will be sent to the administration for approval.

A bill which would provide a one week break after mid-terms during the fall semester, in place of Thanksgiving break, failed to pass the senate.

Sponsored by senators Felton and Morris, this bill was written in response to the administration's decision to shorten Thanksgiving break to less than a week.

A bill which would allow RA's to sell certain snack items from their dorm rooms, introduced to the senate several weeks ago, was officially withdrawn from the senate floor for consideration.

According to Don Leslie, Vice-president for financial affairs, contractual obligations to outside vending companies prevent LU from allowing such sales.

The next senate meeting is Thursday, April 19 at 3 p.m.



The Bill Gaither Trio and the Gaither Vocal Band performed for a large audience in the Liberty University Multi-Purpose Center April 14. Jim Murray, former member of the Imperials and current member of the Vocal Band, joined Gloria and Bill Gaither for several numbers during the concert. photo by Tim Albertson

Gaithers display versatility of classic, contemporary tunes

By KERI BURNS
Champion Reporter

The Gaither Vocal Band and the Bill Gaither Trio performed an Easter Eve concert in the Liberty University Multi-Purpose Center on Saturday, April 14.

The two-and-one-half hour concert began with Doree Light and Reid Horton, winners of the female and male vocalist competition at Search '90.

Light sang "The Day He Wore My Crown," and Horton sang "This Blood" as a prelude.

The Vocal Band, whose members include Bill Gaither, newcomer Michael English, former Imperial Jim Murray and LU graduate Mark Lowry, opened with songs from their new album including "That's When the Angels Rejoiced" and "There Is A Mountain."

The Vocal Band also performed new songs such as "Lord We Exalt Thee," "New Wine," "Going Home" and "These Are They."

The Gaither Trio, consisting of Bill and Gloria Gaither and English also performed songs such as "Just Feeling At Home," "Sacrifice of Praise" and older gospel songs, including "There's Something About That Name" and "Then Came The Morning."

The Gaithers included familiar praise choruses and hymns in their repertoire such as "I Love You, Lord" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

Babbie Mason accompanied the Gaithers. Mason performed songs including "All In Favor Say Aye," and the more familiar "All Rise."

"Most people need to be introduced," Bill Gaither said, "but Mark Lowry needs to be explained." He was referring to Lowry's comedy

routine which followed.

"When Bill Gaither found Larnelle Harris, he was white, and when he found Sandi Patti, she sang bass," Lowry said in reference to Gaither's ability to discover talented singers. "It's really excited traveling with someone who's in the hymnal," Lowry said about Gaither.

In addition to regular band members, Gaither invited a group of 15 LU students to accompany the Vocal Band as they performed one of their newest songs, "A Few Good Men."

"This was a great preparation for Easter morning," Scott Monroe who participated with the group, said.

The concert concluded with Michael English singing an old Gaither favorite, "It Is Finished" and the audience singing "Get All Excited" and "Because He Lives." The Gaither Trio and Vocal Band also participated in the Easter morning sunrise service.

Published articles provide plus for LU

By BEN LAFROMBOIS
Champion Reporter

LU biology graduates from 1989 Oliver Ghitea and Merillene Morgan, have had research articles on salamanders and a comparison between corn and maize, published in national journals. Dr. Robert Littlejohn, chairman of the biology department, recently announced the publication of the articles.

Published works written by LU students will "let people know Liberty is an academic institution," Dr. Pauline Donaldson, dean of the College of General Studies, said.

Littlejohn stated that published articles by students or graduates "greatly

increase the reputation and the prestige of a school."

Dr. Paul Sattler, associate biology professor, added: "The prestige of a department is measured by the published articles that come out of it."

In addition, Littlejohn pointed out that published articles by faculty, graduates or students also add prestige to the student's applications for graduate school. These published works will also provide "a strong testimony for Christ in the scientific community," he said.

The benefits are tremendous; but the research is done in the interest of science, both Littlejohn and Sattler explained. Because the subjects had not been done before they have added

to scientific knowledge.

The knowledge of the two breeds of salamanders in Virginia was very limited before Ghitea's research. His study was done to see where the two species meet in Virginia and cross breed. Ultimately the project was to "find the number of species of salamanders in Virginia," he stated.

The project began in September of his senior year (1988-89) and ran through April. It involved "going out on Saturdays and collecting salamanders," Ghitea stated. After the collection, it was necessary to determine breed of salamanders through "migration of proteins," because it was not possible to determine species through looks.

Ghitea and Sattler were able to narrow down to a couple of streams where the hybridization took place, Ghitea explained.

Merillene Morgan conducted research "comparing a close relative of corn to actual corn," Littlejohn stated. "Much is known about corn, but nothing is known about other species."

Maize, the species compared to corn, is perennial while corn is not. Morgan's study only compared the two species, but it is the beginning to the development of a perennial species of corn. Littlejohn explained, "The hybrid would be a tremendous benefit for agriculture."

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Hockey team offers bargain storage

By BEN LAFROMBOIS
Champion Reporter

Students needing storage for the summer have several choices in the Lynchburg area for storing their belongings. The leases of space are monthly and vary concerning size of unit chosen. The following is a list of clubs and area businesses and what they have to offer.

The hockey team is storing students' belongings as a fund raiser for the summer. The charge will be \$20 for the entire summer for a 4-by-4-by-4 space. The price will be prorated depending on the amount of space one uses. The hockey team will pick up from the dorms on May 7, 8 and 9, and will return on Tuesday, August 28, before classes begin in the fall.

Also, many students returning early will have their belongings stored at private residences in Lynchburg.

UHAUL on Park avenue offers 4-by-4-by-4 boxes which cost \$15 a month and require a refundable deposit of \$15.

A Plus Storage on Timberlake road offers a 4-by-4 space for \$18 a month. The storage will be available the last week of April, and more will be built depending on demand.

Merequeen Farm on U.S. Route 29 north offers 5-by-12 spaces for \$25 and a 10-by-12 for \$40 a month.

A Storage Inn also on Timberlake will provide a 5-by-5 space for \$26 a month. A five by 10 will cost \$37 a month.

Young Self Storage on Mayflower Dr., two blocks from River Ridge Mall, offers a 5-by-7-by-7 space for \$50 a month. There is a 10 percent discount for renting for three or more months.



The Rev. Darrell Gilyard spoke before packed stadium during Sunday's Easter Sunrise Service. Following a 30-minute rain delay, the audience was treated to a music celebration with the Bill Gaither Trio, the Gaither Vocal Band, The Branches, Sounds of Liberty and a 600-voice choir. Although it rained throughout the night and early morning, the rain stopped just as the program started. photo by Jody A. Barker



Editorial

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

Liberty: liberal arts education through Christian emphasis

It's interesting isn't it? All the to-do about Liberty's standing as a "real academic institution," and a Christian one at that.

According to Dr. Falwell, Liberty is one of the fastest-growing universities in America with an emphasis on the pursuit of higher learning, enveloped in a Christian atmosphere. Many in the secular realm would label Liberty University a pseudo-college where fundamentalists can go in order to shelter themselves from the evil horrors of the Real World and bash those who don't believe as they do. A few people "whose elevators obviously haven't quite reached the top floor" would describe LU as a party school where ignorant people gather to escape from the mores of Christianity—overheard on an old episode of *The Morton Downey Jr. Show*. Finally there exist those insignificant few (probably located somewhere in the Carolinas) who feel that Liberty takes freedom too far and leaves decisions too much in the hands of the students. They affectionately refer to LU as "Liberal University."

But the question remains, Where, exactly, does Liberty fit into the university puzzle? And which of these differing descriptions most accurately describes this land of academia we call the college experience? Is Liberty merely one more stop on our road to oblivion? Are we here simply to escape the temptations and anxieties abundant in today's society? Or is LU a preparatory stop to help develop us into well-rounded Christians secure in both our beliefs and our vocational skills?

To begin with, Liberty is an academic institution. Sure, it has its weak spots, such as an underdeveloped library; but the reason we, the students, are here is to gain an education. We are not attending a Bible college with an emphasis in other areas; we are attending a Liberal Arts University with an emphasis on biblical truths. Furthermore, we are not here to escape reality but to become properly equipped to change the realities of the world in which we will shortly be active members.

Furthermore, it is important to keep Liberty's age in mind. The school is only 19 years old. It is younger than many of the students now in attendance. Very few, if any, other schools have been able to accomplish what Liberty has become in 50 years, let alone half that time. In this light LU should be considered to be innovative and explosive by would-be critics.

Admittedly, Liberty does have its problems. Many things appear to be inconsistent, academic policies change frequently and, occasionally, things seem to be unstable. However, the big picture is painted much different from the small portion we often see.

Many majors offered by Liberty rival those of the "high and lofty" Ivy League schools in academic excellence. Several other majors surpass these legendary institutions in opportunities for hands-on experience and student involvement. While the school is growing rapidly, there are still many opportunities for one-on-one interaction between teacher and student.

The general consensus among members of administration and faculty is that students will get out of Liberty what they put into it. This may sound trite, but the truth of this statement cannot be denied. The student who goes through college complaining bitterly about the shortcomings of the school will bypass all of its advantages.

The most feasible answer to the above questions is that Liberty is, plainly and simply, a legitimate liberal arts college with a focus on Christian principles.

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Controversy heats up over safety of artificial sweetener

By ANGELENA TRAMONTANA
Special to the Champion

Analysis

Since the introduction of aspartame, the artificial sweetener marketed as NutraSweet, in 1981, the product has soared in popularity.

The July 1987 issue of *Scientific American* reported that Americans consume more than 3,500 tons of aspartame annually. The December 1987 issue of *Women's Fitness* reported that 100 million people (40 percent) in the United States were consuming aspartame.

Is aspartame safe for consumption?

Some authorities believe that it is not. Richard Wurtman of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology indicates that not enough testing of aspartame exists to declare it safe for human consumption because it is classified as a food additive and not a drug. By law, food additives are not required to receive testing after the initial approval process.

Manufacturers, however, look at the situation differently. They claim that there have been more than enough tests performed on aspartame to assert its safety accurately.

G.D. Searle, of G.D. Searle & Co., who first manufactured aspartame, reported, "No food additive has had

as intense evaluations as the one undergone by aspartame."

However, this has not satisfied scientists, and tests have continued to be performed concerning the safety of aspartame. *Scientific American* further reported that recent experiments are re-igniting concerns that aspartame may affect brain chemistry, even when consumed in near normal amounts. The term "near normal" was not defined by the publication.

The article also related that several laboratories have evidence suggesting that large, but not abnormal doses, cause behavioral changes in

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Liberty Forum

War still rages over Confederate flag

Editor,

I'd like to respond to the article concerning the issue of the Confederate flag and it not representing racism. I, as well as the majority of the black students on campus, am not amused with the remarks of the "courageous student" (who didn't have enough courage to mention his name) concerning the Confederate flag and racism.

Yes, the Civil War was fought over state's rights, but it was the plan of the South to use slaves as a form of repre-

sentation, thus giving states more power. Now, I quote: "Any logical person who really knows anything about the Civil War knows that the war was fought over state's rights concerning slavery!"

To a certain extent, I must agree with the "courageous student's" quote, "No one has the right to judge another's spirituality by his race, historical preference or desire to display his symbols." Yet, one must understand that this quote can be used as a double standard.

With the increasing popularity of "black awareness" among the black students of Liberty, many have expressed their awareness through articles of clothing such as T-shirts, medallions of Africa, etc. Even though this right is protected under the Constitution, many students, who represent Liberty's majority, claimed that this awareness by black students was not only a sign of militancy, but also a threat to them and the university itself.

If we are not supposed to judge, then I would like to know what in the world is going on.

Finally, I have also lived in the South all of my life. True, the Confederate flag, at one time, represented the South. However, it is my understanding that the North defeated the South more than 120 years ago. Therefore, we are one nation represented by one flag.

As a black American growing up in the South, the Confederate flag has always been a symbol of racism. Correct me if I am wrong, but isn't the Confederate flag used as a symbol of the Ku Klux Klan?

It is a shame that an issue this old still lingers in the 1990's. It's apparent that racism still goes on stirring, even at Liberty! This issue needs to be addressed by our students, administration, president and chancellor.

Michael Arnold

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Say Ahhh!

Skin irritations aggravated by warm weather

Warm weather means time to get in shape for the summer. Unfortunately, the increased activities and time at the health club may expose one to a variety of skin conditions. Among these conditions are Athlete's Foot and Jock Itch.

Both of these conditions are caused by "fungi." They are easily prevented by taking simple precautions. Fungi grow best in warm, moist areas. This explains their predilection for growing in areas of the body where the skin folds against itself.

Keeping the skin dry effectively decreases the risk of fungal infection. This is accomplished by changing undergarments and socks daily or more frequently after engaging in sweat-producing activities.

Care should also be taken to thoroughly dry all areas of the body after showering. Towels should be changed often, as fungal spores are harbored and easily transmitted in damp towels.

The risk can be further decreased by the use of talcum or corn starch-based powder in fungus-prone areas after bathing. Powder can also be used in shoes to absorb excess moisture.

Finally, wearing a different pair of shoes each day will allow better airing of footwear. This measure not only prevents moisture buildup in shoes but also prolongs the life of footwear.

Dr. Richard Lane

The Liberty Way

by G. Triplett



Ralph was always a firm believer in blind dates and blind love.

Inner View

Easter Bunny hops over to new vocation

While reading the *Wall Street Journal* last week, I ran across a very interesting article about our good friend the Easter Bunny. It seems that environmentalists around the world are outraged at the catastrophic effect the egg dyes Mr. Bunny uses are having on the earth's fragile environment.

Jeffrey Simmons

Here is a brief excerpt from the shocking article: Environmentalists around the globe banded together April 15 to protest what they referred to as "a terrorist plot" by the Easter Bunny. They accused Mr. Bunny of attempting to destroy America by polluting its environment with egg dye.

Ralph Oak, spokesman for the environmentalists, was upset with Mr. Bunny for two reasons. "We have nothing against the rabbit personally," he said. "We're just angry because of his flippant attitude about what he is doing and the way he refuses to seek any alternatives to the caustic dyes."

Oak explained that the dyes Mr. Bunny uses on his eggs have been linked to acid rain, depletion of the ozone layer, water pollution, destruction of the Amazon Forests and turning your lips different colors.

In response to all the accusations, the Easter Bunny had this lone reply, "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."

Well, folks, there you have it. The Easter Bunny is in big trouble and may be forced into early retirement if the current situation is not resolved. Since I'm such a big fan of the big-eared guy, I thought it would be a nice gesture to offer him my assistance. Consequently, with the help of other LU students, I have compiled the following list of suggestions for Mr. Bunny which I plan to send him as soon as stamp prices go down.

Cathy Johnson, Ferrum, Va. - "He should drop his current position and pursue a career in agricultural marketing."

Don Amyx, Mt. Vernon, Ky. - "He should recruit Bugs Bunny, Roger Rabbit and Peter Rabbit to help organize 'Bunny Aid 1' to make the public aware of the harmlessness of Easter egg dyes."

Brian Randolph, Ripley, W. Va. - "I'd paint several more eggs and send them to Boston to pollute their environment."

Esther Bunne, Shellville, N.J. - "I would physically and verbally lash out at the evil environmentalists. They're just perturbed because I, I mean, the Easter Bunny apparently misplaced their Easter baskets."

Jessica Blanks, Richmond, Va. - "I'd tell them to quit using the destructive dye and resort to decorating the eggs with tattoos from cracker jacks."

Chris Johnson, Richmond, Va. - Every environmentalist who complains should be forced to paint every single egg by hand with a paint brush."

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Ethics, economics clash in legalization fight

By SHAWN deLESTARD
Special to the Champion

Can the United States win its war on drugs? As the battle escalates, some lawmakers favor legalizing narcotics in an attempt to curb the nation's growing appetite.

Analysis

"Though most Americans are overwhelmingly determined to go toe-to-toe with the foreign drug lords and neighborhood pushers, a small minority believe that enforcing drug laws imposes greater costs on society than do drugs themselves," William Bennett, the nation's reigning drug czar, said in a recent issue of *Reader's Digest*. "The consequences of not enforcing drug laws would be far more costly...hundreds of thousands of lost and broken lives...human potential never realized...time stolen from families and jobs...precious spiritual and economic resources squandered."

tics, there are five to six million regular cocaine users and more than half a million heroin users. Approximately 1.5 to two million Americans are addicted to either cocaine or heroin. In addition, an estimated 18 million citizens smoke marijuana regularly. With the increase in usage, drug-related crimes are on the rise.

The high price of drugs force many users to finance their habit by theft, robbery or selling narcotics on the street. Billions of dollars are spent annually by local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in an attempt to stop drug transactions from occurring in the United States.

Those advocating legalization believe that criminal activity would decrease if drugs were made legal. Criminal violence, street pushers and drug gangs would disappear, thus lowering the number of police raids, border searches and overcrowded prisons.

However, Bennett believes that

crime is high in areas where drugs are inexpensive. "Researchers tell us that many drug-related felonies are committed by people involved in crime before they started taking drugs. The drugs so routinely available in criminal circles make criminals more violent and unpredictable," Bennett said.

"Police and Drug Enforcement Agents (DEA) have told me that crime rates are highest where crack is cheapest."

Officials who endorse legalization do not support the philosophy of a chemically induced euphoria. Instead, they are looking at the overall problem from an economic viewpoint. Since prohibiting drugs is very costly, Congress is continually increasing federal funding to drug enforcement and prevention agencies. Recently, the U.S. military has been called upon to perform emergency anti-smuggling duty. Critics say this action will lead to further problems.

"The Pentagon has an unusual ally

in the controversy, civil libertarians, who worry about the constitutionality of forcing military personnel to act as police," James N. Barke of *Business Week* said. "Such a policy would violate the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878, which forbids the military from enforcing civil law."

Thus, there is concern about whether or not the United States military can defend its strategic interests without the added burden of attacking foreign sources of supply and drug smugglers.

With the drug problem already present in the U.S. military itself, many officials worry about military personnel succumbing to bribes.

An individual's personal liberties are another monumental factor in support of legalization.

Many adults debate the issue from a libertarian standpoint. This ideology states that the government does not have the right to prevent an individual from pursuing pleasure as long as it does not harm others. The decision lies with each individual, even if the actions are self-destructive.

"Our nation's notion of liberty is rooted in the ideal of a self-reliant citizenry. Helpless wrecks in treatment centers, men chained by their noses to cocaine—these people are slaves," Bennett countered. "A citizen in a drug-induced haze, whether

in his backyard deck or on a mattress in a ghetto crack house, is not what the founding fathers meant by the 'pursuit of happiness.'"

Winning the drug war is a seemingly unending task. Contenders on both sides agree that legalizing drugs might reduce crime but realize that the risk would be catastrophic levels of drug abuse and addiction.

"This war can be won...we need to involve more citizens in the fight, increase pressure on drug criminals and build on anti-drug programs that have proved to work," Bennett said. "This will not be easy. But the moral and social costs of surrender are simply too great to contemplate."

The HO Story

Virginia Driver's Manual defined, hi-lighted, for out-of-towners

Below is an excerpt from the brand new *Virginia Driver's Manual, 1990 Edition*, soon to be available to and strongly recommended for any individual crossing Virginia's borders for whatever reason.

Dan Hochhalter

Signs—The first and foremost rule about driving in Virginia is that road signs are to be boycotted at all times. Every year the state wastes thousands of taxpayer's dollars on metal signs that have no artistic value and that contain knowledge every driver should already know. So, to boycott, simply ignore road signs. The exceptions to this rule are the real neat ones with lots of pretty colors.

Acceleration lanes—Many times on any given day, the driver will suddenly find himself on what most experts call an acceleration lane. An acceleration lane means just what the title implies—deceleration. A scientific explanation attests to this phenomenon. Scientists understand that every action has an equal and opposite reaction. Acceleration implies action. Therefore, deceleration is as much a part of acceleration as is actual acceleration.

The driver must be aware, however, that if he attempts to figure out what the above paragraph means while he or she is driving in an acceleration lane, the odds are very high that the driver just rear-ended the car in front of him that happened to be innocently decelerating.

Stopping—Stopping on throughways is a common occurrence that is often encouraged by the DMV. Brakes, either on your car or that of your fellow drivers, need to be tested frequently to make certain that they are in proper working order. However, red six-sided signs that might imply a command to stop in designated areas are to be ignored at all times because they were placed by the anti-American Pinko Communists for the sole purpose of confusing the driving public to death.

Yield—Although some may interpret this sign differently, linguistic experts from the University of Farmville have discovered that if one takes an early Latin form of the word "Yield," converts it to Reformed Egyptian Hieroglyphics before adding the genitive form of the German word for "Mus," AND the masculine dative pronoun from the Greek language with a Yugoslavian dialect AFTER the word, "Yield" will translate into French meaning, literally, "Stop, even when no one is coming." This is one sign which should be obeyed implicitly.

Stranded Drivers—Stranded Drivers are those motorists with mechanical problems who wish they had never gotten out of bed that morning. They are usually found alongside rural highways and interstates with the hood of their car up, sitting on the trunk, holding a set of jumper cables and looking very perturbed.

If you should ever come in contact with one of these people, ignore him. A cop will drive by in a couple of hours or so to either help the driver or arrest him for vagrancy.

Speed Limit—This is the one number painted on the speedometer that absolutely no motorist will ever touch. Instead, they drive anywhere between 25 mph and 80 mph. Usually when you're in a hurry (either because you're late for an appointment or else you're running from a gang of punks who want to slice you into several hundred pieces) the other drivers will be considerate and drive slowly in order to protect you from injury.

Hopefully, this manual will be out before the tourist season begins so that those who are unfamiliar with Virginia driving laws will know how to fend for themselves. I also recommend that the LU administration place a copy of the manual in the *Liberty Way* so that new and transferring students can be prepared for this rare driving style. Who knows? It might even save a life or two.

Corner of the House

Servants prove their dedication

From time to time there are people whose lives cross our paths, and the road we walk is not quite the same once their steps have marched in time with our own. That which they do isn't for reward.

Kristy Critzer

In the hearts of those with whom they work, the RAs of Liberty University are jewels which will shine for eternity. Often their servanthood is lived out in small deeds of kindness, which are willingly given from a heart learning to be like the Lord. Many times they are misunderstood. And, frequently, acts of love or duty are recompensed with sarcasm, dislike or scorn.

Work set aside, shared tears of grief

or warm embraces of heartfelt joy at the accomplishments and blessings of another might be the trademark of character in such a person's life.

Sleepless nights of finishing work that is left undone in the wake of others' needs create exhaustion which sometimes exposes untimely character flaws. Unfortunately, human nature leads us to belittle such selflessness and to magnify faults which creep out at moments of weakness.

Thanklessness does not seem to discourage a servant's determination to do that to which the Lord has called him. He has learned to draw strength from his Saviour and fellow laborers. As a result, many times those relationships servants establish with others are those which will last into eter-

nity. These cords are not easily broken; however, one cord, who is Christ, can never be severed.

In light of what they do, servants' dedication seems to be in the area of exhortation; however, many may never see nor understand their task in quite this manner.

The seeds that they now sow are sometimes hardened by lack of moisture from too little rainfall in their lives or by extremes of heat and over-exposure while passing through life's fires. They pray that God will someday take those seeds planted in love and create blossoms whose fragrance will resemble the Rose of Sharon.

To those people, we say thank you for all that you do. With appreciation, Residence Life.

Aspartame

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human beings. **Women's Fitness** reported in 1987 that the Food and Drug Administration received more than 4,000 complaints of adverse reactions to aspartame. These included hives, diarrhea, headaches, insomnia, depression, seizures, confusion and vision problems.

Dr. H. R. Roberts of Florida's Palm Beach Institute for Medical Research conducted a study of 400 people who experienced aspartame problems.

Roberts discovered that 50 percent complained of severe headaches, 15 percent experienced seizures, 25 percent suffered from depression, 25 percent experienced profound confusion and 25 percent suffered from vision problems, including partial or complete blindness.

Another aspect which causes concern is the use of artificial sweeteners to aid in weight loss. However, **Consumers' Research Magazine** reported that various tests with lower

calorie sugar alternatives, such as aspartame, indicated that these substances are ineffective for weight control.

While it is important to maintain the proper weight, it is notable to remember that a teaspoon of sugar contains only 16 calories.

In 1987 aspartame was investigated at Leed's University. Nearly 100 people, age 18 to 22, were given solutions of equal sweetness. One solution contained 188 calories of sugar and the other three calories of aspartame.

For an hour after the solution, responses of pleasure, fullness and hunger were recorded every 10 minutes. Both glucose and aspartame induced the pleasure response, but the effects of aspartame were only about half as strong.

In addition, glucose produced an increase in fullness, while aspartame had the opposite effect. Results showed that aspartame actually left the participants feeling hungrier than those in the group who had glucose.

The war over the safety of aspartame as a consumer product continues to rage between scientists and commercial manufacturers. The worst thing to be said of sugar is that it promotes tooth decay. So avoid the potential dangers of aspartame and simply brush after sweets.



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Back Talk

Dr. Darlene Holland

Q. What is 'whiplash'?

A. It's a common name for an injury when the neck is "whipped" - when there is sudden hyper-extension (rapid backward motion) followed by sudden hyper-flexion (rapid forward motion).

Whiplash can occur when the body pitches forward suddenly from a stumble, fall or other accident. It happens most typically in auto "rear-enders." The driver of the front car, usually unsuspecting and relaxed, is hit by the force of another car slamming in to him from behind. The driver's (and/or passenger's) head first snaps backward and then forward by the quick stopping motion. This whipping motion then usually strains or tears the muscles, ligaments and soft tissues of the neck and frequently injures the cervical spine as well.

Q. Will I know if I get a serious whiplash injury?

A. Yes, but not always right away. You probably will feel immediate pain, but sometimes the symptoms take hours, or even days, to show up. Reactions to whiplash might include stiff and painful neck, severe restriction of movement of the head and neck, shoulder and arm pain, headaches, visual disturbance and others.

Whether or not you feel the immediate symptoms, it's wise to be checked by your doctor of chiropractic as soon as possible. Whiplash has potentially serious complications.

Q. How can I avoid whiplash injuries?

A. For one thing, make sure that the headrests in your car are high enough to touch your skull. This can prevent whiplash injury if you are rear-ended. Adjust their height for different drivers and passengers. Be aware, too, of unsafe or erratic drivers, particularly those behind you, and try to avoid them. Practice defensive driving.

But if you do suffer this most common accident, use ice packs on your neck, rather than heat, during the first hours and see your doctor of chiropractic immediately. Chiropractic care might include the use of ice packs, cervical support through a soft foam collar, moist heat and other physiological therapeutics, with specific manipulation to restore normal motion, function and alignment of the cervical vertebrae as soon as indicated.

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Gaither Trio, Vocal Band entertain LU crowd

More than 20 years of performing hasn't damaged hallmark group's ability to capture audience

By DOUGLAS DEMPSEY
Champion Reporter

The Gaither Vocal Band and Bill Gaither Trio came to Liberty University for an Easter-eve concert Sat., April 14. Featuring a variety of singers, which included future superstar Mike English and the hilarious Mark Lowry, the Gaithers entertained and uplifted a huge crowd.

The show opened with the Gaither Vocal Band singing "That's When the Angels Rejoice," a good toe-tapping southern gospel tune. They followed this with "He Touched Me," an excellent example of pure quartet singing at its best.

The Vocal Band, in fact, provided most of the highlights of the show. A third number from the Vocal Band was "There is a Mountain," which emphasized the group's excellent harmonizing abilities.

Babbie Mason, a new singer with the Gaithers, then sang "Right Now is the Right Time." The song was nice but sound problems detracted from the overall performance. Mason also sang "Carry On," a finger-snapping tune written by her and Mark Lowry.

Following Mason's song, Bill Gaither made the obligatory jokes about blacks teaching whites about rhythm and soul. It was a stale and

Review

rather antiquated attempt at humor. Gloria Gaither then entered and the Bill Gaither Trio, with Bill, Gloria and Mike English, went to work. The trio began by singing "Feelin' at Home," something they all seemed to do. They also sang "Something About That Name" and a new song called "Hear My Song, Lord."

From the moment he took the stage Mike English dominated. His silky-smooth voice and on-stage charisma electrified the crowd and generated squeals of delight from the female members of the audience.

Mark Lowry cut loose mid way through the show and demonstrated why he has been called the Christian Jay Leno. Lowry's humor had the crowd in fits of hilarity and provided a nice change of pace from the singing.

The Vocal Band then sang "Keep Believin'," a song from the Gaither's latest album. Following this, Bill Gaither sang "We'll Be There" to Anna, a six-year old member of the audience whom he called onto the stage.

Following a few comments from Gloria Gaither, the Trio sang "Then Came the Morning," an excellent song about Easter morning. This was probably the best song the trio performed all night.

The Gaithers then left the stage for a brief intermission, during which

time Mark Lowry cut loose, thoroughly delighting the crowd, while Bill tried selling group materials. When they all returned the Vocal Band, with the help of Gloria Gaither, sang "Kids Under Construction" and "I Am A Promise." The latter brought back fond childhood memories of listening to the Gaithers on the radio while my mother cooked Sunday dinner.

Babbie Mason sang the next song, titled "All In Favor." Mason requested that the house lights be left on during this song, but for some reason her request was ignored. Nonetheless the song had a catchy rhythm and proved to be one of her better songs.

One of the several highlights of the show, and perhaps the only one not featuring Mike English, was the song "A Few Good Men." Sung by the Vocal Band with the help of 20 guys from Liberty, this song called for Christian men to take a stand and act like real men.

The best song of the night followed. The Vocal Band sang an *a capella* version of "Call Him Up." It was thrilling to hear. Proving that white folks can have rhythm, the Vocal Band outdid themselves on this song.

"Call Him Up" was followed by "New Wine," also by the Vocal Band. This was the most country-sounding song of the night and the group did a

great job with it.

Mike English recaptured center-stage with the lead vocals on "I'm Going Home," a very soft and tender ballad about our home in heaven. English sang the song with great intensity and emotion, as if it had been written expressly for him.

The Trio then got together and led the crowd in "The Old Rugged Cross." English followed this with an incredible rendition of "It is Finished." Backed by the Vocal Band, the song brought the crowd to its feet.

The Gaither's closed the show by having their whole entourage sing

"Get All Excited," which the audience did.

As the Gaithers left the stage thunderous applause followed them. Judging from the crowd response, the Gaithers are every bit as good now as they were when they first began more than 20 years ago.

Senior uses Liberty education to improve own carpet business

By JEFFREY SIMMONS
Assist. Feature Editor

Four years ago when most students his age were busy filling out college applications, Jim Simons, a senior business management major, was launching his own business venture.

The 22-year-old Simons skipped his first year of college to start his own carpet and upholstery cleaning business called "Pro Steam." His parents helped him with the initial purchase of a van, and he financed a steam cleaning machine to get his business off the ground.

"I began with accounts from steak houses and cafeterias," he said. "When I started I didn't have an office or a phone. Now I have two offices and do mostly residential work."

A year after he started his business, Simons decided that obtaining his degree would benefit him in the long run so he came to Liberty in 1987.

"I decided to go to college because I wanted to further my education, have the satisfaction of obtaining my degree and for security," he said.

Even though he is in college away from his business, it is still operating. "My mother takes care of the financial aspect while I am away," he said. "My friend Paul Couey, a former LU student, manages it."

Simons said that his decision to come to Liberty was a wise one and that he has learned much since he has been here.

"Basically, I've learned culturally acceptable management skills for today's society," he related. "Also, I've learned how to deal with people and gain new accounts."

His professors have also influenced him to some extent and have provided him with practical ways to broaden "Pro Steam."

"For the most part, I've been taught by professors that have been in the business world and have experienced

the success and failures of new business ventures," he said. "I am kept abreast of the new management style that American companies have been forced to use because of worldwide competitiveness, and school has helped me envision what a small company is capable of doing."

Simons has taken this knowledge and has set specific goals for his present business and also goals for future ventures he would like to undertake.

"After I graduate, I'd like to develop my company with a strong culture that will enable it to grow and become a successful franchise," he related.

"However, my real ambition is to be a builder. I plan to use the money I make from "Pro Steam" to build residential homes with the ambition to build commercially in 10 years."

For anyone else who dreams of owning their own business, Simons offered this final advice, "Be prepared to work hard, learn to communicate with people and always put Christ first."

Simons plans to get married June 9 and purchase his first house shortly thereafter.



Jim Simons

Liberty Forum

Dean provides encouragement

Editor,
This afternoon I took the time to read rather critically the most recent issue of the *Liberty Champion*. After reading it I decided to write a letter expressing both my admiration and my appreciation for the excellent work you and your staff are doing under the tutelage of Assoc. Prof. Wharton.

Please extend my thanks to each person on the staff. I wish I had kept early copies of the paper. They were good copies, but their contrast with the *Champion* in 1990 clearly shows how far the paper has come.

This issue (April 11) gives evidence of planning in addition to the development implied by 14 pages. The layout is attractive and professional. In particular I was pleased by the four stories and the photo treatment you accorded our seniors.

Your detailed coverage of the LU-Japanese debate, your section of news briefs, your more than \$1,000 generated by advertising—all are proof that you are becoming more sophisticated. But not too sophisticated, I might add—not with Dan Hochhalter around (Art Buchwald, beware) and

the interminably dull letters to the editor which the paper receives.

In short, you have a balanced piece of which we can all be proud.

I know some of the frustrations which you face. I have sat with you (and with editors before you) in meetings where you have had to pull stories that you wanted to run. Putting out a good newspaper at LU can sometimes be Mission: Impossible.

Having said that, but not having apologized for the publisher's prerogative, I'm satisfied that even the frustrations are times you'll look back on with bemusement if not fondness. I look forward to more successful issues of the *Liberty Champion*.

William Gribbin
Dean/School of Communications

Contestant refutes pageant criticisms

Editor,
As a Liberty young lady who has taken part in area pageants, I would like to respond to Bobby Brewer's analysis of our involvement.

Many people attempt to discredit pageants merely because they are misinformed. This seems to be case with

Mr. Brewer's commentary. He says that Liberty ladies are "consistently singing secular rock songs" and destroying their testimonies. For the record Liberty young women performed: one dramatic monologue, two original compositions (one classical piano piece and one Christian vocal), one religious piano piece and one popular vocal from the late 1970s.

Even though not all performances were strictly Christian, I never saw one girl compromise her beliefs. In all actuality, there were several opportunities to witness to others who were curious about Liberty University and our beliefs.

The Miss America Program, which sponsors these local competitions prides itself on being a wholesome opportunity for self-development and scholarships.

The current Miss America, Debbye Turner, is a very outspoken Christian who travels not only to conventions and talk shows, but also to churches all the while proclaiming her faith in Christ.

In recent years several Miss Americas have been Christians so Mr. Brewer was correct when he sarcastically stated, "God must be really impressed at our desire to make the most of every opportunity." If he

wasn't, why would he let Christian young women achieve such a high honor?

I am impressed by the witness that Jennifer Lewis (Miss Lynchburg 1989, top five finalist at Miss Virginia, and fellow student) has been throughout her pageant experiences.

I know that I speak for other young women involved when I say that I do intend to glorify God through all my endeavors and make the most of the opportunities he has provided.

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Campus club:

LUBIOC plans Earth Day event

By CURT W. OLSON
News Editor

The Liberty University Biology Club will celebrate Earth Day on April 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. with the dedication of a newly constructed nature trail at Camp Hydeaway on Candler's Mountain.

The ceremony will include a dedication address, a tree planting, a ribbon-cutting ceremony and guided tours of the nature trails. LUBIOC invites the public to the afternoon festivities.

Michael Hayslett, president of LUBIOC, said the club has been involved in preserving the nature trails for half of the year.

"In recent days," Hayslett said, "it became apparent that some of the nature trails at Camp Hydeaway were not going to be preserved."

"We asked Camp Director Robin Carroll if we could preserve the trails," Hayslett continued. "We offered a package of services to him for the

preserving of the trails, and it included the completion of the nature trail and dedicating it on Earth Day."

Hayslett said the job of preserving the nature trails became easier when an anonymous donor gave the supplies for a boardwalk.

"The boardwalk was donated pre-fabricated and assembled together," he said. "It will span the wetland area of the nature trails."

The National Celebration of the Outdoors is an organization which is set up to preserve open space around the country. Hayslett said it will recognize the LUBIOC in an upcoming publication for the preservation of the nature trails.

While the preservation of the nature trails at Camp Hydeaway remains a priority, the club is also preparing for its annual spring outing. This year a three-day outing is planned for the Outer Banks in North Carolina.

The Outer Banks is a string of islands off the coast of North Carolina

near Nags Head. There, club members will conduct various biological explorations.

With the recent talk in the national press about Earth Day and other environmental issues, a question arises regarding political activism of the club.

Hayslett stated the club shies from active political involvement in environmental issues and said it leaves the activism to Friends of the Earth, an environmental political activism club at LU.

"Our primary goal is non-political," Hayslett said.

"We are more biologically based through exploration. We provide the data for the political environmentalists. One is crippled without the other," he stated.

This means that biologists must provide the data for the various concerns of activists.

On the other hand, biologists rely on the activists to raise public awareness about issues if there is a serious concern in one area of the environment.

He stated that the recently formed Friends of the Earth, the politically active environmental club at LU, will

work in conjunction with LUBIOC in the future. "I look forward to collaborating with them," he said.

The club of approximately 40 members was established at the beginning of the fall 1988 semester. It meets once or twice a month, as announced, on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in SH 125.

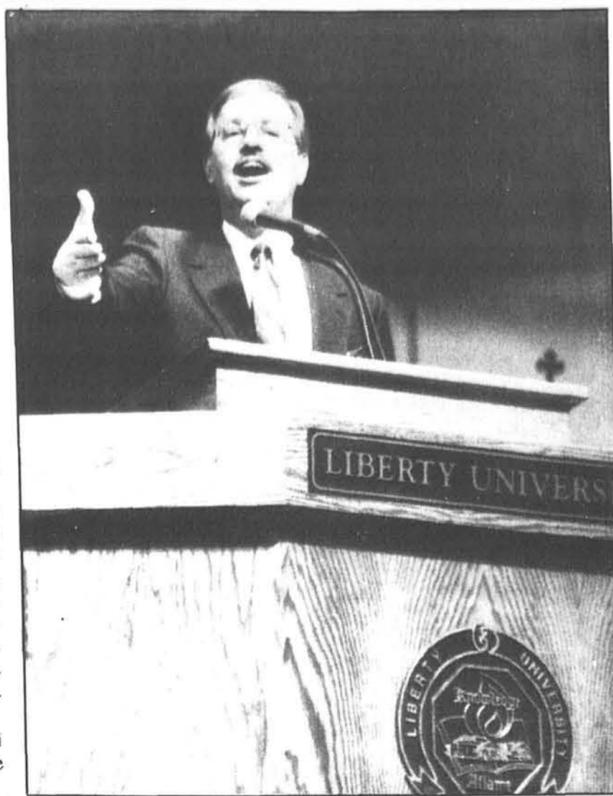
At the meetings, guest speakers who are professionals in biology-related fields address the members. Earlier this semester, a biologist from the Virginia state game department spoke to LUBIOC members.

The purpose of the LUBIOC is to provide a fellowship for individuals desiring to experience the natural environment through biological study.

Further, LUBIOC schedules outdoor recreation and informative activities and programs with professionals in fields related to the club's interest in preserving nature through biology.

Membership is open to all alumni or students with an interest in the club's purpose.

Anyone interested in joining the Liberty University biology club should contact George Damoff of the LU biology department.



The Rev. Dann Spader of Sonlife ministry from Moody Bible Institute gives the thumbs up to LU's Youth Emphasis Week festivities during last Friday's chapel. photo by Dawn English

Youth Emphasis Week:

Bright reveals plan for world evangelism

By DAWN E. WALKER
Champion Reporter

Dr. Bill Bright, director and founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, addressed students and faculty at the opening of Youth Opening Week, April 8.

Bright, whose 39-year old ministry, is dedicated to spreading the gospel, announced in last Monday's chapel his plan for a worldwide fulfillment of the great commission.

This plan divides the world into 5,000 sections. Bright wants to send 12 people to each section for the express purpose of training people there to spread the gospel.

Within the next 10 years Bright hopes to see at least 100,000 people recruited for this purpose.

He referred to this process as spiritual multiplication. "It is our goal to send people to share their faith with others and to build them into disciples," Bright said. "We want to expose every person in the world to the gospel."

Bright hopes to do a large portion of his training and soul winning on the college campuses around the world

with the purpose of fulfilling the great commission in this generation.

His vision includes plans for the California-based Campus Crusade for Christ to be ministering on every college campus by the year 2000. By that time Bright also hopes to also be ministering on every U.S. military base, in 3,900 high schools, 50 inner cities, every federal prison and 250 major metro areas around the country.

He encouraged those who were willing to become involved and to join Campus Crusade in its endeavors.

Student reaction to Bright's visit was positive. "I was amazed at the vision and motivation he had," junior youth major Jim Foreman said. "He really is an inspiration for anyone hoping to reach the world for Christ in the 90's."

"He really convicts you and shows you the need to reach out to parts of the world that are not being reached," Leslie Ulllein, a graduate student, said.

Bright said he was impressed with the students and their attitudes. "I really enjoyed every aspect of my visit."

Seminar focuses on public schools

By BRETT B. HARVEY
Champion Reporter

Faculty from the school of education and elementary education majors heard a lecture from Forrest Turpen, executive director of Christian Educators Association International. The lecture dealt with the role of Christian teachers in public schools and their legal rights.

Turpen considers Christian teachers missionaries. He warned, "Secularism is rapidly overtaking the children in our schools."

He also said the teacher must "put your faith into action in the classroom."

Turpen emphasized getting together with other Christians and praying. "Unconditional Christian love must be given to students and peers," he

stated. Also, he suggested teachers should, volunteer to lead programs and decorate displays to put in Christian ideas, encourage Christian students to perform, use current events to get Christian messages to students, and work to be the best teacher in school.

He said, "If you are a credible teacher, you earn the right to be heard."

The main thrust of his lecture dealt with what a teacher can and cannot do legally in the classroom.

"In the law there are many grey areas about what a person can and cannot do," Turpen said.

"Always claim the grey areas. Assume that you can because it is easier to get forgiveness than it is to get permission."

Turpen gave nine legal points dealing with the abilities of Christian teach-

ers in the classroom.

"Is it legal for students to meet for prayer during the school day? "Yes, it is a grey area," Turpen said. "Equal access laws say a school must allow the students to meet if it is student initiated, and there are other non-curriculum clubs meeting on campus."

"Is it legal for teachers to meet and pray together on their own time? "Yes, it's a grey area," Turpen said.

"Is it legal to start the school day with a reflective moment of silence? "It is possible to let the students know it is a time for them to pray if they wish," Turpen stated, "but the teacher may not use the moment of silence for an official time of prayer."

"Is it legal for students to pray? "Yes, as long as students are not led

by the teacher," he said.

"Is it legal for students to get religious training during the school day? "Yes, schools usually have a system called 'release time education' when a student may leave school for one hour a week to receive religious training."

"Is it legal to post religious creeds on classroom walls? "Yes, but they cannot be permanent," Turpen stated.

"Can you use a Bible in the classroom? "Yes," he said. "It is even required in some school codes."

Turpen warns, "Many individual school boards have restrictions on these laws, and many superiors may be confused about the restrictions," he stated. "It is important to get along well with administrators and pressing the point on such rules may hinder one's effectiveness."

Graduates

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Littlejohn said "the species were very similar anatomically, and there were some similarities biochemically." Then there is a possibility to hybrid a perennial corn. In other words, there is the possibility of producing a dominant corn seed.

The publishing of these articles has already brought recognition and opportunities to Liberty University students and staff.

Merillene Morgan was offered a \$10,000 fellowship at Washington State Littlejohn stated. Morgan is currently teaching in a Christian School in her home state of Wyoming.

Littlejohn will be doing research and teaching at Washington State University during the spring semester of the 1990-1991 school year. He will return in the fall of 1991. Sattler will become chairman of the biology department.

Sattler was offered the position of editor of the *Catesbeiana*, a biology journal. Ghitea and Sattler published their findings in this journal. Ghitea is working until he is accepted into the UCLA Medical School.

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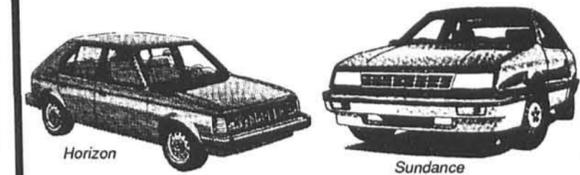
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North Korea may have nuclear weapons

North Korea could be working on making nuclear weapons, Assistant Defense Secretary Henry Rowen has charged. He said "there's reason to believe" the country is building a nuclear-fuel reprocessing plant. If so, it would give North Korea the technology to make nuclear weapons.

Hussein makes weapon proposal to Israel

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said he will dismantle his chemical weapons arsenal if Israel gives up its nuclear weapons. Hussein met Thursday with U.S. senators and denied Iraq has nuclear weapons. Worries were fueled recently when British customs agents seized parts that could build a gun capable of firing nuclear or chemical warheads.

Mother Teresa resigns

Mother Teresa vows that her work with the sick and poor in Calcutta, India, will continue, even though she resigned Wednesday as head of the religious order she founded. Teresa founded Missionaries of Charity in 1950 in Calcutta's squalid slums.

Bush rejects Baltic-American pleas

President Bush met with 13 Baltic-American leaders April 4, then firmly rejected their pleas to recognize Lithuanian independence. The League has been trying to meet with Bush since January.

Attackers killed in Peru

About 60 attackers, including Maoist guerrillas, were killed when they tried to destroy U.S. helicopters at an anti-drug base in Peru's cocaine-producing region two weekends ago, U.S. and Peruvian officials said. No U.S. or Peruvian officers were hurt.

Nation

Gonzales enters plea in New York fire

Julio Gonzales pleaded not guilty to starting a fire that killed 87 people at the Happy Land nightclub in New York last month. The fire was the nation's deadliest in 13 years. Gonzales, 36, faces a 25-year-to-life prison term, and would be eligible for parole in 25 years even if convicted of all 174 charges of murder and murder-by-arson.

President's income increases in 1989

President and Barbara Bush had a better 1989 than Vice President Dan Quayle and wife Marilyn. Their tax returns show the Bushes' gross income jumped almost \$170,000 to \$457,000. Meanwhile, the Quayles' income nose dived some \$23,000 to \$133,000. Neither couple had enough taxes withheld and had to pay the IRS.

Census receives slow response

Nearly half the people mailed 1990 Census forms have not returned them. The slow response means the Census could be finished late and cost more than expected. Starting April 21, census-takers will knock on doors. Meanwhile, about 3.5 million questionnaires sent last month were returned as "undeliverable" by the post office.

Guaranteed student loan defaults fall

The default rate for federally guaranteed student loans fell slightly in 1988. But the Education Department is not yet jumping for joy. The default rate of students who should have begun repaying loans in 1988 was more than 15 percent, down from 17 percent in 1987. Credited: improved bookkeeping practices by private lenders and growing student responsibility.

Jamming the jails

Pro-lifers concentrate efforts

By ROCHELLE SHARPE
USA TODAY Wire Service

Anti-abortion activists are descending on Vermont and jamming the local jails in their latest effort to close abortion clinics.

In a strategy aimed at overburdening the judicial system, 94 abortion opponents—all but nine from out-of-state—were arrested for trespassing on clinic property, then refused to give their names or pay bail.

As a result, they are being jailed indefinitely for contempt of court—a sentence they expect will punish the financially strapped state more than them.

Vermont spends about \$5,700 a day to feed and house the inmates, who now comprise almost 10 percent of the state prison population. The government has spent \$300,000 to hold them in a makeshift jail at a state hospital.

"We'll see who breaks," said Joseph Scheidler, executive director of the Pro-Life Action League in Chi-

cago. "If you can get enough people who will not allow themselves to be released, you can cause a system tremendous expense," he said.

Eventually, the state will be forced to stop arresting protesters and then, "we could prevent a lot of abortions."

The tactics represent an escalation of strategies anti-abortion activists have used for years. They began staging sit-ins, infiltrating clinics and picketing doctors' and judges' homes in the mid-1980s.

During protests held around the 1988 Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, they started refusing to give their names to police, which led to the formation of an anti-abortion group called Operation Rescue.

While scattershot sit-ins continue nationwide, many abortion opponents are concentrating their efforts on one location.

Initially, leaders urged their supporters to move to Atlanta and spend years in jail there. But they switched their focus to Vermont, saying the state's small size would allow them to

have more impact.

"If they're not going to deal with the 4,000 children a day being killed, they're going to have to deal with our bodies," said Jennifer Rock, with the Vermont Save-A-Baby program.

Protesters refuse to give their names, using the alias Baby Doe.

The National Organization for Women views the new tactic as more evidence that the rescue movement is in trouble—that activists feel a need to concentrate their efforts.

Patricia Ireland, NOW's executive vice president, said membership appears to have declined because of the

feminists' victories in lawsuits that forced activists to pay triple damages for trespassing violations.

Speaking from the Vermont jail, Laura Tellier said the anti-abortion movement is in a time of transition. Some abortion opponents are selling all their possessions so they will be unaffected by court fines, while others are no longer participating in illegal activities, she said.

Those who remain in the group are becoming more committed, she said. "As more injustices occur, we find ourselves identifying more with the unborn."

White viewed as 'miracle' kid

By JOHN NORBERG
USA TODAY Wire Service

INDIANAPOLIS — With 12 girls from his high school's swing choir singing "That's What Friends Are For," Ryan White was eulogized April 11 as a miracle and buried in his hometown cemetery.

More than 1,500 people attended his funeral at the gray stone, gothic Second Presbyterian Church here, with almost as many more waiting outside in an occasional cold rain.

Some of those waiting in line carried flowers wrapped in green tissue to drop in the open casket, but no one complained when they didn't get inside.

Hundreds of students from his school, Hamilton Heights High School, attended the funeral. They wore small orange ribbons—the school color—that had "Ryan" written on a white paper above them.

First Lady Barbara Bush sat in the second pew behind Ryan's mother, Jeanne, and his 16-year-old sister, Andrea, who were accompanied by singer Michael Jackson.

Among the mourners were talk show host Phil Donahue and Elton John, who sang during the service, and actors who performed in a 1989 television movie about Ryan's life.

Donahue, John and Los Angeles Raiders football player Howie Long were pallbearers.

Ryan, 18, who died April 8, after a five-year battle with AIDS, captured the hearts of people around the world with his courage in deal-

ing with the disease and fighting the fear people have of it.

The half-hour service hit its most emotional moments during the music. Midway through the service, young women from the high school swing group formed a semi-circle around the coffin.

With tears running down their cheeks, they held hands and sang the AIDS-inspired song about friendship that includes the words, "in good times, in bad times, I'll be at your side forevermore, isn't that what friends are for..."

John, who met Ryan at AIDS-related functions and kept a bedside vigil during the teen-ager's last days, sang one of Ryan's favorite songs "Skyline Pigeon."

Delivering the eulogy was Ray Probasco, senior pastor at Center Chapel United Methodist Church in Muncie.

"Ryan and his family always believed there would be a miracle," Probasco said. "But that didn't happen. I believe God gave us that miracle in Ryan. He healed a wounded spirit in the world and made it whole."

"There was not a person who knew Ryan who could hate him," Probasco said.

"People hated and feared the disease that had taken over his body. They hated the disease, just as Ryan did. At first, Ryan and the disease were perceived as one in the same. And, as we all discovered, they were very far apart. In time, we saw the boy and the disease, and they were not the same."

"It was Ryan who first humanized the disease called AIDS."

Earth Day soiled by decaying conditions

USA TODAY Wire Service

WASHINGTON — Twenty years of celebrating Earth Day has heightened worldwide environmental awareness, but Worldwatch Institute, a non-profit environmental think tank, said that's about all that has been accomplished.

"When first celebrated in 1970, Earth Day was largely a U.S. event," wrote Lester Brown, president of Worldwatch, in a report out April 11.

"By contrast, more than 130 countries have events and activities planned for Earth Day 1990. Tens of millions of people are expected to take part," he continued.

That's the extent of the good news, according to Worldwatch.

"On April 22, the sun will rise on a planet far more crowded, degraded and polluted than it was on Earth Day 1970," Brown said. "By every major indicator, the planet's physical condi-

tion has deteriorated." According to Worldwatch, problems that have worsened since 1970 include:

- Population. The world has added 1.6 billion people.
- Loss of trees. 500 million acres of tree cover, an area about the size of the United States east of the Mississippi, has been lost.
- Loss of topsoil. An estimated 480 billion tons of topsoil, more than the amount on all U.S. cropland, has disappeared.
- The greenhouse effect. Levels of carbon dioxide, methane and other greenhouse gases have drastically risen.

"Time is of the essence," Brown warned. "Species lost cannot be recreated. Soil washed away may take centuries if not millennia to replace, even under careful management. Once the earth gets warmer, there will be no practical way of cooling it."



Some stress linked to hypertension

By DAN SPERLING
USA TODAY Wire Service

Chronic job stress — with no control over the work — can cause high blood pressure and physical changes in the hearts of men, the first study to link stress and hypertension, said. The survey, published in the April 11 *Journal of the American Medical Association*, found that men with very demanding jobs but little control over their work were three times as likely to have hypertension as their co-workers.

But men with demanding jobs who had control over what they did — such as executives — showed no such effects, said the study's author, Dr. Peter Schnall of Cornell University Medical College in New York.

Not having control over one's work is critical, he said. The worker perceives the situation as a threat, and his body reacts to meet the challenge by pumping adrenaline and raising blood pressure.

"Unfortunately, we've created a lot of circumstances in our society which are stressful for us — including

our jobs," Schnall said, who worked with colleagues to study 215 employed men about job stress.

The men — from executives to blue-collar workers — were between 30 and 60; 87 had high blood pressure.

About 60 million people in the United States have high blood pressure — the most common cause of strokes and a major contributor to heart disease.

In Schnall's study the heart enlargement was greatest in men between 30 and 40 but was not found in men 50 and 60.

Schnall said the most likely reason for that phenomenon is that men with heart disease — associated with enlarged hearts and more common between 50 and 60 — were excluded from the study.

Schnall said other research, which he has not yet published, indicates that elevated blood pressure under such conditions remains high even after the worker goes home.

"Job strain affects your blood pressure 24 hours a day — there's a carry-over effect," he said.

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Bongart and Patton:

Freshmen star in LU tennis revival

By **MARVIN HAMLETT**
Asst. News Editor

Every tennis coach likes the idea of having two dominating players in the top two seeds. Actually it's not that rare. But when the two players are only freshmen, the likening becomes a dream. For Liberty head coach Carl Diemer, the dream is a reality.

Eddie Bongart and Andre Patton have combined to become one of the most lethal one-two punches in the Southeast. Bongart, LU's top seed, is having a phenomenal season with a record of 17-1. "I didn't know what to expect at the beginning of the season," Bongart said. "I was just hoping to have a winning record."

Patton, the No. 2 seed, has fared pretty well also with a record of 15-3. Patton admits to a friendly rivalry between the two rising stars. "I've never beaten Eddie," Patton said.

When Diemer was asked about Bongart's most dangerous weapon, he replied, "No doubt about it - his forehand. He's a natural talent." He added, "Eddie's a combination of finesse and power."

When asked the same question about Patton, Diemer said, "Andre has great feet. He's a workhorse on the court." He added, "Andre's desire keeps him winning."

While both freshmen dominate their singles matches, they combine their skills to make a great doubles combination also. Bongart and Patton have been doubles partners in every match this season. Currently, the tandem has won its last 12 doubles matches.

One reason that Bongart and Pat-

ton make such a good doubles team is that each respects the other when a suggestion is made. Sometimes they will find themselves playing out of sync, but it doesn't take long before one of them makes a suggestion to remedy the problem.

An example of this teamwork occurred last Thursday in their doubles win over King's College. After losing the second set, the third and deciding set was coming up. Bongart then recognized that they needed to change their formation to upset the momentum of their opponents. Patton agreed and they won the final set 6-3.

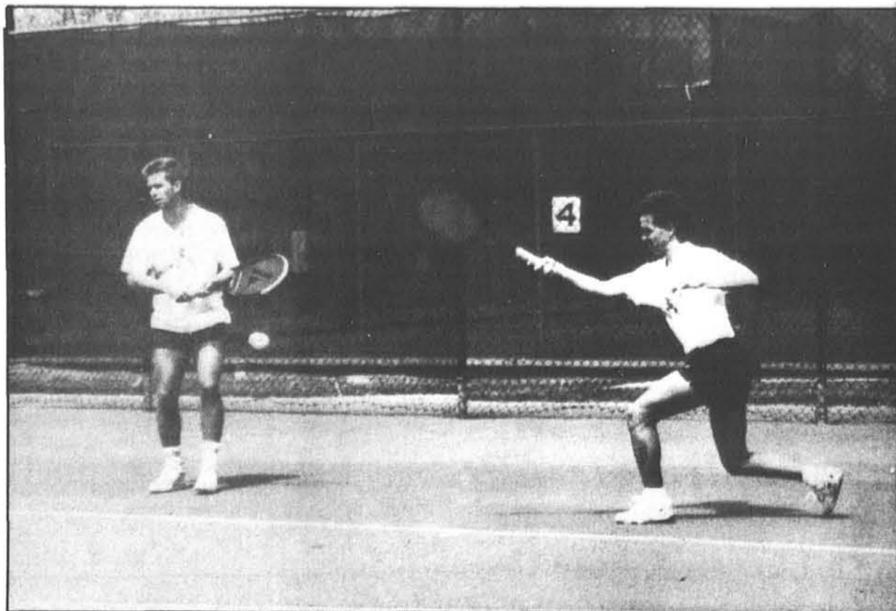
Bongart is a business management major from Sarasota, Fla. who became a Christian at the age of 13. He chose Liberty because it was a "better environment for college life."

Bongart was a ranked 16-year-old as a prepster in Florida, where he lettered all four years. He helped his team to a third place state finish as a freshman in high school and a second place finish as a junior. As a senior, he was named the team's most valuable player.

A major influence in Bongart's life was his late grandmother, Ole Mae Frankun and his mother, Marilyn. These two ladies had such a caring nature that he became very close to them.

Patton is a physical education major from Johannesburg, South Africa, where he attended Florida Park High School. He became a Christian at the early age of six. He chose Liberty because of the Division 1 status in athletics.

Patton credits his dad, Hugh Patton, as a major influence in his life. He is quick to point out, however, that Bjorn Borg also has had an influence.



Freshman Eddie Bongart and Andre Patton have a combined 32-4 record in singles competition for the 14-4 tennis team. Bongart is the Flames' top-seeded player while Patton is LU's second seed.

Photo by Dawn English

Borg, a five-time Wimbledon champion, is considered by many to be the greatest tennis player in history. Patton said, "My dad handles life the way Bjorn handled Wimbledon."

Patton, a four-year letter winner in high school, was named "most outstanding tennis player" and "most outstanding athlete" during his senior year.

Bongart and Patton have become close friends this season. They are roommates, and they "hang out" together on weekends. When Friday comes, it is hard to catch up with these two. Quite often they will spend the

weekend at teammate David Scoggin's house in Georgia. If they aren't there, chances are they're eating at a fine restaurant.

"We love good movies and good food," Patton said.

One of Bongart's favorite foods is pizza while Patton prefers seafood delicacies such as caviar. But they both agree there isn't anything better than oatmeal cookies made by Scoggin's mother.

Scoggin, the tennis team's captain, said, "They're fun to be around because they're happy-go-lucky."

A major factor in the tennis team's

unity is that Bongart and Patton are good friends. They are constantly complimenting the other's abilities. Bongart describes Patton as a "fierce, intense competitor." Patton describes Bongart as simply "awesome."

When contemplating the thought of three more years of Bongart and Patton, Diemer commented, "No doubt about it, the future looks bright."

No doubt about it, these two young champions have the talent and attitudes it takes to take LU all the way to the NCAA tournament.

Superior Flames double up Longwood

Flames win 13-1, 8-3



Flames' catcher Jamey Mason slides safely under the tag Longwood College second baseman Peter Criscione to steal second base. The Flames went on to crush the Lancers 13-1.

photo by Jeff Cota

By **JEFFREY A. COTA**
Asst. Sports Editor

Cary McKay slammed a home run in both games of a double header, and starters Frank Speek and Todd Martin shut down the Longwood College offense enroute to 13-1 and 8-3 thrashings of the Lancers Saturday afternoon at Al Worthington Field.

In game one the Flames launched an 11-hit attack against Longwood pitching, including an eight-run fourth inning that was highlighted by a three-run homer from McKay and an RBI triple by Todd Samples.

Right fielder Phil Kulp got things running for the Flames in the bottom of the fourth when he doubled home Danny Brahn from third. Samples followed Kulp's lead and pounded out his second triple of the game, scoring Doug Brady. McKay then pulled a shot over the right field fence for three more runs to make it 9-0 LU.

"I didn't feel too good today, but the homer helped a little," McKay said. "The pitch was a horrible curve ball. I hit it off the end of the bat. I

just hung it, and I was fortunate that it went out."

Speek, 6-2 on the season, looked brilliant, allowing four hits and striking out three in five innings of scoreless work.

"I felt great. They (Longwood) had a couple of good hits, and we had a few errors. We were fortunate that they didn't capitalize on them," Speek said. "I didn't want to give them a chance to get in the game."

In the bottom of the fifth, Samples nailed a two-run dinger to left to sink the Lancers into a 13-0 hole.

Mark Barnes relieved Speek at the start of the sixth, and with one out freshman Michael Tucker hit a solo shot over the right field wall to account for Longwood's lone run.

Mike Torrance came on in the seventh for LU and allowed two hits in one inning. McClintock, Brahn and Kulp led LU with two hits a piece. Mac McDowell (1-1) pitched seven innings giving up four runs and struck out two in the

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McClanahan, King rescue injury-riddled track team

By **TIM SEARS**
Champion Reporter

The track team went to the Duke Invitational April 14 without its three top scorers, Scott Queen, Gerald Mosley and L.G. Parrish; but the other team members fared well against the tough level of competition and two school records were set.

Coach Brant Tolsma said, "It was a big meet, and it kind of hurt missing our top people."

Distance runner Ray McClanahan's record time in the 5000 meter was 14:48.5. McClanahan managed to finish eighth overall. Mason King tied a school record in the pole vault, clearing 15 feet 6 inches and finishing in second place.

Not only were school records bro-

ken, but Saturday was also a day of personal bests. Brett Honeycutt beat his personal record in the 800 by three seconds. Honeycutt's 800 time was 1:53.67. His previous best was 1:56. Tolsma said Honeycutt had

"Before every race I pray God will make my legs strong."

the most impressive individual performance. Honeycutt surprised himself with his career performance.

"Before every race, I pray that God will make my legs strong. At the 400 mark (a lap to go) my legs felt strong, and I just knew it was God," Honeycutt said. "When I crossed the line I was just happy I did it."

Honeycutt also said, he knew he was doing well in practice, but he was not sure if he could perform that well at a track meet.

In the field events, the dependable Scott Haynes placed second in the shot put with a throw of 49 feet and seven inches.

"It was his worst throw of the year, but it was still good enough for second place," Tolsma said. "He is throwing well. The fact that he has placed so high is a bit of a surprise."

"I think that the shot has not been as tough as it has been in the past since they are cracking down on steroids."

Shad Bolen and Todd Pettyjohn also fared well in field events. Bolen placed fourth in the javelin, throwing it 188-1. Pettyjohn finished seventh in the pole vault, clearing 14 feet and 6 inches.

Other impressive performances came in the 10K, the mile relay and the 400 and 800 meter races.

Doug Wickert grueled out an impressive time of 31:43.5 in the 10K. In the 800 Scott Pooch finished with

a time of 1:55.39.

The mile relay team, consisting of Robert Udugba, Paul Hackworth and Brett Honeycutt, finished seventh with a 3:17.97 time.

In the open 400 meter races Nigerian Robert Udugba had the team's best time with 49.02.

Lawler was second on the team with 49.06. Hackworth finished the 400 in 49.73.

A few others did well in events in which they competed for the first time. Steve Hurst tried the steeplechase for the first time and finished in 9:59.5, and Pettyjohn completed the 400 meter hurdles in 56.29 seconds.

Queen and Parrish, both football players, injured themselves during football practice and were unable to go to Durham, N.C., with the team.

Parrish, the top man for the Flames in the long jump, high jump and triple jump, hurt his ankle and may be out for the season.

Tolsma hopes he will be healed before the conference meet. Queen, the 400 meter specialist, was less seriously injured.

Sprinter Gerald Mosley took the week off to go to a wedding, but he should be ready for the JMU Invitational this Saturday.

Tolsma feels that some of cogs in the team's engine are starting to run smoothly as he looks forward to two big meets, Penn Relays and the Conference meet.

"The 400 guys are starting to come around, but I would like to see them hit 3:10 in the mile relay," Tolsma said. "Honeycutt's race was real encouraging. The pole vaulters are really turning it on."

The team has one more chance this weekend to prove itself at the JMU Invitational before heading to Pennsylvania for the Penn Relays.

Flames Feedback

It's spring! Let's talk baseball!

It's spring time! All of the traditional scents and sounds are back. The hint of freshly cut grass fills the air, and the crack of a bat is heard in the distance. Baseball is off and running, albeit a few days late, and the guys on the Champion sports staff are frothing at the mouth with excitement.

Staff stud, Kevin Bloye was (notice the use of the past tense) hyped up about his Detroit Tigers, until my boys

Jeffrey A. Cota

from Beantown took three out of four games from them. Starvin' Marvin Hamlett was relieved when Don Mattingly decided to stick with Yankees dictator George Steinbrenner and sign a five-year, \$19.3-million contract extension. (Could there be a late entry in the running for the coveted "Dirty, Rotten, Filthy, Stinking Rich" award?) Tim Sears is in the same boat as I am. We are hoping the Bosox can improve on last year's record. News Editor Curt Olson is aimlessly wandering around the campus mumbling something about Barry Larkin and the Cincinnati Reds.

We are only two weeks into the season, and the ridiculous stupidity of the Major Leagues is already flying high.

It all began with the free agent signees demanding to be paid more than the richest player at that moment, which meant a new player every five minutes.

Once the rat-infested baseball lockout was finally swept under the rug, there was concern that the pitchers would be belted for hits left and right. Some lame-brain decided to "help out" and implement a rule that would allow a pitcher to qualify for a victory after only three innings of work. After much griping from the likes of Nolan Ryan and Jack Morris, the rule was thrown out.

Ryan, who only needs 11 victories to reach the 300-career victory plateau, pointed out that if the rule stood, his record would bear the big, bad and ugly asterisk beside his numbers. He had a valid point. After all the success Ryan has had, I wouldn't blame him for not wanting some statistician blemishing his performance on the mound.

So to my point. If the three-inning rule had not been overturned, the poor boy who came up with this modern miracle of an idea would look, well, rather stupid. Looking over the past week in baseball, not too many pitchers have been blown out of the water. In fact the batters are behind, not the pitchers.

Case-in-point: On Wednesday night in Anaheim, Calif., the \$16-million man Mark Langston and reliever Mike Witt combined for a no-hitter against the Seattle Mariners. Langston, in his first start in Gene Autry's corral, beat up on his former team in seven innings of work. Manager Doug Rader was loudly booed by the crowd of 25,632 when he removed the southpaw at the start of the eighth.

On the lighter side of the baseball diamond, the most daring and bold comment came on opening day from former All-Star catcher Ray Fosse. USA TODAY quoted Fosse as saying, "The AL West may be a five-team race. Seattle could surprise a lot of people." I don't know about anyone else, but I think this boy may need a CAT scan or something.

And then The Sporting News hit the stands with its annual baseball yearbook last week. Once again the boys did the fans right. St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Joe Magrane has a reputation as a practical joker and TSN revealed a bit of it in this issue.

Magrane gave a rave review of a book entitled, JFK—The Man and the Airport. When asked how he envisions himself when he hits the ripe age of 64, he commented: "Dead or playing very poor golf."

It looks as though the baseball season is going to be another roller coaster ride. So sit back and enjoy the ride; it's going to be a long one.

The Duke Invitational:

Five Lady Flames set personal records in Durham

By SUZANNE DUNCAN

Champion Reporter

The Lady Flames traveled to Durham on Good Friday for the Duke Invitational and performed well, good. It seemed a night for personal records (PRs) as four of five Liberty competitors performed their lifetime bests.

In her first 10,000 meter of the season, Liberty senior Theresa Duncan settled into pace, running consistent split times for the 25-lap event. The 10K, as it's commonly called, is the longest track race, measuring a lengthy 6.2 miles.

Duncan's time of 40:01 earned her a third place as well as a PR. "I was really happy with it (the race), but I wish I could've broken 40 minutes," she said. "I don't have many more chances to do it in college." Suzanne Duncan and Kim

Wolbert also ran the 10K, finishing fourth and fifth at 40:51 and 41:52. Their times were also PRs, with Wolbert taking a full minute off her previous best performance.

"I felt really good, very pleased," Wolbert said of her race. "At the (Mason-Dixon) Conference meet, I want to do at least as well or better. If I could get 41:30 or 41:15, I'd be happy."

In the javelin Alyson Ayers placed third (120'3") and Darleen Saczawa threw 105' for sixth and a PR. The trend carried over to Saturday when Lady Flames continued to post impressive times.

Leeann Hayslett placed fifth in the 400 meter hurdles at 65:14 (PR) and in the 1500 meter Cheryl Nash and Patti Bottiglieri ran PRs of 4:40 and 4:47.

"Cheryl ran very consistent lap times, and she's realizing the 1500 is

her race," coach Ron Hopkins said. "Patti ran very well. She's still learning how to run the 1500, but it's been a valuable experience."

"It felt really easy," Bottiglieri said. "I'm hoping to break 4:40 at conference, if possible."

Christie Rininger ran the 1500 meter in 5:13. "I'm going to run the 800 at conference, but I just have to take it as a learning experience and take it from here," she said.

In the 800 meter Urlene Dick ran 2:19, also a personal best. "I ran a good race," Dick said. "The weather was great and there was tough competition."

Other Liberty standouts included half-milers Gina Turner and Carrie Siegel (2:15 and 2:23). In the 3000 meter, Lynn Attwood and Jenn Reeder ran times of 10:38 and 11:32.

"I'm in the college transition phase," said Reeder.

Freshman Shelley Worthy had what Hopkins called "an outstanding lead-off" in the 4 X 400 meter relay. Her time of 59.68 led the Lady Flames to a final time of 3:59.

"As a walk-on in January, she (Worthy) is starting to come around," Hopkins said. "She has better than average talent to make an impact next year."

And in its fifth combination of runners, Hopkins said, the 4 X 100 meter ran "pretty well" at 51:03.

"I felt like it was a good meet as far as all the PRs," Hopkins said. "It was an overall good team performance."

This Saturday the Lady Flames will travel to Harrisonburg, Va. for a meet at James Madison University.



LU trackster Stuart Gay will be one of many Flames' representatives at the JMU meet this weekend.

photo by Angelena Tramontana

Liberty tennis sweeps Ferrum College

By MARVIN HAMLETT

Asst. News Editor

Eddie Bongart and Andre Patton continued their dominance last week, leading the Liberty tennis team to victories over King's College and Ferrum.

Liberty downed King's last Thursday 8-1, avenging last year's 7-2 loss. The win raised his record to 17-1.

"I returned well, and I got my opponent on the defensive," the freshman Bongart said.

Number 2 seed Patton won 6-0, 7-5, but he needed to overcome huge odds to do so.

Patton was down in the second set 5-4 and trailed 40-15 as his opponent was on set point.

But Patton, 15-3, changed his game plan and began to volley every chance he got until the final outcome.

"I just hit the right winners at the

right times," Patton said.

Third-seeded Kris Gouin used his strong serve to win easily 6-0, 6-0.

"I was serving well, but my opponent had a lot of unforced errors," Gouin said.

Number 4 seed Dave Scoggin suffered LU's only loss of the day in a tough 7-6, 6-1 decision.

Dan Balasic, seeded fifth, played a baseline game to win 6-3, 6-1, and Scott Binion also won 7-6, 6-2.

Bongart and Patton teamed up for doubles in perhaps the most grueling match of the day. Bongart and Patton eventually won 7-5, 6-7, 6-3.

After losing the second set, the fabulous freshmen duo used an I-formation instead of a standard.

"It upset their rhythm and was a deciding factor," Patton said.

In another hard fought doubles match, Gouin and Scoggin came from behind to win 4-6, 6-0, 7-6. Balasic and Binion won 6-4, 6-1.

"It's easy to relax when you're winning," Diemer said. "But we've still got four matches left (all this week)."

On Wednesday LU made up a match against Ferrum that was rained out the day before. But rain couldn't save the Panthers this time as the Flames dominated 9-0. For the second time this season, LU won every set of every match.

Bongart once again disposed of another No. 1 seed 6-0, 6-3. Patton also had an easy time, winning 6-1, 6-0. Gouin won 6-3, 6-0, and Scoggin, the team captain, won 6-1, 6-2.

In the final two singles matches, Balasic and Binion both won 7-5, 6-2, and 6-1, 6-2 respectively.

In doubles competition it was much the same thing as the Bongart-Patton duo won easily 6-1, 6-0, and the Gouin-Scoggin team won 6-0, 6-1.

Bobby Carlsen, a sophomore reserve, said, "It's the team consensus that we have only one goal this year: for Dr. Falwell to show up for one of our matches."

This week, LU ends the season with games against Roanoke, Mary Washington, Longwood and the final home match against UNC-Greensboro Friday at 3:30 p.m.

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The second game was a slugfest for the Flames as McKay, Brahn and Todd Swisher all homered, and LU pitching gave up one earned run in seven innings of work to trounce Longwood 8-3.

Lancers' starter Tim Patrick got off to a rocky start, giving up three runs in the first inning.

Swisher capped off the inning with a mammoth shot over the "Green Monster" in straight-away center field, his fifth of the season.

"This is a team we should beat. We've been struggling; these are two good wins that put us back over .500," Swisher said.

"That was the best homer ever hit at Liberty," John McClintock quipped, referring to Swisher's two-run shot.

Liberty was not through with Longwood pitching, however. The Flames, notorious for its scoring in spurts, rallied for four more runs in the third.

McKay sent a 3-1 pitch over the 370 mark in right field for his second homer of the day.

Brahn knocked in two more with a lined shot over Tucker's glove at short, scoring Swisher and McClintock.

Brahn later blasted a solo shot to

center in the fifth, making it an 8-3 advantage for LU.

"He (reliever Wyatt Flippen) threw me two curves, and I knew he was going to come back with the fast ball," Brahn said.

Paul Johnson picked up his second save of the season when he came on in relief in the seventh.

Johnson had to dig himself out of a rut, however, when he quickly pitched himself into a jam.

But with the bases loaded and one out, he struck out the last two batters to secure the win.

The Flames moved to 15-13, while the Lancers fell to 14-10.

On Thursday the Flames defeated James Madison 3-2 behind an eight-inning performance by senior Lance Price and the hitting of McClintock, Brahn and catcher Jamey Mason.

With one out in the sixth inning, Brahn grounded to the shortstop, scoring McClintock from third to provide the Flames with the game-winning run.

McClintock led the Flames with two hits, including his second home run of the year.

Price allowed one run in eight and one-third innings of work and struck out five to improve his record to 5-2.

Mike Linch came on in relief of Price with one out in the ninth after

Price doubled over, holding his pitching arm.

Price suffered an injury last season that causes his arm to fall out of socket.

"The ligaments in my arm are stretched out so much that it falls out of socket. It's a little sore, but I'm fine now. I should be ready to start on Monday," Price explained. "I started off rocky, but after I settled down, my stuff was moving. As long as I can keep them (the opposition) guessing, we'll win."

The Dukes record fell to 18-11.

On Wednesday the Flames lacked the punch they needed and fell to the Monarchs of Old Dominion 5-1. McClintock, Brahn and Kulp led LU with two hits each.

Mac McDowell (1-1) pitched seven innings, giving up four runs and striking out two in the loss.

Old Dominion moved to 24-10 on the season.

On Monday Virginia Tech outlasted Liberty despite an 11-inning pitching performance from Speck.

Johnson (0-3) came on to relieve Speck in the 12th inning and gave up the game-winning hit in the 14th to take the loss 5-4.

Swisher and McClintock both had two hits and knocked in a run. Swisher nailed a 3-2 pitch for a home run. Virginia Tech improved to 21-7.



Catch LU baseball this week!

April 19
at Old Dominion 7:00 p.m.

20
at Virginia Military 3:00 p.m.

21
at JMU (DH) 1:00 p.m.

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Forecasting the American League



Kevin M. Bloye

AL EAST

- 1) **Toronto Blue Jays** - Jays may be the beast in the East, but they are no test for the best in the West.
- 2) **Boston Red Sox** - Combination of Lee Smith and Jeff Reardon in the bullpen must be a scary thought for opposing teams. If only the Sox had a decent starting rotation.
- 3) **Milwaukee Brewers** - In the last five years the Brew Crew has been the greatest underachievers in the game. A lot of talent. Not enough wins.
- 4) **Cleveland Indians** - Even in sports, some things always remain the same: the Indians and mediocrity.
- 5) **Baltimore Orioles** - The O's have a promising pitching staff, but not enough experience to justify a higher finish. No Oriole magic this time around.
- 6) **Detroit Tigers** - Even after 10 years, the Tigers' hopes ride on Morris, Trammell and Whitaker. The farm system is depleted.
- 7) **New York Yankees** - A team, whose pitching staff is anchored by Andy Hawkins and Pascual Perez, is in sad shape. This one's for you George.

AL WEST

- 1) **California Angels** - Five reasons why the Angels will win it: Langston, Finley, McCaskill, Abbott and Blyleven.
- 2) **Oakland Athletics** - Loss of Tony Phillips, Dave Parker and Storm Davis will hurt '89 champs.
- 3) **Texas Rangers** - Rangers could win the East but are just another better-than-average team in the West.
- 4) **Kansas City Royals** - The trendy pick to win the West, but the Royals need a few more bats to complement good pitching staff.
- 5) **Seattle Mariners** - There's nowhere to go but up, and Seattle is loaded with young talent.
- 6) **Minnesota Twins** - Continuous influx of A.L. West talent pushes formidable Twinkies close to cellar.
- 7) **Chicago White Sox** - You mean there's another baseball team in Chicago besides the Cubs?

Jeffrey A. Cota

AL EAST

- 1) **Boston Red Sox**: Two great relievers in Jeff Reardon and Lee Smith. Tony Pena will improve Sox catching drastically. Go ahead and pencil Dwight Evans in for 20 HRs; 100 RBI; .290 BA. Who can forget the Rocket?
- 2) **Toronto Blue Jays**: With power hitters like George Bell, Fred McGriff and Kelly Gruber, watch out for these boys.
- 3) **Milwaukee Brewers**: Teddy Higuera needs to return to form after back surgery. Robin Yount and Paul Molitor are the catalysts.
- 4) **Baltimore**: No miracle this year from Frank Robinson.
- 5) **Cleveland**: Sandy Alomar will definitely step in and take Andy Allanson's spot as catcher. Cory Snyder has to bounce back from injuries.
- 6) **New York Yankees**: Good move on the part of Steinbrenner to pick up Steve Sax last season. If Dave Winfield is to be traded, better get something in return.
- 7) **Detroit Tigers**: Tony Phillips is a great addition. Alan Trammell posted sub-par numbers.

AL WEST

- 1) **Oakland Athletics**: Who can count these boys out? Still have very good rotation despite losses in free agency.
- 2) **California Angels**: Mark Langston improves any rotation, but this isn't just any rotation. Chili Davis had great year, can he go back-to-back?
- 3) **Kansas City Royals**: Another great rotation. Can Bo "Just Do It?"
- 4) **Texas Rangers**: On the rise. Ruben Sierra is possible MVP candidate.
- 5) **Seattle Mariners**: Ray Fosse is crazy, but Mariners may be the team of the late '90s. Ken Griffey Jr. will be premier player.
- 6) **Minnesota Twins**: Starting rotation not impressive. It was bad choice to let go of Frank Viola. Good hitting from Kirby Puckett and Kent Hrbek.
- 7) **Chicago White Sox**: Carlton Fisk is the only player worth mentioning. Manager Jeff Torberg in for long season.

Forecasting the National League



Marvin Hamlett

NL EAST

- 1) **Pittsburgh Pirates** - Heading a potential all-star team are Andy Van Slyke, Bobby Bonilla and Barry Bonds. The power is there, the speed is there, and the pitching is there. The only thing that will stop the Bucs is injuries.
- 2) **New York Mets** - Despite the fact that the Mets have the best pitching staff in the game, they also have one major obstacle that will prove to be too big to overcome: Darryl Strawberry.
- 3) **Montreal Expos** - The starting rotation is questionable, but the Expos always find a way to finish second or third.
- 4) **Chicago Cubs** - The Cubs are a sentimental favorite, but they only have three reliable starting pitchers.
- 5) **St. Louis Cardinals** - With Todd Worrell missing over half the season, the Cards have no bullpen. Their run production, as usual, is also suspect. Otherwise, this is a great team.
- 6) **Philadelphia Phillies** - The Phillies have the worst pitching in the division. In another division, they'd be contenders. However, in the N.L. East, they are sure cellar dwellers.

NL WEST

- 1) **Cincinnati Reds** - Lou Piniella will lead this unique group of veterans and youngsters all the way to the playoffs. Eric Davis can do everything, and the bullpen, with Randy Meyers and Rob Dibble, is arguably the best in the Majors.
- 2) **Los Angeles Dodgers** - Tommy Lasorda's ballclub has a lot of aging talent. But a strong starting rotation, led by Orel Hershiser and Tim Lincecum, could mean another October appearance.
- 3) **Atlanta Braves** - That's right! The Braves will shock a lot of people this year with their young horses on the mound. If Nick Esasky can provide some run production, who knows how far the Braves might go?
- 4) **Houston Astros** - The Astros would be a strong contender if it were not for their offense. Other than Glenn Davis and Craig Biggio, the offense is almost non-existent.
- 5) **San Francisco Giants** - The Bay City will lose at least one of their two pennants because the defending National League champs did not acquire any arms during the offseason.
- 6) **San Diego Padres** - The Padres lost Cy Young Award winner Mark Davis, leaving no bullpen ace. They made plenty of trades to offset Davis' absence, but the players they acquired are big question marks.

Tim Sears

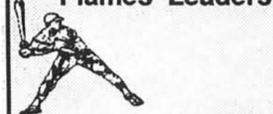
NL EAST

- 1) **St. Louis Cardinals** - The Cards will be playing a type of game that is not common to them: Pedro Guerrero, Tom Brunansky and Todd Ziege will provide the needed punch. Joe Magrane will win the NL Cy Young.
- 2) **Chicago Cubs** - Was 1989 a fluke? No! The Cubbies are for real and they may even be improved if rookie RHP Mike Harkey can pitch up to expectations. Ryne Sandberg may prove he is the best second baseman EVER if he has another season similar to 1989 30 Homers, 76 RBI's and most importantly 90 games without an error. Wow!
- 3) **New York Mets** - This team is on the decline. The rotation of Gooden, Viola, Cone, Fernandez and Darling is uncomparable to any team in baseball, but their hitting is atrocious.
- 4) **Montreal Expos** - Free agency hit the Expos like a bomb in the off season. Gone are Mark Langston, Bryn Smith and Pascual Perez. Say Hi! to Joaquin Andujar, Oil Can Boyd, and John Candelaria.
- 5) **Pittsburgh Pirates** - Fielding is a gaping weakness. Bobby Bonilla must have an MVP year for the team to contend. Prediction: LU grad Sid Bream will be ready to make a run for the Comeback of the Year Award.
- 6) **Philadelphia Phillies** - This team has problems. Not only should they struggle this year, hope is not in the near future. Their farm system is in shambles. Yet, Phillie fanatics should watch out for the young Pat Combs.

NL WEST

- 1) **San Diego Padres** - The Padres are now where the Reds were 4 years ago. This team is loaded with talent, but they have to prove they are better than a second place finisher.
- 2) **Los Angeles Dodgers** - Gibson must be healthy most of the season for the team to contend. The run production problem of last year was solved by gaining Juan Samuel and Hubie Brooks in the off season.
- 3) **Atlanta Braves** - Scouts are raving about Steve Avery. With the addition of Nick Esasky (.277, 30 108) expect Dale Murphy to have a year reminiscent to his MVP years.
- 4) **San Francisco Giants** - The National League champions are not without their problems. Their starting rotation is aging. Rick Reuschel cannot be expected to father the staff and the only other dependable starter is Don Robinson.
- 5) **Cincinnati Reds** - There are too many if's. If Danny Jackson pitches better than last year. If Larkin can duplicate last year's stats. If Eric Davis has a Willie Mays-type of year. But don't count on it.
- 6) **Houston Astros** - The Astros prove the parity of this league. The Astros might be picked sixth, but with a little bit of luck this team could be fighting for first come September.

Flames' Leaders



BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	AVG.
Samples	27	113	29	46	.407
Swisher	28	96	24	38	.396
McKay	28	107	21	39	.364
Robbins	28	95	18	34	.358

HOME RUNS

Todd Swisher	5
Todd Samples	3

RUNS BATTED IN

Cary McKay	33
Todd Swisher	27
John McClintock	22
Chris Robbins	22

PITCHING

VICTORIES

Frank Speek	6-2
Lance Price	5-2

ERA

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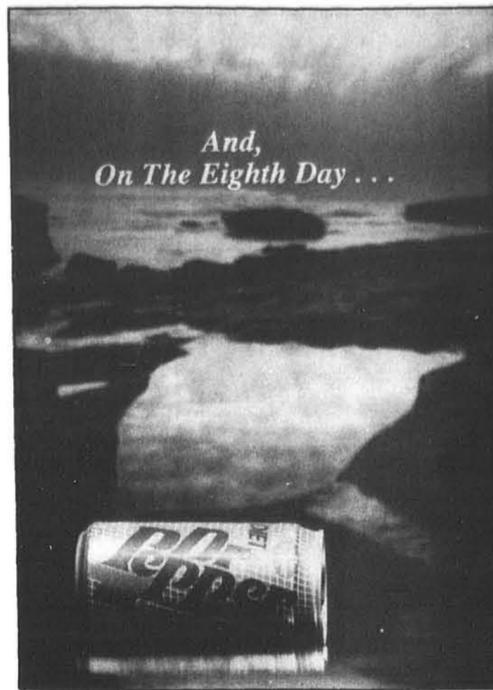


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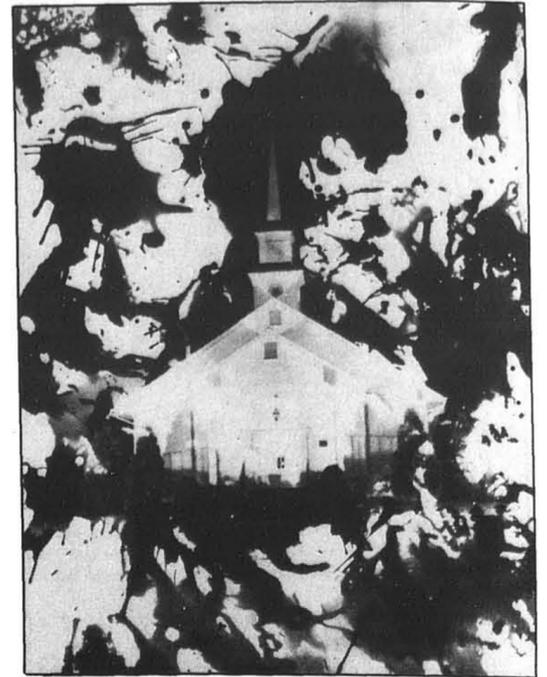


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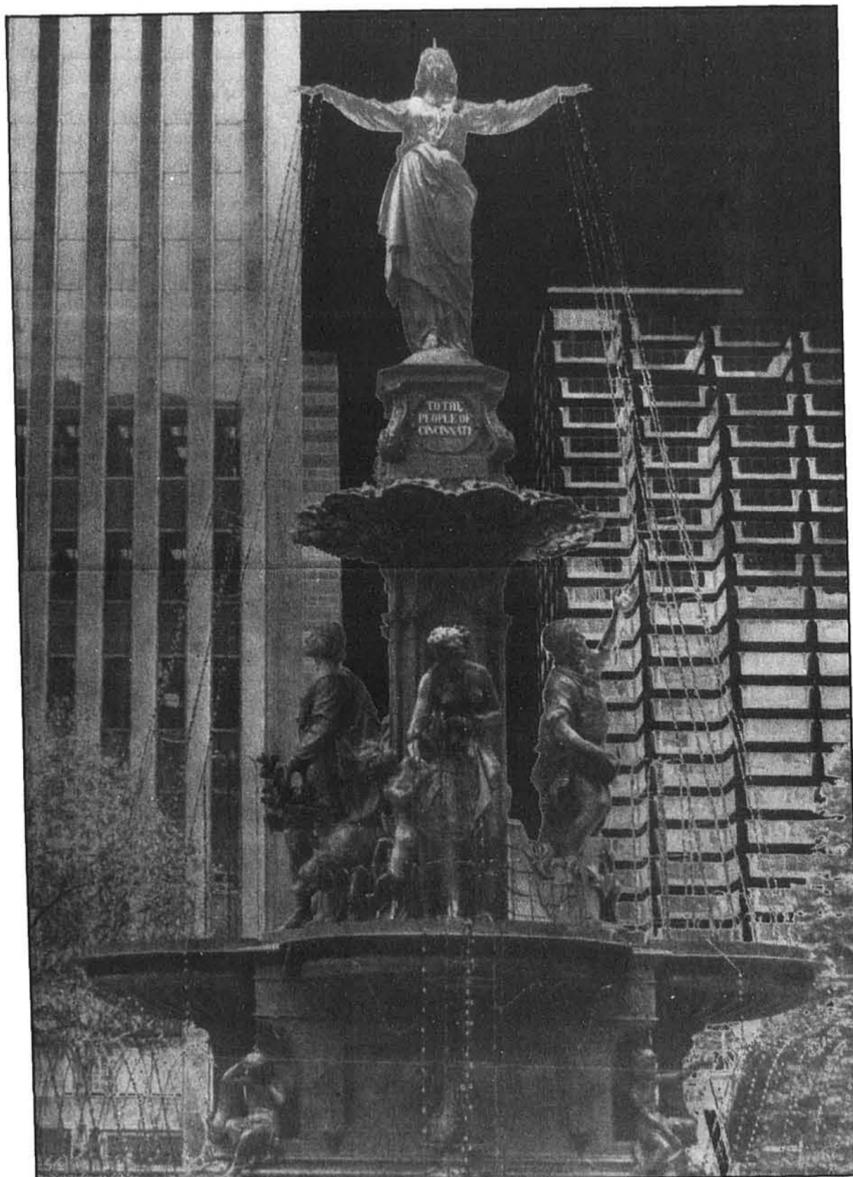


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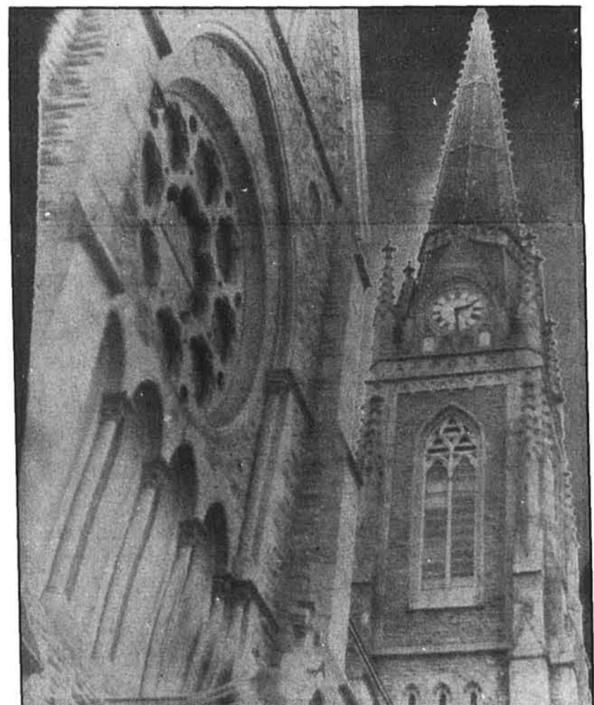


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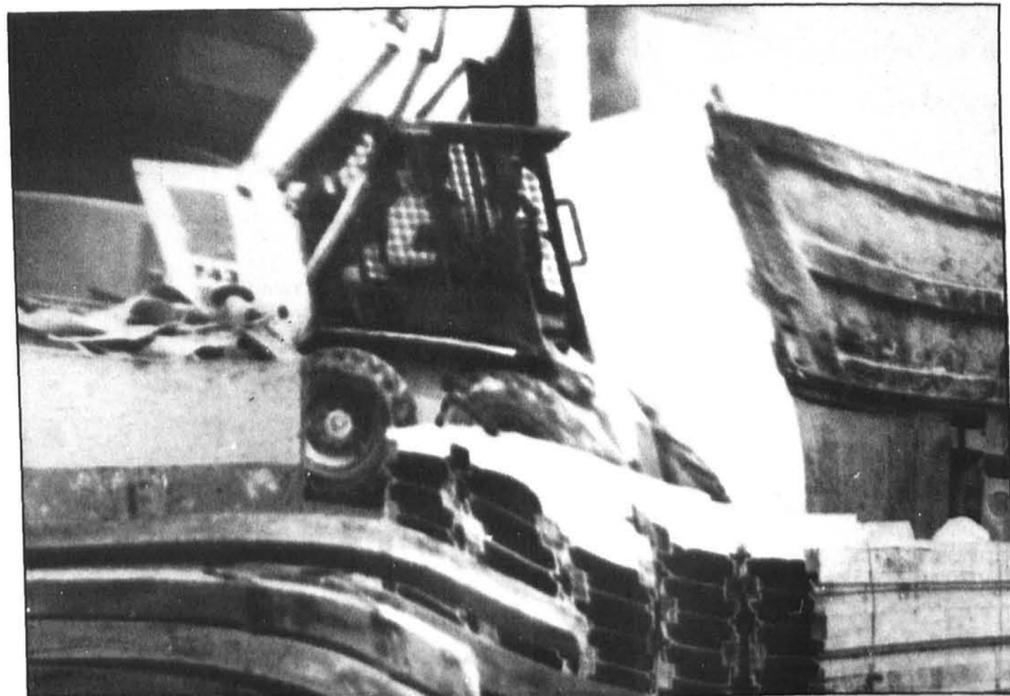


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